A serious Russian challenge for the European Doubles title... SVETLANA GRINBERG and ZOYA RUDNOVA (at the table).

Picture by DENNIS OFFEE
STOP THE LOUTS NOW

NEW regulation No. 16 of the International Table Tennis Federation reads:—

"CAPTAINS AND UMPIRES SHOULD DISCOURAGE PLAYERS FROM MANNERISMS THAT ARE LIABLE TO DISTRACT OR UPSET AN OPPONENT."

Judged by the general standards of behaviour in table tennis the new regulation may appear unnecessary. After all, there can be few sports in which the average standard of manners and sportsmanship is as high.

Yet, in the light of recent happenings, the new regulation may turn out to be a godsend by drawing attention to a new lunatic fringe which is making its presence felt and by prodding the E.T.T.A. into urgent action before this new influence is allowed to spoil the public image of the game.

OUT OF PROPORTION

Every walk of life and every sport has its “bad boys.” This is a fact of life. But when those with the lowest standards appear to be gaining converts amongst young members and publicity out of all proportion to their numbers, the time has come to step in and call a halt before permanent damage is done.

Our purpose is not to attack individuals or to create controversy. The purpose is to protect the vast majority, the membership at large, whose fine sportsmanship has created the wonderful reputation of table tennis which is now being threatened by a handful of louts.

We attack actions, not individuals.

There is plenty of room in table tennis for individuality. Nobody wants table tennis players to become a lot of Lord Fauntleroys.

Table tennis is an exciting sport, and of course the temperamental type of player relieves his feelings by his actions. Not everyone is born with a temperament of steel and a poker face. But there must be limits... limits beyond which temperament and showmanship become bad manners, bad sportsmanship and an insult to opponents and spectators.

BAD MANNERISMS

A player might stamp his foot in exasperation, he might bang his bat on the table, he may well use all kinds of mannerisms in the heat of battle. One can understand this—though let us record that the average player and almost every spectator detests this kind of behaviour—when it is done on the spur of the moment.

But it is an entirely different matter if a player uses this as a weapon of intimidation or deliberate attempt to unsettle an opponent.

It may be argued that players should not allow themselves to be upset by such actions. But the fact is that the large majority of players are upset when they come up against this sort of thing. and would never use such tactics. Why should we allow the game to be spoiled for the ordinary member for the gratification of a handful of hooligans?

Table tennis seeks to provide a sport which can be enjoyed by as many people as possible. Every sport, every association, every club, must have rules designed to ensure that members can enjoy
Table tennis is not under any obligation to accept everybody into membership. We have the right to exclude those who spoil the game for the majority. And we should use this right.

There is one particularly unpleasant aspect which has reared its ugly head in the last year or two—namely the advent of bad language at the table. Now, some people detest any kind of bad language, while to a minority the use of four-letter words is a way of life. Table tennis players generally are not prudes. But surely very few men would condone the free use of this type of language in front of girls, or in the presence of juniors.

Table tennis caters for a membership with a large percentage of juniors, and we do not want to allow a situation where parents must fear their children may be introduced to bad language, or where one has to hesitate to bring along wives or girl friends to matches and tournaments.

Surely we are not going to allow the lowest element in the game to set the pace and determine its future?

I.T.T.F. regulation No. 16, innocent though it may look in print, gives us the opportunity to stop the rot before it goes too far. Let us deal firmly with those who are a disgrace to the game. They are no more than an insignificant minority who have had it their own way far too long. Their importance has become exaggerated out of all proportions by their success in publicity seeking. They may not think so, but the fact is we can well do without them if they won't mend their ways.

**Cure For Bad Habits**

by COLIN CLEMETT

One of the less-publicised of the latest additions to I.T.T.F. Regulations is an instruction to umpires to call a sudden noise, as referred to in Knotty Point 8 of the Laws. If he does this on each occasion it is very probable that the player causing the noise will himself be distracted into dropping the habit, and even if he persists he is at least prevented from gaining any advantage.

In matches governed by I.T.T.F. Regulations for International Competitions, which includes most important events, there is a further possible measure that the umpire can take. If, after calling a let and warning the player, the practice is continued the umpire may judge that the player's behaviour is prejudicial to the interests of the opponent, or to the reputation of the game, and he may report the matter to the Referee as prescribed in the E.T.T.A. & I.T.T.F. Recommendations to Umpires. As the appropriate paragraph says, disciplinary action by the Referee is only a last resort, and such incidents are best dealt with by commonsense and tact. However, it is always worth bearing in mind that the umpire has two courses of action open to him. Firstly he can, and should, call a let on the grounds that there was a sudden noise, as referred to in Knotty Point 8 of the Laws. If he does this on each occasion it is very probable that the player causing the noise will himself be distracted into dropping the habit, and even if he persists he is at least prevented from gaining any advantage.

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CANADIAN NEWS

Canadians keep title

THE Canadian women’s team retained the trophy won last year without dropping a match in the seven-towns round event at the International Team championships in Detroit on November 26-28.

Violetta Nesukaitis, the 14-year-old Canadian champion, proved a useful addition to last year’s team of Velta Adenis, Denise Hunnius and Jenny Marinko.

The only match to go the full schedule was against Michigan, who were beaten 5-4 after Connie Stacey had won all her three singles.

In the deciding match Canada scored a 5-2 win over the strong Maryland team who included Barbara Kaminsky and her sister Donna Chaimson.

The Canadian men’s team finished fourth while the Ontario side finished 10th.

Leagues are now operating in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver while there is increasing activity in Saskatchewan.

Central Ontario Open

Violetta Nesukaitis continued her tournament successes by winning the Women’s “A” Singles, Mixed doubles with Martin Ivakitsch and Junior Miss in the Central Ontario Open.

John McLennan beat Martin Ivakitsch in a five-game Men’s “A” Singles, Max Marinko and Modris Zulps, both eliminated from the Men’s “A”, played off in the final of the Senior Men’s Singles, with Modris being the winner on this occasion.

Full Results:

Men’s A Singles: John McLennan bt Martin Ivakitsch 21-15, 15, 14, -21, 17.

Men’s B Singles: Jim Sinka bt Frank Evert 18, 15, 18.


Women’s A Singles: Violetta Nesukaitis bt Velta Adenis 15, 19, 16.

Women’s B Singles: Hella GoUin bt Desiree De Abreu 12, 15, 18.


Women’s Doubles (rr): V. Adenis/J. Marinko (1); V. Nesukaitis/J. Tomkins (2).


Junior Men’s Singles (rr): 1, George Rideout (Port Arthur); 2, Elliott Hemmerman.

Junior Miss Singles (rr): 1, Violetta Nesukaitis; 2, Jackie De Abreu.

Senior Men’s Singles: Modris Zulps bt Max Marinko 10, 14, 9.

Newcomers to the Canadian Scene

[from England are:

Jim and Ann Lockyear, from Wembley, Middlesex.

David Buckley, from Mid Cheshire.

Pete Pritchton, from Willesden, N.W. London.

Eileen Smith, from Barrow-in-Furness and London.

Penny and Don Tate, from YeoVil, Somerset.

Audrey and Mike Spavins, from YeoVil, Somerset.

Ken Polvak, from Manchester (formerly Hungary) New President of the Ontario Table Tennis Association.

David Harvard, from London.

Colin Haldenby, from Hemel Hempstead.

Jim Wheeler, from Hemel Hempstead.

Tony Holmes, from Leeds.

Phil Wood, from Watford.

The World Comes to Wembley for the ALL-ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

23rd to 26th MARCH, 1966

It is hoped that readers will not think it strange that an announcement appears in the Table Tennis Magazine about the All-England Badminton Championships. There are, however, a very considerable number of both players and supporters who follow both sports. It may well be that there are others who would like to see first-class Badminton.

Unlike table tennis, there are no World Championships, and for a very long time the All-England Championships have been recognised as the unofficial championships of the world. They always attract the very best players, from all parts of the globe, and this season will be no exception.

Like table tennis, also, much of the best play is seen prior to the finals, and a visit on either the Wednesday or Thursday would enable you to see the cream of world talent playing on seven courts. On Friday evening the quarter- and semi-finals are staged, with the finals on Saturday afternoon.

PRICES

Wednesday, March 23rd, from 2 p.m., Rover tickets, 7s. 6d.

Thursday, March 24th, from 3.30 p.m., Rover tickets, 7s. 6d.

Friday, March 25th, from 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 26th, from 2 p.m., 25s., 21s., 15s., 12s. 6d., 7s. 6d. and 6s.

Season tickets available covering all sessions, for 40s.
Once again the Middlesex Open at Hanwell on December 11-12 supplied its quota of shocks. The two top seeds, Denis Neale and Brian Wright, made an early exit from the men's singles; Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon-Wright suffered their first home doubles defeat for several years, while Alan Hydes and Pauline Hemmings, England's No. 1 boy and girl respectively, both lost in the junior singles.

