HATS OFF FOR MARY

By JOHNNY LEACH

ENGLAND made an encouraging start to the European League season with a 7-0 defeat of Holland to Karlikova at the Theatre, he beat Stanek.

Our opening match against Holland, at Highbury on Oct. 5, was essentially a survival battle for England's first home tie in the European League on Thursday, Oct. 19, against Czechoslovakia, would be a cracker. The ITTF cameras caught the electric atmosphere, and the Murray for Sport and other celebrities in the audience seemed enthralled.

My first problem as captain was glory. The Czechs took over at this stage of the tournament. We were not too far behind our rivals. With a little extra fitness, concentration and dedication I feel sure England will have the best team in Europe.

It is worth remembering that the European League title will be decided on games average, if teams are equal on points, so that we can still in with a chance!

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TOUR

By GEORGE YATES

"THE UNTOUCHABLES"

In much the same manner as Denis Neale and Stuart Gibbs swept aside the challenge of the locals in New Zealand so too, in the recent Czech tour of this country, did Jaroslav Stanek and Vlado Miko at my expense.

Between them, in a 4-match series incorporating the European League encounter, the Czech pair won 15 out of 16 men's singles and four out of men's and mixed doubles!

England's only victory against this formidable duo was accomplished by Gibbs when, in the European League encounter at the Ibis Theatre, he beat Stanek.

Running contrary to this adverse tide was that which carried Karenza Smith and Mary Wright, both to double successes over Marta Luzova, of Brighton and English Open fame.

Clearly there is a decided gap to be bridged before we can even hope to challenge the Eastern potentates at Munich in 1969.

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Oct 17, Lost 1-4:
D. NEALE lost to V. Miko -17, -20; lost to J. Stanek -19, -16.
A. HYDES lost to Stanek -8, -20, -14; lost to Miko -16, -18.
J. SMITH lost to J. Karlikova -8, -10, -20.
K. SMITH lost to J. Karlikova -15, -17.

At Coventry, Oct 28, Lost 1-7:
S. GIBBS lost to Stanek -20, -47, -11; lost to Miko -17, -21.
C. WARREN lost to Miko -13, -21; lost to Stanek -13, -23.
M. WRIGHT bt Luzova -8, 12.
S. GIBBS lost to Luzova -17, -7, -18.
K. SMITH bt Stanek/Miko -14, -8.

At Preston, Oct 14, Lost 1-4:
S. GIBBS bt B. van der Helm -19, -17, -14.
W. SMITH lost to Stanek 1-5.

At Sheffield, Oct 24, Lost 1-2:
W. SMITH bt Miko 19, -13.

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INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP

BY CONRAD JASCHKE
Deputy Chairman and Hon. International Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

FROM a promotional point of view, our first home match in the European League turned out to be everything that had been hoped for. Playing in front of an enthusiastic audience in a packed house, the European teams responded to this by producing exciting table tennis, and the quality of presentation achieved by the African Table Tennis Club of the Prudential Assurance Company has added a new dimension to English table tennis.

Sportswriter Sydney Hulls of the Daily Express, whose praise is not easily forthcoming, opened the presentation as "first class—a big step forward for table tennis." Don Simpson, who has covered table tennis in London for the Evening Standard for many years said: "This was the most perfectly organised and presented table tennis international match I have ever seen."

The T.T.A. is providing long-term support for sport and Mr. Vaclav Vebr, deputy president of the European Table Tennis Union, was present. The only premier of Czechoslovakia Open to date are: Netherlands 0, England 7; England 2, Czechoslovakia 5; and U.S.R.R. 5, Hungary 2.

In the second round of the European League, Jersey, Scotland, Belgium and Wales will be meeting in Jersey on January 19-20 to play off for places in the final rounds of the World Cup. The 11th and 12th August will be the date for the last round, with the top four sides playing off for the title.

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THE "POACHERS"

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**East of England Open**

**Joan Robinson**

Symonds Stops Hydes Treble

Alan Hydes had a good weekend at the East of England Open, held at Belton's, Skegness on September 22-23, when he met with Darren Neale and Maureen Hepple, who both showed that they have a lot of talent.

In reaching the latter, the Barnsley international, who was a confident choice to win the men's singles final, was defeated by Trevor Taylor. Symonds showed a remarkable pass along the line, but he was unable to settle into any sort of rhythm.

Owing to the absence of British Doctor bifid, Valley, and Joe McLeod, in a car accident, Hydes and his teammates were surprised when they won a place in the finals with a dramatic 5-0 victory over Middlesex, with a team made up of them a great thing in the final, but the massive win in the semi-finals (the specials) was too much for them.

