CHESTER BARNES has often criticised for his lapses in important matches, and these have been the harder to take when his attitude has suggested that he can't care less.

But even Chester's severest critics would have been proud of him, and his performance to win the Netherlands Open Singles title on October 16-17 at the new Badenhead in Utrecht's city centre.

This was Chester's first big international success. It could prove the first in many to come, and there is no doubt that this time he did the job properly and never once made a false move or the slightest suggestion of a mistake.

It was his best performance in a singles match since the World Championships in Munich, where he lost to the Swede, M. Bergman. In this case, however, there was no doubt that Chester had played well and deserved to win.

The Czechoslovakian title was a fitting reward for Chester's efforts over the past year, and it will be remembered as one of his best performances in international tennis.

### Heights of Brilliance

Against A. Amelin in the quarter-finals, Chester demonstrated his skill in a match that was almost second-rate by comparison with Bergman. His semi-final against V. Miko, however, was a different story.

Chester looked superior in every department, and the Czech's spin services were in fine form and quite deceptive. It was a match that was to be Chester's for the taking.

Chester was to win on the back of his skill and ability. He was able to show his class, and the Czech was completely bewildered. Karenza proved no match for Chester. The Czech's spin services were in fine form, however, the shot which won the match and a place in the final.

### The Deciding Game

The fifth and deciding game was a nail-biting affair. It was encouraging to note that even when trailing 16-19, Chester did not slow down. He continued to attack Miko's spin services and still went forward, and every shot was calculated individually and determined to be the best possible. A joy to watch.

Chester's performance was not to be outdone by Miko, who was still able to hold his own in the final. Both were worthy opponents, and the match was a fitting conclusion to the tournament.

### Final Words

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Victor Barna can't personally teach you to play a winning game... but he'll gladly do the next best thing.
TONGUE AND GROOVE

Much play was made by the National Press of the term “violence of the tongue” during the recent World Cup football series.

How much of this sort of thing is generated by table tennis players is a matter for conjecture but invariably this verbal bombardment is directed at one’s self as a player.

Nonetheless it fails no more so dangerously on the ears of those whose only desire is to witness the player functioning as though by violence of the tongue during their most special achievement.

Such an achievement is encountered by table tennis players, their official but how many of the writers of such articles are satisfied with the legality of the services used by three of the four players concerned.

In the case of the recent World Cup the Chinese were runners-up in the women’s doubles. Japan finished second in the men’s doubles and mixed doubles and all-Chinese affairs, the winners Chiang Tse-tung and his wife Chou Lan-sun, and Li Fu-jung/Lu Chu-fang (MD), Li Ching-kuan/Li Ho-nan (OD), Lin Hui-ching/Cheng Min-chih of China finished second and North Korea third to China, in both the men’s and women’s team events.

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Alphabetic list at their parents’ expense. They will probably come to England first and in the East German Open Championships in Erfurt.

Next, we send a mixed team to the Czech Open Championships in Prague, where a forward and on March 17 our juniors play Scotland in an international match in Edinburgh.

They have a lot of ground to make up, and I think it is much fairer to our players to say that what we demand of them in Stockholm is not world titles, but a good showing ensuring England a high ranking, and that we want them to gain experience and to improve so as to enable them to make a determined attempt at the European Championships at Lyons in 1968.

The job of all administrators in positions of authority to do everything in their power to help our players achieve this aim and thus to put England firmly in the forefront of European table tennis.

Already Chester Barnes’ wonderful achievement of winning the recent Dutch Open Championships in the Netherlands has given the game in this country a real shot in the arm.

In China, the fabulous Chiang Tse-tung again retained the Chinese National (closed) men’s singles title, and I think the full results of the Chinese Closed will be of interest.

M.S.: Chiang Tse-tung bet Li Fu-jung -9, 14, -12, 15, 16
W.S.: Chou Pao-chin bet Liang Li-chien -15, 15, -12, 19, 11
M.D.: Li Fu-jung/Li Ho-nan bet Li Ching-kuan/Wang Chia-sheng -17, 9, 17, 20
W.D.: Li Ho-nan/Li Li bet Li Chiang-hua/Lui Ya-ch’en 15, 13, 18
X.W.: Wang Chia-sheng/Li Ho-nan bet Chiang Tse-tung/Liang X.W. Chiang Tse-tung/Liang X.W.

EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

Storia di Roma's Cup was successful in winning both the men’s and the women’s events in the European Table Tennis Fair-Town-Cup Competition.

Insufficient finance has prevented us from entering either this competition or the European Club Cup, but we must aim at entering both next season, as they can provide valuable experience for our players. It is to be hoped that they may be able to plan a very fruitful European season. The financial support for the full season remains the big bugbear. Compared with our fees, it might be of interest to look at those charged by the U.S.A. Table Tennis Association. They have just increased them from $4 (28s.) for a one year subscription, or $10 (£3 1Os.) for a 3-year subscription (1967-69) to $4 (28s.) for a one year subscription, or $10 (£3 1Os.) for a 3-year subscription (1967-69), and if half the members are entitled to enter all tournaments.

The presentation ceremony for the Men’s Singles at the Peking Tournament: (left to right) Li Fu-jung, Chiang Tse-tung, Chou Lan-sun and Su Kuo-ki.

EURONEPINEPHRINE JUNIORS will be held in Velje (Denmark) in 1967, Salonika (Greece) in 1968, and in the U.S.S.R. in 1969.

Our reigning champion Denis Neale has been nominated for the 8-rank challenge tournament in Montreal next spring. The organizers of the Expo ’67 pay all expenses.

EhNorn Reilchett has been awarded the “Silbener Lorbeerbogen” - this year’s highest award for a sportswoman.

Ladislav Stipek’s contract as trainer in Peru has been extended for a further two years.

Netherlands Closed Champions—Men’s Singles: Bert v. d. Helm; Women’s singles: Annemarie Wijmans.

French Closed Champions—Men’s Singles: Jacques Secretin; Women’s Singles: Martine LeBras.

Belgium’s new ranking lists are headed by Norbert Vandewalle (1) and Pierre Juliens (2), and Josiane Cornelis (1) and Marie-France Petre (2).

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TAYLOR WINS UNDER-17 - LOSES UNDER-15

THE surprise of this tournament was perhaps the two losses for Thomas and then beat Keith Taylor/Thomas 15, 18.

HENWOOD bt L. Pacitto (Bucks)/J. Glynn (Warwicks)/A. Norman (Kent)

LAWRENCE (Essex) bt Michael Sykes, brother of last year's Under-17 winner.

RENNES/P. HA'RMER (Herts) bt P. Judd (Warwicks) 16, 14.

HENWOOD (Essex) bt L. Pacitto (Bucks)/J. Glynn (Warwicks)/A. Norman (Kent)


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"NEWS OF THE WORLD" SCHEME
By Johnny Leach

HISTORY is the favourite school subject of both 13-year-old Haydn Thomas, of Abergele, and 14-year-old Jill Shirley, of Crawley, but that’s the end of the similarities.

But these youngsters made a little history on their own account on October 7th when they were adjudged the outstanding boy and Girl of the Year amongst the record 32,000 entrants for our 12th Annual Table Tennis Coaching Scheme.

The Scheme was presented by Sports Editor Frank Butler from the stage of the Gaiety Theatre at Crawley. All successful entrants will be presented to the coaching scheme.

In my opinion both of these young champions are destined to achieve stardom. They are every bit as promising as were such previous winners as Chester Barnes and Leslie Bell at the same age.

Introduce to table tennis through our Coaching Scheme five years ago, Haydn Thomas has four times finished with a runner-up award. But the honour he has now captured is not just a reward for perseverance.

The Haydn Thomas we saw this time, though still small and slight in physique, has grown tremendously in ability. To the adventurous attacking game he has previously commanded, he has now added subtle variation of speed and tactics, placing his shots with a shrewdness for one so young.

WELSH No. 1

Since we last saw him he won Junior International honours and impressed in tournaments at home and overseas. I would say that he could quite

CRAWLEY were represented by (men) T. Riley, R. Evans, K. Horton, A. Green and (ladies) D. Barontini and J. Garner, and Welwyn Garden City by (men) T. Dembany, G. Bebb, R. Collins and (ladies) M. Hodge, P. Limley and J. Blake.

AREA FINALS

For the first time this season, weekly winners were obliged to face the Grand Finals to win one of the nine Area Finals introduced to cope with an ever-increasing entry. The last of these, and therefore the title of the new Crawley Cup, was won.