In fact the favourites went down in every event except the woman's singles when Mrs. Wright and Miss Rowe held off the Russian challenge in the semi-finals. Mary, after dropping the opening game, recovered to beat Zoya Rudnova —15, 16, 16, while Di overcame Svetlana Grinberg 14, —16, 19.

Miss Grinberg has previously beaten Lesley Bell and Jean Williams, the defensive fighter from Bucks, who had accounted for so well in earlier rounds. She showed Mary at her best. She gave Di no chance, pounding on the ball as soon as it came up, to win 18, 11, 11. It was perhaps sad for Di as this was her last tournament before she marries and settles down in Germany.

The Russian girls had the revenge in the doubles final winning in straight games. Mary and Di held good leads in both games but let their rivals off the hook.

**Warren's title**

The men's singles provided Connie Warren with a rare open title when he beat Bobby Stevens 23, 15 in the final. The way was cleared for these two when a too confident Denis Neale fell to Alan Lindsay, and Brian Wright went out to Barry Metcalfe, who made it a game of mistakes.

Lindsay found Les Haslam that little bit too quick for him, while Metcalfe beat Tony Stevens in the quarter-finals. Haslam had a narrow escape in beating Stuart Gibbs at 19 in the third for a place in the semi-final where Warren came out top in a fast encounter. In contrast the other semi-final between Stevens and David Creamer was a slower, more thoughtful affair which they had to work harder for their points.

The first game of the final produced some terrific rallies and was in the balance until Warren edged home 25-23. Stevens had taken so much out of himself that he tired and did not do so well in the second.

The men's doubles had its share of surprises with the title going to the unseeded Mike Johns and Roger Hamson from Cheshire. They went to three games in all six rounds, winning by three margins of just four or five points per game from nets, edges and mistakes by the other player.

Keith Lawrence beat Alan Hydes at 19 in the third for the boys' final. Miss Hemmings (No. 1) lost narrowly in the girls' singles to Diane Simpson (No. 6), who went on to win a well controlled semi-final against Linda Hewson (No. 4) before going down over three games to Maureen Heppell (No. 2).

**Pointless game**

Whatever standard a table tennis player may reach, it is a difficult feat to prevent an opponent, however weak, from obtaining at least a couple of points during a game. As heavily handicapped players are aware, even the most untalented "rabbit" usually amasses four or five points per game from nets, edges and mistakes by the other player. It was therefore with some interest that I read that Phil Jonas playing for his firm's team in an insurance Cup match had only conceded 13 points during the course of an evening. His scores are worthy of note, being 21-0, 21-3: 21-1, 21-5; 21-2, 21-2.

It would be interesting to learn whether anyone has claim to a better record than this.

T. T. Monkhams

(Woodford Green)
NOW FRAU SCHOLER

Di Marries German Ace

DIANE ROWE’S long reign as the queen of English table tennis is all but at an end. Indeed, her abdication is almost a fact for she has left England to become Frau Schoeler, of Dusseldorf.

She was married to Ebbie Schoeler, the German holder of the English Open, on January 3, but she has not walked out on her own country in the big year of the European Championships.

Di, the great trooper that she is, has expressed her willingness to fly home for special training ready to partner Mary Shannon-Wright in defence of their European titles at Wembley in April.

That will be Di’s swan song. Future table tennis will be more of the social type.

At 32 Di has gone on longer than most top women players and what an illustrious career there is behind her. She is England’s most “capped” international — man or woman — with more than 200 appearances. So who can blame her for deciding to settle down and become a housewife.

Di’s career started in partnership with her twin sister Rosalind and their unique personalities helped to put the game in the forefront of the public eye in those boom years of the early 1950s. Together they twice won the world doubles championship and dominated the English doubles for six years.

The partnership broke up when Rosalind became Mrs. Cornwall and started to raise a family. But Di continued on to maintain a hold on the English doubles title with Ann Hayward, Kathie Best and Mary Shannon-Wright.

250 TROPHIES

When she left for Germany with Ebbie Schoeler immediately after the West German match at Crystal Palace last month Di was accompanied by packing cases with the spoils of her many years as a champion. She has something like 250 trophies.

It was table tennis that brought Di and Ebbie together, during the course of their international tournaments, but just when their friendship began to ripen into love neither could tell. “It just happened gradually,” said Di.

“Will we live in Germany, but I doubt whether I shall play much table tennis after this season. I shall be content to take on the role of housewife and look after Ebbie.”

LANCS/CHESHIRE

Struggle for Survival

WARWICKSHIRE provides the venue for the all-important fixture Lancashire v Cheshire on Friday, February 11, and at what house price? In erection of wire barricades could this match possibly call for?

Following on Cheshire’s defeat of Sussex at Lewes on December 18 the Red Rose representatives could well enter the arena without a point to their name and much will hang on the Warwicks result.

Between times, however, the Lancastrians are doubly committted on January 22, away to Middlesex and Essex, while Cheshire receive Gloucestershire at Chester on the same day.

Lancashire’s struggle for survival is no less acute than was the case last season when they escaped the guillotine by a hair’s breadth at Bradford.

Cook-a-hoop with the performance of Judith Haydon against her twin sister Rosalind of the Williams family lays further stress on what could be Lancashire’s additional plight in matching this newfound star in the Cheshire galaxy.

Moore already have in Roger Hampson and Mike Johns, while pole star Derek Schofield, now occupying the No. 3 position, sheds little of his light.

Pursuing a purposeful youth policy in the Stockport inter-league team Schofield had Brian Keen and Peter Pownall with him for their Division 1 Lancashire and Cheshire League clash with Bolton at Gatley on December 6:

The visitors inflicted a 7-3 reverse. Schofield’s only loss being to John Clarke, who lost himself to Keen. Pownall won in all his three sets but otherwise gave a good account of himself and has the makings of a good ‘un.

Blooding them even younger, Manchester introduced a 12-year-old, Tony Boxman, of Fallowfield, in a recent Division 2 (East) fixture. Another of the younger school awaiting the call will come in Kevin Twitty, of Ashton, of the Fallowfield club.

Entreaties by Merton Firestone and Leslie Cohen stayed the execution of Manchester in the Warrington Circuit competition and rightly so. The innocent victims of Burnley’s shortcomings in providing secretary Leslie Davis with a result was no fault of Manchester who were in ignorance of the conditions laid down to Burnley from the Clevedon end.

Happily reinstated the M museums made the short trip to Bury on December 20 to polish off their near neighbours 6-4 after Peter Walmayer had lost the first set of the evening to Ronnie Coop.

The Saturday previous Bolton ousted Liverpool 6-0 and points are to another clash of the North-West giants with its attendant crowd-pulling qualities.

GEORGE R. YATES
A half-way stage in the Welsh League programme, the older hands are once again at the head of affairs in Division 1. Cardiff, shocked by the Aberdare defeat managed, with a weakened side, to scrape home against Swansea, who then had a good win over Aberdare, also weakened by the absence of Jeff Morgan on county duty.

This means that Cardiff and Swansea sit top of the table followed by Aberdare, Bridgend “A” and Eastern Valleys, each of whom has two losses. Newport, still disappointing, have only one win the same as Swansea “B,” whilst Trefedgar, although to be applauded for enthusiasm are just not good enough for this company.

Johnny Mansfield, back in the Aberdare side, is proving his worth, and, together with Haydn Thomas, who is winning most of his matches, they have taken Aberdveny to the top of Division 2. Cardiff “B” are next, followed by Rhydymyn, Rhonda, Merthyr, and at the bottom, Eastern Valleys “B” without a win. Aberdare Juniors’ unexpected defeat by Eastern Valleys Juniors means that the latters have gone to the lead with an undefeated record. Aberdare and Barry follow, Swansea come next, then Aberavon and Milford Haven and Trefedgar all together. Next is Bridgend, then Newport, whilst Cardiff have just beaten Ebbow Vale to get away from them at the bottom.

Few matches have been played in the women’s section where unbeaten Cardiff lead from Newport, Swansea, Trefedgar and Milford Haven.

Friday’s meeting provided an interesting sight for the fans.

A real battle between the top teams, the leading performances, in terms of wins and losses are:

Division I: Cardiff—Ron Davies 12/0, Phil Bevan 14/1, Fraser Anderson 10/2, Swansea—Glyn Morgan 10/2, Aberdare—Dennis Samuel 10/5, Jeff Morgan 8/4, Bridgend—Graham Davies 16/2, Eastern Valleys—Wayne Smith 11/4, Jeff Spanner 10/5.

Division II: Aberavon—John Mansfield 15/0, Haydn Thomas 14/1, G. Williams 14/4, Bridgend “B”—Howell Morgan 17/1, Cardiff “B”—M. Ley 11/4, B. Haughey 10/5.


DISAPPOINTMENT

Glamorgan’s County match with Southwark at Swansea was a great disappointment, and never before has a Welsh county side been so humbled by an average Second Division English team.

