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JILL OUR ONLY STAR IN LENINGRAD

by LAURIE LANDRY

A really wonderful effort from Jill Shirley stood out in this extremely strong European meeting, the eleventh such tournament, held in the Yubileiny Palace of Sports which seats some 7,000 spectators, from August 12th-16th.

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The International Programme
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22 England v. Israel - Manchester.
Organiser: A. Goldstone, 7, Parkville Road, Prestwich, Manchester.

Organiser: A. Taylor, 631, Street Lane, Leeds, 17.

24 International Club v. Israel.

24 England v. West Germany (EUROPEAN LEAGUE MATCH) - Bolton.
Organiser: G. R. Yates, 41, Knowsley Road, Smithills, Bolton, Lancs.

Nov. 2 England v. Wales (Junior) - St. Luke’s Youth Club, Caernarvon Town, Llandudno, 16.
Organiser: L. Landy, as above.
Referente: E.T.T.A. Representative: (to be appointed).

Organiser: D. J. White, 16, Oxford Road, Rottingham, Oxford.

Organiser: G. Darwell, 19, Harvey Road, Willerbee, Ashford, Kent.

Dec. 5 England v. Sweden (EUROPEAN LEAGUE MATCH) -
Organiser: H. E. Betts, 16, Breakwater Close, Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk.


Organiser: C. E. Willis, 27, Salcombe Road, Newbury, Berks.

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Jan. 2/3/4 ENGLISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS - Crystal Palace.
Organiser: G. Owen.

Organiser: M. J. Smythe, 11, Nightingale Crescent, Bracknell, Berks.

21 England v. Rumania (EUROPEAN LEAGUE MATCH)
Organiser: A. Ramonou, 21, Church Lane, Ormesby, Middles­
borough, Yorks.

24 England v. Rumania - Sheffield.
Organiser: Mrs. A. Coleman, 128, Station Road, Woodhouse, Sheffield, Yorks.

Feb. 27/28/29 ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Brighton.
Referente: J. Wright.

Mar. 25/26 ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN - Fulham.
Organiser: C. M. Wyles, 48, Everfield Place, St. Leonard's-on­
Sea, Sussex.
Referente: S. Davis.

June 6/7/8/9/10 ENGLSH JUNIOR OPEN - Sheffield.
Organiser: P. M. Turner, 51, Walkley Street, Sheffield, S6 3BF.
Referente: W. Minton. E.T.T.A. Representative: To be appointed.
BASED on the results of the European Championships held in Lyon, France, last April, the following classification list will be used for seeding purposes in all open international championships held in Europe this season (previous position in brackets):—


Organisation is in the hands of the Bolton S.S.S.R. League and the match will be covered by E.T.V. cameras with highlights of the play to be shown in “World of Sport” on Saturday, October 19.

Leading West Germany’s current rankings are—MEN: (1) Eberhard Scheller; (2) Bernt Jansen; (3) Ernst Gomolla; (4) Wilfried Lieck and (5) Martin Neum. WOMEN: (1) Edith Backhold; (2) Agnes Simon; (3) Jutta Krieger; (4) Wilfried Hendelmann and (5) Inge Hart.

Tickets for the match in Bolton can be had from the Editor and Organiser, Geo. J. Varan, Esq., 43, Knowsley Road, Smithills, Bolton. Players are priced at £1.5/-, 12/-, and 10/-, Postal applications to be accompanied by a s.a.e. and the appropriate remittance.
I saw Camel again the other day. We didn’t talk for long – just a minute or two. I was late and he seemed to be in a hurry. He had some bags and case; I thought for a moment that he was going to play again.

Funny people, too. I mean, they’re not one of those guys who seem to actually do very much, except thinking about the singles. Camel went on holiday once and they couldn’t win the matches by himself. Perhaps they were all just training for something else.

It still seems incredible but even now it’s only two years since he first picked up a tennis racket. He was only 15 when I met him. He just couldn’t lose. From the very first time I saw him play, it just seemed as if he’d never done anything else in his life. Well, English Open champion after twelve months! Naturally they picked him for county and in fact he only had one international, Sweden I think it was, before the World Open. The Swedes couldn’t believe it, and nor could I. Not one of them didn’t think he couldn’t have been so bad if Camel looked an athlete. But when I saw him play all looked like Hercules with muscles like pumpkins, but the kindest thing you can say about Camel is that, well, he’s clever. Anyway he couldn’t afford about and thrashed the lot of them and was picked for the World Championships the next month.

Although no-one managed to beat Camel they lost the team event. Trouble was that he had no support. At least not one of his own. He couldn’t win the matches by himself. Nobody seemed to bother too much about that. Perhaps they were all thinking about the singles. I’m not saying that I had no faith in Camel. But you see I’ve known him a long time and I just couldn’t believe it. It was just that somehow I had reservations about him actually winning the title in the end. Anyway he ploughed through the lot of them, even the penholders. They couldn’t believe it either. They all went into huddles and trained their cameras on him and made bonnie of notes and things but it didn’t make any difference.

He reached the final without dropping a game but even he knew he would be up against it. This little Oriental fellow—I haven’t any idea what his name was except that I read it translated it meant something to do with the victory of some God over an earthquake or something anyway he was very good and he had him down and left him out in the cold.

By the time it got to the fifth the spectators were in a frenzy of excitement and they had to replays the umpire because he was so hot-up, he started to squeak. Two more umpires came and went before the score reached 48-all. And not once did he have an advantage point. Mind you, the little chap certainly did letil

And that was when it happened. I was thinking about the singles, thinking about that. Perhaps they were all just training for something else.

So-no-one knew what to say to Camel. Except me. I didn’t actually do anything, I just went over and gave him a hand. The whole crowd went into a frenzy and Camel took the next advantage for the first time.