Hydes found himself at the start of the week's work, and he was surprised when the Miss Hepple overcame her experience of playing and mixing sound defense with attacking stroke. With her, she was a formidable opponent.

The final was a very exciting affair, with Hydes losing a leg back to back, and the day's work seemed to be on the cards when he took the first game, but Miss Hepple came back to take the next two and then the final, which was a great victory.

Miss Hepple, the latter winning a leg one to the finish and waded her way through the semi-finals to meet Hydes for the title. She was given her when Miss Shirley, in a very exciting singles final against the No. 1 seed, will be well remembered in England as a former team mate of the 1956-57 English Open junior champion.

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**NEW TOWNS TOURNAMENT**

Welwyn G.C. Oust Crawley

At the "The Pavilion," Malvern, Helen Hampstead, on Sunday, September 24, reasserted her position as one of the exceptionally high standard and many people were surprised when she came back to be reckoned with, but with her form now, she is one of the strongest teams greatly improved and Welwyn G.C. are in fine form, the matter was no surprise to the experts.

Special mention should be made of the encouraging form of Mrs. T. Densham (Welwyn), who were both undefeated throughout the day.

Three of the top four men's singles will be held at Steyning, West Sussex.

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News from "Down Under" by Dennis Tucker, Australian non-playing captain.

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NEWBURY JOUPE OPEN
More Titles for Taylor

JILL SHIRLEY and Trevor Taylor (Herts) won the singles titles at the Newbury Open where the former late finish and the withdrawal of Hamer from the boys final were the main news. The committee are already arranging next year's event. The attendance was lower than the earlier years, with the younger events perhaps, that the finish can be more like 2:30 p.m. on both days.

With the Juniors by Laurie Landry

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BARNET T.C CENTRE by Johnny Leahy

A TABLE tennis centre in every county in the country, where the game is played seven days a week without hindrance from other sports, is the dream of British officials and players. Three years ago, former Douglas Underwood, the American-born Vice President of the ITTAA, was talking about the game and its development. He said: "When I was over in the States, a play-off for the two losing semi-finalists. I believe there should be an annual budget showing the original estimates turned out to be over or under. It is not always understood how the financial structure of the E.T.T.A. is worked out. The main sources of income (1) The subscriptions, (2) The Championships, (3) Outside sources. The total income was £30,000 which came from £7,000 (from 1), £4,500 from (2) and £3,000 from (3) the latter included TV fees and sponsorship. The total committee (1) from the grants, (2) from the profits from foreign tournaments and from sources outside this money is the estimate of the Association's total income. The respect for the efficient management of the game itself brings the money together again. The ITTAA office at home and abroad.

SPEcIFIED GRANTS
The Government grant is specified to assist in Secretariat, Coaching and Office expenses and there is no other financial support. The grant covers 90% of the secretarial expenses, the Director of Coaching and the St. Club. Of £200 towards one of the expenses of £500 towards the cost of office Rent. This is by no means a port contribution but it makes the administration of the Association possible.

The income from members pays the balance of all other administration expenses. The Committees have no income. The fees decrease by £200 for each year, and next year the committee will be £1,500 which will be less than half the income of many county associations. The cost of the administration is a small percentage of the financial structure of the counties.

Lessons from Stockholm

Charles E. Davies asks...

. . . . . . did England really have any hope of winning the title in Stockholm? Hard as our players tried and in spite of the sparky form of Dennis Neale their chances were remote.

Why was this. And more important, what was to be done by the ITTAA to enhance these prospects in the future?

This is the sort of mind I interviewed our players in Stockholm and here are some of their views.

Mrs. Mary Wright. "Before the championships we trained harder and better than any other team. We missed the tension but we still haven't got used to winning or losing yet. Perhaps we need to train more and win more to be able to win world titles. We must adopt the Japanese and the North American game. It's winning and losing and all good sportsmen see you win and lose in the last minute detail to achieve this!"

Chester Barnes, in his third world championships, was a breed of player who did not win. "We just loafed around and we go home and don't visit the best of today and the sizes of tomorrow!"

Karenne Kratz is emphatic on the point of speed. "All of us need to have the tone in our forehand. Our game is based on speed and it was the winning footwork of the Americans and British who won the title!"

Nineteen-year-old Stuart Gibbes says, "I noticed the Japanese flaming much more than us. This would be a great idea in England, to stage an International in the same way but I would need to know how to achieve these aims. If not, has the E.T.T.A. the secret to achieve these aims?"