There were changes following the draw with Nottinghamshire, Graham Davies winning a place through good results in the Welsh League and tournaments. In the event, however, he was unfortunate enough to strike a slow defender in Ward, and could not get his timing right. Graham was better in his second outing against Eaton, and might have won if only he had but hit the stiffer ball with the Southall player’s service. The doubles combination of Graham and Jeff Morgan was poor indeed, with Morgan making no contribution at all. Jeff Morgan had a good appearance, and in the first game of the women’s doubles, he and Sandra Morgan, it looked as if it was to become a new successful partnership and arrived. But when Dorothy Dooly stood up, it was all over, the game afloat, the Welsh pair had no answer. Similarly, in partnership with Ron Davies, Jeff Morgan played a defensive role, and the combination which has done so well in tournaments failed to click.

Ron Davies himself was disappointing. Tris was his first match, but Southwark found its floated defence to be very much to his liking and won fairly comfortably. It was left to Jeff Morgan to turn in the best Glamorgan performance. He narrowly beat a game in which was brilliant at times, and then did well to win Ward, a type of player not much to the liking of the fast youngsters.

Sandra Morgan played in her best games to beat Dorothy Dooly by brilliant attack in the first, but the Southall player cleverly contained Sandra by playing away it her backhand, and Sandra, reduced to the backhand, pushed she did not do well, go to disable the tactics.

SOUTHAMPTON LEAD

SOUTHAMPTON teams dominate both the senior and junior divisions of the Hampshire Inter-Town League.

Ten teams are taking part in the Southampton Schools League. After a few years the leading schools are Millbrook A, St. Mary’s A and Deaneys A.

Sixteen coaches and ten student coaches are now operating in the county. Courses are in progress at Bournemouth, Portsmouth, Winchester, Basingstoke, Lymington, Christchurch, Ringwood, Fawley, Hedge End, Mount Pleasant and Teachers’ Training College, Southampton.
A PLAN FOR TABLE TENNIS

EACH month we will be publishing sections of "A PLAN FOR TABLE TENNIS," which lays down the future development hopes of the E.T.T.A.
The Plan, which was forwarded to the National Sports Council, won high praise from Mr. Dennis Howells, the Minister in Charge of Sport.

3. Playing facilities:

Present Position:

Clubs provide their own playing rooms. Very few leagues have a playing headquarters. There are no national and no county playing headquarters. Club rooms are mainly rented rooms, youth clubs, Y.M.C.A.s, Church Halls or Works Canteens. Generally an acute shortage of playing space and position deteriorating annually.

Apart from Youth Clubs, which have restricted facilities only, very little prospect of school leavers being able to join senior clubs.

Plan:

(i) To obtain some use of school gymnasiums for practice, for regular training and for staging important matches.
(ii) To encourage industrialists to loan their facilities.
(iii) To obtain facilities at local sports halls and multi-sports halls by participating in original planning to obtain suitable conditions for playing Table Tennis.
(iv) To contact football clubs and suggest community use of their facilities.
(v) To encourage provision of outdoor enclosed playing facilities in schools and national playing fields.
(vi) To provide a national playing headquarters as a long term plan.

4(a) Publications—Association Handbook:

Present Position:

The National Handbook is published in two parts. Part I being general information and published every three years for economic reasons, and distributed free (to about 50% of the Clubs and certain other interested parties throughout the world. Part 2 being a list of League Secretaries, Counties, Tournaments etc.; with names and addresses published annually and distributed free to about 50% of the Clubs and limited connections.

Plan:

To publish, distribute and sell various instructional books and films.

Handbook: To publish both parts annually.

To increase detailed information in Part I. To distribute free to all Clubs and interested connections.

4(b) Publications—Umpires Handbook:

(A present the only publication of its kind in the World).

Present Position:

Published periodically as and when a revision or exhaustion of stocks make it necessary.

Distributed free to all qualified Umpires in England.

Sold at nominal charge to any members of the I.T.T.P.

(The English system of graded qualified umpires is now being copied all over the World).

Plan:

(i) To incorporate with Part I of the main Handbook and extend distribution of the latter to all qualified Umpires in England.

(ii) To promote more Umpires' examinations in provinces and encourage more people to qualify.

4(c) Publications—Magazines:

Present Position:

Printed and published 8 months of the year by a commercial printer at own risk.

A professional editor employed and paid by the printer.

Although the magazine is the official magazine of the Association, the editor has freedom to publish what he likes but co-operates with a liaison officer appointed by the Association.

Plan:

(i) To publish the magazine from the office as a 100% official publication.

(ii) To employ and pay a professional editor as required on a part time basis.

(iii) To increase circulation to all Clubs and eventually to all playing members of the Association.

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SWEDISH OPEN
by TOM MORIARTY

Di and Mary Just Miss as China Take All

In a championship where if you could not win, then the most honourable exit was via the dynamic Chinese opposition, the English team of Chester Barnes, Brian Wright, Mary Shannon-Wright and Diane Rowe put up in highly creditable performance. Once again it was mainly through the brilliant efforts of the girls, with Mary and Di finishing runners-up to Li Ho-nan and Lin Hsui-ying in the women's doubles.

Other nations taking part included Romania, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, West Germany, Poland, East Germany, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

The championships began with the men's singles, where England overcame Sweden B in the first round after a tremendous fight back. Chester Barnes lost the opening set to Stellan Bengtsson and when Wright went down to Karl Bernhardt, England looked like going out in straight sets. They managed to survive the doubles, but defeat was only two points away when Barnes trailed 16-19 in the second game against Bernhardt, having lost the first. He produced a faultless display to win five successive points and make no mistake in the third.

Wright was faced with a tough decision before edging home in the third.

But England's run was short lived for China were the next opponents and there was never any doubt as they ran away with a 3-0 win. China went on to beat Sweden in the final.

In the men's singles Barnes, after a comfortable 3-0 win against local qualifier Patterson, beat his bogeyman Bengtsson in the second round, a terrific match which saw up to 19-19 in the fifth when Barnes won the next two points. But Barnes was much too static for the lightning hit of Wang Chia-cheng in the next round and was swept from the table 9-21, 8-21, 16-21. Wang went on to win the title.

Wright met Markovic, the Yugoslav ace, in his opening match. Refusing to be driven away from the table both players stood close in and the rallies were fast and furious two-wing affairs. Wright stood the test magnificently to win 21-19, 21-13, 21-15.

He came up against an entirely different style when he faced Hansen, the Danish No. 2, in his next round and after a long struggle was eventually beaten at 15 in the fifth.

BEST EUROPEANS

The Swedes, by virtue of their outstanding physical fitness, fleetness of foot and general playing technique, were easily the best of the Europeans. These full-time players, learning from, and like the top Asians, through a planned programme of daily gymnastic training, and a minimum of three hours sustained practice each day, have lifted the game out of the doldrums of a semi-sport into the realms of a dynamic, athletic prowess which, as a spectacle, cannot be surpassed in the world of sport.

The quarter-finals produced three classic duels with the Swedish Alser and Johansson and the Romanian No. 1 Dorin Giurgiuca in company with five Chinese entrants. Giurgiuca went down 1-3 to Wang Chia-cheng, then Alser put on a top class performance and looked the better player but allowed the match to slide at the end as he lost 2-3 to Lu Chufang.

It was left to Johansson to break the Chinese monopoly by beating Wang Fu-cheng. Johansson, suffering from a painful "tennis elbow" for which he received treatment through the tournament, produced some scintillating play after losing the first two games and trailing in the third.

But like Barnes and Giurgiuca before him Johansson could not repeat the performance against Wang Chia-cheng and lost 3-1. The all-Chinese final where Wang beat Yu Yi-te completely lacked the appropriate competitive spirit to be expected and indeed seemed more like some sort of Chinese formality in which Wang got the verdict in straight games.

Barnes and Wright found themselves hard pressed to survive the first round of the doubles only to go out to Bernhardt and Bengtsson, whom they had beaten in the team event. The nearest that China came to losing a title was in the final of the women's doubles where in a match as exciting and spectacular as any, Mary Wright and Di Rowe equally matched the brilliance of the top Chinese pair Li Ho-nan and Lin Hsui-ying.

Long will be remembered some of those devastating kills of Mary's taken coming in on the run to balls.

MARY SHANNON-WRIGHT & BRIAN WRIGHT
are in training for the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS in April.

For a taste of the thrills in store at Wembley, have these two world famous players give an exhibition of World Class Table Tennis at your club or league.

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which were never easy. Gasps from the crowd were also occasioned when Di, time and again, produced those long, low, net-skimming returns against widely-angled, seemingly untakable smashes.

**A MAJOR THREAT**

Mary scored with most of the attacking shots, but Di too cracked some scintillating winners, especially in the latter stages. What a pity they could not clinch the third game after being 20-19 up, and that at 15-15 in the fifth, the run of the ball did not favour them.

Mary, playing with more crispness and with the pace than we have seen before, proved a major threat to the Chinese in the singles, but was pipped on the post by Hu Yu-lan after holding a match point at 20-19 in the fifth. Di, after two good wins, was out-hit by Li Ho-nan, who went on to win the title.

