Netherlands Open Hartaam October 5-6

‘Memories are made of this’ by KEN MATHEWS

IT is the moments of light drama that we remember most clearly. The moments when the score reaches 9-all... The home crowd have been watching their hero Frans Schoofs who has already beaten our own Denis Neale, playing the great Frantisek from Czechoslovakia in the Quarter-Final of the Men's Singles. They are disappointed as Schoofs loses three-nil.

There are the moments that the crowd wait for. Somehow they have a feeling of pride because they helped to create the atmosphere and they were there on a memorable occasion.

There is not enough room to relate some of the other great moments that the tournament provided... That fantastic rally between young Trevor Taylor and the great defender Erhard Scholer; a game that it took Taylor 29 shots to win, the last eight of which were kills. There is not enough room to relate all these incidents and we must content ourselves with a brief look at the exploits of the whole of the English Team.

Denis Neale fell to the extremely fit Frans Schoofs of Holland. Schoofs always seem to play well on his own ground; he had already beaten Christer Johansson of Sweden in the second round.

Barnes, after his exciting win over Russey, and like so many great attacking players became, in the semi-final, the second English scalp for Scholer, Taylor having eventually lost to him in the second round.

Alan Hyde found the vicious topspin and short game of Surbek, the European Champion from Yugoslavia, too much for him. He had the feeling, however, that when he had a little more experience Hydes will be able to play a more positive game and will then be very much more effective against players of Surbek's class. The final of the men's singles which had promised so much was rather an anti-climax but... having little trouble in beating Scholer 3-6.

Karenza Mathews fell unexpectedly to the Dutch No. 1, Ikeke Ten Broek. She did not seem to be quite sharp enough to penetrate the improved Dutch attacking player.

Cliff Darby's photograph depicts Linda Fordor of Ferry Fryston, Castleford and in somewhat more relaxed mood than when making her Premier Division debut against Kent at Brudford.
**INTERNATIONAL ROUND-UP**

**by Conrad Jaschke**

CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

In a matter of a few months the new E.T.T.A. administration has solved the problem of financing a far more ambitious international round-up than has been possible in the past. There will be more top international matches, more second-line matches in which fringe players can gain international experience, more chances to present international table tennis in every corner of England when it is needed, and more opportunities for English players to gain experience abroad— as many as nine international squad players competed in the recent Netherlands Open.

Czech players are staying over after their tour to play in and train with our squad, and opportunities will arise to send some of our players abroad for extended practice and training. One of our young coaches will get the chance to study successful training methods abroad, and talks about this are going on with the Yugoslav whose men had a good trip to the West in 1969. We are seeking cooperation with the Swiss from whom we could learn much about modern coaching and training methods.

Our new income from sponsorship, trade and television sources enables us to spend our way in this way, but we have not yet enough money to give our players the backing that will enable them to compete on completely equal terms with, for instance, leading East European rivals. But that day will come.

In his mammoth task of co-ordinating the selection of teams for coaching and training for the international squad, and liaison with coaches and trainers abroad, Johnny Leach has been given the chance to prove his worth. He has had to work very closely with Johnny Green of the National Selection Committee and the National and Coaching Committee.

Players have responded magnificently to the new policies and requirements of the new administration, and it is with confidence to an improvement in our position that we look with some success to the future and to our chances of winning at least one world title for the mobile team.

MARTA IN GERMANY

Marta Lusnová, the Czech player, ranked No. 2 in the world, has left Czechoslovakia to make a new home in Germany with her husband whom she married earlier this year. He is in the German army and the Czech hockey team. Marta first played in England when she was only 17 years old, and she has established herself as a formidable exponent of all English table tennis audiences in Bognor and other centres where she graced the scene with her attractive play and personality.

ACCOUNT SETTLED

A happy ending to a period of considerable worry for the Swedish T.T.A., comes with the news that they have reached agreement with Eagle Air, a British insurance company, on a settlement of their claim in connection with the loss suffered in the 1967 world championships at Stockholm. The Swedish T.T.A. were able to insure against all losses, and indeed there was a substantial refund when spectators support fell well below the expected figure.

12,000 BALLS IN MUNICH

Scores of countries are expected to participate in the world championships in Munich next April, but the big question today is not the Chinese who will compete, but the English. Organisation costs are around £50,000 and this will be financed by contributions from government sources, from the local government of Bavaria, from the local government of Munich, from the national T.T.A. itself, and television fees. The English T.T.A. have a seating capacity for only 2,000 spectators but several thousand should be able to attend; I understand that there is no likelihood of a financial loss, and in the event of advance guarantees—a very happy state of affairs which we would like to be able to achieve with our big promotion.

In order to be able to offer selection of new balls for each match, some 12,000 balls will be made available for the championships!

**RANKING LISTS**

In the new Belgian ranking lists, Van de Walle is top and Julienne in second place. Miss DeSalle tops the Dutch list:

Top places in the East German list are:

MEN
1. L. Remke
2. W. Steln
3. H. Ponnack
4. W. Vater

WOMEN
1. G. Goede
2. L. Van de Walle
3. E. Richter
4. I. Remke

SON FOR LEE

Lee Da-Joon, former table tennis tour partner of Richard Bergmann and currently No. 1 player of the U.S.A., has become a father. His wife Linda Lee gave birth to a son in August. This former South Korean player will be returning here this month to play in Pan-Am Holiday camps with Bergmann.

Bergmann himself has just left these shores for yet another globetrotter tour in America. This summer Richard spent several months in England and was a welcome guest at several top-to-top matches. Although he has spent little time in England in recent years, Richard maintains his British nationality and has a flat in London. He intends to settle permanently here when his travelling days are over.

**MEETING IN BELGRADE**

When this issue of Table Tennis News appears, I shall be attending a meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Table Tennis Union in Belgrade. The committee will be reviewing the whole scope of European table tennis now that the European League is well and truly launched and the road is clear for further developments. Make-up of European League divisions for 1969/70 is as follows:

Premier Division

Second Divisions
Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Norway, Switzerland.

Third Divisions—British section
Czechoslovakia, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

Third Division— Mediterranean Section
France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain.

