PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

REVOLUTIONARY changes to the administration of table tennis in this country come before a special general meeting of the E.T.T.A. at the Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on January 18.

The new proposals to the existing constitution fall in line with the report of the Development Commission, except for their recommendations about the individually registered players.

ABOLISH N.E.C.

They aim at the abolition of the National Executive Committee and its replacement by a National Council, consisting of the officers and a representative from each county.

This will be the association’s policy-making body, while for day to day running there will be a smaller Management Committee, which will meet more frequently.

The effect of this will be to transfer a certain amount of power to the counties, each of which will appoint a councillor annually. No Councillor will be allowed to represent more than one county.

The administration of Rules and Regulations of the Association will be vested in the Council, who will have the power to appoint sub-committees and to delegate any of its duties to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will consist of the Officers and four other National Council members, elected by the Council by ballot. As with the Council, members will be required to retire annually, but will be eligible for re-election.

Every local league will be entitled to nominate a National Councillor to represent its own county, and in this respect League secretaries will receive nomination papers at least 30 days prior to the annual general meeting.

League votes will vary according to size, those having 30 or less teams in the league counting as one unit; 31 to 100 teams 2 units; and those with more than 100 teams three units.

Providing the new proposals are passed every county Association will have to include in its rules:

The County’s representative on the National Council shall, if not otherwise a member, be ex-officio a member of the County Committee.

The proposed constitution of the Association will be:

(I) President, Vice-President, Honorary Life Members and duly elected officers.

(II) County Associations.

(III) Affiliated Local League, directly affiliated clubs and directly affiliated individuals.

(IV) Affiliated schools Leagues and directly affiliated schools Clubs.

LITTLE EXPANSION

The financial recommendations provide for a small amount of extra cash but will not allow for any great expansion of the association’s activities.

There are a number who regard this as missing a great opportunity to think bigger and get away from calculations in terms of sixpences and shillings, which was in the back of the Development Commission’s mind when drawing up their report.

The new proposals fill 11 foolscap pages and have been circulated to all county and league secretaries.

Any member who would like a copy of the proposed changes and of the Development Commission Report can obtain same by writing to the Secretary, E.T.T.A., 652, Grand Building, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

COVER PICTURE

Alan Hydes, of Barnsley, and Linda Henwood, winners of the Boy and Girl of the Year Awards at the News of the World National Coaching Scheme.

They were chosen from an original entry of 25,444.
ALAN LINDSAY’S NEW CLUB VENTURE
by LAURIE LANDRY

THE loss of Putney International Club, which closed its doors last February, is not being felt quite so keenly as first expected. The new club at Becontree, with Harry Venner in charge, stepped in to fill the breach, and now comes the opening of yet another new club at Fulham.

This new venture is the idea of Middlesex player Alan Lindsay and will be known as the Fulham Table Tennis Centre, situated at Hurlingham School, Peterborough Road, Fulham, London, S.W.6.

The new centre, with Lindsay as manager and coach, got under way on October 7, and is open evenings from Mondays to Fridays.

There are four Jaques tournament tables with a minimum run-back of 15 feet and plenty of room between the tables.

Apart from the playing space, there is an excellent canteen and first-class changing facilities, including 16 showers, something which most table tennis clubs lack.

All types of players are being attracted to the Fulham Centre and indications are that it will be equally as popular as Putney. In addition to the standard club members, some 17 county players, including internationals, have already 'signed on.'

With this sort of interest, success is guaranteed and all players are invited to join. Individual coaching is bookable each evening.

Lindsay, holder of the E.I.T.A. coaching diploma, has been a member of the coaching team for the News of the World Scheme for the past three years, spending last summer as the resident coach at Pwllheli, North Wales.

HARRISON IN SWEDEN

IAN HARRISON, England’s No. 1, seen here driving his new “Spitfire”, will be missing from the English tournament scene for a good part of this season. Ian, searching for wider experience and hoping to improve his own game, left for Sweden on October 21, to join up with Hans Alser. He is accompanied by his wife. He hopes to return to play in the English “closed” in January.

BERNARD BERNSTEIN

BERNARD BERNSTEIN, a member of England’s first Squash Cup team in 1926, died on October 24, at the age of 63.

A wooden bat specialist, Bernstein used to play in the Acton and Willesden Leagues. He took part in the last World Championships in this country at Wembley in 1954.
PLAYERS KEEN ON MASTER POINTS

by GEOFF HARROWER

If it is left to the players there seems little doubt that the Master Points Scheme will be a great success. At the North of England Open in Manchester I arrived shortly after lunch, and the first five players with whom I talked immediately all asked the same question — how many points do I get for reaching such and such a round?

Congratulations to Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell on becoming Club Masters Nos. 1 and 2, following their successes in the East of England and North of England Opens. Many more regular tournament competitors will follow them in the next month or so, when the season really gets under way.

My article last month, which had been pre-printed and circulated to county and league secretaries, produced a tremendous mail, ranging from 100 per cent. support to all-out criticism. Fortunately for the supporters of the M.P.S., the critics, to date, are heavily outnumbered, but between them they have produced a number of talking points, all of which will be examined by the Committee at their next meeting, on November 20.

By far the largest point raised is that Juniors should be included. Some of the most able administrators in the country feel that the winning of Master Points will give that extra fillip to the junior game. The Committee’s view has been that, in its first season, the Scheme must be as simple as possible. They are, however, actively examining concrete proposals for including junior events.

The Junior Position

The two most widely expressed so far are: the creation of a Junior Master category, and the award of special junior points which could be converted into normal points at some “rate of exchange,” mostly unspecified.

One suggestion has been that 250 junior points could be converted into 100 normal points.

The objection to Junior Masters is that the points won by youngsters would be cancelled out once they are over age. Imagine a boy who had gained, say, 240 points out of the 250 needed, and was wasted! Perhaps readers would like to express their views, and any giving a workable scheme would be particularly welcomed by the Committee.

Several Leagues want to see doubles included, but so far no one has advanced a scheme to cover this. Others have praised the new Junior Points as a game for four a side.

Putting it bluntly, providing we can demonstrate that there is hardly any extra work, is it not worth 3d. per member per year to help the future of English Table Tennis? Colin Clemett, a member of the N.E.C., put it very fairly when he said that he believes the Scheme was a good thing, but until it was tried no one would ever know.

It is known that many leagues have not written to me about the scheme, because they feel that they could not undertake all the additional work. Indeed, Sid Hoddy, speaking for the North Middlessex League at the Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A., voiced this view with his usual clarity. However we hope that we have got round this valid objection, and I personally consider that no league, however large, would have to spend more than HALF AN HOUR PER YEAR on the scheme, once they have entered! You don’t believe me—well, drop me a line and I’ll prove it.

Speedily Dissolved

In fact, many seemingly valid objections to joining can be dissolved speedily. I only wish I could visit every league for the purpose of discussion, but next best to this is to hear from them with all their queries.

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It seemed to me important in this article to mention various objections; by far the greatest volume of correspondence has come in support of the proposed certificate. I hope next month to mention some of thees areas where they are wholeheartedly behind the scheme, ranging from powerful county associations to little village clubs.

THE BISHOPS GATE TABLE TENNIS CLUB


has a few vacancies for members this season. The Club meets at 6.15 p.m. every Monday and Friday. Write to the Hon. Secretary, H. A. Packet, 6, Ravenscourt Road, Hammersmith, W.6.

A BADGE?

The Master Points Scheme has many features to make it a success. It would suggest, however, that the young players would far more appreciate a badge to wear (and to play for), than the proposed certificate.