Both British pairs reached the quarter-finals of the mixed. Brian and Mary Wright scored an outstanding win to beat Su Kuo-hsi and Bu Yu-lan in the first round, but it was marred by the persistent foul services from the Chinese. Non-playing captian Johnny Leach quickly protested and an extra official was brought on. After such a win it was disappoint­ ing that the Wrights should lose to Alser and Eva Johansson. Chester and Di put up a stubborn display against Yu Yi-tse and Lin Hsiu-ying before going down at 18 in the fifth.

It was a great international tournament with the Chinese sweeping the board. Having taken time off from business to play, Chinese wizard Wang Fu-chen, in the first round, the highlight from yours truly was the moment when having lost the first two games 7 and 5 he led 1-0 in the third before the Chinese suddenly caught up and pulled away to win 21-...

**M.B.E. FOR JOHNNY LEACH**

The award of an M.B.E. to Johnny Leach in the New Year's Honours List is another sign of the growing popularity of table tennis. What a pity send-off could there be to the year that will see the European Championships in England for the first time.

Stars of the most major sports are regularly honoured for outstanding achievements and in this respect the award to Leach would appear long overdue. After all it is more than a decade since Leach had the distinction of twice bringing the world titles to this country at a time when our sporting prestige was low. But all that was long in the past.

Why then this sudden honour out of the blue?

I would suggest that it is not so much for the past as for the present, although his championships days are history, Leach is wrapped up in the game more firmly than ever. He has always been ready to pass on his experience to the up and coming youngsters and he is the brains behind the News of the World National Coaching Scheme which runs annually at Butlin's Camps throughout the Summer.

Through this medium thousands of young players have had their first introduction to table tennis. One of them was Chester Barnes, the English Closed Champion and England No.1. A total of 29,000 youngsters went through the coaches under Leach's direction last Summer and that's an awful lot of players.

Table tennis has been Leach's life and all fans will be delighted that he should be honoured in this way.

W.H.E.
THREE MONTHS TO GO

by NORMAN REEVE

WITH only three months to go to the great day the organisation is in full gear and working day and night to accomplish the thousands of tasks which it has set itself. The most heartening thing is the response in terms of support from all parts of the country on a scale never before experienced in the history of the Association.

We could fill columns with examples of the efforts people are making and the interest they are showing. There is space for one or two only, however.

First place for enterprise goes to Brian Hill (Lincolnshire) who has booked a block of tickets and intends to organise his own coach party to the Championships.

Already something like 150 gross of pens have been sold, the best customer having been John Wright who has disposed of eleven gross, mainly through his school. The pens, which are extremely popular, have found their way to many parts of the world. Scotland and Ireland were amongst the first to order them but they have since gone to Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Malta, Russia and Sweden, not to mention Australia.

And a day or two ago three dollar bills arrived from America with an order for a tie!

TICKETS

There has been a steady demand for tickets and at the time of writing the last minute rush is awaited before the close of the discount offer. A circular letter will be sent to all Clubs in January. Tickets were put on sale to the general public on January 1 and a heavy demand is anticipated resulting from publicity in the Daily Mail and its associated publications.

When making up parties, don’t forget that the Amateur Cup Final is also on Saturday, April 16, 1966. Also a list of accommodation addresses near Wembley is available on request.

COACH PARTIES

A special discount offer will be made to coach firms in January also, entitling them to a reduction on block bookings of tickets.

SCHOOL PARTIES

Why not make up a party from your school to visit Wembley. For block bookings 5/-d. Rover tickets will be made available for 2/-d.

Please send your orders to Don Mitchell, 21A, Hayne Road, Beckenham, Kent.

ADVERTISING MATERIAL

Posters, handbills and car stickers will be distributed in January.

ADVERTISEMENTS

The demand for space has been excellent and, although some is still available, early orders are advised. Please contact Bill Vint, 69A, St. Helens Park Road, Hastings, Sussex.

HOUSE MAGAZINES

The Editors of 1000 house magazines have been contacted but we would be pleased to send publicity handouts to anyone else who can use them.

HELPERS WANTED

There is still room for more, especially typists, and even more especially bi-lingual or multi-lingual typists.

SOUVENIRS

The sale of these has already raised about £200 for the Championships funds. At the expense of repetition the following are available—

BALL POINT PENS, inscribed in gold lettering. Price 6/6d. per dozen. These are proving popular to schools who are selling them at a copper or two profit, thus helping their own funds. What about your school?

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Unfortunately we were let down over deliveries and they are only filtering through even now. They will really be available in quantity soon, however.

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORGANISATION

Mrs. Ena Phillips has taken on the task of Accommodation and Services Officer at Wembley, while Albert Shiple has kindly taken over the editorship of future bulletins about the Championships.

PHILATELISTS

For details of first day cover issues from the Championships please write to Ian Crickmer, 12, Cypress Street, Barbourne, Worcester.

PUBLICITY

Please give the Championships as much publicity in every way you can. If you want material please let us know: if you have any ideas we would like those, too.

PRESS FACILITIES

Press facilities are being provided on a larger scale than ever before. There will be two main rooms, one specially equipped for foreign journalists with appropriate facilities for continental trunk and telex calls: the other for British journalists. In addition, there will be special arrangements for the Press Agencies and a lounge with refreshment facilities will also be at the disposal of the Press.

The Association is making these arrangements in conjunction with the Sports Writers’ Association for whose help and co-operation it is very grateful.

DATE OF THE DRAW

The Draw will be made on Monday, March 14, 1966 at 16.00 hours at Shell Mex House, Strand, W.C.2. Fuller details will be issued nearer the date. The draw will, of course, be open to the public, and the Press, to whom invitations will be issued.

ENGLISH ENTRIES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A tournament to select players for the additional places allowed to the Association in the preliminary rounds of the Championships will be held at York on Sunday, February 20, 1966. Details will be publicised this month.

ALL ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS PLEASE TO—

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICE

E.T.T.A.,
26/29, Park Crescent;

Telephone LANgham 6312 or outside office hours TELEPHONE HAtch End 1470.
IVOR EYLES

It may be a contradiction in terms to describe the chairman of the E.T.T.A. as a backroom boy, but it is a description he himself would relish concerning his work for the 5th European Table Tennis Championships.

Immediately on his appointment as Hon. Organiser, Conrad Jaschke offered Ivor Eyles a choice of posts on his team and without hesitation the E.T.T.A. chairman selected the outwardly most humble of these jobs, that of taking charge of the typing and duplicating services at Wembley during the championships.

"Maurice Goldstein and I did this during the 1954 world championships" said Ivor, "so I know this is a job in which I won't let you down."

Eyles also acts as chairman of the European Championships Committee —and will have manyHam, during the Championships.

Ivor Eyles has devoted a lifetime to table tennis from the time he first took up the game in Bristol in 1919 as a lad of 13. And most of those 46 years have found him in an administrative capacity of some kind. He was a club secretary at 17 and a member of the Bristol Executive two years later.

From 1930 to 1946 he served Bristol as league secretary and for the next four years as joint league secretary. Not content with one league, he was founder secretary of the Western Counties League in 1930 and held that job for 20 years.

He was also founder of the Gloucestershire County T.T.A. and was their secretary from 1947 to 1959.

Both before and after becoming a member of the National executive Ivor Eyles was a prominent outspoken backroom critic of the E.T.T.A. leadership, but in 1958 the poacher became gamekeeper with his election as Deputy Chairman. Four years later he succeeded Bill Vine as Chairman.

He is perhaps best known for his work in connection with the National County Championships which he served as secretary from 1955 to 1961 and since then as chairman, seeing the championships grow from humble beginnings to the backbone of English table tennis.

After such a long innings Eyles, a Business, Welfare and Sports Officer with the Road Passenger Transport Industry, is already prepared to stand aside.

He gives up the chairmanship of the County Championships at the end of this season, and the following year will also stand down from the E.T.T.A. chairmanship. "I want to make room for younger men," is his excuse.

A Life Member, Eyles has served the game nobly on all manner of committees and as Chairman steered them through the crucial period when new ideas were allowed to prevail, to give the game a new constitution.

"His aim in the time he remains at the helm: "To encourage the emergence of young successors who have the ability to steer the Association to bigger and better things in the years to come.""

NORTH WALES

Clwyd did well in the Counties Cup to defeat Penmaennhow 54-5 for a place in the semi-finals where they are joined by Llandudno Crosville, Chirk and Wrexham.

Rhyl continue to lead in the Inter-Town League with four wins. They are followed by Llandudno, Wrexham, East Flint and newcomers, Bangor.

Although losing their first two matches Bangor could be a strong force in future fixtures.

Denbighshire look like finishing pointless in their first excursion into the County championship following their 7-3 defeat by Staffordshire II. Two of the hardest fixtures have yet to be played, and it appears that now blood is needed.

The North Wales Closed will be held in January in East Flintshire. Secretary DonHughes already reports record entries.
An Important Step Forward

Coaching and Selection to be Co-ordinated

by Harrison Edwards

TAKING time off from his big task of organising the 5th European Championships, Conrad Jaschke, new Chairman of the E.T.T.A. Coaching and Schools Committee took the initiative in calling a meeting of the three committees concerned with advancing playing standards in this country, i.e. his own committee and the senior and junior selection committees.