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by KEN MATHEWS

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the addition of under-15 events. Jack Carrington, the National Organiser of the Championships, found it necessary to abandon the "group" system used in 1967, and we therefore saw only two teams in each event—these having fought their way through some 123 local competitions.

Results were as follows:

Boys under-17 (Norman Cook Cup)

Holly Lodge High School, Liverpool, beat Sighthill Technical High School, Shrewsbury, by 5-1.

P. Fitcher bt P. Boothby 19, 19,

bt S. Sandy 9, 16, 10.

J. Mackenzie

bt D. Black 18, 18.

J. Jackson

bt M. Page 13, 14.

L. Hodges

bt J. Lancaster 7, 14.

Boys under-15 (Leach-Carrington Cup)

Burton Wood County School beat Plaistow Grammar School, Newham, by 4-2.

K. Harrison bt M. Read 18, 18;

bt M. Locke 10, 10.

P. Rolland bt M. Read -18, 18, 17.

L. Roberts bt

J. William 21, 16.

B. Cooper bt P. Finan 18, 18.

Girls under-17 (Claud Kichenside Cup)

Holly Lodge High School, Liverpool, beat Sighthill Technical High School, Shrewsbury, by 5-1.

P. Fitcher bt P. Boothby 19, 19,

bt S. Sandy 9, 16, 10.

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B. Cooper bt P. Finan 18, 18.

Girls under-15 ("Mick Betts Memorial" Cup)

Rectory Manor School, Newham, beat Nichells Secondary School, Birmingham, by 2-0.

S. Becksworth bt S. Bailey 15, 14;

bt A. Floyer 9, 9.

H. Webster bt S. Bailey 15, 14;

bt H. Fitterson 6, 17.

P. Reynolds bt R. Ripley 10, 17.

Certificates and trophies—including those generously donated by John Leach and Jack Carrington and by the Fulkens and District Table Tennis Association—were presented by Tony Blunt, Honorary Treasurer of the E.T.T.A.
Are you fit to play Table Tennis?

Asks MARY WRIGHT

PHYSICAL training as distinct from actual practice has perhaps been rather scorned and ignored by many people in the World of Table Tennis, but I think I am correct in asserting that several of our leading players recently have found the training of great importance in improving their fitness. Therefore I would like to ask the players if they think that training is essential for success. Recently, several players have given their opinion on this subject, and I think that these opinions are worth hearing.

1. All players have been advised by their coaches to train regularly.
2. The team spirit has developed within the group, arising out of a great respect for Les and Colli that they should do their best for the team.
3. The training is freely discussed by the players and comments and criticisms are encouraged.

In conclusion, I believe that training is essential for success, and that players should be encouraged to train regularly.

The SERVICE LAW

The ball shall be played on the right half-court or the centre line on his side of the net, and the receiver shall be ready to receive the ball without directly over or around the net, with his racket in a ready position.

The EXPEDITE LAW

If a game is unfinished after a certain number of minutes, both players shall be ready to start a new game as soon as their numbers are called. If a player is not ready, he shall be counted out and his score shall be recorded for the other player.

The following rules shall be observed in the event of a rally:
1. The ball shall be played above the level of the net, and no player shall be allowed to touch the net. If a player does touch the net, the rally shall be restarted from the opposite side of the court.
2. The ball shall be played on the right half-court or the centre line on the side of the server.
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NEW AFFILIATION

THE English Table Tennis Association and Essex County Table Tennis Association have recently accepted the affiliation for this season of a new league — the Burnham-on-Crouch and District Table Tennis League.

The unique aspect of this addition to the increasing number of affiliated leagues is that the Burnham League is by no means newly-formed. Their League Secretary, Dave Lomas, was recently thumbing through the fading files of the local newspaper the 'Burnham Advertiser' — and discovered the following intriguing information:

"Table Tennis seems to be again becoming popular in Burnham and District. There are several clubs in existence and a suggestion was made at the annual meeting of the club connected with the Congregational Church that a local league should be formed. Competition in such a league would undoubtedly add to the interest of the game if there are sufficient clubs." This item was extracted from the issue of September 26th, 1936 where it was in the Editorial.

In the same issue, there appeared a report of the meeting referred to — "... It was decided to make the Church Treasurer an advance payment for the use of the electric light. The committee decided to sell both small size tables and purchase another one of tournament size. A member asked if it were possible to form a local league, as there were now several clubs in Burnham. This suggestion was received with enthusiasm, and the committee asked the secretary to make enquiries as to whether other local clubs are interested enough." The eventual outcome of these proposals was published in the same local paper a few months later — "A table tennis league has been formed in Burnham. Six organisations have promised to enter teams in a competition for a handsome shield which has been purchased by subscription." The League flourished for a few seasons but with the onset of war, failed to continue and it was not until 1964 that the league was re-founded. The number of teams, run in that year on an experimental basis, was six. In 1967, one of the original members of the league discovered the original shield in his attic, renovated it, and presented it to the winners of the league, which by now had expanded to 17 teams.

With the influx of new members from affiliated leagues in other parts of the country, the question of affiliation was raised after 30 years but turned down at the League's A.G.M. The League Secretary invited the Organising Secretary of the E.T.T.A., Derek Tremayne to address league secretaries on the affiliation issue and this swung the balance in its favour and at the end of last season the Burnham League decided to affiliate.

This season the League has changed to a 3-a-side system and there are 22 teams competing in two divisions. One of the main reasons for the upsurge in interest in this sparsely-populated area of the Essex Marshes is the excellent coverage given to the game through the local press — the 'Burnham Advertiser' and 'The Maldon and Burnham Standard'. Last season, these papers printed not only league tables and results, but also a weekly photograph of a league team. The coverage and space afforded the League has been so generous that other organisations have approached the Editors concerned asking for similar facilities.

The Burnham League looks forward to a long and happy association with the organising table tennis associations. The League have entered Division Three of the Essex Inter-League Competition and are looking forward to some coaching sessions which have already been arranged.