**EUROPE CUP**

Against Austria, in France, Hamburg, Carl H. V. Albright, who for the European Cup Championship ended in 6-1 defeat. Before a capacity crowd of some 3,000 enthusiasts, Ralph Gajewski salvaged the one set and knocked the only player likely to do so. Hospitality was on the grand scale.
EUROPEAN LEAGUE

The glory trail at Bolton, on October three sets against West Germany, his Smithills School, Denis Neale laid the opening set. Buil venturesome tactics to turn the shrewdness in beating ace defender defeat, Barnes was the acme of in her singles encounter with Edit Buchholz, it was not good enough to holder of the European Women's Jansen/Scholer 20, 18; Neale/Mrs. Barnes bt E. Scholer 21, -15, -16, -5; Barnes bt Jansen 9, 12. On November 5, was as against Mrs. Pauline Piddock, of Kent. West Germany with the addition of grade. Pete in the Yugoslavian Open Johnny Leach, under a new policy his selection of Tean1. Captains for the in London, Ian Harrison in Manchester and Peter Simpson in Leeds. England's team to travel to Budapest, Staff Coast (North) is 32 years old. He is a good tournament player and has Closed Championships, but is better doubles titles of the Leeds League Closed Championships, but is better known for his coaching activities in the North of England. These injuries have stopped his out his duties as Captain of the England team in his home town of Leeds. The E.T.T.A. can get round this by charging more per player, which is the fairest way, rather than making other Clubs think? A. A. WALL, 424, Oak Road, West Bromwich, Staffs.

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The English Table-Tennis Association has chosen

ENGLAND'S TEAM MANAGER, Louis Hoffman, under a new policy laid down by the National Selection Committee, made an innovation by his selection of Three Captains for the three matches against Israel.

The Captains were: Laurie Landry in London, Ian Harrison in Manchester and Peter Simpson in Leeds.

This experiment will give valuable experience to younger members of the Association and, if successful, could eventually lighten the load of captaincy which, for the last few years, has fallen on the shoulders of Johnny Leach and Ivan Crayden.

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Table Tennis Players

THE ISRAELI TOUR

By Geo. R. Yates

UNDAUNTED IN DEFEAT

ONLY in their last encounter with the International Club at Cricklewood, on October 24, did the touring Israeli team meet with success. For their No. 1, Zvi Zacharias nudged Home 24-22 against Stuart Gibbs, and Yost Shifman had a straight game win over Sturt Johns.

Prior to, in three official international matches against varying England teams, in London, Manchester and Leeds, the tourists took only three games in 27 sets, "Connie" Warren being concerned in two of them.

Never overawed by the strength of the opposition, the Israelis gave quite a good account of themselves and will doubtless benefit from their experiences against players who gave nothing away.

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Final: BOASMAN bt Walc 15, -19.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals: S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt C. Randall (Sussex) -19, 19, 19.
Final: S. HOWARD bt Mann 13, 11, -16.

Final: FLETCHER/BOASMAN bt Hordern/Read, -17, 23, 18.

Final: S. HOWARD/MANN bt L. Howard/Pacitto -16, 15, 15.

Final: FLETCHER/S. HOWARD bt Walc/Mann -13, 16, 16.

Under-15: Boys' Singles: Semi-finals: N. FULSTOW bt A. van Zoelen (Kent) -17, 19, -20, bt van der Zee 19, 16, 17.
Final: FLETCHER bt van der Zee 17, 14, 11.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals: Painter bt R. Bryant (Somerset) -19, 16, 16.
Final: Painter bt Pacitto -22, 16, 10.

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TOURNAMENT U-17 Boys' Singles: P. Taylor lost to his group. Q.F.: S. Howard bt Lesley 11, 9, 11.
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B O N E Y U N B E R M I O U P N E W " J O L O R "

The New Junior Open was held at Hastings on October 14, and was won by the Dutchman, Heaps, who defeated Brown in the final.

J O U R N A L S P O T L I G H T

by Laurie Landry

J O U R N A L R A N K I N G

ADDITIONAL to the ‘Junior Top Ten and Five’ (The Tennis News Act), the following players have been alphabetically listed in Groups ‘A’ and ‘B’. Previous ranking, where applicable, (shown in brackets).

BOYS

GROUP ‘A’

Peter Abel (York.) (C"
Paul Bishop (Sussex) (D"
Roger Clarke (Wiltshire) (B"
Neil Fulford (York.) (B"
Robert Gapper (Buck.) (D"
David Janes (Devon) (B"
Newc Jarrar (Devon) (B"
Robin Neckett (Devon) (B"

GROUP ‘B’

Gary Grimes (Kent) (Kent)
Marcus Hall (Warw.) (Surrey)
Kingston Harrison (Sussex) (Sussex)
Carol Randall (Sussex) (Sussex)
David Rayner (Yorks.) (Yorks.)
Michael Locke (Essex) (Essex)
Susan Lisle (Lincoln) (Lincoln)
Neil Fulstow (York.) (York.)
Ian Johns (Cheshire) (Cheshire)
Ian Horsham (Essex) (Essex)
Janet List (Suffolk) (Suffolk)
Linda Sutton (York.) (York.)
Lynda Chesson (Kent) (Kent)
Linda Bashford (York.) (York.)
Linda Howard (Surrey) (Surrey)

BOYS

Sheila Hamilton (Middx.) (Middx.)
Susan Cavaliere (Sussex) (Sussex)
Lynda Chinn (Bucks) (Bucks)
Sue Howard (Middlesex) (Middlesex)
Valerie King (York.) (York.)
Peter Taylor and Simon Heaps each beat Van der Zee in the semi-finals. Van der Zee is the current U-15 champion and in the final he met Boasman who had defeated him earlier in the quarter-finals. Van der Zee started well but was then forced to a hard battle which was won by Boasman in three straight games. The final was a hard-fought contest with both players playing at their best. The score was 16-12, 15-13, 16-14.

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by the Ilford man who claimed he could not serve according to the rules, further encouraged by younger elements whilst the coolest man in the heat was Ron Etheridge. Aided by the "fault" points the Kent veteran won the first set 21-8 and then went on to win the second 21-15 with the uproar continuing until the end.

Blagojevitch apologised to the Mayor of Hastings, Alderman Mrs. Vera Jones at the presentation ceremony for the scenes but BOTH players were cheered up to the rostrum.

TOURNAMENT "STOPPER"

ON Saturday evening, one of the finest men's singles matches ever seen in the 33 years history of the Sussex Open occurred in Round 2 of the men's singles when "Connie" Warren beat Peter Williams 19-21, 21-14, 33-31! All play in the lower hall was stopped when these two players, both on peak form reached 20-all in the third. Warren decided to hit every ball and survived five match points against him in doing so. As the score reached the twenties with lightning exchanges, Williams was gradually reduced to counter-hitting. In the final nail-biting minute, Warren's two final points clipped the net before beating the Sussex player whose image cannot possibly have been dented by such a great performance.