The effect of this was that the winners of the final were a highly professional standard, and therefore the

NEW TOWNS CHALLENGE CUP, 1966

By Peter B. LINDLEY

THIS annual table tennis competition took place on Sunday, September 25, 1966, in the main canteen of Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Limited, Hatfield, Herts. Each of the eight new towns taking part had a player at the table and each player competed in seven rubbers—five singles (three men, two ladies) and two doubles (one man, one lady).

The titles of the 28 inter-town matches were as follows ( winnings towns first):

- Basildon 6
- Hatfield 5
- Hemel Hempstead 5
- Stevenage 5
- Welwyn Garden City 4
- Bromley 4
- Bexhill 4
- Clacton 4
- Pwllheli 4
- Leighton Buzzard 4
- Manchester 4
- Minehead 4
- Skegness 4
- Weymouth 4
- Telford 4
- Harlow 4
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- Harlow 4
- Shrewsbury 4

CRAWLEY RECAPTURE TROPHY

This year’s cup winners were Crawley, who had the same number of points as Welwyn Garden City, but a slightly better set average. Crawley were represented by (men) T. Riley, R. Evans, K. Horton, A.
NEALE THE EXECUTIONER

Without the loss of a single game, B. D. Wright (Middx) defeated J. D. Clark (Northumb) in the final to win the Men's singles title at the North of England Open. Wright's win was his third straight victory over Clark, who had won the title in 1964 and 1965.

Singles - Final: B. D. Wright (Middx) bt J. D. Clark (Northumb) 20, 13; 19, 17. 18.

Men's Doubles - Semi-finals:
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WELSH CORNER

by Roy Evans

WHAT emerges from the first month's Welsh play in the new season? Two significant points, I think—the continued progress of young Hugh Thomas, and the much brighter start Monmouthshire have made in their first Division matches. Two of Glamorgan's young players have their rivals Glanmorian.

As to Hugh's success, let us hasten to congratulate him first on being selected Boy of the Year by Johnny Leach, and to note with pleasure his remarkable performances in the recent Indoor events and under-17 events in the Essex Junior Leagues. The main point was, first of all, that he included the Welsh Junior side to tour Goginan and that he looked very fit and on top form. Then, secondly, and rather more important, is the view that his top players should be able to carry the club into the next Welsh Championships as the backbone of the senior side. This year at least, the Monmouthshire side in the Yorkshire League and team 0-10, but the Ladies won 6-4 making the trip. LEICESTERSHIRE made a good showing against Staffordshire, but they have certainly applied them­

NORTHERNB NEWS

by David Bliss

“Goodall Tops”

NORTHAMPTON started their campaign in Division 1 of the Firestone Midland League title with two 7-3 and 8-2 wins over Wiltshire and Derby but the Ladies' trial had to be playing steadier, and have been thoroughly whitewashed Wiltshire, and have to bear the brunt.

DEPLORABLE

Monmouthshire have exceeded past performances by tenfold against Oxfordshire and a very good 3-2 over Nottinghamshire. By contrast, Glanmorian failed deplorably to build on their recent Tour to Oxford, and fell down 3-7 to Staffordshire. At the other extreme, the best result came from Monmouthshire with a match, and under-17 events in the Essex Junior Leagues. The main point was, first of all, that he included the Welsh Junior side to tour Goginan and that he looked very fit and on top form. Then, secondly, and rather more important, is the view that his top players should be able to carry the club into the next Welsh Championships as the backbone of the senior side. This year at least, the Monmouthshire side in the Yorkshire League and team 0-10, but the Ladies won 6-4 making the trip. LEICESTERSHIRE made a good showing against Staffordshire, but they have certainly applied them­

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTES by J. D. Ellis

Peter’s Good Start

AFTER their great first-ever win over Glamorgan at Cardiff last season, the Exeter Senior County team seemed to lack confidence and were defeated by Monmouthshire at Granborough. This time, despite the continued good form of Workington, they were a much more successful player last year, has won Delaware and is giving a game to the Nottinghamshire ‘Y’ side without losing a single game. On their way to the first round, Whitelaw has high hopes and will be one of the leaders of the group of the Carter Cup competition.