OBITUARY

Godfrey Decker

MEMBERS will be sad to learn of the death of Mr. Godfrey Decker on 19th July, 1968, at his home in Bourne- mouth, Hunts.

Godfrey was one of the founder members of the Association, was Hon. Secretary during the 1932-33 season and an Hon. Life Member of the Association.

His presence will be sorely missed at many tournaments, for the sight of Godfrey Decker arranging lights and tables was very much a part of the tournament scene.

Go to your Mitre sports dealer and get him to show you championship bats.

Why settle for less?
GREAT NIGHT FOR THE IRISH

THE selection of self confident, highly talented 15-year-old Tony Langan, of Dublin, as “Boy of the Year” in the 14th annual Coaching Scheme at Butlin’s Holiday Camps shows how often top table tennis talent can run in the same family. Last year’s winner was Peter Taylor, whose brother Trevor held the same title in 1965.

Joint winner of the 1964 Scheme with Stuart Gibbs was Tony’s eldest brother Jan Langan (aged 20) while Brian (18), his second eldest brother, partnered Tommy Caffrey to capture the 1962 “Coach and Pupil” Challenge Cup Competition.

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SHARING top honour with Tony Langan, 15-year-old Lynda Chassin from Sittingbourne, Kent was crowned “Girl of the Year”. A hearty hitter with a sound, athletic technique, Lynda looks ready and eager to take her place among England’s brightest young hopes.

The trophies and awards were presented to the winners by Mr. Roger Hall, representing the “News of the World”, on the stage of Butlin’s Variety Theatre before an enthusiastic audience including leading English Table Tennis Association officials and over 2,000 holidaymakers.

Without doubt, our 1968 winners must rank in prominence alongside such previous champions as Kearsley Matthews (see Smith) and Chester Barnes.

The twenty finalists competed either as the winners and runners-up.

Table Tennis

The selections were made after long deliberation by chief judges Denis Neale and Chester Barnes, the other “News of the World”: coaches and myself, at Butlin’s Rogner Regis camp on September 30 after we had studied the play of all twenty finalists. Points were awarded for every department of the game and it was by no means an easy decision since the finalists were all of the highest quality, having emerged from a record entry this summer of 38,145.

Closest rivals to the winners according to our 21-point-scoring system were Jenny Corrigan, a 16-year-old schoolgirl from Birmingham, and the tall slim Tony Bussman, from Flixton, Manchester. The latter gained consolation for his “near miss” by partnering Denis Neale to win a great victory in the “Coach and Pupil” Challenge Cup competition against Alan Hughes and Brian Johnstone by 24-22, 21-13, 21-17.

Attending the finals and witnessing all the competitors being adjudicated were the following E.T.T.A. officials: Ron Craeden (Vice-Chairman Selection Committee), Laurie Landery (Junior Team Manager), Gordon Ruggall (Chairman of the Schools and Coaching Committee), Leo Thompson (Member of Coaching, Schools and Selection Committee and Albert Shipley (Administrative Secretary).

Conrad Jaschke (ETTA Chairman) and Derek Tremayne (Orgnising Committee) attended the Presentation of Trophies to the winners.

Harry Walker, National Councillor for Essex, was Assistant Organiser of the Finals and Lesley Proudlock, Judy Crafter and Joan Fristamson assisted with administration.

THE National Coaching and Schools Council unanimously decided to sign a five-year Agreement with Memorex, John Jaques & Son for the exclusive adoption of the Jaques table for all major E.T.T.A. events in this country. The Agreement provided for John Jaques & Son to pay to the E.T.T.A. an annual cash sum, to loan permanently to the E.T.T.A. specified number of top grade tables, and to provide a wide range of equipment and services to the E.T.T.A. free of charge.

If all the terms of the Agreement were translated into cash equivalent, then this would be worth an estimated £10,000 to the E.T.T.A. over the five-year period.

The Agreement included uplift clauses whereby the payments and other benefits are automatically increased in the later stages in direct proportion to any increase in Jaques’ table tennis business turnover. Therefore members buying Jaques tables not only know that they are obtaining a table which is recognised as second to none in the world — an example of the very finest British craftsmanship — but at the same time they will be ensuring extra income to the E.T.T.A. under the uplift clauses.

In fact, this Agreement means that a real partnership now exists between English table tennis and John Jaques & Son.

On the instructions of the National Council, Conrad Jaschke officially inaugurated the Agreement with Memorex, Jaques, has also concluded an Agree­ment with manufacturers of balls.

The Jaques Agreement and others replace the income previously derived from a commission-type arrangement known as the Trade Fund. The new Adoption Policy, embargoed upon by the National Council not only increases the benefits derived by the E.T.T.A. but also overcomes serious disadvantages which were inherent in the Trade Fund scheme.

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EQUIPMENT SERVICE

WE have heard from John Jaques & Son Ltd., that following the untimely death of Mr. Godfrey Dunker of Bournemouth joint E.T.T.A. Equipment Adviser, after a short illness, they will be continuing this service with the assistance of Mr. John Waterhouse of 83, Arches Grove, Woolston, Southampton, Telephone No. Southampton 4795.

Mr. Waterhouse is probably well known to a number of people having for some time been an official E.T.T.A. Coach, and has recently been appointed to the Southern Panel of the National Coaching and Schools Committee.

ENGLISH CLOSED 1969-70

TEESSIDE Corporation has been granted an option to stage the English Closed Championships in 1970.
Boys' Event

It would seem little more than a poor excuse to blame the playing conditions for the poor performance by the English boys, but this, in fact, does appear to be the principal explanation for a common failure to reach anywhere near normal form. England's chances at the outset were slim, for they were in a group containing West Germany, U.S.S.R. II, and the eventual winners, Czechoslovakia, whose performance in this event deserves the highest praise.

