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The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Saturday the 24th June, 1961, in the Derby Room, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, W.C.I, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Many important items will be on the Agenda for consideration and it is hoped that as many members of the Association as possible will attend.

Results of the election for the Officers and members of the National Executive Committee for the 1961/62 season will be announced at the Annual General Meeting. The voting papers for the elections will be dispatched from the Office on May 15 next and should be returned to the ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY by June 12, 1961.

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Although the details and minutes of the six meetings held in Peking, China in April, 1961 have not yet been received, the ITTF have published both TEAM and INDIVIDUAL Ranking Lists as follows:

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China takes over from Japan

By PETER WILSON

THE 26th World Table Tennis Championships were overall a supreme triumph for the Orient—of the seven main titles, the Swaythling and Corbillon team competitions and the five singles and doubles championships, Europe won only one.

But even more interesting than the triumph of the Orient over the Occident was the superiority of the host nation, China, over the Japanese, who had previously reigned supreme.

At the start of the magnificently organised championships in Peking, Japan held each of the seven top prizes except the men's singles. Ten days later China had retained the men's singles—although not with the same player—had won the women's singles and the Swaythling Cup.

Japan had to be content with the men's and mixed doubles and the Corbillon Cup. The women's doubles went to Rumania.

It is clearly impossible within the framework of an article of this length to itemise everything that happened in Peking. I can choose only highlights—and trends.

For instance, there was much talk and disagreement among our team of three men and two women, plus such veterans as Victor Barna, Johnny Leach and Ron Crayden, about the necessity of Western players having to adopt the pen-holder grip.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL

Men's Singles:
CHUANG TSE-TUNG
(China)

Women's Singles:
CHIU CHUNG-HUI
(China)

Men's Doubles:
NOBUYO HOSHINO and KOJI KIMURA
(Japan)

Women's Doubles:
MARIA ALEXANDRU and GEORGETA PITICA
(Rumania)

Mixed Doubles:
ICHIRO OGIMURA and KIMIZO MATSUZAKI
(Japan)

Swaythling Cup:
CHINA

Corbillon Cup:
JAPAN

As an observer and a player—always a less than indifferent one—of nearly forty years' experience, I cannot believe that it is necessary for us to change our grip.

What is necessary, in my opinion, is that we change our whole attitude to the game. First we must realise that defence, however skilful and unremitting, will not, I believe, on its own ever win us any more world titles.

It may be that we can perhaps get one round further, say to the last eight, by painstaking retrieving than we might by uncompromising hitting. But we shall never scale the heights this way. Our young players must cultivate the game of attack, attack, and then attack again, and ignore the inevitable defeats which will come in their early days against the defensive player who never expects to capture a title but just tries to stay in a competition as long as possible.

Whether we shall ever have the same time for practice and the facilities available to players in countries of varying political convictions, who nevertheless share a common belief that sport is of paramount prestige value, is a question that I am most certainly not competent to answer.

HARRISON BEATS OGIMURA

So to the Championships themselves. Our men players distinguished themselves in the Swaythling Cup—Ian Harrison by more or less consistently playing way above his home form, and Bryan Merrett by surmounting the handicap, which he pluckily swore was not a painful one, of a hernia sustained some forty-eight hours before the Championships opened.

Harrison scored a remarkable, but most deserved, win over Ichiro Ogimura, who had formerly twice won the
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world's singles title. The Japanese began by trying to concentrate on the looped forehand which Stan Jacobson has used with such success in Britain, but Harrison countered with the classic deep backhand chop and eventually when O'gimura tried to revert to more orthodox tactics he found he had lost his touch and was beaten in two straight sets.

Perhaps the most surprising team win we had was again the Russians, who only last December won all five of their matches during their tour of Britain. We won five-two, with Harrison scoring wins over Nickolai Novikov, the 17-year-old schoolboy from Baku, Gennadiy Averin, an 18-year-old biology student from Moscow University, and Algimantas Sauoritis, the 32-year-old Lithuanian surgeon.

There was no doubt where the crowd's sympathy lay —and it certainly wasn't with England. This was, in fact, one of the very few defects of the Chinese crowd that they virtually applauded only those teams whom they wanted to win.

But Harrison refused to be put off and whether hitting, counter-hitting or defending, he played a truly masterly game with Merrett backing him up by defeating Sauoritis and Novikov.

Jeff Inger never seemed quite at his best either in this tie or throughout the Championships.

DISAPPOINTING DEFEAT

We were rather disappointingly beaten by the Yugoslavians—and I say disappointing because despite the ability of Vojislav Markovic, who is, of course, our own English "Open" champion, our team had been displaying such superb form, with Harrison in particular playing "over his head," that we hoped for a victory.

As it was, we went down 5-3, the key match being that which Harrison lost to Janez Teran—his own personal bogey man—after leading 15-12 in the final set.

Our girls did as well as could be expected in the Coburn Cup. We finished third in our group, losing as expected to the holders, Japan—although Di Rowe played excellently in one of her ties—and rather disappointingly being defeated by Russia, in which for once Di was not at her best, and after which Jean Harrower, who had a pretty disastrous first World Championship, was involved in a distressing scene with her team-mate.

In the individual events it would have been surprising had Merrett, Inger or Miss Harrower done well—and there were no surprises.

Ian Harrison, I felt, was playing well enough to beat even that magnificent veteran of 187 international appearances, Hungary's Ferenc Sido, but after rallying to win the third set, he allowed his concentration to be disturbed by applause for a neighbouring match and could never recover again.

Diane Rowe justified her position as seventh seed, beating Imrene Kerekes, of Hungary, who was seeded two below her.

But in the quarter-finals the game English girl went out to the holder, Kiniyo Matsuzaki, of Japan, in three straight and rather one-sided sets. Di always had trouble with her opponent's service and once more it was a question of attack overwhelming a resolute defence which had too little variety.

Now to the winners. From the word go it seemed very unlikely that Jung Kuo-tuan, the defending men's singles champion, would retain his title. Sure enough, in the final he was blasted out of the picture by that fabulous 15-year-old Brazilian schoolboy, Ubiracy Costa.

"Ubi"—as he is not surprisingly known—hit harder than any of the other Western players and assuming that he can get enough practice around his native Sao Paulo—oddly enough, the same district from which Wimbledon Champion Maria Bueno comes—he looks to be the only threat to the ever-increasing Oriental supremacy.

He did not survive the next round, reaction inevitably overcoming him when he met Hu Tao-pen.

All four semi-finalists in the men's singles were Chinese—a tremendous performance but it is sad to have to record that the closing rounds of the Championships were marred by a number of scratchings.

With only one day left there were eight of these and in every case it was one Chinese player or a pair withdrawing in favour of another. On one occasion when one Chinese had to meet the winner of a match in which there was not a Chinese player involved, they deliberately postponed the all-Chinese match until they saw who the winner of the other match was, so that the Chinese player more likely to beat him was retained.

Myself and my colleagues brought this up at the final meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation when the Hon. Foir Montagu, President of the I.T.T.F., admitted that there had been misunderstanding by the Chinese captain, who seemed to have confused the individual events with the team ones—where, of course, substitutions can be used from tie to tie—and Montagu promised that such a thing would never again be allowed to occur.

The eventual winner of the men's singles was Chiang Tse-tung, the 19-year-old Peking student who had done so well the previous year by capturing the singles title in the Scandinavian Championships when touring with China's "B" team—which prompted someone to ask what their "A" team was like!

Throughout the Championships I always thought that Chiang was the most likely winner. He is, of course, a pen holder and couples brilliant change of direction with a mastery of swerve shots and greater agility than most of the Chinese players, who in this respect are not quite comparable with the Japanese.

I have never seen a more imperturbable youngster. On occasions in his final match against Li Fu-jung he would appear disinterested almost to the point of boredom and he displayed what used to be known as the pre-rogative of Balliol men, "a consciousness of effortless and inevitable superiority."

THE BEST MATCH

Quite the best match of the Championships to me was the women's final in which Chiuh Chung-lui, a bespectacled 26-year-old from Peking, beat that dancing red-head, Eva Kozcian Foldi.

This proved that it is not necessary to employ the pen-holder grip to be successful for had it not been for one blatant misinterpretation of the rules and one inexplicable action by the umpire, I firmly believe that the attractive Hungarian girl would have won.