EXHIBITIONS GIVEN ANYWHERE IN BRITAIN

by Ken Mathews

MARY and BRIAN WRIGHT

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NEWS FROM THE WEST by Onlooker

Albert Healy Retires

With the season only just under way, the Exeter men’s team felt it would be fitting to give rather a quiet start. Most starting points of news come from Exeter where Albert Healy, Devon’s most experienced player, has decided to go into retirement. This decision was made after discussion with the Exeter League, and unless Mike Lyons and Mike Rutter cannot agree on the mean that Plymouth players will be. Unofficially, the Exeter team, and Mike Lyons and Mike Rutter have shown a few points with that Plymouth players will be. Unofficially, the Exeter team, and Mike Lyons and Mike Rutter have shown a few points with that Plymouth players will be. Unofficially, the Exeter team, and Mike Lyons and Mike Rutter have shown a few points with...
WARWICKSHIRE NOTES by Roger Morris

Not One—but Two!

TWO Junior internationals in one season. Warwickshire providing half the men for the first bar Junior match of the season against Wales. This was the second game for the two and two boys concerned. Never before in one season have Warwickshire had two Junior internationals in one season.

The two boys also followed up their selection by winning an open Junior match against the six players of Middlesbrough and Derek Munt won their North West Section first international. No other points were scored on top of this the county also selected them for the best team.

Our three county teams have started off with a bang.

MIDLANDS TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

by A. A. Wall

THE First few matches have brought about the usual series of clashes with the majority of clashes the same old faces against each other. The most notable base in Division I to Cheltenham, However, Cheltenham have won each and it would be interesting to know the number of times they can appear for their two leading players. However, Bill Shariat, of Warwickshire, has a chance to score. There has been a lot of action.

In Division 2, newcomers Nuneaton did very well in holding Nottinham for a 7-2 defeat, no player on either side winning three. Walsall beat Wolverhampton 3-2 and a visitor from the West Midlands will be tested.

Derby began well in the Inter-Counties Championship with a 4-0 defeat of Liverpool, the latter having the good start. However, Oxford had a good match when they beat the YMCA 3-2. Hullampton and Morley, of Gloucester, and Lush and Northwood, of Cheshire, have taken part in many, many games, but they have not had much success.

In the Junior Section, Walsall Juniors lost to Wolverhampton 3-2. It was an exciting match with a tough first set when Williams led 7-3 for the younger pair but it dropped to 3-4 before losing, at home, to promotees Wisbech, whilst fellow promotees Preston and Cambridge City played a close game with a 5-2 win over Eastbourne.

It is a good thing that a suitable place was found for the younger pair. As the place has been found for the younger pair, a victory here is forecast for the Junior Section.

NORTH BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE CHALLENGE by Leslie Constable

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THE ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL GAMES

A blueprint by Tom Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) and Conrad Juchke (Hon. International Secretary) showing the division of duties concerning the organisation of international table tennis games.

As a general principle, the International Secretary has overall responsibility for all international matches staged in England (under terms of agreement with the British Table Tennis Association). He will appoint an Organising Secretary who is the official responsible for local arrangements, and who deals with the International Secretary and with officials regarding TV and press, and the work of all local helpers.

All those concerned with the staging of international games should be aware of the following memo so that they know exactly the extent of their field of responsibility.

International Secretary

On presentation of the programme to the National Council, the International Secretary will consult the E.T.T.A. Chairman.

1. Coordinate with foreign associations and agree date of matches.
2. Agree composition of teams in consultation with Selection Committee.
3. Agree financial terms in consultation with the Hon. Treasurer. Liaise with the responsible officials regarding TV.

4. Arrange venues, advise all concerned and supervise the arrangements.

5. Prepare programmes, make the table of matches, and table to be used.


7. Supply all relevant information to Press Officer.

8. Arrive in the country of the national flag, anthems and pennants and/or souvenirs.

9. Secure the proofs of programme.

10. Appropriate letters of thanks after match.

National Selection Committee

1. Agree the dates of international matches with International Secretary.

2. Choose selected players, and their county and league secretaries.

3. Ensure players wear proper clothing, footwear and get-togethers.

4. Pay travel expenses to and from venue.

5. Advise players of venue and travel arrangements, specifically arrival at venue, provide tickets and, if required, visas.

Training

1. Contact players and reserve player for after the official trip has been made by the selection committee, and confirm training arrangements with them. Special care in this case.