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LOCAL youth clubs have produced some international players. Players who join a youth club, fast they learn the talent and enthusiasm for the game and make the necessary progress. Before the top is reached, however, a lot of hard work is necessary. One who will watch for the accuracy of this statement is Staffordshire's Glenn Warwick.

Glenn started playing, appropriately enough, at a local youth club. Initially the end of the season he had made sufficient progress to reach the finals of the Walsall League championships. Amongst the spectators was Brian Martin, a Staffs County player. Not wishing such talent to be lost to the big club, the Cambridge, and it was an invitation Glenn was quick to accept.

Glenn's baptism to Walsall League table tennis was in the fifth division, and in the following season he won two and a half games. At the age of 15, he was selected for the Staffs Junior Singles title. He and his doubles partner, Ralph Gunnion, placed second and emerged undefeated.

UNDEFEATED THROUGHOUT

At Scarborough, Glenn won the Junior Singles title at the North East Open. It was his only open singles title as a junior, but he had fully earned it.

Staffordshire won the Junior Division (Midland) and Glenn ensured his story by emerging undefeated throughout the season. Not only did he win the Midland Junior Singles title as well as further confirmed the county junior title for good measure. To cap a great season was the Walsall and Staffordshire's men's singles championship. His County were promoted to the Premier Division of the County Championships and the prestigious play-off for the championship. The team, as they realised, would be strengthened by Glenn's inclusion. Once again, Glenn would benefit by the experience.

And indeed he did. He had outstanding wins over Alan Lindsay, Derek Hadson and Tony Fiddick. Glenn was occupying the No. 1 spot skillfully and successfully but it was plain the team would be relegated at the end of the season. There were questions asked as to what the benefit to the team, and particularly Glenn, had derived from it.

No player in the country was showing more composure than Glenn at this time. He used to enter all the tournaments he possibly could and not only played in the local league but also in the first division of the Manchester League.

To achieve this he used to travel up and down the country, play his sets, and then return overnight to resume work the following day!

STILL DEVELOPING

The Stiffs No. 1 was still developing his game and he won the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles titles in both the Walsall and Staffordshire Championships.

Everything in the garden looked lovely but in fact 1962-63 season proved a very bad one. Hardly had the season commenced before Glenn contracted appendicitis. It was to put him out for the rest of the season.

Whereas some players would have taken some time to rehabilitate themselves, Glenn was able to get back immediately. He went straight back into the Staffs first division and he had his best-ever season.

Out of twelve sets Glenn lost only two and his consistency extended to winning the Birmingham League performances and he went through the season undefeated. Against such players as Ralph Gunan, Paul Budd, Derek MacI and David Backhouse this was no mean performance. Besides regaining the Staffs Men's Singles title, Glenn also brought off a fine success when he won the strong Men's Closed title.

1963-64 was one of mixed fortune. With the County title being retained, and some good wins in the County Championships. For so good a player it is amusing to find that Glenn has never won an Open tournament. It is something which could well be remedied this season. Certainly Glenn intends to spare no effort to win at least one of the Men's Singles title in his career.

Perhaps Glenn does not possess the "killer instinct". Certainly he has all the shots but lack of opportunity to play in the Premier Division must have affected his chances of regular good top practice. And, of course, the "Last Season"-1962-64 - had its effect. True he came back at once when he was a season he may well have utilised to great advantage.

However, whether Glenn does, or does not win an Open Tournament, one thing is certain. That is whilst he continues to play for Staffordshire and travel the tournament circuit table tennis will be the better for his presence. His mannerisms on and off the table, his obvious enjoyment of being with the table tennis fraternity and his progressive, sincere and helpful approach to the game are admired by all and every city.

There is no more modest player in the game or one so keen to help younger players to improve. I have seen him chatting with youngsters, helping them with their game for no other reason than for just that. Glenn Warwick is indeed a player we in the table tennis fraternity and his progress is further evidenced by the fact that he is at the top of the senior league table.
Final: HEAPS/SIMPSON bt Duncombe/Heppell 14, 18, 7.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: HYDES/HEPPELL bt P. Hughes (Northants.)/Duncombe 16, 12, 13; JOHNS/SIMPSON bt G. Warwick (Staffs.)/Perry 14, 19.
Final: HYDES/HEPPELL bt Johns/Simpson 14, 10.

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals: Taylor bt P. Abell (Yorks.) 12, 14; D. Newton (Lanes.) bt D. White (Durham) 10, 14; N. Jarvis (Yorks.) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks.) 18, 10; P. Freeman (Sussex) bt M. Johns (Ches.) 16, 18.
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Midland League
A READY the Champions Gloucester, led by Ian Harrison, have taken the lead in the first division with an 8-2 win over West Bromwich and 10-0 over Worcester. At the other end, Coventry "A" lost their two opening matches 3-7 to Birmingham, and 1-9 to Chesterfield. Birmingham Ladies, semi-permanent women of the Ladies' section, having won every season except two which were won by West Bromwich, began well with a 10-0 win over Nuneaton, who were beaten the following week 9-1 by W.B. Birmingham "B" scored two good wins in the Junior Division.

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THE LAURIE LANDRY STORY

by George Yates

It was on a felicitous May morning in 1961, that England's Junior Team Manager, Laurie Landry, was hit with a fast-moving car in matching to safety his 4-year-old nephew from its path on the busy A40 at Gerrards Cross.

Laurie's severe and multiple injuries were such that in Hillingdon Hospital, the surgeon and staff of Hillingdon Hospital, Laurie is also conscious of the part played by Eric Blackman, his very life was in jeopardy.

Thereafter, however, to miraculous surgery the Willenden international pulled through and telephoning today, would believe just how near to death's door he was seven years ago.

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Players to have accompanied Laurie to Folkestone last May, pictured, centre, holding the English Junior Open Boys' Team trophy, at Alexandra Palace at the weekend to watch the matches and they must have particularly noticed the unmatchable appearance of some male players.

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Laurie was a formidable opponent for most, his courage and determination were an inspiration to us and could hold my own with the average patient.

Time at the Rehabilitation Centre that received people from all fields of medicine and a Brigadier of Lord Kemsley was now bursting at the seams but applications from the medical profession all over the world were such that in Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge his very life was in jeopardy.

The Slough Industrial Health Centre was born, but here I must confine myself to the Rehabilitation Centre that received people from all walks of life, of both sexes and ages ranging from 18 to 60. This age group was however elastic and it is man of 60 was still working in industry he would be accepted, although there were obvious terrorists who talked boilly that the arrival shortly of a State run Service would not succeed.

'Shortly after the war ended in 1945, the Slough Foundation and the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust, a branch of the Nuffield Foundation, K.C.V.O., O.B.E., was a Trustee, decided to set up an area Industrial Health Service.