R. G. HARROWEN,
(Thorpe, Norwich)
New Names in Ranking List
IAN AND DIANE STILL LEAD

THE new idea of the National Selection Committee of running a series of Ranking Meetings was generally accepted as first class. There were, however, criticisms of the conditions at the R.A.F. Stanmore, mainly caused by sunlight through the roof. Perhaps future meetings will be more in accord with the good old English weather conditions.

Lesley Bell and Mary Shannon were in outstanding form, and it was a pity that Diane Rowe was unable to be present. Mary, in particular, was very severe on her opponents, and until she met Lesley in the final match did not drop a game. She was particularly severe against Jean McCree and Joyce Ellis (née Fielder), winning 21-7, 21-13 against Jean and 21-11, 21-9 against Joyce. She lost 19-21, 12-21 against a grimly determined

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR TRIALS

By LAURIE LANDRY

THE Junior Trials will have already been completed when this article appears and it will be interesting to see who comes out in the top positions.

The trials are limited, this year, to 11 girls and 10 boys, selected from the different regions following area trials. In general it seems that the standard of junior boys in the North is extremely high and it is because of this that five of the 10 boys invited to the final trials are from the North. Of these, Mike Johns, of Cheshire, did extremely well in the Men's Singles of the North of England. He beat Peter Duncombe, the Yorkshire No. 1.

The best junior girls seem to come from the South with seven of the 11 invited.

NOT INVITED

Neither Chester Barnes nor Lesley Bell have been invited because the Junior Selection Committee felt that they should concentrate more on senior play and would therefore not be selected for the ordinary Junior Internationals. The Committee hoped, however, that they would be available should there be any trips abroad.

Both Chester and Lesley would be ranked No. 1 in the two Junior lists. Those invited to the final trials were:

BOYS: B. Burn (Northumberland), P. Canham (Yorkshire), S. Gibs (Essex), D. Holman (Hampshire), A. Hydes (Yorkshire), M. Johns (Cheshire), M. Lockley (Staffordshire), A. Ransome (Durham), A. Robinson (Middlesex), G. Warwick (Staffordshire).

GIRLS: P. Bonner (Somerset), E. Canham (Hertfordshire), P. Dainty (Yorkshire), P. Hemmings (Hertfordshire), L. Henwood (Essex), M. Heppell (Northumberland), B. Sayer (Essex), G. Sayer (Essex), K. Stokes (Kent), J. Sykes (Warwickshire), J. Woodying (Buckinghamshire).

AREA TRIALS 1963

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I have to report an increased interest by counties in nominating juniors for their respective area trials this season.

Out of the 35 County organisations connected with the Association, 28 made some effort to find juniors they considered to be of a national standard, insomuch that 70 boys were nominated and 27 girls.

The Groups played off as follows:

Group 1 at Leeds Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, September 14.

Group 2 at Chester Y.M.C.A. on the same day.

Group 3 at Swindon on Saturday, September 7.

Group 4 at Eltham, Kent, on Saturday, September 14.

Group 5 at St. Luke's, Canning Town, on Saturday, August 31.

These venues were obtained through the County organisations, the member Leagues and the assistance of the respective National Executive Committee members.

The Committee feels that the interest of the counties has been responsible in the improved interest and that it is unfortunate that all those nominated players could not be included in the final trials on Saturday, October 26.

Thanks are offered to the many people who gave their services in organizing the venues, umpiring and taking care of the "inner man."

N. COOK,
Hon. Secretary.

JACQUELINE CANHAM

Lesley, who earlier had struggled hard to beat Alma Taft.

Of the other girls present Jean McCree—who was not called upon to play Lesley Bell—Cynthia, Blackshaw, Judy Williams and Jackie Canham all played well.

Jackie has probably made the biggest advance since last season, and may shoot up the ranking list before the season is over.

Among the men, Bryan Merrett played particularly well, although being blasted off by Ralph Gunnion in an early match. It was interesting to note how Bryan coped with Ian Harrison in his final match. Inevitably the expidite rule was brought into operation, with Bryan making the majority of winners, and thoroughly deserving the verdict. Harrison won all his other matches without trouble.

Main talking point was the non-appearance of Chester Barnes, who preferred to reserve his Saturdays off to play in tournaments. Notwithstanding this, he got the No. 3 ranking.

David Creamer remained in favour, at No. 4, but this could not have been on his performances at Stanmore. Early on he lost to Brian Hill, scrapping through his group on games average, and was then beaten by Harrison, Merrett and Mike Symonds.

Symonds seemed harshly treated by being ranked No. 9, as he lost only to Harrison and Merrett. Maybe the selectors, after earlier experiences...
with young players, prefer to bring him on slowly!

Brian Hill and Denis Neale, two teenagers, exceeded all expectations and richly deserved to be ranked at joint No. 10.

**RANKING LIST**

**MEN**

1. I. O. Harrison (Glos.) (1).
2. B. R. Merrett (Glos.) (4).
3. C. G. Barnes (Essex) (3).
4. D. O. Creamer (Middx.) (2).
5. A. Rhodes (Middx.) (5).
6. R. J. Stevens (Essex) (7).
7. J. Ingher (Lancs.) (6).
8. R. Gunton (Warwicks.) (-).
9. M. Symonds (Lancs.) (8).
10. B. Hill (Lines.) (-).
11. D. Neale (Durham) (-).
12. A. G. Lindsall (Middx.) (10).

**WOMEN**

1. D. Rowe (Middx.) (1).
2. M. Shannon (Surrey) (2).
3. L. Bell (Essex) (3).
4. Mrs. J. McCree (Essex) (4).
5. Mrs. J. Ellis (Kent) (8).
6. C. Blackshaw (Yorks) (9).
7. Y. J. Williams (Herts.) (7).
8. J. Cutham (Herts.) (-).
9. A. Taft (Middx.) (5).
10. M. Hicks (Middx.) (10).
11. P. Piper (Surrey) (-).
12. D. Fitzgerald (Cheshire) (-).

(Figures in parentheses denote position in previous list)

**RANKING POLICY**

by AUBREY SIMONS

(Chairman of Selectors)

On September 28 the Senior Selection Committee held their first official ranking meeting for both men and women, and during the 1963/64 season we hope to hold not less than three such meetings.

As players will know, over the last few years we have staged several Top Ten tournaments, which have been quite successful, but the new Ranking Meetings which supersede them will be of much greater importance to both players and selectors.

At the first meeting we endeavoured to assess the early season form of all players but in future we envisage a top group of eight in both men and women, all play all, and this to form the basis of the ranking list.

There will be a second group for men and women, each containing eight, all play all, consisting of a mixture of top players and promising youngsters.

The top two players of the second group will challenge the bottom two of the top group, and if they win will replace them in the following tournaments in the top group.

We should like to point out that although the results obtained by the players at these meetings will have a marked bearing on their ranking, other factors will also be taken into consideration. If this were not so, a computer, rather than a selection committee, would be needed.

We do appreciate the heavy demands made on all leading players by Town, County and Country throughout the season, but we would ask all selected players to make a supreme effort to attend the Ranking Meetings. We feel sure that the results they achieve will be appreciated by both players and selectors alike.

**BACK NUMBERS**

LEN ADAMS, the England selector, has five years of Table Tennis which he is prepared to present free and gratis to any youngster who is interested.

Write to him at 11, Devonshire Road, Ealing, London, W.5.
**NETHERLANDS OPEN**

**DIANE AND MARY KEEP DOUBLES TITLE**

DIANE ROWE and Mary Shannon made a shaky but successful start to the international season when they retained the women's doubles in the Netherlands Open at Utrecht on October 5-6.