She was led by two sets to one when the first incident occurred. With the score at 20-18 in favour of Miss Chiuh, the Chinese girl placed her non-playing hand on the surface and clearly moved the table a couple of inches or so.

However, the umpire refused to award the point to Eva and the match was thus levelled at two sets all.

In the final set, despite the Chinese girl's superb forehand drop shot with which she opened up the table, Eva, who in the semi-final had beaten world champion Kiniyo Matsuzaki, was fairly whizzing about like a spuitnik in orbit round the table, choping well on both...
wings and bringing off the occasional backhand flick and forehand drives.

In the final set she led 6-1, 14-10, and eventually 17-14. Then for some undisclosed reason the umpire, without being called upon, left his seat, went to the sidelines, got a towel and presented it to Miss Chiu so that she could wipe her nose which had been slipping on the parquet flooring.

To be fair, he did offer it to the Hungarian girl, who didn't want it, but unfortunately her concentration had been broken and she lost the next four points and won only two more points in the match.

It was unfortunate, to say the least of it, that the match should be decided in this way, but taking the Championships as a whole, China, both by prowess of its players and by the slick and supremely efficient method of staging, proved herself a new force in world sport.

You have no doubt read how the magnificent 15,000 seater stadium was constructed in fifteen months—a replica of the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund where the last World Championships were staged in 1959. It's worth recording the opinion of a West German journalist who said: "Of course this is a complete copy of the Westfalenhalle, but I must be honest and admit that the copy is better than the original."

And for those who think that there is a declining public for table tennis, it is worth recalling that there were between 350,000 and 400,000 spectators at the opening ceremony and the thrice-daily playing sessions which made up the 26th World Table Tennis Championships; proof to me that aggressive play not only brings success but also the crowds.

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SO RIGHT ENGLAND SHOULD BE THERE

says DESMOND HACKETT

(Daily Express Columnist)

THEY called it the Peking Workers' Stadium but what a rare beauty went under this depressingly common name. It was as gracious as a delicate Chinese rice bowl. But there was nothing delicate nor tranquil about the events which had this bowl bubbling with the wildest excitement I have ever seen around the world of sport, and I have seen a few.

When China won the Swatthing Cup the 20,000 who with traditional fiendish cleverness had packed themselves into 15,000 places went madly unreservedly Chinese crackers.

The heat was like the more unbearable sections of the Turkish Baths. When I found time to take the deep breath and glance around the sight was unforgettable.

Twenty thousand gleaming almond faces fixed tiger-gold eyes on the green tennis tables. You could have closed your eyes to tell the progress of the final against Japan.

Bubbling Cauldron

When China scored a point the cauldron would bubble over with a rumbling thunderous roar. Should Japan score up went a lament of "oo-yah." As the final points were overcome by the Chinese, atmosphere suffused the arena to aid China. There were round faced babes looking as solemn as this great moment demands.

Matched Anything

The winning shot for China matched anything I have seen in the world title fight rings or the soccer stadium and athletics tracks around the world.

Pin pang as they name table tennis down Peking way had made this Peking Workers' Stadium the temple of the tenth happiness.

It was as memorable as the opening ceremony on which occasion I was overcome by the Chinese atmosphere and cabled back -- at three shilling word:

"THIS HUMBLE WRITER WISHES TO MAKE INFORMATION THAT THE 26TH WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS CEREMONIOUSLY OPENED TODAY SHOULD BE THE MOST TRANQUIL OF ALL INTERNATIONAL OCCASIONS.

"PLAYERS FROM 30 NATIONS MOVED FROM NEW ZEALAND CAME A BONNY FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD WHO HAD NEVER BEEN ON A TRAIN UNTIL SHE REACHED CHINA. SHE ALSO THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS HER FIRST ASSOCIATION WITH TABLE TENNIS.

"But the splendid point was that they all came, they marched, and they played as well as they knew.

I was glad to stand up and cheer when England marched in all present and correct in their smart blue and gold outfits. Certainly they never looked world beaters, often they were a shade grim. But how much grimmer it would have been had they been among the absentees.

They had no hope, said some of the old stay-at-homes of England. But they had more hope than the cheerful little folks from Ghana.

When we stay away from every game in which we have no hope then international sport in England will be out of business. (Help! Come to think of it, me too.)

England made a great contribution to world sport when they created Table Tennis. The game is governed by British officials whose rule is deeply respected and warmly appreciated.

For two weeks this game was the most important thing in the lives of the courageous Chinese. For two weeks it gaily coloured the grey city of Peking -- or should it be Pingle-Pang?
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Final: HOSHINO/KIMURA bt CHANG Tung-li/LI Fu-jung 15, 12, 19, 19, 16.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First round: NOWORYTA/SZMIDT (Poland) bt NANSAL/NARAS (Mongolia) 9, 13, 11, 13. ALBER/BOUGNAGU (France) bt SHAO LAN-fang/TUNG SHU-ying (China) 9, 11, 12, 13. CHUNG Tae-hun/JUNG Kuo-i-tan (South Korea) bt TAI Lung-chu/CHIH Hui-fang 14, 15, 19, 19. CHUANG Tse-tung/LI Fu-jung bt ROZAS/Peterfly 6, 18, 19. KIM JAE-yoon/KIM Hwa (South Korea) bt SHANG Yue-hua/TU Han-hang 16, 19, 17, 19. CHUANG Tse-tung/LI Fu-jung bt ROZAS/Peterfly 6, 18, 19. KIM JAE-yoon/KIM Hwa (South Korea) bt SHANG Yue-hua/TU Han-hang 16, 19, 17, 19.
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Schmeller/Kalweit (W. Germany) bt Albert/Carlsen (Sweden) 17, 11, 15, Foldi/Mathe (Hungary) bt Nagae/Aoki (Japan) 15, -18, 12, -4, 17, Wu Hsiao-ming/Chen Ying-kuo (China) bt Wilcox/Murphy 18, 10, 15, Costa/Pang Hassen bt Aerreur/Hamamatsu (Russia) 14, 17, -24, 20, Chang Tsung-Chung (Taiwan) bt Dunil (Australia) 9, 5, 15.

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ENGLISH RESULTS AT A GLANCE

VICTOR BARNA visited Moscow on his way to Peking for the World Championships. Our picture shows him demonstrating his famous backhand flick during a coaching session at the children's sports school belonging to the "Shakter" Society.
No doubt you have seen the results of the Peking Tournament on other pages of this magazine and articles and opinions by various people. I haven't seen them but I would not be surprised to learn that they all have a completely different view — each contradicting the others.

I am basing my supposition on the fact that in Peking during and after the Championships players, officials, and experts, seemed to differ as to what is the best style to play the game most effectively today. How can the triumphant advance of the pen-holder Asians be halted, the value of the loop drive and things like that.

From this point of view the World Championships at Peking must be considered as the most controversial of all World Championships.

Where I am concerned two aspects of the game interested me most: (a) How much effect the loop drive had on the modern game, and (b) the encounter between the Chinese and Japanese, who both using the pen-holder grip have a distinct style of their own.

Let's take the loop drive first. The Chinese players — one can safely say — dominated the tournament yet none of them used the loop drive. So the stroke, it seems, is not so necessary or important as it was suggested by some.

The Japanese KIMURA had the best loop drive and he occasionally was successful even against Chinese opposition. As for the others, many players tried to use the stroke, some with success, some without, depending against whom they played. For instance, Vogrine's poorish loop was more effective against Bryan Merrett than say KIMURA against CHUANG TSE-TUNG. Many a time I thought that by using the loop drive a player can lose the rhythm of his other strokes also by trying hard one is apt to make many mistakes. However, there were matches when the loop was a good weapon, especially when it was used with moderation.

Little wonder that some players are dismissing the loop entirely; others are swearing that by hook or by crook they will learn it. By the way — I don't want to give the impression that the majority of the participants used the loop; on the contrary — only a few tried to capitalise on it.

The best day of the Championships and the most interesting was the Swaythling Cup final between China and Japan. Though players of both countries are using the pen-holder grip each country has its characteristic style.

The Japanese prefer to play from one side of the table taking everything with their forehand; the Chinese stand in the middle and are not afraid to use their backhand.