The Borough of Slough was chosen for the project because of the diversity of industry located in and around Slough Trading Estate and because Sir Noel Mobbs was Chairman of the Slough Estate and able to obtain the cooperation of the Manufacturers who were interested in this progression of Health Service.

A Central Clinic was opened on the verge of the Industrial area and a Rehabilitation Centre (a large House) was furnished for 450 beds.

The house was fitted out to take 45 resident patients who were admitted Day patients who mostly lived locally and whose injuries were of such nature as to enable them to travel to and from by public transport or ambulance.

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Visitors from the Netherlands will also participate in the first and 6th of January, and the last war, the Centre went from strength to strength and in 1957 patients had to be taken to 90 beds and 30 outpatients. This late residence of Lord Kemsley was now being occupied by the site but applications from the medical profession all over the world were pouring in to inspect this revolution in medicine.

"Apart from the distinguished medical staff, the canteen, kitchen staff and a highly skilled engineer were hand picked by the M.D. and as a team set to work with this pioneering project to prove its worth, the efforts of these teams produced very little monetary reward but great satisfaction was felt by all with the growing success of this project.

"Many road accidents were admitted from various hospitals and those included several well known athletes much better known perhaps in that day than Laurie Landry. Laurie had suffered severe injuries and had been unconscious for a very long time.

Although he, as the Head Remedial Gymnast, would never have the satisfaction to put myself in a class with Laurie as a table tennis player, nevertheless, was fond of the game and could hold my own with the average patient.

"I soon had Laurie on his feet with a plaster from toes to groin but full of spirit and confidence. The game soon improved his co-ordination, his reflexes were soon back to normal and Laurie was a formidable opponent for the best we could produce.

"I personally played him many times and was never able to get near beating him, his courage and determination was an inspiration to all who knew him.

"Since his discharge from here he has returned on many occasions bringing along a team of notable players not only to entertain but to enable us to pit our ability against these distinguished players. Laurie will always remain a great friend of Farnham Park and of Table Tennis".

Ombudsman

There has not been a single game of complaint this month which means, I hope, that everyone is happy within the walls of Table Tennis. We have, therefore, once again immaculate dress, and the ladies, of course, were once again immaculate.

VICTOR BARNA AWARD

AF Middlesbrough, on October 14, Denis Nock had become the recent winner of the VICTOR BARNA Award for Season 1967-68 in succession to Mrs. Mary Wright.

E.T.T.A. President, T. Anslow Harrison, made the trip from Scarborough to present the award in conjunction with the North East Summer League's presentation.

Thank you for all the help to the members of the Tourney Organisers to keep up to a standard which enables the players to have changed the shirts for the finals and given their shoes their quick wipe with a whiter. The notable exceptions were Chester Barnes and Brian Wright who are always really dressed. The ladies, of course, were once again immaculate!

VISITORS FROM THE CONTINENT

ADDITIONAL to the International Programme (TABLE TENNIS NEWS -October) a junior team from German Federal Republic will be in this country on January 5, 1969.

Two international matches will be played in the North of England, the 4th and 5th of January, and the visitors will also participate in Cheltenham Junior Open on Sunday, January 5 in Endcliffe Park.

Prior to, however, a Women's team from the Nethrlands will engage us in two internationals on December 9 and 10, likely venues will be in London and Northants.

NEW MEMBER

MRS. Lesley Radford (Essex) has now accepted an invitation to join England's International Squad, bringing the total to 10 men to 8 women.
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It must be stressed, however, that in the event of applications exceeding the number of tables available, then preference will be given to areas in which the need to develop table tennis is greatest.

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Pres. Reception

FLEET Street national press journalists were entertained by members of the E.T.T.A's. Publicity Committee at the London Press Club on October 1.

The sports journalists turned out in force in response to the invitations and included such well-known names as Peter Wilson, J. L. Manning, Sydney Hulls and many others.

Short speeches of welcome were made by Mr. Conrad Jaques, Quirinian E.T.T.A. and Mr. Bill Vint, Chairman of the Publicity Committee. The Press men were given copies of the international programme, tournament diaries and assurances that the utmost cooperation would be given to ensure that the big table tennis news reaches them in the shortest possible time.

CARDIFF OPEN

Final: BARNES bt Thomas 17, 9.


Final: RADFORD bt Pickering 5, 8.

Men's Doubles: Final: BARNES/ P. RADFORD bt Bishop/Morris 18, 18.


Mixed Doubles: Final: BARNES/ RADFORD bt F. Anderson/Phillips 16, 16.

Boys' Singles: Final: THOMAS bt A. Griffiths 10, 16.


Reflections on Junior Table Tennis

by Teddy Grant

THE development of table tennis in schools with centres springing up in various parts of the country, junior leagues, summer coaching at holiday camps and the annual participation in national and county trials, all supported by the welcome interest of the local and national press is certainly making the prospects of this fascinating indoor sport increasingly attractive for the junior contestant.

Indeed a recent demonstration by our national coach at a Teachers' Training College in the South of England has widened the possibilities for the inclusion of table tennis in the physical education syllabus for state schools.

We have at last come a long way from those early lessons on the dining room table! Nevertheless while the numbers of new exponents are increasing, I wonder if the higher standard from which junior internationals must emerge is high enough to meet the demands of the modern game.

How is the potential champion discovered?

The early advantages of playing a local club (they still exist) cannot be overstressed, because placing in a club with adults and, far better, in a team the junior will slowly build his own particular style measuring it with an growing confidence against the senior varieties of skill and wider experience.

Tournaments are indeed gruelling affairs requiring patience and stamina over long hours and this undoubtedly is the very reason why tournaments are such necessary training grounds in comparison to the more agreeable clubroom.

Top class table tennis consists mainly of tournaments costing much time and money, especially in weekends spent away from home. Ambitious juniors to gain early recognition have no alternative but to enter and win.

The future of English table tennis in the international arena may well depend on the right approach to the junior game. Particularly during their after-care period when as juniors they will be severely confronted with the tense encounters of senior competitive play.

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**WOMEN'S SINGLES:**
Kareena Machewa bt N. Brooker (Neths.) 9, 7, 7, lost to J. Tomlinson 10, 10, 12.
Judy Haysom bt Felstead (U.S.A.) 9, 11, lost to E. Buchholz (W. Germany) 15, 21, 21.
Jill Shanks bt A. Wynia (Neths.) 10, 10, 13, lost to W. Hendrickx (W. Germany) 19, 25, 15, 11.
Paula Piddock bt E. Grima and A. Stuparcik (Belgium) 13, 18, 20, bt B. Jansen/K. Sturt (Belgium) 13, 18, 17, bt W. Lang (W. Germany) 13, 16, 14, S.F.: lost to J. Blakley (W. Germany) 12-9, 7-10.