They were far from match tight and had to survive some critical situations before beating the Germans Kriegelstein and Siebert at 23-21, 21-15, 13-21, 16-21, 21-18 in the final.

The scores speak for themselves as the English pair scraped home in an advantage first game, then saw a two games lead slip from their grasp before recovering to win the decider.

This was Diane's fifth win in the Dutch doubles, but the first time she has retained it with the same partner.


She was a long way from her best for this was a match that should have been well within her capabilities.

Mary Shannon did slightly better in reaching the semi-finals only to crash badly to the eventual winner, Edith Buchholz, of Germany, at 12-24, 7-21, 8-21.

Miss Shannon had obviously failed to learn the lesson of her defeat by the same player in the quarter-finals of the English Open last season, when she was beaten after holding a two games lead.

This time the German asserted her authority from the start.

**Second round exit**

David Creamer, the third member of England's team made a second round exit to Sedelmeyer of Austria at 20-22, 23-21, 9-21.

Creamer then partnered Sedelmeyer in the doubles where they lost in the quarter-finals to Schoeler and Gomolla, of Germany.

Creamer and Mary Shannon survived two rounds of the mixed doubles before losing to Vekko and Siebert, while Miss Rowe, partnered by Hans Alser of Sweden lost in the quarter-finals to Gomolla and Buchholz, the eventual winners.

With entries from Sweden, Yugoslavia, Germany, Belgium, France, Denmark, Austria and England, this was one of the most successful championships the Dutch have held.

One of the highlights of the men's singles was the quarter-final in which Johansson of Sweden beat the home player F. Schoofs, who is greatly improved. Schoofs' defence and pushing play has always been difficult to overcome but now he has learned a good backhand.

The men's title went to Hans Alser, who, after dropping the first game, beat the Yugoslav Vekko in the final by 14-21, 21-11, 21-8, 24-22.

Alser, who used his strong defence when in trouble, was hitting more while his wider experience enabled him to overcome the enthusiasm of some of his younger opponents.

The Czechs, Miko and Stanek, figured in a marathon semi-final against Vekko and Korpa before going on to win the final. The match turned on a deciding game which went 31-29.

**BIG LEICESTERSHIRE INCREASE**

A BIG increase in the number of representative teams is the main feature of this season's commitments in Leicestershire. The League has entered the junior division of the county championships and this should provide keen competition for places.

The Midland League have a record of six teams from Leicester, including for the first time a Veterans' side, which, with Cyril Frith, Stan Ford, Frank Pickering, Harry Ball and Tom Whiteyman all available should prove most formidable.

A Leicester Towns League comes into being with five teams—Coalville, Leicester "A," Leicester "B," Loughborough, and Melton Mowbray welcome newcomers, who are affiliating to our association for the first time.

Coaching activities have continued throughout the Summer, and over 50 juniors are now being coached. Fadk Kury, of Donnington Hall, is the first recipient of the Leicestershire junior leader's badge.

A senior coaching scheme has been launched and is proving successful. New county umpires are John Grimley (Loughborough) and Peter Harrison (Leicester), while Tom Whitman has been deservedly awarded his Teaching Theory Certificate for coaching.

Leicester T.T.C., with a sound team of Graham Newby, Colin Truman, and Rodney Pickering, following a good start, look favourites for the Leicestershire and District League First Division, while Carlsbrooke, with Stephen Clarke getting good support from Tony Williain and Peter Harrison, could be the surprise side of Division 2A, in which Knighton Park II (Rita Belth, Jose Harrison, Joe Rogers and Harry Ward) have made a good start.

Soccer Pools (Tom Whitman, Ken Tew and Ken Needham) look a promotion side in Division 4A, while English Electric IV may prove too strong in Division 6A if they are able to keep their team of A. Hallacy, S. Talus and W. Gruner, South Wigston Boys' Club, Harry Robinson, B. Holbton and K. Harris, have made a good start in Division 7B.

Philip Reid.
Andreadis to coach in India

Ivan Andreadis, probably the finest player never to have won the world singles title, has gone to India for two years to coach at Patiala, a sports university.

He is accompanied by his wife, and has been released by the Czechs as he has now retired from international play.

Tentative arrangements had been made for Andreadis, who holds the English Open doubles title with Vladimir Miko, to play in the Sussex Open, but these fell through when the Indian appointment came along.

The Ceskoslovensky Film Export has completed an Educational Film of last season's World Championships in Prague.

The film, "Masters of the Bat," features many of the leading European and Asiatic players. Diane Rowe, demonstrates the versatility of her play belonging to the older European school, in her match again Erzabeth Heiritz, of Hungary.

The film shows the complete second set of the all-Chinese men's singles final in which Chuang Tse-tung best Li Fu-jung. Some of this is in slow motion and demonstrates the lobbed defence of Li Fu-jung, and backhands, played from a distance by Chuang Tse-tung, alternated by a whole range of half-volleys and forehands that are proof of the contemporary high standard of Chinese table tennis.

Germany:

Agnes Simon will be out of table tennis this season as she is expecting a second baby. She already has a daughter.

Her husband Bela Simon is one of the leading coaches in Germany.

Mrs. Simon has the rare distinction of having played for three different countries... Hungary, Holland and Germany.

South Africa and India have both lifted their ban on sponge covered bats. Neither wishes to be left in the wilderness.

Hungary:

Lazlo Foldi has retired from international match play but will continue to play for his club in the European Club championships.

A young girl for whom the Hungarians predict a bright future is 14-year-old Jutka Zongor.

France:

France, looking to teenage youngsters raising their standards, are looking for someone to guide them. First efforts to get Zoltan Berczik, of Hungary as coach, were unsuccessful, but now they are hoping for the services of Hans Ahler, of Sweden, at the end of the season.

Holland:

Cor du Buy, who emigrated to Australia two years ago, has now returned to Holland, because his wife was homesick. He has taken over as Holland's non-playing captain and coach and aims to concentrate on the youngsters.

Belgium is the latest country to inaugurate a Victor Barna Award for services to the game. Our picture shows Georges Roland, the national coach and the winner, receiving the trophy from Victor Barna, who flew over to Belgium to make the presentation.

Roland has represented Belgium in many internationals and has been a frequent visitor to this country. He boasts wins over many of our leading players of the past, including Richard Bergmann.

Apart from his table tennis Roland, a calculating at Belgium's Royal Astronomical Observatory, claims fame as the discoverer of the Comet Arend-Roland in 1956.

Canada's top four players for 1963 seen here with their awards won at the Canadian Closed Championships. Left to right: Klaus Katzenmeier, of Burnaby, runner-up for men's singles; Max Marinko, of Toronto, singles winner for the ninth time; Howard Crossman, also Toronto, losing semi-finalist to Katzenmeier; and Larry Lee, of Vancouver, the new pen-holder sensation who gave Marinko his closest match in the semi-final.

Picture by Robert Chalmers
FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NEW ZEALAND TABLE TENNIS

by Mac Evans

I AM a newcomer to the rigours of New Zealand life, having only recently arrived from "sunny" Britain.

During my short stay I have already played in several tournaments up and down the country, but I shall always remember the Wanganui Open of 1963.

I travelled on the Saturday morning from Wellington, my home base; distance about 120 miles. It takes about 3½ hours; not bad considering the roads and a maximum speed limit (all roads) of 55 m.p.h.

The tournament is held in a huge hall; no heating; lights bad; floor slippery and tables dead. But never mind, let's have a good day's fun.

I make a sudden exit in the third round of the singles to the No. 2 seed. Ah, well, it was a good game. Now for the doubles.

My partner and I are the No. 1 seeds. We reach the semi-finals only to be beaten by two juniors. Never mind; it was the d.....d table and the floor was too slippery.