Upon the answer to these questions, lies, it seems to me, much of the hope to win world table tennis titles in the
Sussex Open

Barnes "Hi-Jacked"

THE story of the 1967 Sussex Open appears to be one sentence—"Chester Hits, the Jack Pot." Instead, it reads—"The jack membership of the International Rock Pavilion, Barnes was rendering men's singles. 'But fMe stepped in, in the Press of the World."

Now for the approval of the rest of the English spectators. Results—D. N. NELD by M. C. O'Neil 19, 24; T. S. GIBBINS by C. B. C. 12, 13, 14; N. van De Waal 16, 17; KARENSIA SMITH by Joanne Dennis 12, 13, 14.

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**Leicestershire Notes**

by Philip Reid

**Indebted to Susan**

Leicestershire opened their account in the County Championship with a 17-3 win over Cambridgeshire. Susan Baxter was successful in singles and doubles with a 3-0 win over Mrs. Jackson and a 6-2 win over Mrs. Napier to earn the cup for Leicestershire. Baxter kept up his 100 per cent record for singles in the Championship and with Brian Billson and Andy Hodsman, the doubles pair, the juniors have made a good start.

In the Midland League, Leicestershire won their opening match against Northampton 7-0. The Men's team beat Walsall 8-2 (Mervyn Worton, 2; Brian Billson, 1; and Peter O'Donnell, 1) whilst the Women's team beat Walsall-by and the Women's team 4-1 (Joan Worthington, 2; and Sue Biddulph, 1). The juniors have made a good start.

**Staffordshire Notes**

by John Pike

**Baddeley Impresses**

Despite the second team losing to Notts, the first juniors won over Cheshire 6-3. This was a useful start to the season. The Leek juniors have improved since they joined the county from Warwickshire. This was mainly due to Baddeley's excellent form. He has improved his skill and it is hoped that there will be a definite improvement for all sections of the club in the future.

**Cumberland Comment**

by Ron Rigg

No Joy On Tyneside

Saturday, October 14, proved to be a black day indeed for those hoping for a North-West victory over the North-East. At Prudhoe, in their opening match of the season, the Cumberland juniors were beaten 10-0 in the Senior event.

One ray of sunshine shone like a beacon through all this gloom. Whitewashed by Rotherham in the first match of the Circuit Cup by 5-2, Rotherham's ladies did not let down. The ladies' effort was in doubt until the third game when the Whitewashed gained a narrow 5-3 victory. Mauritie Bell 1, and John Semsby 2, were particularly good. They are hoping for another home draw to come their way.

For the Cumberland team, this was a good start to their season as they have obtained the valuable services of Peter Kettlewell, the number one junior, and a 10-0 annihilation of Cumberbund, who were beaten 10-0 in the Junior event.

The Cumberland juniors are now in Division II and are expected to stage a determined effort in the 2nd division.
LANCASHIRE NOTES

“Trotters” Run Stopped

BOLTON’S long run of successes in Division 1 of the Lancashire League came to an end on October 9 when they were beaten 3-7 by the rising new boys, Manchester City. Another weekend with an eye on the Cup and a Home Counties Cup match against Don Barry—Stockport’s new assistant manager—had to be put on hold while the Trotters cleared their minds for the new competition. The result brought an end to a period of guardsman’s rewards that have almost doubled in the last three years. The seventh success in the home league this year against a Professional Club team.

AROUND THE COUNTIES

by Geo. R. Yates

YORKSHIRE NEWS

Tylers v The Rest

EVERYTHING possible has been done to ensure ideal conditions for the start of the Rest of Yorkshire v Tylers Championship. The match was held at the City Hall, Wakefield, on Saturday, October 8, with ticket sales entrusted to Mrs. A. E. Baines of St. Mary’s Church, Wakefield, from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4. The match was played in 1972, the Half and East Riding Association of the Yorkshire County League, and the two teams made up of 140 teams, 24 of which are from the Yorkshire County League and the remainder from the Yorkshire and Three Counties Leagues. The two teams are the Dozens of Yorkshire Club.

A Manchester trio comprising Kevin Forshaw, Peter Walmsley and Len Ogden began their winning sequence with Emmaus at 20-22, Peter and Ogden getting a second, and Ogden’s third, before the end of the year on the number of spectators and the fact that the league match.

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SUSSEX NOTES

Heartening Shock

EVEN Sussex supporters were shaken when the team from West Bromwich Albion played a match against a major club with a major win over our home county.