**MEN'S SINGLES:**
Alan Hyden bt W. Schoneeberger (Neths.) 15, 14, 15, bt S. Svane (Czech.) 13, 10, 14, 15, lost to D. Scharbuck (Yugoslavia) 14, 14, 17, 17.
Danie Neele bt G. Bijker (Neths.) 18, 13, 9, bt K. Schmittinger (W. Germany) 17-13, 18, 18, lost to F. Schoofs (Neths.) 13-15, 19, 19.
Trevor Taylor bt N. van Slootbeek (Neths.) 10, 19, 9, 20, 12, lost to E. Scholer (W. Germany) 14-19, 18, 13.
Chester Barnes bt H. Stolk (Neths.) 9, 7, 15, bt B. Schoofs (Neths.) 14, 16, bt A. Stuparcik (Yugoslavia) 15, 14, 18, bt K. Bouter (W. Germany) 17-14, 19, 17, 28, S.F.: lost to Schoofs 16-10, 16-12, 16-12.
Mike Jahn bt R. Jansen (Neths.) 9, 11, 14, lost to J. Secretin (France) 17-19, 19, 19.

**FINALS**

**MEN'S Singles:**
Drargzin Stuparcik (Yugoslavia) bt H. Janitz, R.S. Stupperich (U.K) 14, 17, 17, 17.
Women's Singles:
Diane Scholer (W. Germany) bt Buchholz 18, 18, 18.
Men's Doubles:
A. Stuparcik/A. Grima (Yugoslavia) bt H. Janitz/R. S. Stupperich 14, 17, 17, 17.
Women's Doubles:
Buchholz/A. Grima bt E. Piddick/J. Shirley 12, 13, 13.
Mixed Doubles:
E. and D. Scholer bt E. Piddick/J. Shirley 16, 16, 15.

**AROUND THE COUNTIES**

**NORTHERN NOTES**

by Gwyn Powell

**COUNTY SQUAD MAY BRING FREEDOM TO CASTLE STREET**

At the beginning of the season the County Association, acting on a suggestion from Castle Street secretary, Bryan Bond, decided to set up a squad containing the top players in the county so that they could meet fairly regularly and thus benefit from competitive practice. The first meeting took place in October at The Grill Hall, Wellingborough and was well attended; future sessions will be by invitation only. A newcomer proved to be one of the top players present when E. Buchholz, who plays for Henley's A. in the Division Five League, was not eligible to play for Northants. George, an experienced player and now county secretary, has twice won the Birmingham veterans' singles and should be a very welcome acquisition.

**RODICK MARCHANTS OF WELLINGBOURGH**

with, for the second successive year, been placed in Group "B" of the Junior rankings by the E.T.T.A. also showed up well and should do well in this season's Championships.

For the first time ever Wellingborough has entered a Ladies team in the North East Midlands League and they made a promising start by taking three points off the Ely team.

Eleven new teams have entered the Kettering League this season maintaining the increase in popularity of table tennis in the area. The Premier Division championship has been dominated in the past by the Town A team who have won the title on no less than nineteen occasions in the last twenty years and look certain to continue their successful run.

U.T.C. 'A' could well hope for the Northampton Premier Division title as they have already lost only once to the superior, Letshe. The other teams which could now provide an equal challenge are the Caxton/Parsley Green and the new Town B team for which none have sufficient prestige to be considered a real threat to the leaders. The best support came from the young players and the last two years and look certain to continue their successful run.

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**ESSEX NOTES**

By Harry Walker

"LIKE OLD TIMES" (A BEAT WEST WILTS)

It was like old times when the news came through that Mickie Reed of Barking had been selected to play for England Junior against Wales at St. Luke's on November 2. Heartiest congratulations to him.

Congratulations also to David Brown on his fighting performances in the Sussex Open when he defeated the highly rated Tony Haywood and Roger Steward, in addition to last year's winner, Shane Champion (Douglas Wilkinson), Dick English and an untried Steve Lyons.

**LANCASHIRE NOTES**

by Geo. R. Yates

END OF THE LINE

An undefeated record in the Junior County Leagues throughout this season for the Lancashire League -- stretching back to November 1962-- was terminated on October 15.

Against Stockport, almost 6 years after winning the Lancashire Junior Cup in 1959, the team lost 6-3 to the Merseysiders and are now certain to continue their successful run.

Blackpool's Stanley Parr, who for the last twenty years and look certain to continue their successful run.

After making great progress since joining the holiday camp the late Mrs. Janet Rumjahn (2) has now changed jobs and is assisting the seaside's ladies inter-club league in preference to playing for Northants. George, an experienced player and now county secretary, has twice won the Birmingham veterans' singles and should be a very welcome acquisition.

**WILTSHIRE NOTES**

by "Moonraker"

YUGOSLAVS FOR WINDSOV?

WILTSHIRE failed to prevent their one-time 5.5-2 advantage when defeated by Warwickshire in the opening Second Division West fixture at Swindon. Swindon, with the addition of the 196-1 st and 196-2 nd Division challengers, will now have a better chance of winning a place in the first division of the first eight seasons, but the captains deserved to share the points after a "come-back".

Swindon now made a triumphant return to Western Counties Competition with a 6-1 win over Newport while their ladies gained an 8-1 victory against their Welsh opponents.

There were no real upsets to report when the Wiltshire League--good to see Westover Basset turn back-- did not yield any results of note that might be regarded as "spectacular success" in all four divisions.

West Wilts' unseeded Norman Jones extended County No. 2 Terry Vance to 18, 18, 18, while Salisbury "A" beat West Wilts., 9-7.

Though West Wilts., 8-2 winners over Salisbury "B" continued their unrelentless pursuit of the semi-finals in this season's County League, in conjunction with the Essex League, there is no real prospect of lifting the points.

STOF PRESS: Tournament Secretary George Tidey will tell you of the strong possibility that the Wiltshire League may cease to be a regular event on December 15. This great return to normalcy must be received with a huge inspiration to those who have worked so hard to keep it going ever since the "Open" which is being staged at the Princess Sports Hall--one of past Champions versus The Best Challenge Match.

Seven Disabled tables will be in use; catering, catering rooms, showers and parking facilities will be available.

The closing date for entries--to G. S. Turbhill, 139 George Drive, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon Phone: R. 2680--is November 23 while the draw is scheduled for November 26.