It was an intriguing encounter and I was really interested what would be the outcome of it.

**Backhand Decisive**

Well, the backhand of the Chinese players was the decisive factor; it allowed them to take the initiative at will and it was a strange sight to see Ogimura and his Japanese playmates struggling with defensive strokes.

The theory that one stroke is better than two or more was heavily defeated here.

I would say that unless you can force your own game on everybody you must know more than one stroke — the more the better.

Up until now the Japanese were allowed to play their particular game: now with the Chinese taking the initiative it was obvious that their stroke repertoire was inadequate.

Just one or two more things — the Chinese as all good players should, play equally well near and far from the table. Nevertheless it was imperative especially against the Japs to remain near the table to keep up the attack. Therefore, some of the rallies reminded me of table tennis as it was played 35 years ago, furious half-volley battles with incredible speed.

If this trend continues then I think the knowledge of half-volley and a good reflex will be just as important as it was ages ago.

What of the future? I reckon China will keep their supremacy for quite a while. I spoke to a number of their officials they all say that they will not insist on one method or another. They are encouraging players to use the style to which they are most suited.

I believe they are absolutely right. It is of little avail to work out style and force them on players. Give me the man, give me the champion — who can implement any style!
Above, England march on. Right, Bill Vint presents the St. Bride's Vase to Chuang Tse-Kung. Left, Maria Alexandru and Georg Pitica receiving the "Pope" Cup. Below, members of the England team in a happy mood.
JOHNNY LEACH looks at

THE TEAM EVENTS

SO impressive were China and Japan at their practice sessions held during the two days before the battle began, it was obvious to all they were going to dominate the team events. Their speed, spin and uncanny control had England and Czechoslovakia, the only country to take a game from China. Their hero was Ivan Andreadis, making a welcome return to international table tennis after an absence of four years. Naturally, Ivan was much slower than in the past. Even so he showed that he has the right game to worry the Oriental wizards by defeating Wang Chuan-Yao and only losing 17-21 in the third to Li Fu-jung.

Ivan seemed to make the ball wait for him. He was able to return the speedy hits of his Chinese opponents with his well known close-to-the-table defence as though he had all the time in the world. Then, when the opportunity presented itself, he would score the winner with a well-placed counter drive from either wing.

Japan dropped two games in their group, one to England and one to Yugoslavia. The stars were Ian Harrison, who defeated Ichiro Ogimura, and Z. Hrbud, who accounted for Kimura. They scored their victories in a similar manner with superb log-range heavy backspin defence, sudden counter drives and certain kills.

World Class

Harrison played world-class table tennis and showed what a great champion he could be if only he could develop the temperament of a poker-player.

England's men did much better than was expected. To gain No. 6 world ranking was certainly a great achievement of which we can all be proud. Our greatest win, to my mind, was over U.S.S.R., by 5-2.

Remembering how the Russians toyed with us during their tour of England during the early part of this season, it was a tonic to see our team now the masters. Harrison was in tremendous form, winning all his three matches in straight sets. Such was his confidence that he appeared equally at home whether attacking, defending or sparring for an opening. Bryan Merrett was also unbeaten, trouncing Saunoris and Novikov in straight sets. Bryan raised his game in this match a good six points by blending some splendid forehand and backhand smashing with his always solid defence. These unusual tactics completely bewildered his opponents and, I might add, of us who were expecting.

Unfortunately, when England opposed Yugoslavia, Harrison could not get the better of his bogey opponent J. Teran, and Merrett suffering from hernia was well below par.

Russia our Saviours

Russia, however, were our saviours; for they beat Yugoslavia and their most unexpectedly lost to D. P. R. Korea, the team we had already annihilated 5-0. This placed us joint second in our group with Yugoslavia.

Surprisingly, Hungary had little difficulty in beating Sweden and Rumania to win their group. My hero in this section was 17-year-old Cliff McDonald of Australia who, with clever defensive play and well-chosen shots, decisively beat European Champion Zolly Berzicz in straight sets.

In the finals, as was more or less expected, Hungary were no match for either China or Japan. Medical student M. Peterfy put up the game's resistance with some superb all-round play. Berzicz was never in the picture when opposing Japan, whose players seemed to thrive on the defensive returns of Europe's champion, but everyone was amazed when Hungary's leaders dropped Berzicz for the match with China. P. Rozsas, who replaced him, was completely out-classed.

So we came to the final in which China dethroned Japan. It was packed with thrills. Never have I seen such fast table tennis. Hugging the table, the Chinese hit the ball with such speed and deception that the Japanese, who never once made a defensive return, were forced to leap back with uncanny agility to the surrounds. From this position some sixteen feet away from the table, they had the audacity to counter-drive!

In the eighth game, Nobuya Hoshino of Japan electrified the crowd with some fantastic hitting when opposing Jung Kuo-Tuan, the 1959 world champion. You can well imagine the tension, for China was leading 3-1 with Jung 1-0 and 20-17 up on Hoshino. One more point and China would be world champions!

Twenty thousand spectators were praying, wishing and demanding that Jung should win that point. Next came 20,000 groans, as Hoshino leapt all over the court like a ballet dancer to counter-hit himself out of trouble, scoring five consecutive points to win 22-20.

Japan were back in the hunt, yet Jung appeared unrattled by this sudden set-back. With the coolness and certainty of a skilled surgeon performing a routine operation he built up a lead of 18-12 in the third decisive game.

Hoshino made a courageous effort to save the day, and it would be true to say that no sportsman alive could have fought harder to stave off defeat, but eventually lost 18-21.

So China became world team champions, and holders of the Swaythling Cup for the first time—deservedly so, I add. I can't remember one single exciting clash in the group matches of the Swaythling Cup. It is true that Rumania caused a big form upset by beating Hungary to win their group, but the actual play was not all that interesting. Rumania's heroine was Maria Alexandru who, with a negative game, fought tremendously hard from start to finish of the championships. Her unbeaten record in the group included a victory over European Champion Eva Koczian.

China and Japan won their sections without conceding a game.

Girls Disappointing

England's girls were disappointing, or perhaps it would be more correct to say that Jean Harrower was disappointing. At one time it looked as if Jean was going to make the grade. She moved well, and played well against Ghana, D.R.V.N. and even against Sweden, although a little nervously on this occasion. But against Russia, to whom we lost 2-3, it seemed as though Jean could not care less. She was in terrible form, without an ounce of fight. How different from her father George, who used to fight tooth-and-nail for every point!

Jean's failure must have had a

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Best World Champions: JAPAN.

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**CORBILION CUP—ENGLISH RESULTS**

Best Ghana 3-0; D. Rowe bt T. Akueh 21-7, 21-14; H. Harrower bt M. Akueh 21-11, 21-10.

Best Vietnam 3-0; Rowe bt T. Le Khanh 21-4, 21-17; Harrower/Rowe bt M. L. Dunn 21-17, 21-13; Harrower/Rowe bt M. L. Dunn 21-17, 21-13; Harrower/Rowe bt M. L. Dunn 21-17, 21-13.

Best Sweden 3-0; Harrower bt M. Carlson 21-12, 21-13; Rowe/Rowe bt H. Le Tuan 21-17, 21-13; Harrower/Rowe bt H. Le Tuan 21-17, 21-13; Harrower/Rowe bt H. Le Tuan 21-17, 21-13.

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LESSONS OF PEKING
by RON CRAWDEN

MANY were the hours I spent at the arena side in the Workers' Gymnasium, hours which brought the blushes of both jubilation and humiliation and where drama rubbed shoulders with farce.

Most particularly I was jubilant with the success of our much belittled Swedish team — there was a struggle not only against zealous and skilful opponents but against the many prophets of doom waiting anxiously to cut loose with their "I TOLD YOU SOs."

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demoralising effect on Diane Rowe, who was never at her best in the ten days of competition.

After we had won the doubles, and were leading 2-1, we fully expected Diane to clinch the match by beating 20-year-old S. Paisjarv, but Russia's star was much better than Di anticipated and took the game for the 20-year-old S. Paisjarv, but Russia's 19-year-old N. Ramanauskaite, whose form on this day was no better than a good club player. Unfortunately for England, Jean was not in the right mood and lost 0-2.