England v. Czechoslovakia. Lost 1-5. Trevor Taylor was the only winner with an excellent victory over Turai. The Czechs were very impressive with his spectacular play.

Boys' Event Team Events

Results:
- Taylor bt. Turai 17, 16.
- Judd bt. Hatlebakk 10, 8.
- Taylor lost to Meland 9, 3.

Individual results:
- Taylor won 4 lost 4
- Judd won 1 lost 6
- Clayton won 3 lost 5

Czechs, Win Title

In the semi-finals, U.S.S.R. I beat Sweden 3-2 and Czechoslovakia beat Hungary 5-1, with Jony surprisingly losing two. The final was a airport match which produced the best junior play I have ever seen. The opening set between Pilopeny and Drover reached unexcelled heights. Each of these players later made unsuccessful efforts, despite equally brilliant play. The turning point came at 5-1 when Turai overcame Egliuth, and then Otolovik swamped him across Pilopeny.

Results:
- Drover lost to Pilopeny 8, 15, 23.
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- Orlovski bt. Pilopeny 13, 14.

Girls' Event Team Events

The England girls were also unlucky to be in the same group as the eventual winners, Czechoslovakia, but any hope of our girls was not allowed to manifest itself to any extent because of the nature of the matches.


Karena Mathews was completely outplayed by the Soviet Junior Open champion Grofova. Karena actually led 4-1 in the second game, but was not playing anywhere near her normal form and could not match the speed of the Czech girls' attack. Judy Halle had a good lead over European Women's champion, Vestova, in the first game, but this slipped away, and these two sets were joined by the doubles to give Czechoslovakia a 3-0 win.

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- Judy Halle bt. Vestova 21, 15, 18.

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Easy Winners

Rumania almost upset Czechoslovakia in the first semi-final when both Crain and Kordi beat Vestova. Luckily Grofova struck form and carried the match. However, in the other semi-final, no such linguistic was available for Yugoslavia, where the girls' champion at last year, Resler, went down in both singles against the U.S.S.R. Amazingly, U.S.S.R. only managed to win through their group on points average after a triple tie for first place in matches, sets and even games between U.S.S.R., Bulgaria and East Germany!

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Junior Spotlight

From Laurie Landry

Area trials 1968-69

There were 98 Boys and 49 Girls nominated for the five area trials from which 16 Boys and 13 Girls were asked to play in the final trials which were held at Ulta on Sept. 29. The area trials were held at Crystal Palace, Wemmington Manor, Stockton-on-Tees, Rost London and Nuneaton. Due to contest the final trials were:

Boys
- Paul Bishop (Surrey)
- Tony Bowman (Lancs.)
- John Dabin (Kent)
- Alan Fletcher (Yorks.)
- Paul Freeman (Durham)
- Neil Fysh (Yorks.)
- Robert Gibbons (Middlesex)
- Simon Higgin (Cheshire)
- Robert Heloely (Easex)
- David James (Devon)
- Robin Napper (Bucks.)
- Michael Rand (Kent)
- Peter Taylor (Herts)
- Trevor Taylor (Herts)
- Michael Wald (Bucks.)
- Melvin Waldman (Middlesex)

Girls
- Linda Bashford (Yorks.)
- Susan Backwell (Essex)
- Paula Brennley (Kent)
- Lynda Chisolm (Kent)
- Jennifer Connock (Warks.)
- Linda Howard (Surrey)
- Susan Howard (Surrey)
- Susann Laido (Lancs.)
- Christine Mann (Middlesex)
- Lesley Paar (Bucks.)
- Cordie Pellet (Sussex)
- Jill Shirley (Bucks.)

Before going to Linberged for the European Junior meeting, the English Junior team together with Brian Mitchell and myself, went to a training camp at Nynasham in Sweden and played an official international against Sweden (Boys and a Girls match) as well as friendlies against Norway and Denmark/Sweden.

Results:
- v. Sweden (Boys) lost 1-8.
- T. Taylor lost to H. Persson 20, 19, 15; lost to Anderson 18, 10, 7; lost to L. Gustavson 17, 12.
- F. Judd lost to Persson 16, 14, 16; lost to Anderson 13, 18; lost to Gustavson 19, 16, 17.
- Neil Fulstow (Yorks.)
- Robert Gibson (Middlesex)
- Robin Napper (Bucks.)
- Alan Fletcher (Yorks.)
- Simon Heaps (Cheshire)
- Katie Heaps (Kent)
- Lynda Chesson (Kent)
- Trevor Taylor (Herts)
- Michael Wald (Bucks.)
- Melvin Wald (Middlesex)

Sweden (Girls) won 8-1.

K. Mathews bt. G. Heath 18, 19, 18; bt. K. Skeppsted 9, 15; lost to Lander 20, 19.
- J. Heaps bt. Heaps 17, 14, 15; bt. Skeppsted 11, 8; bt. Anderson 17, 16, 10.
- J. Shirley bt. Hennington 11, 8; bt. Skeppsted 9, 10; bt. Anderson 17, 17, 20.
MEMORABLE FOREIGN PLAYERS

by Kiyotaroh Hasegawa

CHUANG TSE-TUNG

Women's Singles: 
Tracy Henry bt Louise Holt 6, 15, 12.

Men's Doubles: 
Henry Naidoo bt Pedro Meyer 18, 17, 10.

Women's Doubles: 
Lois Miller bt Verity Petersen 6, 16, 11.

Mixed Doubles: 
Henry Naidoo bt Pedro Meyer 18, 17, 10.

Junior Singles: 
Michael Cornelius bt Y. G. H. 
Rassendren 9, 13, 15.

Junior Doubles: 
Rassendren/F. Singh bt Cornelius 
and Miller 9, 13, 15.