From their deliberations the National Council have set up a JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE consisting of the following officials:

Coaching & Schools: CONRAD JASCHKE (chairman), JACK CARRINGTON (secretary and Director of Coaching).

Junior Selection: EDGAR REEVE (chairman), NORMAN COOK (secretary), LAURIE LANDRY (captain).

Senior Selection: NORMAN REEVE (chairman), PETER LOWEN (secretary), RON CRAYDEN (joint captain), JOHNNY LEACH (joint captain).

This new committee will meet at least three times a season, to hammer out policy and plan long term development with a view to accelerating the already noticeable improvement in overall playing standards.

NOTICING YOUNGSTERS

It is envisaged that the close co-operation will have the effect of bringing to the notice of the junior selectors promising school-children and youngsters even before they reach ranking standard, and make it possible to give maximum help at an early stage to those likely to benefit.

Equally, it is expected that close liaison will enable the senior selectors to bring along really outstanding juniors by attaching them to senior teams on suitable occasions on the recommendation of the junior selectors.

Closest possible co-operation in all aspects of coaching and training is envisaged, and it has been agreed that the JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE will make proposals for allocation of available money, between the three committees, subject to the overriding authority of E.T.T.A. treasurer Tom Blunn and the National Council.

The three committees have agreed that at each of their individual meetings they would have at least one representative from each of the other two committees to attend.

The first concrete job undertaken by the JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE was to make the following recommendations as to the allocation of the extra places in the European Championships:

1. The senior selectors pick teams of 6 men and 4 women, or 5 men and 5 women.
2. The extra places—probably 4 men and 4 women—be decided in a play-off at York on February 20, and the following players to be eligible to take part in the play-off:
   a) all players on the senior England ranking lists, if not already selected as members of the teams
   b) two juniors nominated by the junior selectors
   c) all singles winners at Open Tournaments in the current season before February 20, 1966, if not already selected
   d) all singles quarterfinalists in the 1966 English Closed, if not already selected

If the number produced by this method did not bring forth enough nominations to make a representative play-off, the inclusion of all premier division players may be considered.

It will be readily appreciated that the JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE fills a long standing need, in ensuring regular exchange of views between the top officials concerned with the advancement of playing standards. It is anticipated that E.T.T.A. officers will take the opportunity to address general guidance to the committee, and it should be possible to give the National Council far more careful consideration of proposed policy than has been practicable in the past.

BURN'S PROGRESS

SINCE Brian Burn was ranked No.1 he has gone from strength to strength. He collected his first open title in the Cumberland, captured the scalp of Roy Morley and Derek Baddon at Newbury, and his three wins helped Northumberland average last year's defeat when they beat Sunderland in the Wilmott Cup.

Northumberland ladies also turned the tables on Sunderland in the Rose Bowl. The league programme has reached the halfway stage with M.P.N. heading Division 1, four points ahead of North Shields Y.M.C.A., their nearest rivals. Westovianians created a sensation when Len and Maureen Heppell helped them to a 7-3 win in the needle match with Shields.

Exhibitions from Brian Burn and Peter Noyles, and the coaching of promising young players by Nanny Dignam and Dave Robson featured a lively sports programme by Tyne Tees Television from the modern indoor stadium at Byker.

The Northumberland Open will be held at M.P.N. Longbenton on March 12. Alan Morpeth, county match and tournament secretary, will shortly be circulating entry forms. Several big names are expected to compete.

Arnold Warents.
THREE EACH FOR KEITH and KARENZA

THERE was little satisfaction for the home county in the Yorkshire Junior Open at Madeley Street Baths, Hull. Not only was the entry well below normal in view of the enforced change of date from the first Saturday in January, when most schoolboys and girls are in the middle of their Christmas holiday, but solitary White Rose success came in the Boys' Doubles, where Alan Hydes, England's No. 1, partnered under 17 singles winner Keith Lawrence to a three-set win.

The southern contingent dominated the tournament, with Lawrence and Karenza Smith each taking three titles, Diane Simpson chipping in with two and Paul Harmer landing the Under-15 trophy.

Hydes, recovering from a bout of flu and well below form, was swept out of the singles at the semi-final stage by No. 3 seed, Brian Burn, who himself dropped a game in the quarters against promising local 12-year-old, Alan Fletcher. In the same half of the draw Harmer had a good win over the ranked Philip Rowe to gain a place in the last eight before falling to Hydes.

No. 4 seed Peter Richardson was dismissed by Derek Corbett, who went on to put out the useful Brian Charsley (Essex), but the East London boy faced no better than Neville Graver or Paul Judd against Lawrence, who cruised smoothly to a final place.

Surprise of this half was the defeat of Yorkshire's highly thought of David Shaw by the unknown E. Emaul of Leeds, who went out to Richardson in his next game.

In a hard-hitting final, Burn took the first game at 19 but Lawrence then got a grip and went on to a well deserved win.

In the Under-15, Harmer took over Lawrence's mantle with a 21-18, 21-18 final win over Paul Judd, who had gained his place with a surprisingly easy win over Fletcher, after a tough three-set quarter final struggle with Jimmy Goldiborough, another Yorkshire boy from Bradford.

Karenza Smith and Diane Simpson shared the girls' titles between them, Karenza taking both singles and the Girls Doubles, while Diane partnered her in this event and Lawrence in the Mixed. They set a high standard, and their final - 22-20, 21-15 to Karenza - was one of the highlights of the evening.

There were few surprises in the

RESULTS


Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals - LAW­RENCEx/SIMPSON b Corbett/S. Lee (Leeds) 14, 17. BURT/SMITH b Richardson/C. King 9, 11. Final: LAWRENCE/ SIMPSON b Burn/Smith 18, 16.

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RUSSIA, W. GERMANY and SWEDEN FALL TO ENGLAND

ENGLAND had a busy but successful time in the international sphere in December, beating Russia twice in women's matches, Sweden in a mixed affair, and West Germany in a match restricted to the men. All four matches fitted in with television requests.

Diane Rowe and Mary Shannon Wright, England's big hopes for European titles at Wembley next April, set the pace when they crushed Russia 8-2 at Edmonton, and the jubilation was avenged when Mrs. Wright and Miss Bell took the table, but when Rudnova, their penholder style player, gained their only success by beating Miss Rowe over three sets.

This preliminary encounter, plus the Middlesex Open sandwiched in between, sharpened up the Russians for the return at Crystal Palace two days later and they put up a much more solid show. Indeed England and England were hard pressed to win and much of the credit must go to the splendid performance of Lesley Bell in bringing about a defeat of the previous night, by beating Grinberg 21-19, 21-19. Miss Bell had replaced Miss Rowe for the singles.

ONE DOWN

England were already one down—Mrs. Wright having lost to Rudnova—when Miss Bell took the table, but she showed a complete disregard for nerves and hit her way to victory.

Yet another Middlesex open defeat was avenged when Mrs. Wright and Miss Rowe scraped home narrowly at 19 in the third in the women's doubles. The Russian pair played exceptionally well and this was to prove the key to ultimate victory, which eventually came England's way when Mrs. Wright beat Grinberg, also at 19 in the third.

In many respects the Russians were a little unlucky not to have won, but our girls were just that little bit steadier.

Mrs. Wright and Miss Bell were unbeaten in England's surprisingly wide 8-2 win in the mixed match against Sweden. They had little trouble in the singles, but found the going harder in the doubles where they overcame Miss Rundstrom and Mrs. Nilsson—19, 15, 15.

As far as the men were concerned, Sweden had left their top two players, Kjell Johansson, the European champion, and Hans Alser, at home and this undoubtedly was the difference between victory and defeat.

Chriser Johansson, elder brother of Kjell, scored the two Swedish wins when he beat both Chester Barnes and Denis Neale.

Barnes, who, taking an early ball, had well beaten Karl-Johan Bernhardt, the Swedish No. 3, was always uneasy against Johansson. It was a complete contrast to his display against Bernhardt, who became so demoralised that he later lost to Neale.

With the singles shared, Barnes and Neale gained the edge on the men's events by winning the doubles.

A doubles defeat for Ebbie Scholer, holder of the English Open and the world's fifth ranking player, was the big shock of England's 5-2 win over West Germany. He lost the opening match to Brian Wright at 16 in the third, then missed two match points in going down to Barnes at 21 in the third.

Scholer undoubtedly found his concentration distracted by his arrangements to take Diane Rowe back to Germany that evening ready for their wedding on January 3.

Barnes was in most indifferent form and was surprisingly beaten by Eric Arndt. Even in his win over Hans Michieloff Barnes looked most lethargic in going to three games.

Michieloff, an opera singer, provided the highlight of the match by the nature of his victory over Brian Wright at 19-21, 21-19, 21-11. He was booked to catch an early plane for Germany and with the time running short as he faced Wright he was calling "Hurry ... hurry ... hurry" as he lost the first set. But he so speeded up his game that he outpaced the amazed Wright and won the next two.