Against Japan, Di put up a brave fight in her singles game against K. Itoh and was unlucky to lose 21-23 straight. The Japanese team were leading 2-1, we fully expected Diane to clinch the match by beating the 19-year-old N. Ramanauskaite, whose form on this day was no better than a good club player. Unfortunately for England, Jean was not in the right mood and lost 0-2.

On occasions I felt small and rather humble when to the cheers of 15,000 or more Chinese, I watched the fancied stars of the West being battered, bruised, and often outclassed by the penholder whirlwinds of the East.

SHAMING THE CRITICS

It is perhaps strongly paradoxical that there was a distinct parallel between our performances in the European Championships last year and those registered in Peking.

On both occasions we were labelled as "no-hopers" and the overseas were adamant in their cries of "wasting the Association's money by sending a Men's team." In Zagreb we reached the final play off and finished in third position. In Peking in the overall classification both of our teams were ranked in sixth position. When one considers that there are over 80 registered countries and we are in the first half-dozen it is a remarkable achievement.

Table tennis in this country occupies a small corner in the field of sport and the problems that beset us are both physical and financial. Intensive training programmes are necessary to improve technique, speed, and stamina. The top players must get practice with each other, but to do so they cannot hold down a regular job. Who is to finance them?

In most Communist countries, the approach is a disciplined one usually sponsored by the State. We understand from China that in preparation for the championships a squad of over fifty were given special training in other words, the full professional treatment.

We had our work cut out to arrange occasional training and practice sessions for a privileged few.

A QUESTION OF STYLE

For several years now the purists have been theorising on the advantages of the western grip over that of the penholder and yet for several years the world scene has been dominated by the "pen-grip"—could it be that the shake hands grip is inferior?

I pose this question, because the players from the East are going further ahead and the brilliant Chinese have improved even upon the Japanese penholder style by hitting, and hitting devastatingly, from both wings. It must also be realised that there are great numbers of players in the East who favour the Western style and although some of them are top flight performers, by any standards, they still run second to the "pen-gripppers.

As I see it, the pen-grip affords definite advantages to the attacker. It allows for a greater variety of spin and services during the championships the Chinese served as many as six outright winners per game. It allows for a more controlled forehand hit and it allows for the attack to be kept without the worry or thought of having to change the face of the bat.

It was interesting to talk to ex-champion, Ogimura who recognised the importance of having that all styles are necessary, but generally thought along the lines that "Drive would beat chop, block would beat drive, and chop would beat block."

Knowing full well that the basis of the Western game is mostly long-range defence, is it any wonder that the Japanese, and now the Chinese, have worked so diligently on their attacking play.

Only Bergmann, and now to a lesser degree Sido, have worked upon the half volley or block to break up the aggressive play of the penholders.

CONCLUSIONS

In trying to assess the world scene as it is today and without being too dogmatic about one style of play or another, I feel we must be far more flexible in our approach to the game and in our coaching.

All the instructional books here teach the shake hands style and most of them go to lengths to condemn the penholder style.

For style and artistry I think the orthodox grip is more appealing, and it is possible that the perfect player, if we could assess such a person, using the western grip, would beat all other types of players.

We must, however, face facts and these are that the top ranked eight players in the world today are penholders, in fact only two out of the first fourteen use the western grip.

It is voiced by many that the pen-grip would not suit us or help us, as those of the East have a different physical make-up. There may be some truth in this but we do not know for sure without experiment.

I feel we must now encourage the development of all styles. WE MUST BE MORE FLEXIBLE.
A Meeting of the Council so far removed from the traditional home of the Federation always appears, in anticipation, to have a character coloured by the presence of Asiatic Associations which do not generally participate.

Yet oddly enough, when we are in one of our many Committee Meetings, or in the more formal atmosphere of the General Council, we could, in fact, be anywhere in the world, and one finds that the problems attendant upon the government of our game are the same wherever we may meet.

During the course of the World Championships it is usual for the General Council to meet at least twice, with a dozen or 15 meetings of various sub-committees, who deal with the problems which affect their particular interest and make eventual proposals to the General Council.

This system involves considerable work within sub-committees, and the preparation of a large number of documents, translated into French and German, and in this case into Chinese also.

The task of providing these minutes and documents quickly and accurately, is considerable, involving high pressure work by a clerical staff.

The provision of such facilities in the past has not always been all that one would desire, but in the same way as others will speak of the incredible organisation of the Chinese in conducting the Championships, so must I pay tribute to the industry and efficiency of the staff placed at my disposal.

With the exception of my Interpreter-cum-Secretary Mrs. Li, I rarely, if ever, saw the other members of the Staff who worked in several rooms in the hotel, never seeing anything of the Table Tennis, but all fanatically keen on providing first class service. One had the impression that on presenting Mrs. Li with documents, she disappeared in the bowels of the Organisation, and in an incredibly short time, along came all the necessary papers.

As an evidence of Chinese thoroughness, it should be said that because of their own lack of experience in interpreters, the Chinese Association asked the Federation to fly out three Europeans for this task.

The two big meetings of the full council, were conducted with an impressive formality, and it was apparent that newcomers were sincerely conscious of taking part in a very important occasion.

Of the 34 Associations attending, Burma, Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, People’s Democracy of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria and People’s Republic of Vietnam, were there for the first time. Many of them made important contributions to the debates.

The Instantaneous Translation System was first class in operation, and Chinese thoroughness ensured that every one of the 40 odd documents we prepared was laid before each Delegate in the appropriate language.

There was no great controversial subjects to discuss on this occasion, but against the more important items upon which action was taken, the following will be of interest to all.

The World Championships in 1963 will be in Prague, with options allotted to Yugoslavia in 1965 and Australia in 1967.

The much vexed question of racket colouring, etc. received a great deal of attention and it was finally agreed that all Associations should be asked to take steps to prevent the further manufacture of any bats with colour other than dark blue, dark brown, dark green, dark red and black, and with reflecting surfaces. Furthermore, rackets are to be the same colour on both sides.

Associations are asked to confer with their manufacturers on this point.

The question of light-coloured clothing was also discussed and it was agreed that to ensure compliance with the regulations, an inspection of dress and of rackets may take place before play in the next World Championships.

The importance of this resolution, is that whereas Associations have hesitated in the past to ban rackets because of differences of opinion as to what is light-coloured or reflecting, all players must now face the possibility of finding their rackets and clothing banned during the inspection at the next World Championships and the necessity for them quickly to conform must surely be apparent.

Pressure at manufacture level should see the eventual disappearance of the offending bats.

A measure, likely to be of more than passing importance to the Western European Associations, is the adoption for an experimental year of the American “expedite” rule with modifications. While it is true that
most of the Asiatic countries are not troubled by excessive "pushing", it is obviously a malaise in the game in several European Associations. The present time limit rule has not cured it, and a bold experiment is to be tried.

During the coming Season in all International competitions and matches, the Expedite rule will be brought into effect after 15 minutes play, and in this event the period in subsequent games of the same match shall be 10 minutes, before the expedite rule is enforced.

The objections to the rule have all received full consideration, but the general verdict is that the present pushing rule also has weaknesses and that no greater harm can come from giving this other method a trial.

Experiences are to be gathered, and reported to the next meeting of the Advisory Committee in 1962, who may have the power to continue the experiment for a further year.

Continental Championships may adopt the system if they so desire.

Its adoption in the World Championships in 1963 will only be by agreement of a majority of the Jury. The Federation has also adopted in principle the system of grouping into Swathyling or Corbullion Cup Events whereby after the first Groups have played, there will be re-grouping in the second stage, based on the results of the first stage, i.e. all top teams in the one and second teams in the next group, etc.

It was interesting to observe that although there was a large number of new Associations and also a predominance of non-European countries, the general inclination was to leave most matters of importance in the hands of experienced legislators.

Of importance in this respect is the fact that officer- ships remain in Western Europe. The Hon. Ivor Montagu as President, Bill Vint as Treasurer, and myself as Honorary Secretary, being re-elected without any other nomination.

Mr. Ake Eldh of Sweden, strengthened his position as Deputy President and was unanimously re-elected. It is interesting, incidentally, to be able to say that consultation between Officers, which takes place frequently, has in no way been handicapped by Mr. Eldh's being in Sweden.