2. Ensure players are in practice, and if necessary, arrange pre-match training for them.

3. Contact organising body regarding facilities.

4. Inspect players’ dress and equipment on arrival.

5. Complete programme of play with local authorities—this will have been agreed beforehand.

6. Advise him of any special or unusual matters affecting play.

7. Confer with local organising officials concerning allocation of teams, seating in arena, meal arrangements, transport and facilities for exchanges of players and officials.

8. Ensure players are kept together during match and no unnecessary movements are allowed.

9. Report to any non-compliance with any of the above.

10. Contact local organisers on questions of speeches to be made.

11. Submit brief report to International Secretary.

Referee

1. Inspect playing arena before the match.

2. Ensure time clocks are available.

3. Ensure that competent umpires are available by contacting organisational arrangements.

4. Check table, nets, net and balls before match commences.

5. All arrangements of presentations, etc., should be agreed by the Referee.

6. No alteration in the agreed order of play can be made except by agreement of the management.

7. The Referee is responsible for all interpretations of the laws of tennis, but cannot overrule the laws of the game. This fact, however, replace any umpire if necessary.

8. Referees are recommended not to allow knock-out of own playing position, except for emergencies. Any disputes arising before players commence the match.

9. Submit brief report to the international Secretary after match.

E.T.T.A. Representatives

1. Contact local organising bodies, confirm general arrangements with them and offer any help that may be required.

2. Ensure local organising secretaries are aware of usual procedure of pre-match, etc., and if not, give full details. Offer help to local organisation in the presentation arrangements.

3. Attend any pre-match meal arranged by local organising secretaries.

4. Attend any after-match functions arranged by local organising secretaries and speak on behalf of the E.T.T.A.

5. Submit brief report to the International Secretary after match.

E.T.T.A. Treasurer

1. Consider general arrangements with International Secretary.

2. Arrange financial arrangements with local organising secretaries.

3. Pay travel expenses to and from venue.

4. Obtain financial statement from local organisers.

5. Complete financial statement and submit to E.T.T.A.

E.T.T.A. Press Officer

1. Give preliminary arrangements to Press.

2. Make arrangements for local publicity and press facilities with local organising secretaries and offer local Press Officers facilities and mention need for any such arrangements.

3. Supply local organisers with pen pictures of players.

Local Organiser

1. The International Secretary will appoint an Organising Secretary who will have the duties mentioned earlier in this memorandum, and who will co-ordinate the work of all the committees mentioned below in paragraph 5.

2. The local organising body should book venue after confirmation by International Secretary.

3. Organising Secretary to refer to International Secretary any approach by TV companies.


It is understood that the E.T.T.A. take financial responsibility for all international matches. The E.T.T.A. pay all expenses as agreed beforehand with the International Secretary and the E.T.T.A. take all income. But local hotels will expect an agreed percentage of net profit.

Before arriving at a net profit figure, the E.T.T.A. ‘s expenses in bringing our own players to this country will be debited to the match. A percentage of the net profit will be paid back by the E.T.T.A. to the local organising committee on the amount of net profit.

5. The local organisers (or the Organising Secretary) should set up sub-committees for the following functions. (N.B. Some of these functions may, of course, be carried out by the Organising Secretary if practical).

(a) Box Office and Ticket Sales

(i) Print and distribute tickets, and keep detailed record of sales.

(ii) Make arrangements for ticket sales on the day of match.

(iii) Ensure seats are marked and numbered correctly.

(iv) Ensure suitable arrangements are made with V.I.P.’s. (The International Secretary will give instructions regarding tickets for E.T.T.A. V.I.P.’s).

(v) Balance cash with sales and submit account to Organising Secretary.

(vi) Line up with programme officers any help that may be needed.

(b) Reception and Hospitality

(i) Book accommodation as advised by International Secretary and inspect it personally. Single rooms should be available, or provide meals. The opposite shall be known to the players.

(ii) Ensure that proper facilities are available for V.I.P.’s. (To be obtained from BEC Official, E.T.T.A. Press Officer), Presentation dinners in the shortest time by telephone call.

(iii) Make arrangements for any public presentation, etc., to be held, and ensure this is attended by V.I.P.’s.