He made a hurried hand shake and was out of the hall within 19 seconds of scoring the winning point!

A taxi was waiting for him and Hans not only provided Germany with a success but also caught his plane. Maybe these hurry-hurry tactics suit him.

WESTERN COUNTIES

HONOURS EVEN

SWINDON Ladies achieved a notable victory in their away match against Newport, winning 4-4. Mrs. Gwen Hazell won two of her matches as did Doris Osmow whilst Beryl Moody won one. Betty Gray and Stella Jones won two each for Newport, who made full amends in the return at Swindon, winning 8-1. Here Miss Jones and Miss Gray secured a maximum of three victories each while Ann Bennett won two. Mrs. Hazell scored Swindon's one success.

Newport completed a double over Weston, winning 7-2. Miss Gray scored another maximum.

Newport men beat Swindon 6-3 for their first win of the season. Basil Evan and Ann Bennett won their three games.

Exeter men did well to beat Weston 8-1 in their home match. A. Heals and M. Lyons secured maximum points for Exeter.

Weston scored their first ever win over Plymouth by 6-3. Tony Kinsey was in top form and won all three matches.

Plymouth Ladies were much too strong for Weston in their away match winning 7-2. They produced further devastating form to beat Exeter, holders of the ladies title, 9-0. Six of the matches went to three sets.

Exeter lost 4-5 to Plymouth, while Bristol beat Bath 7-2.

GROVE MOTLOW
International Pictures

by Dennis Offer

Top (left and centre) the Russians: SVETLANA GRINBERG, ZOYA RUDNOVA.
The Swedes: MARITA NILSSON (top right), LENA RUNDSTROM, and CHRISTER JOHANSSON and KARL BERNHARDT.
**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP**

**by JOHN WRIGHT**

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**Kent Lead Three Divisions**

The remarkable success of Kent has been a feature of this season's county championships and is bound to give encouragement to the small counties.

For years Kent have been on a see-saw between the Premier and Second divisions, up one year and down the next. They never gave up hope and they entered 1966 not only leading the Premier Division but also the Second Division South and the Junior South.

This all serves to indicate a change in the balance of power. For Middlesex, who had such a long domination of the championship, are only half way in the Premier table.

Surrey and Essex, the reigning champions, are both unbeaten and will obviously present the biggest challenge to Kent. At the other end of the scale Lancashire, who just survived last season, and newly promoted Sussex, are still pointless.

Warwickshire's three teams in the Second Division Midland, Midland Division, and Junior Midland, are all unbeaten. Yorkshire boast a similar record from their Second Division North and Junior North teams.

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**UPCOMING MATCHES**

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- **PREMIER DIVISION**
  - Gloucestershire vs Oxfordshire
  - Hampshire vs Staffordshire
  - Warwickshire vs Berkshire

- **SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**
  - Hampshire vs Kent

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**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP**

- **SOUTHERN DIVISION**
  - Gloucestershire
  - Oxfordshire
  - Hampshire
  - Staffordshire
  - Warwickshire
  - Sussex
  - Wiltshire

- **SECOND DIVISION NORTH**
  - Cambridgeshire
  - Northumberland
  - Bedford
  - Buckinghamshire
  - Hampshire
  - Huntingdon

- **SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**
  - Dorset
  - Berkshire
  - Hertfordshire
  - Buckinghamshire
  - Worcestershire

- **SOUTHERN DIVISION**
  - Herts
  - Suffolk
  - Hampshire
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- **MIDLAND DIVISION**
  - Staffordshire
  - Warwickshire
  - Oxfordshire
  - Derbyshire

- **JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH**
  - Yorkshire
  - Lancashire
  - Cheshire
  - Northumberland
  - Durham

- **JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND**
  - Warwickshire
  - Staffordshire
  - Oxfordshire
  - Northampton
  - Leicestershire
  - Worcestershire

- **JUNIOR DIVISION EAST**
  - Herts
  - Middlesex
  - Essex
  - Buckinghamshire
  - Norfolk
  - Suffolk

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  - Gloucestershire
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  - Pembrokeshire

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- **SECOND DIVISION SOUTH**
  - Hampshire vs Kent
Buckinghamshire 9, Huntingdonshire 1
Suffolk 2, Norfolk 8

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH WEST
Derek Backhouse the best player on view in this match, with D. Coley the second best player and Miss Perry on form in both doubles. Mrs. Cumberland's account, giving down to David Shaw 16, 21, 21 and to Philip Rowe 13, 21, 15. Cumberland's most encouraging performance to date.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND
JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH

JUNIOR DIVISION EAST
Norfolk 3, Hertfordshire 7
Trevor Taylor outstanding for Herts. in a scrappy and disappointing match.

COUNTRY DIARY

PREMIER DIVISION
January 20 Essex v Gloucestershire, Brookhurst Ignami Ltd., Pillar Hall, Newry Park, Chester, 7.00 p.m.
January 21 Essex v Lancashire, George Road, Barking, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Kent v Surrey, Prince of Wales Club, Hurley Road, Canterbury, 7.15 p.m.
January 22 Middlesex v Sussex, Fulham Town Hall, S.W.8, 2.30 p.m.
January 22 Middlesex v Sussex, Fulham Town Hall, S.W.9, 7.15 p.m.
February 5 Surrey v Essex, Brookwood Hospital Sports, Knaresbll, Woking, 7.00 p.m.
February 9 Essex v Middlesex, Elyric Sports Club, Aston Road, Harrold Hill, Romford, 7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH
January 21 Hertfordshire v Surrey, Water Lane Club, Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford, 7.15 p.m.
January 22 Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire, J.C.L., High Street, Buckingham, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Kent v Sussex, Stroud J.M.I. School, Fordwich Rise, Oakford, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Sussex v Hampshire, North Mundham Village Hall, North Mundham, Nr. Chichester, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Hertfordshire v Middlesex, Hillside Hall, Schoolmead, Abbots Langley, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Durham v Lancaster, Marton Democratic Club, Marton, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Northumberland v Cumberland, North Shields Y.M.C.A., Church Way, North Shields, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Yorkshire v Lincolnshire, Leeds Y.M.C.A., Albion Place, Leeds, 7.00 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND
January 22 Glanmorlan v Worcestershire, Tiddington Aircraft Controls, 6.45 p.m.
January 22 Monmouthshire v Warwickshire, Ayrton Welfare Hall, Newport, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Nottinghamshire v Staffordshire, Autumn Hall, Cheltenham, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Shropshire v Derbyshire, St. Paul's Recreation Hall, Church Way, North Shields, 6.45 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION EAST
January 22 Devon v Worthing, Worthing Welfare Hall, Worthing, 7.00 p.m.
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SOUTHERN DIVISION
January 22 Hampshire v Cambridgeshire, E.Y.M.S. Rooms, Elmgate Street, Norwich, 6.45 p.m.
January 22 Suffolk v Buckinghamshire, County Modern School, Walton Tree Walk, Stowmarket, 7.00 p.m.

MIDLAND DIVISION
January 22 Warwickshire v Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, 7.00 p.m.
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JUNIOR DIVISION NORTH
January 22 Durham v Lancaster, Sunderland Table Tennis Club, Morden, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Hertfordshire v Middlesex, North Shields Y.M.C.A., Church Way, North Shields, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Yorkshire v Lincolnshire, Leeds Y.M.C.A., Albion Place, Leeds, 7.00 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH
January 22 Suffolk v Hampshire, North Mundham Village Hall, North Mundham, Nr. Chichester, 7.00 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION WEST
January 22 Hertfordshire v Norfolk, Tawney Drive, Southend-on-Sea, 7.00 p.m.
January 22 Suffolk v Buckinghamshire, County Modern School, Walton Tree Walk, Stowmarket, 7.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTHEAST
January 22 Surrey v Berkshire, Hughs Hill Canteen, Lawn Lane, South Lambeth Road, S.W.8, 4.00 p.m.
January 22 Essex v Long Eaton, North Mundham Village Hall, North Mundham, Nr. Chichester, 3.30 p.m.

JUNIOR DIVISION MIDLAND
January 22 Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire, 3.00 p.m.
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JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTHWEST
January 22 Monmouthshire v Glamorgan, Alcan Welfare Hall, Rogerstone, 7.00 p.m.
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BRIGHTON MEN STILL ON TOP

BRIGHTON remains the stronghold of the men’s game in Sussex. This was proved in the Sussex inter-league championships at Berhampore when they appeared without four of their top players including Roger Chandler and Tunde Ogundipe yet still won the First Division title.

Paul Yates, Robin Stace and Derek Holman carried them through against Hastings and Bognor after gaining a 5-1 win over Crawley in the final.

Brighton have also reached the Division II final. This will be the second consecutive Division II cup final for Brighton and they also will have a harder job to hold this title.

Only in the women’s field are Brighton eclipsed and here Eastbourne, who include Judy Williams and Ann Woodford, and Hastings will shortly fight out the Easter break April 9th-16th, at the programme for Sunday, March 20th, of our National Coaching Committee in Loughborough CQ11ege in early April, 1966. The following large instructional journeys.