Flay will commence at 5.30 p.m. but an extension until 6.30 can be arranged by entrants using various courses.
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THE WINNING PAIR FROM SPALDING

By Ron Cox

SECRETARY STILL REQUIRED

AT the County Association A.G.M., Mr Peter Harmer (Leighton Buzzard) was re-elected Chairman, but a secretary is still required following the resignation of Paul Dorton (Luton).

The County Senior team has not played so far this Season, but the Junior team, revived after a lapse of about 10 years, has made a most encouraging start, drawing 5-5 with Bedford (Away) and beating Northants at home 7-3.

In the Suffolk match, Geoff Major (Dunstable) and Brian Hutchinson (Leighton Buzzard) were excellent partners, winning both singles and the girls doubles partnering each.

Leicester (Away) played with the girls doubles, which were won with a 2-1 margin.

And finally, the Bedford Pre-Season Tournament again reached a new record, with the participation of 15 teams, comprising both the 1st 2 Divisions to comprise 15 teams and the remaining, 14 teams.

And in London, the tournament was an all-St. Neots affair, with Tim Fox winning against the other St. Neots player, the formidable Len Saywell, and then going on to win the final against the other Northants player, Anthony Keen.

Junior table tennis seems to be booming in Sussex with the news that a record number of junior town teams have been entered for the Sussex Junior Inter-League Championships at Butlin's on February 9th-12 teams in all—by far the biggest inter-town entry ever for any class, senior or junior.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

"STRONG DIVISION OF OPINION" CONGRATULATIONS are still to be given to the Sussex selectors who (up to the time of these notes going to press) still have Roger Chandler ranked as the county No. 1 and Williams at No. 2. In Roger's favour, his win over Leeds No. 1 soon after and in the county championships he must always face the strongest players must be borne in mind.

On the other hand of course, with the simple exception of the one record, all the surplus players must be borne in mind.

The name pattern was evident at Birmingham when Sussex beat Warwickshire 7-2 in the opening premier fixture. All players were unbeaten except Chandler who was out-of-touch and lost both singles. Roger is the sort of player to take that result lying down and a come-back to his normal determined performances can be hoped for.

Judy Williams' answer to her brother's selection for England was to win the North of England Open at Manchester, sweeping aside Jill Storley, Maureen Hoppell and Karren Mathews in the three last rounds. Any more successes of that calibre by Judy should lead to elevation in one direction or another!
KENT NOTES
by Charles M. Wyles
TULLOCH'S 1-3
AFTER a year of only slight increase in affiliations, it is noticeable that the return so far is substantially up in both clubs and teams participating in local leagues.

Pride of place must go to the Medway Towns Team, and its energetic secretary, Jack Tullethi, with a record 123 teams thus taking over the top spot from ex-nettopsirp Bromley.

Congratulations are the order of the day for—

Hoy-seven-year-old Telex apprentice John Dabney, from Bromley, on his well-deserved National Junior Ranking—the highest a County junior has achieved for 10 years. The County's best wins went with him for his first International date, against Wales, on November 2.

To 15-year-old Lynnh Channon of Sittingbourne on her personal triumph as "Girl of the Year", a fitting reward after being so close to this coveted honor the previous year.

To the members of the County Premier Division team on their magnificent victory over Yorkshire in their opening C.C. fixture.

To the members of the 2nd and Junior teams on their opening successes.

To the Tonbridge League on another year of only slight increase in affiliations, producing the usual bag of surprises. Winners—


To Graham French, with our best wishes, on his marriage this month.

Kent is taking a leading part in launching the National Award Scheme following the pilot scheme in Staffordshire. All schools in the County have been circularised and results are expected to swamp the coaching department at any moment now.

With the operation of a National Centre at Ashford, our own internal Schools Championships, and now the Awards Scheme, the County is doing all possible to encourage to boys and girls alike to join the registered ranks of players.

Entry forms for the Kent Open, on January 25-26, are now available from me at 60, Everfeld Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES
by Walter Reeves
"INCENTIVE TO IMPROVE!"

It is pleasing to report that Derbyshire have entered a junior side in the County Championships, and, I am sorry, today that our leading junior girl Carol Randall has recently left the County to reside in Sussex. The junior side is in the capable hands of our National Councillor Phil Norman, and a squad has been selected for training and trial purposes. Juniors have an incentive to improve their play, for the squad will be added to as more players reach the required qualification standard.

Most of the youngsters named for the squad so far are from the Chesterfield area with Burton providing a promising junior girl. Derby are hoping that the local coaching in this area will soon pay off so that competition for a place in the side will be very keen.

Another pleasing note is the formation of a Central Derbyshire League, based upon Allestree. This will provide competition in an area so far little developed within the County. Their Secretary is hard working Malcolm Allcock of Derby, their strength at present is only 4 clubs entering 8 teams. Derbyshire without this league is organised in the North around the Chesterfield and Matlock areas, and in the South around Derby and Burton, but the centre goes to which ever is the nearest. It also means that our County league teams have a problem of travelling in the winter time from one end of the County to the other. The formation of this league will reduce some of the travelling so that it may be possible to avoid the worst of the weather when the longer distances are involved.

There will also be the advantage of a Derbyshire organised league in the area to serve Glossop, Ashton, Ripley and Ilkeston and district that at present is cut off by the Eastwood and District League. Derbyshire are concerned with this position since there has been a considerable change in the Eastwood League since its formation and I understand that out of 24 clubs attrition has been up to 20 from Derbyshire. The future will tell whether or not this situation is allowed continuing Derbyshire players to participate in organised Tennis within their own County.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES
by Leslie Constable

VALUABLE ACQUISITION

THIS season Cambridgeshire will have the valuable assistance of Betty Bird for County matches and Cambridge City will also benefit in the Rose Bowl competition and in the south East Midlands League. In the opening matches of the Cambridge League, Betty has already succeeded very well with some good victories for her team Torcheesers.

In their first encounters in the S.E. Midlands League, Cambridge defeated St. Neots in all four sections. In the men's match, won 8-2. John Thistleton won both his sets in fine style with good support from Stephen Andrews, Tony Lightchild and Ken Masst.

The veterans won without conceding a set and the ladies and juniors all played well and the winners, who will take advantage on Sunday afternoon in the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

After some last minute cancellations and additions, the Cambridge League is now made up of 13 teams in 6 divisions plus a ladies division of 3 teams making 12 in all. A record.