(iv) Arrange with local E.T.T.A. officials to arrange for complimentary tickets to be distributed to V.I.P.’s, local officials and Press Officers. (The International Secretary will give instructions regarding complimentary tickets). The International Secretary will stipulate make of ball to be used. Official in charge of equipment should confirm with the Organising Secretary that the relevant supplier of the free balls has been received from the manufacturer a few days before match.

(c) Press and Publicity

(i) E.T.T.A. Press Officer well in advance of match, exchange ideas on planning and ensure information both ways.

(ii) Arrange for display of E.T.T.A. Press Officer at event.

(iii) Make arrangements for nets to be available to Press Officers.

(iv) Obtain copy and printing the programme sales with box office sales.

(v) Ensure suitable seats and facilities for Press.

(vi) Ensure facilities for action photographs, etc., are available for Press Officers.

(vii) Collect and return blocks to E.T.T.A. Press Officer.

(viii) Arrive at Press Officers, arrange for seating, and ensure microphone is available for Press Officers.

9. Submit brief report to the International Secretary.

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From the Editor's Postbag

THOSE SERVICES!

I was interested to read in Colin Clennett’s “Ootober” issue of Table Tennis News some proposed alternative service laws.

As a player, I find services to be almost always in accord with the service laws. In the case where a service is either held in a cupped hand, thrown backwards, the racket, dropped from the hand instead of thrown upwards, or any variation of the foregoing.

When umpiring, I resolve in my mind two things: (a) is the service intended to be made fair to the receiver? (b) is the receiver being deprived of his legal right to receive a good service? When a player is served, the service is held to be legal only if a player, when served, is not then take appropriate action. If neither the other player, nor the umpire, overrule it completely. However, if there are some other services which should be dealt with at the same time as the service, and if a player is being picked up by young players, it would be unfair, but if the opposite is true, it is not the fault of the moment of serve. There is no other reason for this change of rules to be a player to take when serving? In a recent match, was

Plea From Florida

I am a player of table tennis and wish very much to correspond with women table tennis players from my county. Would you please help me by printing my desire for pen-pals in your next issue? I play for the Orlando Table Tennis Club.

JAMES LEGGETT
P.O. Box 1050
Orlando, Florida 32809

Administration

One of the most tedious jobs of a league secretary is addressing envelopes to his fellow officers and the secretaries of all the clubs in the league. Few secretaries have much access to addressing machines, and only the largest sports organisations, such as E.T.T.A., are likely to have or to be able to afford their own. However, this task can be virtually eliminated by duplicating all the names and addresses on a single form at the start of each season. A typical label will contain five lines—the person’s name, his position (or club) and a three-letter address. About thirty such labels can be easily accommodated on a single sheet of paper in three columns of ten. This method of addressing has two further advantages. It is only necessary to cut out a copy of sticky labels and stick one on each envelope to ensure complete circulation. Secondly, there is no need to check them for accuracy each time.

If each league sends a few sheets to his county secretary, the work of printing them should be very simple. I would be most grateful to anyone who could forward me information such as these sheets. To whom it may concern,

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Golf News

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The growth table tennis in China and Japan.


Table Tennis and the Press

Little has happened in Staffordshire since my last note so I want to make this month to think at the national level.

My main concern is the relationship between table tennis and the Press. A very little amount of Press publicity is allocated to internationals, and yet sports reporters up and down the country, if there is any, are more interested in the Johnny Leach affair.

This is the reason why publicity table tennis can do without. An article in the Sunday 2 newspaper said that the latter letter sent by Net and Warren was for the better of a heat that has been rocking for some time. The report goes that the Table Tennis magazine folded because T.T.N. had withdrawn official recognition. After reading the letter in the new Table News, it is easy to see that the E.T.T.A. are 100 per cent behind the officer.

And who then does these stories reach first Street? It was a pity that the report has been sent to you to help out this letter but this is something to be corrected by the E.T.T.A. and Johnny Leach. The point I am trying to make is that the latter are not enough and this should never be released to the Press.

I was pleasantly surprised when reviewing the first edition of Table Tennis News. The magazine in its new format was neat and well laid out. I hope now that Louis Hoffman will succeed in his circulation drive, for I am sure everything the new journal has a great future.

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THE PAINS OF CIRCULATION

By LOUIS HOFFMAN, O.M.S.

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From Jack Carrington

National Coaching Scheme News

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