JACK CARRINGTON’S NOTE BOOK

CHANGES OF DATE

E.T.T.A. TRAINING CENTRES

Please note these alterations to the published programmes.

Harlow
1. The Sunday date shown on our latest bulletin as March 19th, should of course read March 20th.
2. The Junior session on January 9th starts at 2 p.m., to see the closing matches of the National Ranking Meeting. Only juniors who first watch the tourney batch will have been involved in the hectic activities of the Scheme in 1965.

Bradford
The Ranking Meeting and Juniors’ Session listed for February 20th, have been cancelled. This is because many officials and coaches will be involved in the Qualifying Tournament for the European Championships which will take place at York on that Sunday.

In addition to the Teachers’ Course at Loughborough College in early April, another large Course for teachers will be instructed by Syd Frohawk, member of our National Coaching Committee in the Easter break April 9th-16th, at Blackpool.

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GENERAL ITINERARY — DIRECTOR OF COACHING

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| 7 | 12 | Harwich, Youth Coaching |
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| 9 | 6 | BRADFORD, League Players’ Day |
| 10 | 6 | Bradford, Teachers |
| 11 | 6 | Halifax Y.M.C.A., Coaches’ Study |
| 12 | 6 | Stoke-on-Trent, Schools |
| 13 | 6 | Stoke-on-Trent, Coaches’ Study |
| 14 | 6 | Exeter, Coaches’ Study |
| 15 | 6 | Wells (Som.), Schools Rally |
| 16 | 6 | Harrow (Prov.), Teachers Rally |
| 17 | 6 | Averny Hill College, Teachers, Clinic |
| 18 | 6 | Littlehampton, Coaches’ Study |
| 19 | 6 | BRADFORD, General—all levels |
| 20 | 6 | Bury (Lancs.), Schools and Coaches |
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| 22 | 6 | Harwich (Essex), Schools and Coaches |
| 23 | 6 | Lilleshall, Midland Counties’ Course |
| 24 | 6 | Bradford, Teachers Rally |
| 25 | 6 | Bury, Schools Rally |
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| 28 | 6 | Stoke-on-Trent, Schools |
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| 30 | 6 | BRADFORD, General—all levels |
| 31 | 6 | Greenwich (Cheam), Schools and Coaches |

An interesting sign of the wide coverage of our National Coaching Scheme is the programme for Sunday, March 20th, 1966. The following large instructional and training events will be running simultaneously:

At Harlow—12 tables, with 50 players.
At Bradford—12 tables with 30 players.
At Wallingford—30 tables with 160 players (under-16’s).

This takes no account of the various local sessions which will no doubt be proceeding at the same time, nearly all of them having been sparked off in the first place by one of the E.T.T.A. ‘s "prototype" sessions.

Further details of the above or on any aspect of coaching, training or study, from Director of Coaching.


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Mrs. Joyce Shepherd has gone into temporary retirement awaiting a happy event. Her place in the county Second Division South side is being taken by Mrs. Woodford, recent winner of the Nicholls Cup.

The fight for the title of the second strongest men’s town side in Sussex between Crawley and Eastbourne has recently taken a turn in the New Town’s favour. In the Wilmott cup, Eastbourne played without Peter Williams and lost 5-4 with a maximum by John Beasley. Six days later in the inter-league event Williams appeared and scored a maximum which included Riley, but Beasley did not score. If ever proof was needed that it pays to concentrate on one sport this is it—Beasley is outstanding at table tennis, cricket, football, etc., but his decision not to concentrate on table tennis has already cost him a place in a Sussex senior side.

CAMBRIDGE CITY

DO WELL

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LEICESTERSHIRE

DOWN TO 8

The excellent response to get matches played by the stipulated dates in the Rose Johnson Bowl—the team handicap competition—has seen the numbers being brought down to eight by the end of the year from an original entry of 67. Cottns (17-30) are still going great guns in this competition, spearheaded by Trevor Barker, who is still a junior. Another powerful side are Nabisco Frears (255) who have George Mellor, N. Ford and D. Cherry playing well.

The Leicestershire Towns League has produced a good, competitive situation in that Leicester "B" are leading the division. Malcolm Basset has proved to be the star with five wins from six outings.

The Leicestershire County Umpires are Mr. R. Billson and his son Ivor, of Garendon, Loughborough—the father and son pair in the county.

In the Midlands League, Colin Truman, following a disastrous match against W. Bromwich decided smoking was the cause! He has since beaten all Nottingham in a 5-all draw and is unbeaten in the Leicestershire and District League. Unfortunately it was too good to last. When he played against Clem Roberts—who has reached 60 but is still playing well—he lost in straight games in a Nottingham League match. The men's second are not doing as well as they may have expected, but both Philip Reid and Rodney Pickering are getting good results. The ladies' team are doing better than for several years. It is many seasons since there have been five layers of the calibre of Rita Belch, Jos Rogers, Pat Kibby, Barbara Webster and Marjorie Purser to choose from. The Veterans, too, are doing well and should find a position in the chart. Brian Pearn is showing particularly fine form.

In the Leicestershire and District League, Bentley Engineering, Barwell Constitutional and Leicester Y.M.C.A. I am still tightening it out at the top of the first Division. Barwell could have a second team in the first division if their 2A side keep up their present form.

Knights Park, too, look like augmenting their two first division sides with a third, judging on their fourth team's unexpected, but well-merited, progress in 2B. Barwell Constitutional and Grieves are the only unbeaten sides in 3A and in all appropriate their game should end in a draw.

Rolls-Royce slipped up by dropping a point at University in 3B but they still remain favourites for the championship.

In the Loughborough and District League, Shepshed are again setting a high pace in the first division. Fisons "A" and Shepshed Y.C. "A" are going neck and neck in the second division. Consistent play by Shepshed "C" has made them third division favourites.

Continued interest is being shown in the European Championships and I will be pleased to advise any club in Leicestershire. I can be contacted almost any night at Leicester Y.M.C.A. (233901).

PHILIP REID
CUMBERLAND OPEN

by GEORGE R. YATES

Hit by the Weather

CUMBERLAND Open secretary Ron Rigg will doubtless subscribe to the motion that the lot of a tournament organiser is not a happy one, for few indeed have been beset with such ill fortune as attendant on the Cumberland affair.

Initially concerned with as wide a representation as possible the Cumberland committee viewed with some dismay the news that Yorkshire were to hold their county closed on this day of days at Whitchurch, and rightly so was a letter of protest despatched to Walter Mitton as White Rose secretary.

With entries in, however, nature took a hand to release on the region weather the worst experienced in November for twenty years.

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It is obvious that the Junior European meeting in Prague has helped to accelerate improvement. Anyone who had doubt as to the wisdom of that trip in the summer has only to look at our team of Stuart Gibbs, Alan Hydes, Mike Johns, Pauline Hemmings and Maureen Heppell to see the answer.

Pauline and Maureen now rank Nos. 7 and 8 respectively in the senior list.

Of great interest to leading juniors are the training sessions fixed for February 6th at Harlow (Southern section), and February 15th at Bradford (Northern section).

NEW SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

FURTHER advancement in school table tennis has been the Surrey Comet tournament at Kingston Grammar School on December 21st.

This is the successor to the Kingston tournament of last year and is to become an annual event. The Surrey Comet took over when the newly-formed Surrey Schools T.T.A. declined to sponsor the event on the grounds of expense.

The contest attracted an entry of 320 from 19 schools. Gail McCulloch (Tiffin) won the Girls Under 14 and was runner-up in the Under 16's.

RESULTS

UNDER 14: Boys: P. Cuthill (Rivermead) b G. Featherstone (K.G.S.) 19, 12, 15. Girls: G. McCulloch (Tiffin) b P. Lennell (Buriton High) 14, 12, 13.


JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

Girls Make Their Mark

JUNIOR girls made their mark in no uncertain manner by winning the women's singles at both Bournemouth and Newbury.

It was at Bournemouth where they made perhaps their greatest impression by outbasing the boys from the junior mixed singles.

Karenza Smith was the star of the show beating Essex colleague Diane Simpson in the final. A third girl, Jill Shirley, also reached the semi-final.

Karenza followed up the junior success by again beating Diane in the women's final.

Maureen Heppell stole the limelight at Newbury when she beat Pauline Martin, England's No. 5, in the semi-final before going on to win the women's singles.

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Laurie Landry

EALING "CLOSED"


Restricted Singles: R. Whichelow b P. Monks 16, 18.
IN AT THE DEEP END

I ALWAYS find the most boring part of sporting biographies to be Chapter One—Early Days. There has been nothing dull, however, about the early days of Sandra Lee.

In her 14th summer this slim Leeds lass has taken up table tennis at Butlins and she is not likely to forget the opening months of her first season.

NEALE WINS

YORKSHIRE CLOSED

TOP seed Denis Neale took the Yorkshire Closed men’s crown at Bradford but Alan Hydes made him go all the way in the final. He held the international to 16-all in the third before Neale’s superior aggression became decisive.