It was also interesting to observe that the composition of the Advisory Committee has seen little change and of interest to Welsh readers, is the fact that Mrs. Roy Evans, Secretary of the European Table Tennis Union, firmly retained her place on the Advisory Committee.

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**AFTER an absence of five years Warwickshire make a welcome return to the Premier Division this season. After going through Division II (Midland) unbeaten, they gain promotion following a 7-2 win over Durham (Div. II North) in the play-off.**

Joining them are Hertfordshire (Div. II South), who beat Worcestershire (Div. II West) 8-1 in the other play-off.

This will be Hertfordshire's first season in the Premier Division, and is an indication of the great progress that county has made in recent seasons.

Thirteen players went through the season unbeaten, but only three were men: Bryan Merrett (Gloucestershire) in the Premier Division, Peter Shad (Sussex) in Division II (South), and Peter Cole (Suffolk) in the Southern Division.

The qualification for the averages is a minimum of 50 per cent appearances, and the ladies who gained full marks were Jean Harrower (Middlesex) and Kathie Best (Yorkshire) in the Premier Division, Pam Morton (Yorkshire) in Division II (North), Pam Mortimer (Warwickshire) in Division II (Midland), Adele Pettifer (Somerset) Division II (West), Alma Tait (Hertfordshire) and Betty Cassell (Norfolk) in the Southern Division, Linda Gordon (Lancashire) Junior Division (North), Joyce Roberts (Warwickshire) Junior Division (Midland) and Lesley Bell (Essex) Junior Division (South).

**THE AVERAGES—Qualification minimum 50% appearances.**

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| Merrett, who did not play against Middlesex or Yorkshire retains his place at the top of the list with an average of 98 per cent against 92 per cent. (for last season).**

Jack Clayton and Tony Piddock have moved up to joint No. 2. Jean Harrower tops the women's averages with Kathie Best, both gaining full marks. Miss Harrower did not play singles against Yorkshire, while Miss Best was absent against Middlesex and Surrey.

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The 100-per-center here is Pam Mortimer who went through unbeaten despite dropping a game to both Audrey Bates and Dorothy Worrall.

Welshman Stan Jones heads the men, his only defeat being at the hands of Maurice Billington, England's top junior.

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Mrs. J. Croxby (Devon) 4 1 80
Mrs. J. Lloyd (Worcs.) 3 1 75
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dorsetshire are the only county failing to get a player into the averages in this division, where D. Smith just edges J. Bassett, of Cornwall, out of the lead. M. Hawkins prevented both players achieving full marks and his defeat of Bassett was the first of the season through the Cornishman.

Adèle Pettifer has also lost only once in two seasons, but was unbeaten as time. Although R. Warner (Warwickshire) won all four of his matches, he had produced insufficient to qualify for the averages, and is topped by the Oxford pair, A. Davies.

Mrs. Hammond (Nottinghamshire) failed to make the average, but had the distinction of being the only player to beat the top woman, Mrs. B. Carless (Warwickshire).


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THE CIRCULATION DRIVE

By GEOFF HARROWER

WILTSHIRE CATCHING UP

A NOther tremendous effort by Donald Hillier has resulted in Wiltshire getting within 6% of Cambridge- shire, and it is my guess that they will overhaul last year's winners and carry off the prize for the leading "under 100" Counties. The only problem is that they are not an extra issue, so that I could let you all know the result, before next October. Devon have consolidated their third place, with Derbyshire challenging Suffolk for first position. Very disappoint- ing to report that half the counties in this group are under 50%. It is, unfortunately, the old story that there are too few officials available to do far too much work.

Amongst the larger counties, Hertfordshire still have matters their own way, and it seems impossible that they will ever lose their momentum. Harry Walker has certainly found a hard worker in young Michael Turner, who has turned in consistent sales figures every month for the last season. Who are the candidates? Ruling out Hertfordshire and probably Westhampnett, as winners, the candidates still rage, with Essex striving to over- haul Buckinghamshire. Unfortunately the old story that there are too much work.

Hampshire (nearly double), Kent (up from 68% to 108%), Hampshire (only up 21%), but over the 100% mark), Devon (up from 97% to 218%), Derbyshire (from 81% to 161%), Northumberland (from 38% to 86%).

PLYMOUTH PUSH DEVON

On the face of it, it would seem that Devon, as first prize, must win the prize, but any of their progress has been made by one League (Plymouth) and not the county, which has been the busiest ever, certain impressions have crystallised out of the whirlpool of activity which is English Table Tennis.

The "OVER 100" COUNTIES

By JOE DEVLIN

THE "UNDER 100" COUNTIES

Per Cent

Cambridgeshire 369
Wiltshire 363
Devon 218
Suffolk 168
Derbyshire 161
Oxfordshire 122
Northumberland 86
Cornwall 61
Leicestershire 47
Northamptonshire 41
Shropshire 30
Warwickshire 25
Berkshire 21
Dorset 12
Shropshire 11

JACK CARRINGTON'S NOTEBOOK

AS we come to the end of a season, which in the instructional field has been the busiest ever, certain impressions have crystallised out of the whirlpool of activity which is English Table Tennis.

First—how patchy is the development of our sport; in many areas we find dozens of youngsters coming from miles around to play seriously, properly dressed, with officials obviously devoting their entire spare time to fanning the enthusiasm. In some other, quite similar areas, we find few people willing to travel more than a mile for a good game, and few young players being introduced to organised play.

Second impression: Too many leagues and clubs close down completely for the summer. This is especially prevalent in the North. It is a pity because the organisation has virtually to rebuild itself each autumn. Unfortunately, skeleton com- petition, and crafty nights during summer would preserve the valuable momentum of the organisation.

Third: How uncompetitive are most of our youngsters today. In my time, if somebody got ahead of the field, we were all determined to "get" him. Today, it is common experience when training a group from scratch, to find that they all stick at it until one or two show themselves as clearly the best. Then the others tend to drop out of the race.

SUSSEX NOTES

The Sussex senior side were surprised to find a youthful side facing them at Deal when they defeated Kent 8-2 in Div. II South.

Peter Shead looks set to retain his No. 8 spot on the English ranking list by winning the Bucks "Open." The inter-league contest is in its final stages with Brighton and Crawley leading in Div. I and Hastings looking likely winners in Div. II. Howe club's team of Bert Fretwell, Robin Pierce and Peter Wales have won both the first division of the Brighton league and the Sussex inter-club competition.

Hastings "closed" men's singles winner was former county junior Jimmy Moore and the Worthing "closed" was won by Vic Pickett, a newcomer to Sussex but not to table tennis. J.W.
TALKING POINTS

TOURNAMENT RATINGS

UNFORTUNATELY I have had very few postal replies from people wishing to give their ratings for various Tournaments so I have had to rely largely upon interviews. This, to my dismay, has meant that a few Tournaments have had to be left out owing to insufficient data for one can hardly give a rating on a sample of only a few players. Otherwise the response has been fairly good and quite a few people were prepared to give me the necessary 15 minutes to take their views.

The ratings were split into five sections, each marked out of 100: (a) The running of the Tournament; (b) The treatment of the Umpiring problem; (c) Facilities and availability of refreshments; (d) The basic conditions at the venue; and (e) The actual playing conditions and what was made of the venue.

Top Tournament as expected was the English "Open" but very close behind was the Yorkshire "Open." These were followed by English "Closed," Kent "Open," Middlesex "Open," Newbury Approved "Open" which had a final rating of 81% in a very close fight.

The chart gives the leading 20 Tournaments according to the ratings. The remaining tournaments which do not appear on the list, either did not have enough respondents to warrant inclusion or had less than 56%.

NORTH EAST ENGLAND

Once again the Scarborough tournament was very popular though this may be because it is in the holiday season.

Quite a few points emerged from the tournament. The first was with respect to the staggering of the Men's singles event. At present most of the men are told that they are playing at 11 in the morning, the Men's to carry on until 3 o'clock. This inevitably involves long waits and no definite break for meals. If the four quarters were played at 11, 12, 1 and 2 o'clock this would mean that there would not be such a wait between games within a quarter and that also a break for lunch would be possible.

The venue in which the North East England was held, is ideal but unfortunately the best was not made of it. The tables were put all down one side leaving a small space along each wall for spectators. There were no surroundings which led to confusion. The answer to this is possibly to move the line of tables nearer one wall thus leaving double space for spectators on the other side, and of course having surrounds. This could make the conditions near perfect.