We embark for home. Oh, for that nice warm bed. But ten miles out it is cough, splutter, stop. We've blown a cylinder head gasket.

The driver gets towed back to Wanganui. I decided to wait for Murray Dunn. He'll be coming along shortly.

After about 30 minutes in the pitch black darkness I see the familiar lights approaching. I step into the road to flag him down, then beat a hasty retreat as I nearly have my toes taken off.

Oh, well, I'll soon hitch a lift. And low and behold, I do. About 2.30 a.m. I arrive at Palmerston North, a small city about 90 miles from Wellington.

There's always the train, I decide, and at the local station I find a nightwatchman, only to be told the next train is 7.30 a.m.

Sarcastically I enquire if the railways are nationalised, then make my way to the waiting room. It's open, but there's no fire and I'm freezing. I find some coal in a stationary train and soon get a fire going. Now for a few hours' kip. Four a.m. dawns and in snuggers an old man well under the influence of drink. He draws from his pocket a sudden lump of paper. It turns out to be pound notes. He had fallen into a ditch but the money must come first. So he proceeds to peel them from the pile and spreads them out to dry in front of my fire. At last 7.10 a.m. arrives. We'll soon be home now.

Then comes an announcement: "The 7.10 a.m. express from Auckland to Wellington is running approximately 3½ hours late."

NEW ZEALAND OPEN

The 1963 New Zealand Championships were held in the thriving city of Napier, situated in the Hawke's Bay area of the North Island.

Although New Zealand has only a population of about two and a half million, table tennis is a well supported sport with large followings in most of the populated areas.

These championships are spread over a week and individual events are proceeded by team championships between representatives of the various areas.

The men's singles title was won for the fourth consecutive year by M. L. Dunn, of Wellington, who dominated the whole tournament, capturing also the men's and mixed doubles titles.

Dunn plays a style rarely seen but much desired in England, hitting continuously with both forehand and backhand and scorning the use of such gimmicks as the loop drive. His terrific energy and fitness are the deciding factors of his success.

The ladies' singles was also retained by the very popular Maori player Miss Nettie Davis, of Auckland, who has also won this title on four consecutive occasions. She is a beautiful stylist relying on a cast iron defence with the occasional quick hit to win the rally.

Mac Evans
NEWS OF THE WORLD SCHEME

The Boy and Girl of the Year—Chosen from 25,444

by JOHNNY LEACH

**Michael Symonds and Pauline Hemmings**

The winners of the premier awards in this year's News of the World National Tennis Coaching Scheme were two 14-year-olds, Alan Lindsay, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, and Linda Henwood, of Romford, Essex. They were picked out as Boy and Girl of the Year from 25,444 youngsters taking part in the final Festival at Bognor in October. These were the survivors of a record entry of 25,444 boys and girls, who, from May to September, had gone through the weekly sieges at eight Buitin's Holiday Camps.

Coaches in charge of the sifting were Lewis Keretko (Clacton), Michael Symonds (Staines), Ian Barclay (Ayr), Bobbi Raywood (Middlesbrough), Laurie Landry (Bognor), Peggy Piper (Fife), Alan Lindsay (Fylde), and Tommy Caffrey (Moseley).

Under the eagle eyes of these coaches, who were joined by Diane Rowe at Bognor, the youngsters were awarded points for ball control, backhand and forehand strokes in defence and attack, and general play. In addition there were bonus points to balance the decrepitude of age; for the finalists ranged from 8 years old to 18.

**LIKE A CAT**

Hydes, a slim, curly-haired left-hander, moved with finesse and grace in defence, but on points on a lower return like a cat after a mouse. He has such perfect ball control that the ball seems to adhere to his bat until he decides where best to place it.

And Alan scores in one important respect where Chester Brown has so far appeared to be lacking. Even in practice he reveals tremendous fighting spirit, reminiscent of Brian Kennedy, the great Yorkshire and England left-hander, in whose footsteps he could easily follow.

Despite previous mention in the Gazette and South Yorkshire Open single, Alan is a brand new name to most of us. He emerged as the outstanding performer on the very last lap of our scheme.

Linda Henwood, on the other hand, is already quite well known as an Essex junior of outstanding promise. Since her introduction to table tennis at Buxton four years ago she has won several open tournaments.

Linda seems to play better each time she is seen in action, and Lewis Keretko, her coach at Clacton this summer, considers that she is the most talented young player he has ever seen.

In case I have given the impression that the success of Alan and Linda was a foregone conclusion let me hasten to correct it. The choice of the premier awards in this annual competition has never given the other judges and myself a harder task and it was only a few minutes before taking the stage at Bognor's Gaity Theatre, before a tense audience of some two thousand, that I made the final decision. Runners-up were: Stuart Gibble, 14, (East Ham); Tony Robinson, 16, (Middlesex and England current No. 1 junior); Jim Langston, 14, (Dublin — and the first Irish boy to win a major award in the scheme), and Haydn Thomas (Absegamoney), who is only 10 years old but clearly an outstanding prospect.

The runners-up were: Pauline Hemmings, 14, (Herts); Karen Smith, 15, (Chelmsford, London), Maureen Hopper, 16, (Hemel Hempstead); and Linda Forkes, 12, (Castledoan, Lanark.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

All the young squadron received special awards presented on behalf of Betty Butler, together with the pair adjudged the best "Tony Tots". 9-year-old Robert Mather, from Elderslie, Renfrewshire, and 8-year-old Ian Hardman, from Hereford, Essex.

Far from being novices, these two boys have advanced in skill as far as they possibly could at their age, and even today would give the average adult a hard game.

To assess the merits of all these champions, born in 1955 that they emerged from a record total of 25,444, I am confident that some of them will figure in England's future world championship squads and that they will do England proud. Two who only narrowly missed the major award were Karenza Smith, 14, who was also a runner-up the previous year, and Pauline Hemmings, Pauline, who has overcome a serious illness suffered as a baby when diving into a swimming pool, was congratulated by her victims in our popular "Coach and Pupil" Challenge Cup competition.

I have never seen a higher standard of play in this annual double competition. Hitting a man and creating opening for her coach-partner Michael Symonds, Pauline proved the value of all our efforts.

**BETTY JOINS KENT**

ALTHOUGH relegated to the second division last year, Kent are already on the trail back to the Premier Division, a result that would appear to be "Booz Year" in the current T.T.A. League and reports from all over the country of increased membership.

As my first press-cutting last week welcomed recently Kent, they took to the air and Betty says why not Kent's senior team this season. Betty needs no introduction to any Kent supporter, but we are still non-believers about the form ofAPPED of this year. Certainly the result of Kent have Frank Burdill as coach and partner, Michael Symonds, Pauline proved the value of all our efforts.

JOYCE FIELDER

The finals and coaches at the presentation parade.
BULLY FOR JOHNNY

I READ with interest the article by Johnny Leach in last month's magazine advocating that we must be more flexible in our thinking about the pen-holder grip. Not only do I agree with Johnny, but I applaud him for his own rational thinking on the subject.

It needs courage, considerable courage, for a man in Johnny's position to admit that he may have been wrong, particularly as he has been holding a torch for the "shake-hands" grip and writing forcefully in its favour for many years.

At the Peking (1961) World Championships the burning topic of conversation was "to pen or not to pen?" Ian Harrison, Bryan Merrett and I were of the opinion that, as played in the modern manner, the pen-grip had decided advantages over the "shake-hands" grip.

For instance, pen-holders having but one face of the bat to worry about are able to dominate over the table against even the fastest of two-wing "orthodox" hitters. In addition, their forehand hitting action is the same as perfection, embodying control, spin, deception and eye-popping speed.