Hydes continued to tot up the titles, however, and by taking the youths’ event (for the third year running) and men’s doubles with John Kedge brought his bag to 11 in five tournaments.

Cynthia Duncombe won the women’s singles for the fourth year in succession (to equal Mavis Dyson’s record) and fifth time in all (a new record).

Cynthia and Lesley Proudlock took the eye with their smart black and apple green outfits for the doubles final but their play was by no means as attractive and they slumped to Pat Daniell and Linda Gordon.

It maintained an odd sequence, however. They won the title alternate years since 1961 and this was their turn to miss.

RESULTS


Women’s singles: G. D. DUNCUMBE b L. S. Proudlock 17, 14.

Youth’s singles: HYPES b J. Kedge 16, 12.


Girls’ singles: L. FORKS b S. Lee 12, 10.

Men’s doubles: HYPES/KEDGE b Bevan/C. Pollock 16, 15, 15.

Women’s doubles: F. DAINTRY/L. GORDON b Duncombe/Proudlock 16, 15.

Mixed doubles: KEDGE/MRS. DUNCUMBE b Hynes/Mrs Proudlock 16, 19, 15.

UP THE VETERANS

COMBINED ages of the six players in a recent Hertford and District League match between Thames Wire and Hertford Brewery was 311 years!

Brewery, the more youthful side, with an average age of 49 against Thames’ 54, scrapped home 6-4 to maintain their unbeaten record, but it was all decided on the third set of the last game with Neville Cross (53) and Dennis Storey (43) beating Horace West (54) and George Gurling (57).

Leeds, who have always had one of the strongest women’s teams in the county, were so troubled by illness and injury that they brought in Sandra for their first two inter-league matches against Bradford and Sheffield Works.

Yet she has still to make her debut in the Leeds League. She is registered with Y.M.C.A. but is only on the verge of their Division Nine team.

Then at the Yorkshire Closed she appeared in the girls’ singles final at the first attempt. Unhappily we cannot pin any medals on her for this—she got there by courtesy of opponents who did not turn up.

She met county junior Linda Forbes and failed to score a point in the first game losing the 21-10.

“I was so nervous,” she explained.

Encouragement came from Linda’s father. “I hope it’s not your last final,” he sympathised.

Sad to see Lilian Nisbet on crutches.

She was playing for Y.M.C.A. in Leeds League when an Achilles tendon snapped.

That puts her out for the season and is one of the reasons Leeds had to rush the inexperienced Miss Lee.

ANOTHER CASUALTY

Another casualty is David Roece, 17-year-old Dowsbury youth champion, who broke his right leg while ice skating.

Harrogate veterans Ken Michelmore and Norman Lusher have had operations, Norman being taken to hospital with appendicitis while down at Harts for the Sussex Open.

On behalf of all enthusiasts, I wish this unlucky quartet the speediest possible recovery.

Harrogate champions Harlequins (Eric Lund, Max Dodd, Bob Adams and Harry Gaff) went down 8-2 to main rivals Wanderers (Neale, Shaw, Conoby, Marshall), whose average age has been reduced by almost half in two years from the former Michelmore - Lusher - Long - Leslie line-up.

On his first appearance in the men’s county inter-club cup 20-year-old Tony Mantle gave Wanderers victory over Leeds Victoria when, at 4-4, he defeated Bill Harrison in straight games. Denis Neale was in merciless mood and yielded only 33 points in six games against: Simpson - Grayson - Harrison.

Huddersfield’s experienced Post Office Engineers (Philip Earnshaw, Alan Land, Howard Birch) almost brought down holders Sheffield Albion (McCarry - Broadhurst - Vague) but despite Earnshaw’s trio they went out 5-4.

Third and second in the last two Huddersfield League seasons, Post Office hope to go one better this time but defest against unbeaten Y.M.C.A. Zoilides (Kedge - Burgess - Barber) was a setback.

David Laycock, the former Dowsbury and Leeds player, is now turning out for Wakefield but his side turned 7-3 in the first match to be played by Bradford’s new third team, Stuart Walker and Andy Taylor doing their utmost being unbeaten. Dennis Law won both his singles for Wakefield.

WELL SERVED

FRANCIS HARE has completed 20 years on the executive committee of the Yorkshire Table Tennis Association, (writes Malcolm Hartley).

He has served under six chairmen and seven secretaries, and 1940 was awarded the county’s special badge for outstanding work in 1961.

He has been chairman of the county’s tournament sub-committee “for more years than I can remember” and pays tribute to the hard work and co-operation of his colleagues "which has made Yorkshire tournaments second to none.

Mr. Hare is regarded by colleagues as a valuable committee man because he can be relied on for a constructive and unbiased opinion.

Quiet of manner, he dislikes biographies, feels the game has deteriorated as a spectator. He says: “Exhibition of so-called temperament, especially among the males, is now all too frequent with appeals to heaven for sympathy for a near miss from a shot nerved upon by my colleague.”

Mr. Hare used to be a Wakefield League player with British Ropes in 1937-38, joined their executive in 1939, became match secretary in 1940 and held the posts of match secretary, secretary and treasurer from 1951, 1956, running the league almost single-handed.

He is still the treasurer.

He was the first executive to recognise the potential of Kathleen Best when she was only 14. She was given permission to play in the county championships although she had not played in a league match and despite her early defeat Mr. Hare was so impressed that he told her father she was sure she would win the singles title within two years, which she did.

He then prophesied she would be in the county team at 18 maybe even become an international.
OFFICIAL NOTES

TEAM SELECTIONS:


v Sweden: December 18th, 1965, at the Municipal Hall, Knights Lane, Fore Street, Edmonton, London, N.9: G. C. Barnes (Essex), D. N. A. Keble (Yorkshire), Mrs. M. Shannon-Wright (Surrey), Miss L. Bell (Essex). Non-playing Captain: R. J. Kinnersley (Surrey).

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: At its meeting on December 4th, 1965, the National Council accepted the resignation of Mr. G. James as Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A. The election to fill the casual vacancy of Deputy Chairman is now in progress.

G. SALTER (SURREY): The National Council at their meeting on July 17th, 1965, suspended G. Salter for one year as from September 1st, 1965, from all play and attendance at events organised by the E.T.T.A., subject to the right of appeal. The Appeal Committee has given the appeal from G. Salter and, while finding all charges against him proven, decided to recommend a reduction in the period of his suspension, because of his youth. Salter’s suspension has consequently terminated on December 31st, 1965.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Convocation Hall, Church House, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on Saturday, July 2nd, 1966.

HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT: The Handbook Part II Supplement is now available for distribution early in May.

MASTER POINTS SCHEME: Mrs. Mitton has been co-opted to the Master Points sub-committee.

REGISTERED MEMBERS’ APPLICATIONS—1965/66 SEASON:

The following applications were approved:
- G. C. Binney (Warwick), A. E. Bodle (Baths), P. E. D’Arey (Lancs), B. R. Dinham (N’thumberland), G. G. Dryside (Derby), A. Hunt (Dorset), G. G. Law (Derby), T. A. Moore (N’thumberland), J. A. Smaje (Yorkshire), G. A. Simpson (Middlesex), A. W. Johnson (Gloucester), Miss L. Bell (Essex), Miss J. Williamson (Essex), Miss J. Williamson (Middlesex), G. E. Humphries (Middlesex), B. F. L. Landry (Middlesex), P. H. Norman (Derby), Miss B. J. Phillips (Sussex), R. B. Savage (Insurance Offices), R. Stanley (York), Miss J. Williamson (Middlesex), J. Biddle (Warwick), G. C. Barnes (Sussex), A. Linesby (Middlesex).

KENT NOMINATE JASCHKE

KENT have nominated their chairman, Conrad Jaschke, for the post of deputy chairman of the E.T.T.A.

With three Premier team players in the National ranking lists—Tony Piddock, Derek Basden and Pauline Martin—enthusiasm is running high throughout the county. All teams are unbeaten in the N.C.C., which this week should see the recent absence of Ken Baker, the county No. 3, should draw capacity crowds at both the Kent Schools’ Cup at Sittingbourne on January 22 and the Essex match at Sittingbourne in March.

The Kent Schools have come up with nearly 100 affiliations, a record number. The newly appointed Schools Secretary, Miss Anita Fox, will be organising the annual team championships, in zones, with the finals of all the six events in May.

The Kent Open will be held at Folkestone and will be followed by the Junior Closed, to be held at Sittingbourne on February 5/6. In all 13 events will be contested, covering both days.

Report from the Kent League secretary, reports smooth running in all 7 divisions of the league. The county newspaper — Kent Messenger — tournament has drawn a large entry. This will be followed by the Junior Closed, organised by the Wootton League on February 5/6. In all 13 events will be contested, covering both days.

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SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

COMPETITION is hotting up in the South East Midlands League, where Northampton lead the men’s division from Cambridge City. Bedfordshire are finding the going tough in the women’s and junior divisions. Bedford appear to be the chief rivals in both events. Nottingham are leading the way in both the Notts and North Herts, are feeling the going tough but will do their best with more experience.

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