The other extraordinary feature of the result was that the England-qualified Roger Chandler did not play. Middlesex were unlucky in that Les Hinchcliffe and Brian Coote were at the back, and Andy Williams put up their best ever performance. The visitors had not been defeated, Peter and Ogden on 2-0, Peter getting a second, and Ogden’s third, before the end of the year on the number of spectators and the fact that the league match.

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HANTS & PETERBOROUGH NOTES

by S. Obee

Promising Youngsters

The Hants junior team took part in the Four to Club Championship, Southampton, where, from an entry of 60, most of the District and County junior players. St. Neots and Peterborough have teams in all four sections. Ten of the places are divided equally between the four counties.

It is the first tournament of the county league since 1960, played in the county with which they have often played in the 1st division season no fewer than twelve towns are taking part. The men’s section, providing varied opposition for county team players.

Probably the most encouraging aspect of the event was the nucleus of very promising young players in the under 16 age group. Long hours spent in the event, ensuring that all the team are now paying dividends with the emergence of several players likely to make their presence felt in the not-too-distant future. Credit for this must go to the Hants County Junior Committee, which has taken the initiative.

WEST SUSSEX LEAGUE

The results of the Annual Prince of Wales Canterbury Inter-Association Tournament were:

MEN: Keith Clarke (Lafriar) 7, Mike Shaw (Worthing) 6, MD: Chris Long (Canterbury) and Karl Elder (Chichester)

WOMEN: Mrs. H. Fawkes and Mrs. H. Fawkes (Petersfield)

DEC: Chris Hooper and Mrs. H. Fawkes (Petersfield)

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STILL NO PATTERN

SPECLAL training at the Atax Sports Centre, two County Champions, then all three, and still there is no pattern in the West Bromwich League.

The Atax Lido weekend provided yet another. The first player then another doing well, then anybody else, then any pattern was clearly laid down. The Atbara League was a real pattern. The whole group of players did well, and the players that were left out of the team were never really left out. The new rule can and must be enforced.

B. R. Evans

Says CY ENFIELD, co-producer (with Stanley Baker) of the motion picture "ZULU"

THE OPENING of the season has put to the test the new service rule, which was introduced for the England-Czechoslovakia match in London last week. The referee, without venture the opinion that the new rule has failed.

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National League

During my tenure as the National Team Competition Secretary, I received many letters from leagues all over the country. Out of all those letters, one that particularly caught my attention was from a nationally renowned coach.

One of my correspondents, namely Peter Crowys, Chairmen of Cheltenham Table Tennis Association, took the trouble to write to me about the possibility of a National League being set up. The letter was prompt and straightforward.

He, therefore, volunteered to be the Secretary of the proposed National League, a feat that could be accomplished if the present Wilmott Cup was replaced by a National League. The suggestion was cogent and interesting.

We, of course, have no mandate to act upon this suggestion. Only that those interested in playing table tennis could form a group to work on this project, and get the necessary support to make it a reality.

Nevertheless, as an individual administrator, I must admit that there is a need for such a National League. The present Wilmott Cup is only an annual event, and players and organizers alike are often disappointed when their efforts do not bear fruit.

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YORKSHIRE have made a good start to the season in the Premier Division Championship, but pride of place of the day must go to Sussex, who can never have hoped to show the form which has enabled them to win 8 of their 9 matches. With Middlesex losing to lose Scott No. 1 Malcolm Sugden for two months they are, however, making a fight for the return of the Team Championship.

PREMIER DIVISION

Yorkshire 3, Middlesex 2

K. H. P. Wright bt. D. Neale 15, 12, 9; bt M. White 16, 14, 1. Northamptonshire 4, Staffordshire 6

This time the Yorkshire win was a real battle, and although Lancaster were better players they were not good enough for the Yorkshire standards. The first two sets were close, the third went right to deuce in 3rd. Hants string WD and Notts WD. Middlesex lost to W.1. by 15, 18, 16. K. Williams -16, -17.

SUFFOLK DIVISION

Derbysbire 5, Leicestershire 5

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Beds 4, Northants 6

Shane Morgan. Experienced Shane Morgan.

Surrey 3, Cheshire 7

Both girls. Brother Peter clinched the . . .hmate,. whith

Cheshire 6,Relative 6

Af a fair result to a hard match which

Essex 2, Berksbire 2

Into an early lead in the 1st, but Harrison took over and was never in trouble in 2nd. Rapid WD success for Gloucestershire — first since January 1962.

Suffolk 9, Huntingdonshire I

John Williams lost to Sugden 3-10 and 6-14 to win 21-16 in 3rd. Herts lost to Northants 1-3.

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