I wrote an article to this effect in the May (1961) issue of TABLE TENNIS, "Lessons of Peking.

I stressed that we must be more flexible in our thinking, for, surely, even the most dogmatic person could not overlook the fact that every men's singles champion since 1953 had been a pen-holder.

I also suggested that pen-grip players should be encouraged and, where possible, coached.

My plea fell on stony ground and I was reminded that, in any case, we had no one who could teach such a game. This I cannot believe and I know for a fact that Jack Carrington the Director of Coaching, has been studying the technique and would be pleased to point the way to those interested.

Now that Johnny Leach has raised the subject again, I feel sure there will be some internal rumblings, and possibly some action.

RON CRAYDEN
(Sutton).

LET'S HAVE A CLUB K.O. COMPETITION

Highfield Club, who run six teams in the Willesden and District League, and include among their members Stan Jacobson and junior internationals Les Greenwell and Tony Robinson, have been discussing the future of table tennis not only from the aspect of their club, but the country as a whole. This letter from their secretary, B. P. Kerner, is the result of their deliberations.

A THOROUGH survey, by my executive committee on the future of table tennis in this country, has produced the following suggestions. We think they would add a great deal of national interest to the game, improve the standard of competition and thus the standard of play and in general aid the game which boasting a growth of "star" clubs.

The suggestions were:

1. That a National knock-out team competition should be held annually, not just for Leagues as in the Wilmott Cup, but open to the winners of the top knock-out competition in each league. Initially to be held on a zonal basis, with the winners of each zone going through to the national quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final. All matches to be on Swashling Cup lines.

2. That the winners of the National Tournament should be entered in the European team championships which are held annually and in which so far England has not been represented.

It is obvious that rules and regulations would have to be drawn up to ensure that only regular club members took part in these competitions and that "stars" were not imported just for the occasion.

With travel so simple nowadays, the widening of club competition could prove a boon to a sport which is nearly dead from a spectator point of view. A national interest would be renewed in table tennis, with a growth of the number of personalities in the game, and a growth of "star" clubs.

As a club we would be most interested to hear from other clubs, players, leagues and organisations if they are interested in this idea. The support of the press would be desired and amply repaid. The co-operation of the English Table Tennis Association would be vital.

We would be prepared to be instrumental in the formation of an organising body to run these competitions, and all correspondence should be addressed to the secretary of the club, B. P. Kerner, 50, Weymouth Street, London, W.1.

B. P. KERNER
(Secretary, Highfield Club).
STAFFORDSHIRE opened the season with the shock news that Derek Backhouse, of West Bromwich, wanted to leave the county and move to nearby Warwickshire.

At the age of 25, Derek now feels his future lies with a premier division side and after doing so well for Birmingham in the Wilmott Cup last season, Warwickshire was his obvious choice.

The county certainly did not miss him in their opening match at Stoke where they had a comfortable 8-2 win over Oxfordshire. Whether they can repeat this success against stronger counties like Warwickshire and Glamorgan remains to be seen.

Because of the Backhouse move, Bernard Hanson the junior team captain from Walsall has resigned from the county committee. He feels that by allowing this move, his up and coming juniors may also want to reach the top by way of another county.

Despite these two body blows the county officials can take some heart from the junior trials at Leicester, where, with seven Midland counties taking part, the top three places were filled by Staffordshire. Walsall’s Glenn Warwick who is improving with every game, has recently been down to London for coaching by Harry Venner. Two other juniors catching the eye this season are Malcolm Lockley and Peter Eaton, both of West Bromwich.

Jeff Robbins, who has been overlooked by the county selectors so far this season, went through the recent Wolverhampton trials unbeaten. A record number of teams are taking part in the Wolverhampton League this season, a season which could see Cambridge the powerful Walsall trio topple Woodfield from the top.

John Pike.

New Names in Hampshire

SEVERAL new names appear in the Hampshire rankings lists following county trials at Southampton. Most encouraging has been the promising junior talent, particularly among the girls.

MEN: 1, R. BASSETT (Bournemouth); 2, W. DRAPER (Southampton); 3, R. ELLIS (Bournemouth); 4, T. SMITH (Bournemouth); 5, P. CHAPLIN (Basingstoke); 6, C. EDWARDS (Southampton).

WOMEN: 1, CHRISTINE HOLES (Southampton); 2, PAULINE HOLES (Southampton); 3, MRS. D. GRAY (Portsmouth); 4, T. WINKWORTH (Bournemouth); 5, B. BROWN (Bournemouth); 6, Y. WILSON (Bournemouth).

BOYS: 1, D. HOLMAN (Bournemouth); 2, S. BROOK (Bournemouth); 3, D. HARRISON (Bournemouth); 4, M. ANDREWS (Southampton); 5, R. EGERTON (Southampton); 6, A. GRANT (Southampton).

GIRLS: 1, L. THOMPSON (Portsmouth); 2, A. MILLS (Southampton); 3, P. WALKER (Portsmouth); 4, W. TANNAHILL (Portsmouth); 5, S. BOOTH (Southampton); 6, A. BOOTH (Southampton).

Schools League

Southampton continues its quest for a wider promotion of junior table tennis, by becoming the first town within the County to initiate a School League. It will form a further link with its flourishing coaching centre where many of the schools matches will be played.

Teddy Grant.

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GLAMORGAN AND MONMOUTH CRASH

REPRESENTATIVE table tennis matches on the highest level in Wales have scarcely got off to a good start for either Glamorgan or Monmouthshire. The senior teams of both counties suffered heavy defeats at the hands of Warwickshire, and although the "derby" match between the two junior sides resulted in an overwhelming Monmouthshire victory, one could have hoped that it would have been at the expense of one of the English counties.

Playing in a brand new and excellent venue at the Alcan Industries factory at Rogerstone, Monmouthshire were beaten 8-2 by Warwickshire, only Brian Eversen attacking any handicap in the same class.

Much the same happened to Glamorgan at Leamington Spa, where the deficit was 7-3. Here only George Evans came up to expectations.

The newly-formed Glamorgan Association is trying out new blood, and maybe it was wrong to expect Phil Bevan and Graham Williams to take more than one event each. As it was they took none, and whilst Graham Williams played better in his second game, he didn't really look like winning. Bevan has only long tactics to blame for his defeat.

Glamorgan had a right to expect better from the women. Margaret Phillips and Sandra Morgan should have taken at least two events, but they did not look up to form. Margaret Phillips played as though she had not touched a bat for a year! This kind of form from our two international players just won't do.

The junior match at Tredegar was a great triumph for Monmouthshire, whose youngsters looked much more aware of what they were trying to do.

JUNIORS' PROGRESS

In view of my severe criticism of the juniors last season, let me hurry to say that at least I have been impressed that progress is being made. All six boys used the sandwich bat, and moreover used it correctly, with a game built around its capabilities. Too many of our Seniors are either making no attempt to master the necessary new tactics, or have games which are just too inflexible to be changed.

At Tredegar, all the boys showed that they are trying the new strokes, and using the loop to advantage. They have good spirit, serve, top spin, and are far from being complete players. I am happy that they are on the right track.

Jeff Buck was the best on view, with Wayne Smith a close second. Monmouthshire's third player, Alan Jewell, was perhaps too negative, and lacked the tactical sense of the others.

Glamorgan were a disappointment in some ways, for both David Davies and Dennis Samuel played below form. Graham appeared terribly nervous while Dennis, undoubtedly talented, thought he could win without working for it.