One thing that one could not complain about was the prizes which are, I believe, more in value than any other tournament in the country. Also the crowd at finals nights was quite overwhelming in its applause. Both Stanley Jacobson and myself, who contested the Men's Singles final, have never had such a reception as the one we received after completion of each match.

GWENT "OPEN"

The Gwent "Open" at Newport was a success from start to finish. The programme was so arranged that there were no lengthy waits and the finals were staged as arranged. The umpiring was almost entirely done by losers who were nabbed by the single-eyed stewards before they had recovered from their games. Prizes were tasteful and in the form of gifts. Hospitality was first-class. This is one tournament where you feel that you are welcome.

WELSH CORNER—TEAM SEMI-FINALS

The Semi-finals of the Club Team Championship of Wales provided two contrasting matches. The first of Bridgend, between Cardiff G.P.O. and Sketty Court, Swansea, was the more exciting, but the other, between the Royal Overseas and Alma Newport supplied much the better table tennis. The G.P.O. Swansea clash could have gone either way. Tony Huish, Ken Bull and Roy Fowler are exponents of the new school of quick hitting, without any let-up, and also not backed by any defence. The older and more orthodox Stan Jones, Alan Morris and Alan Lewis often found themselves in trouble against this type of play, but the very nature of the G.P.O. play proved its own downfall.

Instinctive hits which win points at the beginning of a game have an annoying habit of going away when the tension's on at the end. G.P.O. had plenty of chances to win, but important points were thrown away at crucial moments, leaving the steadier and more experienced Swansea winners at 6-3.

Welsh International players have failed so often this season that one is apt to overlook their background of play. Against Alma, Alan Thomas, Ron Davies and Bernard Dimascio turned on a brand of table tennis that was streets ahead of their opponents, with the possible exception of Brian Everson. But he suffers from that old lack of an attacking forehand.

There was plenty of cut and thrust about this game, with all aspects of table tennis excellently demonstrated. Play was altogether more controlled than in the other semi-final, and the Royal Overseas club did not drop a game in their 5-0 victory. Basil Evans and Cyril Gray were well below their opponents standard, and one sights that our international players do not always look so good.
LOWER UMPIRE QUALIFICATION

At the end of another season the N.U.R.C. is still faced with two of the problems that were before it at the beginning of the year, and although I have mentioned both in earlier articles I should like to discuss them in more detail here in the hope of receiving advice or guidance from readers.

The first and most serious is the difficulty of recruiting new County Umpires and I am interested to see that the idea of a lower umpiring qualification is receiving some support.

It is not clear, however, in what way the standard should be lowered to prolong the desirable test for it would be difficult to frame a question paper requiring much less technical knowledge than the existing C.U. Test Paper, especially when a candidate is allowed to fill it in with reference to any books he chooses and in his own time.

SHY AWAY

There are probably many people who shy away from any idea of an examination paper with its memories of school days, and for these people a practical test might prove more attractive.

It would, however, be necessary to make this more prolonged than the present practical test to ensure that the umpire's knowledge was tested in a sufficiently wide range of differing circumstances.

There may also be candidates who would welcome any kind of written test but are put off by the thought of umpiring before a large audience and the watching eyes of the examiners.

Such people, while never aspiring to officiate at staged events, could be valuable in the qualifying rounds of an "Open" tournament, and for them it might be feasible to introduce a similar qualification to the Coaching Committee's "Teaching Theory Certificate."

There is nothing to prevent County Association's from trying such a scheme and I shall be glad to hear from anyone who has tried or is thinking of doing so. It would be even more interesting to know whether there is any indication that this idea will really help to solve the problem of the vanishing umpires.

The second problem is the now familiar one of defining "light-coloured or reflecting" in relation to rackets.

For clothing, the difficulty is simplified by the I.T.T.F. Regulations for International Competitions which make the referee the final judge of whether clothing is likely to unsight the opposing player. No such criterion can be applied to the racket, which is the subject of a Law.

Although the wording of this Law is rather vague its intention is clear enough in most respects to allow an umpire or referee to make a reasonable decision on the suitability of a racket's covering material.

For example, the word, "reflecting" is obviously intended to apply to the shiny surfaces sometimes associated with reversed pimpled-rubber, and any such highly-polished rackets certainly contravene the Law.

"Dark-coloured" is more difficult to interpret, and although there is no doubt that the popular yellow covering is much lighter than the Law intended to allow, the exact point at which "dark" becomes "light" is subject to a wide range of personal opinions.

The difficulty of defining such a point has led to the consideration of a more fundamental question: Does it really matter if the racket, or for that matter the clothing, is light-coloured or even brightly reflecting?

The U.S. Association have for years sanctioned all-white clothing for competitions without apparent detriment to the game, and many top-grade players wear shiny wrist-watches throughout their matches without seeming to unsight their opponents. It is quite possible that the only distraction is caused by the player knowing that a Law exists which implies that such objects may unsight him.

Whatever the reason, it is increasingly obvious that the Law as it stands is in disrepute, and it will be better for both players and umpires when it is re-worded in a form more easily applicable to accepted practice.

Colin Clemett.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

25 YEARS' SERVICE

AYLESBURY, probably the oldest league in the country, sprang a pleasant surprise on the secretary, Cyril Thorne, at the Finals Night, with the presentation of a canette of cutlery. Cyril, aided by his wife, Wynne, has been in office for 25 years. He has also been chairman of the Buckinghamshire Association since its formation in 1946.

The Inter-League championships have been closer than ever, Slough men appear to have lost their grip on Division "A", and with four matches to go Chalfonts are hot favourites, with High Wycombe, the likely runners-up.

100 PER CENT.

Slough Ladies have only to beat their second string to keep the title they won five years ago, while High Wycombe, with a 100 per cent. record have won the Junior Division at the third attempt.

High Wycombe and Bletchley have to play off for top place in Division "B".

Buckinghamshire have some promising young players coming along, particularly Les Wooding (Bletchley), Paul Shirley and Dave Richards (Slough) and John Cooper (High Wycombe), who may well lift the county to greater heights in the future.

Congratulations to Mrs. Betty Bird, above, the Surrey internationals, on the birth of a daughter, Nicolet Rae, on April 30.
Editor's Postbag

CHINESE SCRATCHING AT PEKING

LET us not be over hasty in judging (or perhaps misjudging) the Chinese action at the World Championships in scratching some players, or having "exhibitions," in some cases of the individual events where their players were in opposition. I turned a cynical eye on the Chinese explanations that they were inexperienced in these matters and that they thought individual events were similar to the team events in which players could be replaced.

It is true that the individual events were always intended to be "individual" but have they in effect ever been so? The winners have always been regarded (however mistakenly) not as individuals but representatives of their nations.

The Peking championships were not the first to have scratchings or "exhibitions" when the interests of national team were involved nor will they be the last, at least as regards "exhibitions." They have to be brought into prominence this time because of the wealth of Chinese talent. Still playing in the Later stages.

I think they were wrong in not playing the "scratched" matches. No one would have blamed them for mere "exhibitions" whether or not observable as such.

Why do I say this? Well let me give an impossible example: I am a member of the English team and the draw brings me up against colleague X at a late stage of the singles. X is known to stand a good chance of winning the final whereas I cannot beat him, but am capable of giving him an exhausting match. It would therefore be quite conceivable for my captain to quietly hint not to wear X out for the next match. I'm sure that even in the event of "no instruction" colleagues would take a dim view if I played flat out and exhausted him but duly lost. And I would be called the biggest "Asterisk of all Asterisks" if I adopted these tactics and pointed out this was an individual event and had nothing to do with national success. I would be bound to agree with him.

And don't forget that in athletics there are many cases of sacrifices in somewhat similar manner.

My conclusion therefore is that it is desirable to legislate there shall be no scratchings but no amount of legislation can stop "exhibitions."

After these sombre reflections let us congratulate all concerned on the resounding success of the Peking Championships.

DENNIS OFFER
(English National Umpire)

Out of Sponge?

MR. CROXTON of Perth (April issue) cannot deny that he lives far off the actual Table Tennis Centre of Australia—namely Melbourne (site of the 1956 Olympics).