Since China usurped the throne of world table tennis from Japan at the 1961 Peiping World Championships, "Defeating China" has long been the slogan for Japan. But the day which will prove the Japanese effort seems postponed because of the "Cultural Revolution" in China, which has given a blow to table tennis in that country and bad news to Japan. The game between Kimes and Chuang Tse-tung used to be a competition of Chuang's backhand and Kimes's forehand. Kime's backhand was as strong as Chuang's and he used to attack Chuang Tse-tung violently with his famous spin ball.

In conclusion to beat Chuang Tse-tung, we have to be careful. We have to note the fact that he has never ever won top title for six years but admits his spiritual strength to attack. On the other hand, his forehand is stronger than any other Chinese player. He is not the most typical orthodox player, the most important and strongest technique in obtaining the initiative. He always takes the initiative, and they should be making a strong challenge against the holders No. 4. C.O. W.R.A.C.

The above photograph shows Sol Schiff, one of the real great old-timers in the game in the United States, receiving the Barwa award for the U.S.A. in 1968. Jimmy McClure, Ein World Champion and the Danish Table Tennis Agent in the United States, is presenting the award.
Ombudsman

A letter received altering a grievance is one that we would like to pursue this month. It comes from one of the multitude attending the Open Tournament and concerns the headwords and rewards of Open Tournaments and concludes "Mother is it worth it?"

The research needed to answer this latter would take months so we intend to stick our necks out, give and take either way on the finance side, and try and see what makes an Open Tournament player tick.

Most tournaments take place over a week-end. This means an hotel or hall until the final stages are reached. No they are out for the higher grands prix, have gained their recognition by, first the national awards for players on the fringe. Does your County and League take advantage of the schemes for Fund Raising run by the E.T.T.A.? Example: Lincoln Handicap, 4500 in prime money.

The E.T.T.A. provides the prime money and pays administrative costs. 30% of the cash taken by each County or League is returned to them. "100 Club" Do you wish to win £100 three times a year? If so, join the 100 Club, membership of which is open to members of the E.T.T.A. for details of TABLE TENNIS NEWS and Fund Raising Schemes write to, E.T.T.A., 26-29, Park Crescent, London, W.1. 01-580-6012.

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

An Appeal

THIS season, "Table Tennis News" is being printed by Messrs. Wallace & Co., Ltd., of Bolton, Lancs., with circulation and despatch under the direct control of the E.T.T.A. In order to maintain the present price of 6d. per copy, circulation will have to be increased. May an appeal therefore be made for a concerted effort by all Leagues and Counties to appoint a Magazine Secretary, to operate with the following incentives:

BULK SUBSCRIPTIONS:

If any League or individual can gather 12 or more subscriptions and send them in, en bloc, together with the remittance, then payment need only be made at the rate of 5d. per subscription. The magazine will be sent to each subscriber.

BULK ORDERS:

If any League or individual can place an order for 24 or more copies of any one issue, these will be invoiced at the rate of 9d. per copy.

Individual subscriptions remain at 10/- for one year (8 issues, October to May) but all orders and subscriptions are to be sent to the English Table Tennis Association, 26-29, Park Crescent, London, WIN 01A.

Therefore, the future price, and possibly the future of the magazine itself, will be governed by our efforts to increase circulation.

BIRMINGHAM OPEN

HAVING overcome the effects of a serious road accident and subsequent ill health, Maurice Goldstein, that "Peer of Table Tennis" in the Midlands area, is now fully retired in the saddle and cracking the whip again in the "Warwickshire Stakes".

In addition to getting the national team championships off the ground - in the temporary absence from duty of Les Davis - with the first and second round draws, Maurice has also been occupying himself with the organization of the Birmingham Open. Venue for this season's tournament is the popular Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre at Warley and in addition to the normal events there will be boys' and girls' singles, junior doubles and veteran singles.

Entry forms can now be obtained from Maurice at 53, Hillfield Road, London N.W.6. Home telephone 01-734-6633.

TEAM VERSUS WALES

THE following Boys' team has been selected to compete against Wales in a Junior International at St. Luke's Youth Club, Canning Town, London, E16 on Saturday, Nov. 27, Michael Walderman (Middlesex), John Davies (Rhondda), Alan Fletcher (Warwickshire) and Michael Read (Essex). Leslie Bansi is the captain and relevant details can be obtained from him at 35, Holifield Road, London N.W.6. Home telephone 01-734-6633.

CHAMPIONS DOWN

STOCKPORT, Division 1 champions of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, fell at the first hurdle of this season's campaign when they lost 6-4 to the Bolton S.S. S. League.

John Clarin was Bolton's hero winning all his three sets and sharing a doubles success with Bryan Farnworth.

A home lead of 5-4 was whittled down to a single set advantage but Clarin denied the visitors a share of the spoils when he beat Derek Schofield in the third game of a tense decider.

Fawcett beat Don Berry and Bob Kelly got the better of Brian Ryon for Bolton's other wins.

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From the Editor's Postbag

SPORTSMANSHIP

I attended the Finals of the "News of the World" Coaching Scheme at Hogar Regis at which one small incident is worthy of mention.

It occurred at the exhibition after the presentation when the "Boy of the Year" plays one of the coaches. Tony Larang was the winner and Tony Boassen and Ian Horham were second and third respectively.

Just before the match was due to start young Boassen approached me and added if he could be one of the "twiddlers" (vocal singers) and said that he and Ian would like to do this for me.

I agreed and they got a terrific lot of fun out of it but it did occur to me afterwards what a fine expression of sportsmanship this was.

Both these boys made light of their disappointment and came forward to pay their small tribute to the Irish winner.

Only a small point, I know, but I thought it was really great and I hope that this mention will serve as a small reward for their sportsmanship this was.

I. E. N. D. WALKER.

118, Avon Road, Chigwell, Essex.

INFORMATION WANTED

THE Disabled Living Activities Group of the Central Council for the Disabled hopes to set up a network of information points that will be a source of physical recreation for the disabled. But at present, the blind and deaf. A Panel formed to direct the project is representative of government departments, professional associations, and voluntary bodies concerned with youth and sport, including the British Sports Association for the Disabled, the Central Council of Physical Recreation and the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

As a first step, the Panel are desirous of collecting as much information as possible about the opportunities now available for the physically disabled to take part in sport and other forms of physical recreation.