Full marks to Patricia Smith, the Din Powis schoolgirl who came into the Glamorgan side without ever having played in a real match before. She showed an even temperament, a well produced and directed attack, but no defence. Yet she took a game from Sandra Himley, and after a shaky start, did well in the two mixed doubles.

In the Welsh League, Cardiff "A" are still unbeaten, but they nearly lost their unbeaten record to Cardiff "B", just scraping home 5-4. For Cardiff "B" Graham Gear continued his good form by winning all three, including one against Ron Davies.

The senior men's section will be decided by the top two teams, Newport and Swansea, whose younger players are making their presence felt, and Aberdare, for whom Walter Hobby lends a stabilising influence to Graham Williams and Brian Jenkins, have, like Cardiff "B", each won two out of three matches.

Newport, obviously trying new players in the Welsh League, have not faded too well, while Abercynon, with much less strength on which to call, have yet to win a match, although John Mansfield appears to be playing well.

Cardiff "C", for whom John Rowles is doing well, head Division II, with Bridgend "A", Merthyr and Eastern Valleys lying next. It is to be hoped that East Valley's problem will soon be resolved and they will settle down to more success.

Bridgend "A" have won both their matches so far; Swansea "B" have won one, but Bridgend "B" and Milford Haven, as wonderful as ever at home, are without points.

The Senior Division, bigger than ever, appears to have quite a lot of talent, with Aberdare, Barry, Bridgend and East Valleys having strong sides now.

There is little activity yet in the Women's Division, but Cardiff easily beat Tredegar, while Newport, with Gloria Miles, playing well for Swansea, scored a good win over Elizabeth Gray.

WESTERN COUNTIES LINE UP

PLYMOUTH and District are newcomers to the Western Counties League this season, entering teams in both the men's and women's sections. They are a welcome addition, particularly as Swindon have had to withdraw their men's side.

This season it was resolved to organise a women's section to play both home and away, but the men will still play alternative years home and away.

The line-up is as follows: Cardiff, Cheltenham, Bath, Bristol and Bristol II, Newport, Weston, Weston, Plymouth and Newport.

WOMEN: Swindon, Bristol, Weston, Plymouth and Newport.

Bristol last season's men's champions face some strong opposition and will need to be in good form to keep their title.

The women's section looks very open, although Bristol start favourites.

Cardiff are without Welsh international Alan Thomas, who has decided to retire, but fortunately only from the playing side. He is now a Welsh selector and should be a valuable asset to the game in general.

At the annual meeting Mr. Leonard Ollis of Bath was elected president, while Fred Eves continues as chairman, and Grove Motlow as secretary/treasurer.
MAURICE GOLDSTEIN

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by LESLIE WOOLLARD

Who can now remember a table tennis world in which there was no Maurice Goldstein?

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AROUND EAST ANGLIA
Norfolk Spreading the Net

THERE is a tide in Norfolk Table Tennis which is coming to the flood. Taken, it will lead on, very shortly, to further development as the county has the form of international trials for some of our boys and girls.

Jack and Elsie Carrington are most certainly “with it” in East Anglia. Their week-end Coaches’ Course is the form of international trials for some visited Cromer, where they found a solid fortune. And this fortune should take in Church Street had some excellent men.

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Julie, surely the most experienced young full swing. She showed me the Council Gordon Harrison’s 8-year-old daughter, spectator in the County. We remember

Y.C., R. A. Turner, and Murna had a brief and friendly practice whilst the College receive their two new tables

In fact, when I went out to Norwich their students at the Norfolk Closed

of facilities which Norfolk can offer at

ber 9th.

defeated Bill Jordan in three sets after

It was a great surprise to me to be asked in to the V.I.P. box by Miss J. Leman at Norwich Lads’ Club; I was able to answer some of the questions put to me by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Mrs. Tom Griffiths). She spoke warmly of the quality of entertainment provided by the two Table Tennis finalists, and the way in which the match was presented.

J. S. Penny.

CAMBRIDGE JUNIORS STAKING CLAIMS

LAST season’s juniors are staking strong claims for places in the Cambridge City teams for the East Midlands League. The good form being shown in the first results of the Cambridge League. Several of them are ready to step into the seniors’ shoes.

Cambridge have entered teams in the men’s, women’s and junior divisions.

Cambridge made a good start when the men beat Northampton, last season’s juniors over-whelmed Northampton 10-0. The women, however, were just pipped by Bletchley at 6-4.

Several new clubs have entered the Cambridge League which has now increased its size to a record eight divisions.

Sawston Youth, Bechives, Cambridge News, Sindalls, Comberlon, and Atris Sports are among the newcomers, while several established clubs have entered extra teams.

The league promises to live up to its former greatness. Recent results reveal that last season’s champions, New Chesterton Institute, are in good form with a win over Wilburton by 8-2. Y.M.C.A. are also on the victory trail with a 9-1 win over Impington III. Albert Jackson, in action again after an accident, had two good wins in this match.

Cambridge open their county pro-gramme in the Southern Division against Hertfordshire at Keswick on November 16. After the failures of last season they are hoping for better things, with much depending on John Thurston and Alan Ponders.

In the A.C.U.A. Knock-Out Trophy played at the Y.M.C.A., John Constable defeated Bill Jordan in three sets after a good match. Jordan, a veteran, played well to hold the younger player as he did.

Bill Rogerson, the Cambridge Presi-dent, has recently undergone an opera-tion, and we look forward to his speedy recovery and return to the executive meetings.

The popularity of table tennis is evident by the number of players and clubs, while gates are also going up.

Leslie Constable.

SUFFOLK CHANGES

A FURTHER spate of retirements has depleted Suffolk’s playing strength for the new season, and County teams are now composed of strange names, according to the opposition encountered to date. With the disappearances of Pam Rogers and Brenda Brown, only Howard Osborne remains of the best side that the County has been able to put out since entering the National County Championships.

Despite the trials and tribulations, the team that opposed Bedfordshire in the first match was in good heart. The result was a 2-8 defeat, but there was a refreshing air of optimism and team-spirit that has encouraged the selectors in pursuing the idea that in youth lies the promise for the future. It is possible that Suffolk might lose ground, but if that should happen, it will be only after a struggle.

Deep interest follows the careers of young players like David Mann, Brian Buckle and Linda Barrett. The county is not well-endowed with first-class playing accommodation, but with the sources available, a trickle of replacements for them are on the stocks, and in time it is hoped that the numbers will swell rapidly.

Immediate prospects for the future are young players like Stuart Neall and Philip Clarke, both from the small town of Stowmarket, and already ear-marked as “going places” in East Anglia if not over a wider sphere.

League programmes are now well advanced, and the first East Anglia League fixture reported, between Ipswich and Yarmouth, resulted in a 5-5 draw.

This could be classed as a surprise result, as on paper, Ipswich were on a good thing. The visitors, however, held a lead of 5-2 thanks to some sterling play by Chris Fields, not to mention the havoc created by the dogged display of half-volleys from the wooden bats of Charlie Carter and Brian Taylor.

No Ipswich tournament

There was no Ipswich Y.M.C.A. tournament this year to start the season. The team K.O. event got off in a promising fashion, and Division I clubs survived the early rounds well for a change.

Only last year’s losing finalists, Orwell Works B, fell in the first round, the remainder overcoming the handicap extremely well. The Leader of this team the trophy last season, also lost in the first round, so there will be a new inscription needed this year.

The preliminary rounds of the County Closed Championships will not be held until December, so that the next tournament of note to swing into action will be the Top Ten. The first leg will be held at Bectis on Sunday, 3rd November, when a number of new faces may be expected among the competitors. With the hope that the Leading Ladies tournament looks like being abandoned, for some unknown reasons the Ladies appear most reluctant to compete this year and the organiser and the selection Committee members concerned are most disappointed.