Therefore his statements though well meant, are off the beam. Firstly, Australia's team in Peking had one sandwich player, Miss L. Cohen (Thomson also plays sandwich occasionally); secondly Australia's new singles champion, Vic Hirsh from Austria never used sandwich in this country; he plays strictly ordinary rubber. Thirdly, Mr. Croxton is completely mistaken when he assumes that the wheel has gone the full circle in the Eastern Australian states. As a Victorian player I can only say that more players than ever before are taking to sandwich.

But why for heaven's sake does Mr. Croxton refer first to sponge and later to sandwich? Plain sponge is banned since Dortmund (1959) and all we face now is a battle against pimpled and smooth sandwich. However I heartily agree that sandwich should be tossed out too as it does nothing to enhance the game.

C. M. GRUBER.
(Victoria, Australia.)

Covered by Laws

Further, with regard to the variation of bounce on a table, it is of absolutely no interest to us whether or not a mistake caused by this unevenness is more or less significant than in cricket or tennis for it is covered in the laws of the game which state that "the table shall be made of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of not less than 5in. and not more than 9in. when a standard ball is dropped from a height of 12in. above its surface." Admittedly there is a difficulty in applying this rule but one thing is certain, it makes it clear and that is that there should be an even bounce.

The last question that Colin poses is: "Does fastest mean best?" Perhaps not to its limits but certainly faster means better if it is attractive table tennis that you are seeking. There can be no doubt about that! LALLIE LANDRY
(Hampstead.)

Sussex "Closed"

REFERENCE the Sussex "Closed" championships report in the April issue, which incidentally were held at Hastings and not at Brighton.

I should like to point out that the players who beat the then reigning singles champions G. Whalley and Mrs. A. Woodford were Donald Sheppard and Miss Joyce Coleman respectively.

I should also like to point out that although she has not yet played for Sussex, Miss Coleman, who is a member of my Club, has in recent months beaten the three top ranking players in the Sussex Women's ranking list, published in you November issue.

R. E. TUTTON.
(Hon. Sec. Hastings Tigers T.T.C.)
NEW INTER-TOWN SUCCESS

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOTS

STAFFORDSHIRE'S new inter-town competition for the Beattie trophy has proved a great success in its first season.

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MIDDLESEX NOTES

WILLESDEN SILVER JUBILEE

WITHIN Middlesex, the most interesting event this month was the special match which was arranged to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Willesden and District Table Tennis League. Willesden met an opponent weaker than themselves and the match was held on a Sunday as three of their regular players are Sunday school teachers and were unable to take part.

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Ernie Howell, who reached the final of the recent Wiltshe "Closed," successfully defended his Singles Title at the Swindon and District League Finals, beating A. Wolfe 21-16, 21-13, 21-11.


The Mayor of Swindon (Cllr. Miss E. C. M. Millin) also presented the B.R. Ath. Assoc.; Div. 2-Haydonians; Stratton Y. Guild; Div. 3-S.E.B.; Division Three at the Wootton Bassett Awards to Men's Club "B" (Div. 1) and another at the Salisbury League (Div. 2) and Urchfont Y.C. (Div. 3) are still unknown with White Hart "A" relegated.

Rowde and The Brogues will contest the Team Handicap K.O. Final. With "extra time" being played for outstanding fixtures in the West Wiltshe League, the Second Division Champions are still unknown with White Hart "A" leading St. John's by one point. New-comers Rowde became the only team to score over 200 in the games aggregate on winning Division Three.

After three unsuccessful appearances John Cundick beat Ken Tanner to become the new Warmminster Singles Champion and partnered by Dick Rees and Geoff Warren in the Men's Doubles Final. Christchurch "B" beat St. John's "A" in the team Final.

C. Hooper retained the Mere Senior Shield while R. Snook beat C. Hoskins in the Junior Shield Final.

The Swindon County Championships held at the Cambridge Corn Exchange at the end of March were important in that the Junior Girls' Singles were revived and that the Junior Coaching Courses for the past few months.

Ruth Buttle won the Junior Girls' Title and Eddie Sharpe (aged 13) won the Junior Boys'.

Sharpe, who comes from Cambridge League Club, Wilburton, must be the youngest winner of this trophy.

John Cornwell secured his title by beating John Thurston but Beryl Belley lost her ladies' singles title to Mrs. Bamber of Wisbech who won in two sets, a creditable performance.


Wesley and Fire Brigade are the relegated clubs, making way for Pest Control I and Y.M.C.A. II.

Wilburton and Hospital I win promotion to the Second Division. Wilburton won the knock-out Handicap for the second successive year, beating Torchbearers I 5-4 in the final.

Martin Brown of Torchbearers (Salvation Army) defeated Ron Nunn in the Final of the Hospitals Challenge Cup in two straight sets. Nunn is a consistent player in both sets but just couldn't make it.

In the semi-finals Nunn beat the holder, Chris, Reeve, while Brown beat Tony Haslip.

Although Cambridgeshire did not fare as well as expected in the National County Championships, they now have some junior talent which promises well for the future.

Cambridge are again doing well in the Circulation League Drive Table and are still top thanks to the continued good efforts of Tony Bratche.

John Thurston has reached the final of the Bedfordshire Radius Championships.

Leslie Constable.

NORTHANTS NOTES

EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE WIN

C. S. HOGG won the men's singles for the eighth successive year in the Northamptonshire "Closed" championships. Mrs. A. Lenton took the women's singles and the doubles with Miss M. Coleman.

P. Westley and A. Penn won the men's doubles, with the mixed going to B. Bond and Mrs. C. Laverick. J. Goodall won the junior singles.

Kettering, with two matches in hand and only two points behind Wellingborough, look likely to win the County Inter-League Championships in the first time, and are well placed to retain the Inter-League title.

Reorganisation of the County League and the structure on one or two other leagues is possible in an effort to infuse more interest in the county, with a new Youth League starting at Stamford.

BEDFORDSHIRE "CLOSED"

NORFOLK NOTES

THE biggest surprise in the Yarmouth "Closed" Championships was the victory of Maurice Ewles over Tony Archer. This was an unexpected victory for Ewles, whose form had been in and out in representative matches this season. Archer, who has had some excellent results this season, was firm favourite to take the title for the fourth successive year.

The final went to the full length of five games. Ewles, who won the first ten points, built up a two-game lead, but was caught at two-all and trailed 15-19 before racing through with a sequence of six points.

Mrs. Allen retained the Women's Singles, beating Mrs. Rodwell 23-21, 22-20, in one of the closest finals for several seasons.

DEREHAM

For the first time in the history of the Dereham League there was a tie for first place between The Saints and Hobnobs A. Both teams won all games and lost 33 with 23 points. The league has been functioning for 13 years and at the start of the season it extended its boundaries.

B. Lovejoy beat I. Butler in a thrilling five-game final to win the Men's Singles for the fourth year in the Dereham "Closed" Championships.

KINGS LYNN

Haetcham dropped only one point when gaining promotion to the First Division of the Kings Lynn League. Nomads and Sutton Bridge are once again finalists for the Challenge Cup.

Sixteen enthusiastic entrants competed for the Saltham leagues singles trophy where two players emerged as finalists. The winner was R. Durrant from the neighbouring village of H Hickling and the runner-up was R. Lee from Upton.

NORWICH

Gothic achieved a double in the Norwich Inter-Club, winning the First Division and The Readwin Cup.

Gothic had one point lead over Bullards in the league and beat Y.M.C.A. 6-3 in the final of the Readwin Cup. Robin Wickens.

Frenford Tour of Belgium

The Frenford Table Tennis Club (Ifford) enjoyed their third tour of Belgium at Easter during which they played two matches. On Good Friday they beat Kortrijk T.T.C. 17-7.

The men were stronger than the Belgian players but the Ladies met strong opposition in Madame M. Detournay one of Belgium's leading players. Mrs. Diane Dunand came close to her just going down 21-14, 14-21, 7-21.

Reg Gray had a narrow win over G. Vervaeke winning 20-22, 21-13, 22-20 after being 15-20 down in the third game.

On the Saturday the Frenford team played a strong team from Small Street T.T.C. Ghent winning 13-9. This was a good close match with Alan Gazley in great form but all of the Frenford players fought hard and well to make their unbeaten record on the Continent.