I would therefore be most grateful and pleased to hear from anyone concerned with such provision. As well as receiving factual information, I would very much like to be given some indication of the extent to which the disabled, particularly young people, are taking advantage of the opportunities open to them.

I would also welcome constructive suggestions as to the action which needs to be taken if the physically disabled are to be fully catered for in the field of physical recreation.

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Evans (Miss).

39, Victoria Street, LONDON, S.W.1.
OFFICIAL SENIOR LIST
FOR SEEDING AND
AND GUIDANCE OF
OPEN TOURNAMENT
ORGANISERS

The National Selection Committee has now issued a Seeding List for the guidance of Open Tournament Organisers which will operate until further notice for the 1968-69 season. It must be stressed that this is not a Ranking list for national selection, as representative teams will be selected only from the members of the International Squad.

The list (previous position in brackets) reads as follows:

MEN
1. Denis Neale (Yorks) (1)
2. Ian Harrison (Gloucs.) (5)
3. Chester Barnes (Essex) (2)
4. Stuart Gibbs (Essex) (3)
5. "Connie" Warren (Surrey) (4)
6. Brian Wright (Middlesex) (6)
7. "Les" Haslam (Middlesex) (7)
8. Mike Johns (Ches.) (-)
9. Alan Hydes (Yorks) (10)
10. Trevor Taylor (Herts.) (-)
11. Peter Williams (Sussex) (-)
12. Ralph Gunnion (Warwicks.) (11)

Missing from the previous list are Tony Piddock (Kent) (8), Alan Lindsay (Middlesex) (9), and Roger Chandler (Sussex) (12).

WOMEN
1. Mary Wright (Surrey) (1)
2. Karenza Mathews (nee Smith) (Middx.) (2)
3. Maureen Heppell (Northam.) (3)
4. Pauline Piddock (Kent) (5)
5. Lesley Radford (Essex) (4)
6. Jill Shirley (Bucks.) (-)
7. Judy Heaps (Ches.) (7)
8. Judy Williams (Sussex) (6)
9. Jackie Billington (Essex) (10)
10. Pat Dainty (Yorks) (-)
11. Graeme Duncombe (Yorks) (9)
12. Cynthia Duncombe (Yorks) (8) and Alma Tait (Middx.) (12) are the two players to lose their places.

INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

The following players have been invited to form the International Squad for the 1968-69 season. It is only from this squad that all representative teams will be selected:

MEN
G. C. Barnes (Essex)
S. R. Gibbs (Essex)
I. O. Harrison (Glos.)
A. Hydes (Yorks)
M. Johns (Ches.)
D. Neale (Yorks)
T. Taylor (Herts.)
C. J. Warren (Surrey)
P. Williams (Sussex)
R. D. Wright (Middx.)

WOMEN
Miss J. Heaps (Ches.)
Miss M. Heppell (Northam.)
Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.)
Mrs. P. Piddock (Kent)
Miss J. Shirley (Bucks.)
Miss J. Williams (Sussex)
Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey)

Peter Williams is the only new-comer to the Squad, and he is the brother of Judy Williams.

NETHERLANDS OPEN

The following team was selected to represent England at the Netherlands Open in Haarlem on October 5th-6th:

MEN
C. G. Barnes
J. Heaps
A. Hydes
K. Mathews
D. Neale
J. Shirley
T. Taylor

Chairman: J. A. Leach

Cheser Barnes was the holder of the men's singles title.

SITUATION VACANT

We are urgently in need of Typing/Clerical assistance in the E.T.T.A. office on a permanent paid basis.

Ability to take shorthand would be desirable though not essential, and to someone already connected with table tennis it would be very interesting work.

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baffle him with the soft one
helped St. Benedict's to promotion from the Warrington League's second division, won the Newton-Ie-Willows invitation senior singles the following Road Methodists. Tony Wright, who of the St. Helens League team, P'ark This event was won by Alec Bryce, in the Newton-Ie-Willows League's single.s.

At the end of last season Susan kept her name on the board at the Warrington League's end of season championships. Susan was a favourite to retain the Leicestershire junior doubles title.

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**LANCASHIRE NOTES**

by Geo. R. Yates

**JUNIOR RANKINGS**

**LIVERPOOL** League secretary John McKillop, was duly installed in the County's secretarial chair vacated by George Packell at the A.G.M.

The resultant vacancy on the panel of Elected Members was filled by David Wohlenholt of Bolton and Arthur Malthouse of Warrington lost his place to S. M. Renshaw, Chairman of the Urmston League.

Membership of the Lancashire and Cheshire League remains, despite changes, at 95 teams, 71 from Lancashire and 24 from Cheshire. These have been allocated into the two, 7 men's, 2 ladies, 1 youth and 2 junior divisions.

Newcomers to the first division are Blackpool and Mid-Cheshire taking over from relegated Lytham and Urmston.

Junior county trials for boys have been held, the initial rankings being: 1. A. Boasman (Manchester), 2. David Newton (Burnley), 3. Alan Grimshaw (Blackburn), 4. Kingsley Harrison (Blackburn), 5. Frank Roland (Blackburn) and 6. Alan Whittle (Blackburn).

Warrington's Susan Lisle will be the No. 1 girl but two others, Jacqueline Dyer (Urmston) and Ruth Jagger (Liverpool) could soon be knocking at the door. Both gave a good account of themselves at the "News of the World" Coaching Scheme Finals at Butlin's Benidorm last month.
The Association welcomes the formation of the Headcorn and District League, adding yet another affiliation. The new League will cater for the villages principally in the Weald of Kent.