The Wisbech League can now boast 14 teams in 5 divisions—an increase of 4 teams over the past three seasons! Wisbech will have representative teams in the senior and junior sections of the S.E. Midlands League and in the North Norfolk League (a competition for second string teams). Altogether there will be 13 leagues competing in the S.E. Midlands League this season with 4 teams entered as follows: Men (12) Juniors (11) and Veterans (9).


The League is now in full swing and I hope that we can expect matches in future issues of TARE TENNIS NEWS so let me have those results straight away.

I met the son of Bill Stennett (the former Civil Service champion) when I travelled with the Cambridge City team to St. Neots. Young Stennett plays a useful game and it brought back pleasant memories of when his father came to Cambridge and took part in an exhibition at the Y.M.C.A. in 1937.
LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES
by Philip Reid

GREAT WIN FOR ILIFFE

LEICESTERSHIRE made a very satisfactory start to the season in the County Championships. The seniors, with a match changed side led 4-2 against Glamorgan but finally lost 6-4. Congratulations to John Brunning who had a great win on his debut for Walls International Bob Bishop. Another debutant was 16-year-old Jason Baxter who opened with a good Ladies doubles win in partnership with Rita Beeth. Rita made it a "double" by also beating Margaret Phillips. The home county's other success came from Steven White against Graham Davies.

The Junior team took all ten sets from Oxfordshire in straight games with newcomers Chris Brewer and David Carter playing well.

Leicester Juniors opened with a 4-0 defeat of the hands of Loughborough. Paul Randell turned in a first class performance for Leicester beating Loughborough's talented three and four Juniors, Chris Brewer and Nickel Smith.

In the Holland League, Leicester Veterans second team took a team to watch. They took all ten sets in straight games from new look Leicester men beat Worcester 8-2. Included in the team was Graham Hughes who was not included in either the town's or second team last season and he received a well deserved recall. The ladder drew with Worcester 5-5 whilst the Men's Second team beat Walsall 8-2. A maximum here by Malvin Matts. The Intermediates won 7-3 against Oxford with Bob Gercy and Bob Phillips unbeaten.

The Leicestershire Towns League opened with a good win for Loughborough. The host team beat Coalville 8-2, maximums coming from good performances. Lutterworth Loughborough. The first team beat Worcester 5-5 whilst the Men's Second beat Nuneaton.

There have already been some very close games In Division 5A Pat and Mike Meredith. The Intermediates won 7-3 against Oxford with Bob Gercy and Bob Phillips unbeaten.

A new innovation this season is the "Frit Cup" which will be competed for by teams of Division 5A and 6A below in the Leicestershire and District League. The trophy has been donated by Mr. Cyril Pratt, President of the League, and who has formerly held almost every post within the league, besides being an outstandingly successful player.

In the Leicestershire and District League there have already been some very good performances. Lutterworth Boys' Club have got off to a great start in Division 6A and led by Bill Zilberts look likely championship contenders. Chris Rogers, the 9-year-old son of former County players John and Jan is winning most of his matches. In Division 5A Pat and Mike Meredith are playing for English Electric and their presence should give the Whetstone side a great chance of championship honours.

In the Loughborough and District League Carsons C are fractionally ahead of Polish Y.C. in Division 2, whilst Loughborough C, despite a defeat from Polish Y.C. still lead. First Division favourites must be Loughborough C.T.C. who haveFour Billson, Terry Hall and John Oxborough to call upon.

There were over 80 entries in the Rose Johnson Bowl, the team 4-a-side Handicap Competition and many close games are expected.

NORFOLK NOTES
by J. S. Penny

"FAULTY SERVICES"

NORFOLK started their Division II (South) programme with a match against Surrey at Crystal Palace. As expected, Surrey, relegated from Division I, proved a tough nut to crack. Norfolk, however, were unlucky to lose 16-0. Three or four very close games could well have gone the other way. What was unfortunate was that several players, including two from Norfolk, lost points for faulty service. Dropping the ball below the table before throwing it up the ball was the chief fault; but also it must be remembered that the umpire must always have sight of the ball when it is being served.

On the same day as the Surrey match, Norfolk Juniors met a similar fate, a 10-0 defeat, against Essex. For Norfolk, John Fuller came nearest to a win. Essex Juniors included Michael Rees (ranked No 6), Robert Halliday (No 9), Ian Horton (Group "B"), Simon Beckett (Group "A") and Janet Halliday (Group "B"). Norfolk sent out Peter Verity, John Fuller, John Swainson, Susan Hail, Pat Sinton and Joan Allen, almost a completely new side, which will take a season or two to come to maturity. Full marks to Essex, by the way, on their immaculate turn-out. The higher the grade of play, the more attention has to be paid to points like this, since it is by its leading players that the game is judged.

Our Juniors improved in their second match, against Bedfordsire at Longthorpe, and won three sets. John Fuller beat Brian Hutchins 17, 8, Verity and Swainson won their doubles against G. Mayor and P. Norton at 17 in the third, and Swainson and Joan Allen won their mixed, against Billson, Horton and Stansfield. 16, 8.

Further mention must be made of Norwich and District League's European Championship match between England and Sweden at Norwich Ladies' Club, on December 5th. Tickets are available and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

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

Why settle for less?
IN the Wiltscote Cup Competition, the Northumbarian League side Whitham 9-0 without an effort being conceded. After reaching the semi-final last season, the team is hopeful of a repeat performance.

On duty against the Cumbrians were Brian Burn, Colin Eltringham and Peter Hough and it is conceivable to have players of the calibre of Peter Duncombe, Stuart Lennie, Alan Ramsey and Arthur Cliver Stars by.

The Rose Bowl competition has paired Northumbrian with North Yorkshire who include their rapidly improving junior, Linda Bashford.

Maureen Hapwell, Cynthia Duncombe and Pauline Jackson are our representatives and this team should progress into the next round. With the additional services of Philomena Clark in the new year a way future looks in store.

After a seven week period in the Northumbrian first division, only a few of the top teams have competed against each other.

Stuart Lennie is travelling from Cullercoats to play the difficult match, for North Shields Y.M.C.A. "A", yet even his efforts were unable to prevent the League champions Rescos gaining a win, even though he did win with them.

The M.O.S.S., "A" and Newcastle Y.M.C.A. "B" are the teams to record a record and it will be very difficult to dislodge them from their position.

CHESHIRE NOTES
By Jim Beckley

INTERNATIONAL FREEZE-OUT
I've always thought that Cheshire was neglected when it came to the distribution of international matches from a quick glance at the current season's list of internationals, etc. I must admit that keen followers of the game and who have been involved in the game for a long time, are going to have a harder time finding top-class fixtures to see them than we are in Cheshire. At least we will have a week in which Bolton or Manchester, but the difficulty that our friends in the S.W. will have to overcome is the attitude of the S.W. to the Cheshire teams. I simply do not believe that all the table-tennis facilities are to be found in the south-west area.