Players on this tour were Alan Gazley, Reg Gray, Ken Smith, Charlie Carroll, Stan Criddle, Derrick Dunand, Mrs. Diane Dunand and Mrs. Shirley Carroll.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

It was David who toppled the Goliath club of the Leeds League. Champions for 13 seasons since their formation in 1947, Victoria have yielded their crown to Rowland Road.

In the vital meeting between the two, Road won 6-4. And the hero was David Laycock, who won all three against Kathie Best, Peter Simpson and John Spencer.

Brother Stuart won two and Peter Sykes accounted for the other.

Victoria's big Easter Tournament, sponsored by the Riverdale Co., excelled all records with over 60 inter-state entries on top of all leading Victorian players.

RESULTS


Final: S. Javor bt L. Prowse 14-21, 21-11, 21-16.


FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHNNY LEACH the No. 1 seed, crashed in the first round of the French "Open" championships at Lille. He was beaten by Tran Ngoc Toan (France) 21-18, 21-16, 16-21, 22-20.

With the non-arrival of the Vietnamese team, of whom Le Van Tiet, was to have been second seed, the title went to Loehler, of Germany who beat Lo (Portuguese) 22-20, 21-19, 21-13 in the final.

Lo, with terrific defensive ability and a slashing forehand attack, proved a great favourite with the crowd.

Agnes Simon gained a triple crown by winning the singles, women's doubles with Angelica Rozeanu, and the mixed doubles with Michalek. In the singles final she beat Mrs. Rozeanu 21-14, 21-18, 21-12.

Leach partnered Mrs. Rozeanu and reached the mixed double semi-final where they were beaten by Mrs. Simon and Michalek.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: Koehler (Germany) bt Oms (Holland) 3-1; Lo (Portugal) bt Forster (Germany) 9-2.

Final: Koehler bt Lo 22-20, 21-15, 21-12.

Women's Singles: Final: A. Simon (Germany) bt A. Rozeanu (Israel) 21-14, 21-18, 21-12.

Men's Doubles: Final: Forster/Therback (Germany) bt Schoofs/Oms (Holland) 22-20, 14-21, 17-21, 21-15, 21-11.

Women's Doubles: Final: A. Simon/A. Rozeanu bt E. Buchholz/M. Dauphin (Germany) 21-14, 21-12, 15-21, 21-18.


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Australian News
## NORTH-EAST ENGLAND "OPEN"

### Landry-Jacobson Thriller

**Laurie Landry** and Stanely Jacobson, both of whom play for Willesden, met in the final of the North East England "Open" at Scarborough over Easter. Landry, knowing that he must keep Jacobson out at all costs to prevent him utilising his "topspin," was aggressive from start to finish. Jacobson, who is generally assumed to have nothing besides his well-known stroke, hit his critics for six with a display of hit and counter-hit rarely seen in an "Open" Tournament final.

Landry had a good match in the semi with the holder, young David Creamer. Landry, slow hitting, seemed to have the game bottled up when he was a game up and held a good lead in the second. Then Creamer came in with the hitting that we know he is capable of and he drew level. Though he lost in the third, he put up a very good fight.

Landry had anxious moments against Kevin Forsahw whom he beat 2-0 in both games. Forsahw had previously scored a good win over Denham.

Jacobson had marched majestically to the final with topspin much in attendance. Schofield and Thornhill fell by the wayside. Creamer beat Alan Lindsay, who had knocked out the most dangerous of the Northerners, Jack Clayton, in two close games (17, 21).

The Women's Singles also produced a final out of the ordinary. Joyce Fielder beat Shelagh Hession after losing the first game. Joyce all but lost it two straight but she produced some great hitting to pull her through. Hession performed most creditably and counter-hit rarely seen in an "Open" Tournament final.

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## GWENT "OPEN"

**Shannon Takes All Four**

A GROUP of nine players came to Newport in a Dormobile and travelled back with every title in the Gwent "Open." Laurie Landry won another title again beating Stanley Jacobson in the final. This match was not up to the level of the Scarborough match the previous week but it was nevertheless well fought, with Landry winning very closely in all three games of the best-of-five match. In each game Jacobson seemed to lose his grip just near the end, giving Landry the initiative.

Landry won the Men's Doubles with Terry Denham, whom he beat in a fast, close and furious semi-final. In the final they beat Michael Creamer and Brian Wright who had put out the holders, Welsh pair Evans and Davies. Landry's third title was in the Mixed with Mary Shannon. Once again Michael Creamer appeared on the losing side, this time with Alma Taft. They just lost to Landry and Shannon at 18 in the third. The Mixed Doubles was Mary Shannon's fourth title. She won the Girls' with little difficulty and the Women's Doubles was won in two close games with Shirley Prior.

The Women's Singles looked to be a walkover when Shannon won the first 11 and was leading 18-4 in the second when Beryl Broad, who had earlier done so well to beat Audrey Bates 88, 18-18, refused her form to take the game 23-21. Shannon pulled herself together in the third and won it 13. Brian Wright was his sixth junior title of the season when he beat Morley Mordecai in the final.

## RESULTS

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JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

JUNIORS ARE NOT WORLD CLASS
Says BRIAN BRUMWELL

As the Table Tennis season draws to a close I like to look through the list of top Juniors and consider which, if any, could become World Class. Last season we had a very strong group of boys, Creamer, Livesey, Keogh and Barker.

All of these could I believe win senior international badges, but David Creamer is the only one with the right killer instinct to make World Class.

This season I do not think the boys' standard has been so high. They do not appear to have the right approach to the game to become World Class.

Among the girls moving up to senior ranks are Mary Shannon and Judy Williams who undoubtedly could get senior international badges next year. Are they of the calibre of World Class?

I would advise all juniors who hope to the list of top Juniors and consider World Class players? My answer is no. Mary Shannon has shown Class.

Judy hopes to play for School at Tennis this year. She also plays Lacrosse.

CARROLL LEVIS DISCOVERY

An exhibitionist at Guildhall School of Music for Elocution she was a "Carroll Levis Junior Discovery" in 1959 for verse-speaking. She has visited France and West Germany twice, each on educational grounds.

She first played table tennis (apart from with family after tea) at Easter, 1957, when she was sent by Herts County T.T.A. to a course they organised to recruit a junior team. Her first match was for Herts Juniors v Suffolk Juniors in September, 1957. (She started playing for DAGMAR II in the W.G.G. and Hatfield League Div. V the following week.)

Judy has played every Herts Junior match since then — her score of County Matches to date is: 24 Junior team (maximum possible), 1 Second team (Spring, 1959), 9 First team (first appearance in play-off against Glamorgan, 1959).

At present she is the holder of the Ladies' Singles and Mixed Doubles (with Brian Barr) in Herts "Closed" Championships; holder of Ladies' Singles Titles in Bournemouth "Open" and Peterborough "Open," and Mixed Doubles (with B. Merrett) at Middlesex "Open."

She is the first girl to be the pupil in winning News of the World Coach and Pupil trophy, and won the GirL Senior 1959.

She has been coached by Geoff Harrower since she started to play. Her parents have both played in League Table Tennis (Lower Divisions) but neither has played in representative teams at any sport. Her father owns a small hotel.

Brother Peter (14 years) has just started to play for Herts Juniors and has had 50 per cent. success so far.

I will be sorry to see Judy leave the Junior ranks but I wish her every success in the Seniors.

ESSEX NOTES

The Essex "Closed" Championships, excellently staged at the Eton Manor Club, produced its usual crop of surprises. First major casualty in the men's singles was Brian Brumwell who went out in his group to Bob McCree. McCree, obviously feeling the effects of a three-game marathon with Ken Beamish, lost to young Keith Falla. Tony Condon beat Falla in one semi-final, whilst Stevens beat Golding (winner over Les Sawyer) in the other.

Condon fought hard in the final but found Bobby Stevens a shade too good for him.

She of the Ladies' Singles was the semi-final defeat of Jean McCree by Ivy Sawyer. Lesley Bell, fighting back from 3-10 down in the third, beat Mrs. Sawyer to become the first junior ever to win an Essex Senior title.


Gene Ryan became the first ever player to win the triple crown when he took the men's singles, men's doubles and mixed in the recent Billericay Championships.
### Summary of Tournament Winners 1960-61

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