The Thame representative, Cyril Burden, will be undertaking the formidable task of Kent League Secretary being responsible for the allocation of men’s teams into three divisions without regional zoning. There will be two divisions for ladies and juniors.

It will be interesting to see if the balance of power is altered with the removal of several well-known players into other areas. These include Mick and Joyce Kilis to Chesham and Dennis Wittaker to the Canterbury area.

The Kent Junior Open will again be held at a Continental atmosphere with the promise of entries from the Netherlands, and other countries across the Channel expected to follow suit. The Championships are to be played in Pollington on November 2-3 and finals are available from me at 48, Everard Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

The Association has had to relinquish this post reluctantly give up the Essex post. Still that is not our worry but our gain.

The County will find four teams during the current season—Premier Division, 2nd (South), Bernard Crouch and Junior (East).

The Secretary of the newly-formed England (Seniors) and has had to make the decision after the affairs of the Association, pending these appointments and this was a formidable task and rather hidden away during this difficult period, so I am certain that all would have been better off to say “Thank you” to him.

It is very pleasing to report a new affiliation in the Burton-on-Crouch League and the General Secretary is David Lomas. This League was founded in 1936 and I am sure won’t be a success and all they need is full cooperation.

Acknowledgement should also be afforded Chairman, George Eagle, who had the responsibility of looking after the affairs of the Association, pending these appointments and this was a formidable task and rather hidden away during this difficult period, so I am certain that all would have been better off to say “Thank you” to him.

Mike Watts of the Southend League succeeds Vic Ralls as the Match Secretary for the Senior teams and Alan Shepherd continues as Junior Secretary.

Bill Duke of Cheshunt has accepted appointment as County Tournament Secretary and with his vast experience of tournaments we must feel ourselves very fortunate in having his help.

Brian Brumwell has taken over the difficult task of Team Manager for the Seniors. As most of you will know, our President, Johnny Leach, has been appointed Team Manager for England (Senior) and has had to reluctantly give up the Essex post.

Gerald Gurney from Colchester who was Secretary of the Essex Schools’ Association has had to relinquish this office following his appointment as Secretary of the newly-formed English Schools T.T.A. Dave Lomas is the Acting Secretary and he has already begun his task with the organizing of coaching sessions at Chelmsford in liaison with Jack Carrington and Denis Arr.

Dick Frost, who has been looking after the juniors for many years has moved to Coventry, and Vic Ralls to Caister-on-Sea, near Great Yarmouth.

KENT NOTES

by Charles M. Wyles

NEW LEAGUE FOR WEALD

UNDoubtedly the new season has great promise, particularly with the challenges offered to the top players in endeavouring to retain a more permanent place in the Premier division of the County Championships. The Selectors are fortunate in retaining the services of the County’s usual players, e.g., Tony Piddock, Derek Bateman, Mike Baker and Henry Blunt, together with the newly qualified Pauline Piddock. They further will no doubt be pleased to include some of the up-and-coming stars—Graham French, Ruth Wilson, etc., and not forgetting the experienced Joyce Ellis.

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cruise at the annual meeting at Bexhill in July and immediately ran

county stalwart Bert Fretwell opted

of managing only the premier division
team which it is hoped will once
again remain unchanged as Roger
Cox, formerly of Swindon to the men's division and
and please remember that all snippets

I don't think anyone thought

the strong Lancashire team which will
have to be overcome. Unlike most
years, this will be the last match of
the season, and is sure to be a really
difficult.

SURREY NOTES

by John Zenthon

BRINGING YOUR OWN

SURREY has this season entered

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by "Geordie"

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THE coming season promises to be an interesting one for Herts, particularly with the news of Trevor Taylor's National Ranking providing a beginning-of-the-season boost for the Junior section.

Taylor's National Ranking providing Joan Williamson the Ladies' Singles, particularly with the news of Trevor comfortable margin over North Herts. Inter-Club Competition came from Division and first place in the Junior. A sustained effort by Cheshunt took the first two places in the Second Division, and first place in the Junior.

In the County generally, there are three major retirements from the County scene. Ken Sewell (President), David Gense (Secretary and National Councillor) and Terry Deneham (County Team Captain) have between them put in many years of work for the County T.T.A. and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their efforts.

THE Wells Association commence their 16th season in ambitious style, with their first-over County Junior Closed arranged for November 24 at the Imperial Hotel, Cambridge.

A 'new look' First Division of the County Leagues embraces nine teams from the previous three. Wells, Bredbury, Northwich and West Wells, make up the four divisions of the County League. Wells's leading ranked players (announced after the annual Top Ten Tournament held at 1stteth in September) are:

MEN: (1) W. Moulding (Salisbury); (2) A. Wolff (Cambs.); (3) T. Yancey (Salisbury); (4) A. Ward (Salisbury); (5) C. Bonham (Salisbury); (6) M. M. Alexander (Devon); (7) M. G. Hargreaves (Wolverhampton); (8) M. J. Price (Wolverhampton).

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Coaching at Andover - Leo celebrates his Twenty-First Active throughout the summer with the county, County Secretary, every weekend, Middlesex hopes to be able to put up a better showing this year. The juniors have been put through their paces during the last few months, and are now having a team in the county events for the first time in division 20. A new division has been added to the tournament, which was won, respectively, by Birmingham, Cambridge News and Raver.

CHESHIRE NOTES by Jim Buckley

SCHOFIELD——NATIONAL SELECTOR

ONE of Cheshire's most popular players for many years has been Derek Schofield. Derek has been playing for his town team and county for a long time and it was a fitting tribute to his expertise and long experience when he was chosen to become a National Selector during the summer months. Derek will help his fellow selectors mould our national players into what we hope will be Europe's top team. He will continue to play in league and tournaments.