D. J. Barrett.

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MARY SHANNON captured the triple crown in the Surrey Closed Championships at Rose Hill House on September 28-29, winning the women’s singles, women’s doubles with Jean Head, and the mixed with Vic Ireland. Connie Warren won the men’s singles.


Jean Head stepping in at special request, in the absence of Mary Shannon and Peggy Piper, made a welcome return to the county scene against Yorkshire and celebrated by beating Cynthia Blackshaw, England’s sixth ranking player. Unfortunately, her victory was not enough to save Surrey from a 4-5 defeat.

Surrey did much better against Hertfordshire and were 8-1 winners, although it was once again the mixed doubles that was lost, this time with a different pair. Connie Warren proved himself a maturing player. He limits his frustration and sometimes showed evidence of thought in tactics during play.

Miss Shannon, fresh from winning the Netherlands doubles with Di Rowe, looked anything but commanding against Jackie Canham. Our brand new junior side played above expectations in forcing a draw with Kent at Bromley. It was the boys who carried the match with Geoff Salter justifying his No. 1 position with two singles wins. Martin Hart and Patrick McCarthy took one singles each and jointly took the boys’ doubles.

The most meritorious part was that the boys, after an uneven start, played to orders—difficult for a senior but almost impossible for youngsters who’s aim is a big hit—and did so convincingly. This trait to learn as they go, should stand them in good stead and lead to fast improvement. Our girls, Susan Light and Susan Bond, gained no more than experience in this match.

JIM FORREST.

Can Chandler overtake Shead?

THE battle for supremacy in Sussex is well and truly joined up by up-and-coming 19-year-old Roger Chandler and 33-year-old ex-international Peter Shead. Chandler continues to improve with every outing while Shead proceeds with an unsteady comeback. They are expected to meet shortly in the Brighton League.

Both Sussex No 1’s Shead and Mrs. Ann Woodford are defenders in the “older fashioned” vein and are having difficulty in coping with the modern reversed rubber and loop game. The Master Points Scheme can expect support in Sussex from most events in the county and leagues, with the possible exception of Hastings.

The decision to stage the Sussex Inter-League men’s competition at one venue on two Sundays instead of being spread over the season, will save time and expense.

Stamina continues to play an increasing part in the successful player’s asset box. Those who cannot stand up to 12 hours of intermittent and possibly continuous play can be counted among the also-rans.

J.W.

All Jewish League

A new All-Jewish League has recently been started in North West London and is affiliating to the E.T.T.A.

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**Junior Rankings**

**Boys:**

1. CHESTER BARNES, 7 STEWART BARNES, 8 DAVID GIBBS, 3 DAVID BROWN, 4 JOHN BLACKMAN, 5 LEN CHESNUT, 6 DAVID HURR, 7 STEPHEN WAND, 8 TED PURNELL.

**Group A:** DOUG GARVEY, PAT HOPPER, KEITH LAWRENCE, DAVID MEDCRAFT, JOHN ROUSE.

**Group B:** STUART CAMPBELL, TERRY EATON, BRIAN EDWARDS, LEN HOLLOWAY, DIANE SIMPSON, 6 KARENZA DELIA GOODMAN, 7 VICKY BURGESS, 8 GLORIA SAYERS, 9 HENRY HENWOOD.

**Girls:**

1. LEN EATON, 2. BRIAN EDMOND, 3. DIANE GOODMAN, 4. VANESSA HENWOOD, 5. LEN HOLLOWAY, 6. LINDA WOODWARD, 7. SUSAN WASH, 8. JUDY WOODWARD, 9. JANE MURPHY, 10. SUE ARMSTRONG.

**Senior Rankings**

**Men:**

1. CHESTER BARNES, 2. BOBBY STEVENS, 3. DAVID GIBBS, 4. RAY BROWN, 5. LEN CHESNUT, 6. LESLEY BELL, 7. DAVID ROBILL, 8. LESLEY BELL, 9. DAVID ROBILL, 10. DAVID GARNER.

**Women:**

1. LESLEY BELL, 2. JANE MCCREY, 3. BRIAN EDWARDS, 4. SHELAGH HESSON, 5. ELIZA BARRINGTON, 6. LEN HENNDS, 7. PAULINE MARTIN, 8. DIANE SIMPSON, 9. GLORIA SAYERS, 10. LINDA HENWOOD, 11. LINDA HENWOOD, 12. ROY HAYES.
Barnes and Bell clean up

RIDING roughshod over all opposition, Chester Barnes and Lesley Bell continued their good work at the East of England at Skegness by sweeping the board at the North of England Open staged by the Manchester League at the Seymour Grove Drill Hall on October 12.

No less than five of the seven titles at stake went to Essex, Middlesex having a three-quarter share in the other two.

In winning both the men’s and boys’ events Barnes proved his maturity at the table and his high national ranking as did Miss Bell with her counterpart successes in the women’s and girls’ singles as well as sharing, with Pauline Martin, the women’s doubles.

Debarred from entry by reason of not completing the necessary entry form, Mike Symonds sat out the men’s events although permitted to participate in the table with Miss Bell. Thus was Lancashire’s two-fold challenge to the southern invasion well and truly splashed.

First shock on the tables, however, was the felling of No. 4 seed, Brian Hill, down to Howard Collins, of Wrabness in the second round. Collins subsequently reached the last sixteen by way of Scotland’s A. Stewart and J. Osborne, of Northumberland, before being halted by George Livesey, of Lancashire.

Vic Ireland (Surrey) emphasised the southern supremacy by accounting for No. 3 seed Ralph Gannon, but cursed his toes in opposition to the mercurial Barnes, whose victims also included Derek Wall and Peter Walsley, both whom flirted to deceive by taking the champion to three games.

Cheshire junior Mike Johns achieved fame absolute in this quarter by beating in two-straight Yorkshire’s No. 1, Peter Duncombe. Johns subsequently fell to Jedwyke, but not without a fight at 14-21, 22-15.

Coming through in Hill’s quarter, Denis Neale, possibly a Yorkshire selection this season had good wins over Kevin Forshaw and G. Golding (Sussex), whilst in the second quarter Ireland chalked up victories over Lancashire’s new county first teamer, Roy Crusham and Staff’s G. Warwick.

Inger’s progress left in its wake such players as Connie Warren and Derek Schofield, the latter having aed Brian Wright.

Other results of interest included a win for J. Keyes, of Doncaster, over Maurice Billington and Walsley’s defeat of Roy Morley.

Miss Bell had three Yorkshire aces lined up with her at the penultimate stage and accounted for Lesley Proudlock as Cynthia Blackshaw disposed of Pat Dainty.

Neat in appearance and attractive style Miss Blackshaw was just lacking that extra something which, twelve months earlier, Eileen Starkie had found.

Star of the show otherwise was Margaret Fry, with ranked players Alma Taft and Mary Bickles to her credit, her debit account being to Pat Dainty, who also stopped D. Fitzgerald.

Notable pairs in the men’s doubles to fall were Barnes/Ireland to Baddley/Lowe, Gunnion/Morley to Inger/Warren and the holders Forshaw/Barnes to Collins/Wright.

In the women’s pairs Blackshaw/Proudlock fell to Hicks/Ogus and Fry/Canham passed out to Bell/Martin.

Symonds/Proudlock got no further than the third round in the mixed, losing to Wall/Hicks, whilst Ireland/Canham lost to Morley/Ogus.

Barnes accounted for Liverpool’s Gordon Birch and Johns in the boys’ singles, while Ransome got the better of Scotland’s W. Gibbs and J. Reilly as well as the “Boy of the Year” Alan Hydes, of Barnsley.