CHESHIRE'S first taste of top class table tennis this season will be at the popular Bedworth Steelworks on Saturday, November 12 at 2.30. The 28th Autumn Open Charity tournament is again supported by the county's Coaching Officer, Mike Greatrex (Southampton) and R. P. Moore (Northwich). The tournament will feature top-class matches between some of the country's finest players, with all proceeds going to charity.

CAMBRIDGE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

LEAGUE FOR THE LADIES

The Cambridge and women's league involved three divisions this season which were won, respectively by Cambridge News and Raver, Northwich and Cambridge News and Raver, respectively. Cambridge News and Raver, having annexed the 'play-off' trophy, Brian Jones being their outstanding player. Geoff Walters played well for the 'News' who came second.

Nineteen teams have entered the Cambs. League for the current season which is already as record as is the number of divisions—A New teams are Pye Radio, L.P.A. Sawston, Cambridge Apples, Victoria, Longstow, Winner, Y.C.C. Minder Y.C. and Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

THE new Ladies' League can boast nine teams and I feel that this could be a successful venture.

In the Eastern Division of the County Championships, the County will have the assistance of John Thomson and Alan Fonder again but there will be room for the up-and-coming brigades.

S.E. MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Honest Fox will again be controlling affairs in the South-East Midlands League as Hon. Secretary/Guarantor. Cambridge City have entered teams in all four divisions—Men's, Ladies', Junior and Veterans but will be hard pressed to generate their hold on the men's title for which competition is expected to be intense.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES by T. W. Grant

COACHING AT ANDOVER

HANTS T.T.A. opened the 1968-69 season with a day-long coaching rally at Andover Grammar School on August 10. Twenty pupils, mainly from the new youth wing of the school and from the surrounding village youth clubs, participated in a variety of activities.

John Waterhouse, assistant secretary of the Hants Association of Youth Clubs and Southampton T.T.A., arranged the Rally and was joined by the coaching staff of the Hampshire Youth Club, including Penny Gage (Secretary), Teddy Grant, and county coaches Mike Gravett (Midhurst) and R. W. Boll (Basingstoke).

County team players Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwards gave exhibitions and assisted with the coaching at old students R. B. R. Whitaker and G. F. E. Sibley.
Shropshire's Debut

November 16th is a date to be looked forward to with pride for the County of Shropshire, for it is on that day their first ever match in the County Championships takes place. At last the step has been taken, and Shropshire join Derbyshire II, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, Huntingdonshire, Shropshire II, Staffordshire II and Lancashire II in the Midland Division. Runners-up in this division last season, Notts, are a hard team to overcome and the new boys will have no easy task in this match or their other four.

New junior teams are welcomed from Bedfordshire, Derbyshire and Huntingdonshire, and the total teams now entered swells to 86. Sad, though, to see the disappearance of the second teams from Cheshire and Shropshire II.

The other main changes are the reappearance of Kent and Warwickshire in the Premier Division, a very strong looking new Essex II in 2nd South (which includes promoted Norfolk), Hampshire moving over to 2nd West, and the rise of Surrey (one of only four Counties to have held the Premier Division title) fighting to return to the top flight.

A livelier than usual A.G.M. in June passed a number of amendments to rules, mostly minor. Four of the proposals before the meeting had to be put to a postal ballot where 20 votes in favour were needed for success. Two failed by one vote to get the required scores: these were the Yorkshire proposal to add a woman's doubles in the Premier Division and the Surrey proposal to score points in 2-1 for a tie set Premier match. With only 31 of 86 Counties returning voting papers in time, both can reasonably claim inspired Luck.

Composition of Divisions Season 1968-69

Premier Division

Cheshire
Essex II
Gloucestershire
Kent II
Middlesex
Norfolk
Warwickshire
Yorkshire

Midland Division

Derbyshire
Gloucestershire
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire
Oxfordshire
Staffordshire
Warwickshire II

Southern Division

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire II
Hampshire II
Lancashire II
Nottinghamshire
Shropshire
Staffordshire II

Eastern Division

Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Hertfordshire II
Huntingdonshire
Hertfordshire
Northamptonshire
Suffolk

Junior Division North

Cheshire
Cumberland
Durham
Lancashire
Northumberland
Yorkshire

Junior Division South

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Hampshire
Kent
Middlesex
Surrey
Sussex

Junior Division West

Bedfordshire
Buckinghamshire
Essex
Hertfordshire
Huntingdonshire
Norfolk
Northamptonshire

Junior Division Wales

 Glamorgan
 Gloucesetshire
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 Powys
 Shropshire


County T.T. Championships

Fixtures and Venues

DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

Oct. 25 Midleton II v. Buxton, East Finchley T.T. Centre, 142, High Road, East Finchley, 7.30 p.m.

DIVISION 2 (WEST)

Nov. 2 Cornwall v. Wrexham, The Village Hall, Grownham, Nr. Truro, 7.30 p.m.

EASTERN DIVISION

Oct. 26 Herts. II v. Hants, Venue not to hand.

JUNIOR MIDLAND


UNION EAST


Champion County v. The Rest

Essex Lose 4-3

In a match where all six men beat one another, The Rest gained a winning lead at 3-1. Essex then won the last three singles, Barnes winning a good set with Neale. Stevens played excellently to lead Harrison, the best set of the evening, Gabe beat Sugden in the final encounter.

A rather late start and an unnecessarily long interval led to a very late finish.

Individual scores (Essex names first) were:-

C. Barnes bt D. Neale (Yorks) -2, 19, 19, lost to J. Harrison (Gloucs.) -13, -14, -20.

S. Gibbs lost to Neale 18, 19, -10, lost to M. Sugden (Middle.) 24, -15, 10.

R. Stevens lost to Harrison 23, 15, 10, lost to Sugden 11, -21, -17.

Mrs. L. Hoole lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -12, -14.

Barnes/Sugden lost to Harrison/Neale 11, 21, 12.

Gibbs/Mrs. L. Hoole lost to R. Wright (Middle.)/Mrs. Mathews 21, -14, 19.

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