From a field of eight, including the first tournament appearance of J. A. Heaps (Reading), daughter of Derek, Bell and Dainty had no difficulty in reaching the girls’ final.

Denied the usual staged finals by virtue of a manmoreth entry, refree Leslie Jones had no option, under the circumstances, other than to integrate the finals, the last of which concluded at 10.40 p.m. — late enough for the many travellers.

NEW LOOK FOR WILTSHIRE

In this the twelfth season of the Wiltshire Association a “new look” coupled with plans for the future are much in evidence. Two new posts created at the last A.G.M. were that of County Coaching Officer (Frank Williams; Swindon) and Liaison Officer with Youth Clubs and Schools (John Ford, West Wilts). At this early stage encouraging results are apparent.

For the first time ever active plans are being made for friendly inter-county Junior Matches, the first fixtures being against Dorset.

The Four Divisions of the County League boasts of an all-time record entry of 17 teams and in the opening fixtures Division One Male Champions West Wilts 11-1, but lost the Junior Match 4-6.

A record breaking entry of 52 teams in the West Wilts League has meant the formation of Five Divisions for the first time in the League’s history.

Don Hillier.
Lancashire Set the Pace

Lancashire, last season's runners-up, have started as pace makers in the Premier Division of the County championships with wins over Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire.

They did not appear to have much difficulty in disposing of Hertfordshire, losing only the mixed doubles to Terry Deensham and Judy Williams.

Most encouraging was the straight sets win of Diane Fitzgerald over Miss Williams, and, as she also beat Mrs. O’Brien in the Gloucestershire match, it appears that Lancashire have at least strengthened this main weakness of the past. Their women’s standard has never previously been up to the strength of the men.

Gloucestershire without Bryan Merrett, who injured a hand at work, started well against Lancashire, winning the first two rubbers, but thereafter success eluded them.

Jeff Inger struck a big blow for Lancashire when he beat Ian Harrison 19-23, 15.

Yorkshire had a mixed “come-back” to the Premier Division when they beat Surrey but lost to Middlesex. David Bevan, who beat both Vic Ireland and Connie Warren in the Surrey match was unavailing against Middlesex owing to a pulled muscle. Peter Duncombe did well to beat Alan Rhodes and also won the mixed doubles with Cynthia Blackshaw against Alan Lindsay and Alma Taft.

Essex were too strong for Warwickshire, with the only success being Ralph Gunnion’s straight sets win over Bobby Stevens.

Surrey, with Mary Shannon back in the side (Jean Head made a winning return against Yorkshire) were too good for Hertfordshire, whose lone success was in the mixed doubles where Brian Sykes and Jackie Cannon beat George Muranyi and Miss Shannon.

Hill unbeaten

Brian Hill was unbeaten in Lincolnshire’s 6-4 win over Cheshire in the Second Division North, where Lancashire had a 7-3 win over Durham. Wilf Barker, playing for the first time since dislocating a shoulder at football, was the best for Durham. He beat Parnworth and narrowly lost 20-22 in the third to George Liveyae after leading 19-16.

Essex, with two internationals, two former junior internationals, and a former county closed champion in the side, crushed Suffolk 10-0 in the Second Division South.

Tony Piddock played well for Kent in their 8-2 win over Sussex, who were without Ann Woodford. Peter Sheard lost both his singles for Sussex, but Roger Chandler beat Henry Buist.

Shed made amends when Sussex beat Hampshire 7-3, and like Chandler was unbeaten in the singles.

Bedford’s 8-2 win over Suffolk was rather flattering. Suffolk are in the process of team building.

I have not received any reports of matches in the Second Division Midland, where Warwickshire were 8-2 winners over Monmouthshire; Staffordshire beat Oxfordshire by the same margin, and Worcestershire won 7-3 against Glamorgan.

The Second Division West appears to specialise in draws. There was never a dull moment in Dorset’s 5-5 draw with Wiltshire, where attack was the order of the evening. Those who could not hit back were wiped off the table.

Dorset lost the first four rubbers and did not until the fast game when Alexander beat Bush 21-16. Cornwell, with former Devon No. 1 Barry Davis and Bill Northcott playing for them, fully expected to beat Devon, but they were then trailing 0-4, Margery Hookaday, with a fine tactical, if dull, win over Devon champion Kath Lemiere, and Northcott, who just beat Lyons, helped Cornwall to recover to share the points.

Notice should be taken of Devon’s Brian Glaver, a much improved player, who thrashed Davis with some spectacular hitting and was the only player to win both singles.

Unregistered player

The playing of an unregistered player narrowed Staffordshire’s win over Oxfordshire in the Midland Division from 8-2 to 4. Oxford also lost 2-8 to Nottinghamshire.

This is the first time they have run a second team and they should not be too downhearted by these early defeats.

Ex-Yorkshireman Judson played well for Oxford and should prove a great asset, especially as Evan Lloyd has given up the game.

Bucks beat Norfolk 8-2 in the only Southern Division match played and I am told that the home county are glad to have played Norfolk early in the season as they consider that later on they will have to take a lot of stopping.

A. Coby looks most promising in the Norfolk side, having a good approach to the game.

John Beasley won all his games for...
Suffolk put up possibly their best performance since the days of Peter Creamer and John Corbett when they took four games off Middlesex. Nottinghamshire, newcomers to junior play should not be too disheartened by their 3-7 defeat by Warwickshire, always a side to be reckoned with, in the Junior Division Midland.

Monmouthshire had a surprisingly easy 8-2 win over near neighbours Glamorgan in the Junior Division South-west. Wayne Smith and Jeff Buck played brilliantly and made their mastery of the loop. Burridge and Samuel scored Glamorgan's two successes.

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**DETAILED RESULTS**

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2. Essex 10, Suffolk 0
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Cheshire 6, Lincolnshire 4
Durham 3, Lancashire 7
SECOND DIVISION (WEST)
Cornwall 5, Devon 5
Dorset 8, Wiltshire 5
Somerset 1, Dorset 9
SECOND DIVISION (MIDLAND)
Monmouthshire 2, Warwickshire 8
Staffordshire 8, Oxfordshire 2
Warwickshire 7, Glamorgan 3
Worcestershire 1, Staffordshire 9
SOUTHERN DIVISION
Buckinghamshire 8, Norfolk 2
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LIVESEY JOINS SYMONDS AND FARNWORTH

DENIED the services of Kevin Forshaw, due to studies, and apparently for the season, Lancashire had to bring in Roy Crusham for the Hertfordshire match at Blackpool.

A second cry-off by Mike Symonds winding up his summer's coaching with the grand final at Bognor had county match secretary Miss Kay Benson sounding the trumpets for another player. Jack Clayton answered the call.

Star of the show on the night, but only against moderate opposition, was Crusham, who delighted with a glittering exhibition against Terry Densham.

Coincidental with Cheshire's win over Lincolnshire the first steps were firm for the twin northern counties but there is no denying they had their faces pushed out at the North of England Open.

Jeff Inger is, of course, excluded from such remarks whilst Mike Symonds will have to cross his i's and dot his t's before erasing the worry lines from quite a number of his associates and well wishers.

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Burnley's jump from the Junior to the Youths' has been more than offset by newcomers Nelson and Blackpool bringing the composition of the Junior Division to nine teams.

Thus with ten divisions to look after Blackpool's Stan Parr, the L. and C. match secretary, will be hard pressed to keep the wheels rolling in conjunction with his work as hon. general secretary of the Blackpool League as well as being a Lancashire selector.

George R. Yates.