I know communications are poor, but surely in an area as large as Cheshire there must be a suitable venue where top-class matches could be staged. To maintain interest in the game a good general distribution of fixtures throughout the year would be the mark of those who go by anyiken knows of such a place. drop me a line. One out-of-town venue in Cheshire will most certainly decline.

At the time of going to press I have been heard of or seen Roger Hampton at play against Yorkshire at Bradford on November 16, it is currently ranked No. 2 in the county rankings. With information of current form Derek Schofield has been held and the team for the home game with Leslie now shown two changes.

Yorkshire Notes
By Cliff Darby

NEW TREASURER FOR YORKSHIRE
RON HART, Bradford, Yorkshire League Match Secretary and secretary of the Yorkshire Treasurer in succession to Harold Litchfield (Hull) and will handover to Frank Brigg, also of Bradford, Treasurer Councillor on Walter's election to the post of Yorkshire Treasurer in succession to Harold Litchfield (Hull) and will handover to Frank Brigg, also of Bradford, Treasurer.

Frank Briggs, also of Bradford, was the man chosen by the Junior Mini league members to the Yorkshire Executive Committee.

Congratulations to Alan Fletcher (Hull) on being selected to play for England against Wales on November 2. His national ranking is now No. 2.

Sundra Lee (Leeds) wins over Frank Briggs in the week of the final Minor Trial, was just the win Sandra needed and she now moves from the "A" Group to No. 2.

Middleborough's Linda Bashford seems to be at a standstill, moving from No. 10 to Group "A", her game needing more variety.

Valerie King and Linda Sutton (Hull) and Allison Waters (Leeds) all continue to improve, the former now being graded.

Nicky Jarvis and Peter Abell (Middlesbrough) have taken (Hull) all need to tighten up that game to move Group "A". leading along with David Rayner (Sheffield).

Peter Hirst (Leeds), together with the rest of the players taking part in the Senior Trials, were on their first appearance after a heavy session, but Peter's fitness due to his activity with Peter Rea (T.C.C. he stood in good stead, and Peter staked all at stake) the other hand of Tony Clayton (Hull) and Malcolm Coghill (Middlesbrough). Neale. Hydes. Drummond and Kedge were not invited.

John Kedge and Linda Forks (still only 17) made their Premier Division debut against Kent at Bradford on September 28. Although on the losing side on this occasion they will, no doubt, make amends in forthcoming matches.

The Yorkshire Junior Open will be held at a new Sports Centre in Hull on Sunday, January 3rd whilst the venue for the Senior Open is still under discussion. The Centre will be held as usual at Belle Vue Park, Hull on November 30 and the Postmatch Restricted Open will now move to January 29.

Peter Simpson is making steady progress after his car accident and he thanks everybody for their letters and messages. His wife Pat has lost a few pounds in weight, but this was mainly with being kept busy answer waterproofing the telephone which severe anxiety to stop ringing, with people all over the country phoning about Peter.

Sorry about no notes last month, if you, your league, or Club has any interesting items please let me have them.

Staffordshire Notes
By John Pike

NEW RANKING LIST
APART from the first team beating Monmouths, and the Junior winning at Nottingham, there is not a lot to report from the county this month. After a shaky start, the 'A' team pulled themselves together to sink the Welsh county at Great Bridge, but it was at Nottingham where more interest was shown than usual.

In some parts of the county it was felt that the side selected was not the best Staffordshire could put out. Yet even his efforts were unable to prevent the League champions Revac gaining a draw, even though he did record and it will be very difficult to

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SECOND MIDLAND
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SOUTHERN DIVISION
November 15 Kent v. Essex, Prince of Wales Club. Northgate, Canterbury. 7.00 p.m.
November 16 Sussex v. Gloucs, North Mundham Village Hall. North High Road. East Finchley. N.2. 7.00 p.m.
November 17 OxforJs v. Warwicks, St. Paul's Hall. Warwick Road. 7.00 p.m.
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EASTERN DIVISION
November 15 Bedfords v. Northants. Pioneer Boys Club, Rear of Odeon. 7.00 p.m.
November 16 Northants v. Bedfords, Pioneer Boys Club, Rear of Odeon. 7.00 p.m.
November 17 Dorsets v. Somersets, Bournemouth. 7.00 p.m.
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JUNIOR EAST
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JUNIOR NORTH
November 15 Cheshire v. Lancashire, Ewyas Hall Ltd. Preston Street. White Dee. 7.00 p.m.
November 16 Lancashire v. Durham, Montana Barn Wallingford Castle. 7.00 p.m.
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JUNIOR MIDDLES
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KENT PROVIDE SHOCK OPENING

NEWLY promoted Kent shocked Yorkshire (Champions in 66-67) and set the Premier Division off to a tingling start. The competition seemed set to be as tight as last year.

In the reports below, a star * indicates no written report received from the home County—in future no report received means no mention in these columns.

FIRST DIVISION

Essex 8 — Cheshire 0
C. Barnes bt M. Johns 20, 18; bt R. Keast 18, 10; S. Gibbs bt Johns 16, 13, bt E. Hartman 21, 16; bt R. Massey 21, 16; H. Stevens bt Keast 15, 17; bt A. Rempel 9, 14; Mrs. J. Radford bt Miss J. Heap 17, 21; A. Hydes/but to Keast/Heap 15, 20.

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H. Morley bt Wright 18, 19; lost to M. Sugden 26, 18, 15; D. Holland lost to Miss M. Walker, 19, 19; Holland/Morley lost to Haslam/Hawkins both in turn from Alma, deep from the Miss I). Deserved this excellent result. Linda (retired) and ‘Connie’ Warren. Ron singles win for a Bedfordshire side Premier debuts, will do better next against both Alan Coby and Neville After two years without Countytime-interesting to ... shows learnt much. Paired with veteran John Dale to IN the Middlesex II v. Bucks. What an asset she will be. Forkes and John Kedge both making Penfold scraped home at 19 in 3rd ally lacking fight. Mike Johns a little...

SECOND DIVISION

Cumberland 0—Northumberland 0
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Essex 7 — Denbighshire 1
A. Hydes/but to ‘Connie’ Warren 15, 21; J. Radford lost to Keast/Heap 15, 20.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Hampshire 9 — Cornwall 1
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Wiltshire 5 — Devon 2
Bill Moulding celebrated his return to Wells with two singles wins and MD with Tony Wolff. But Devon fought back well when 3-5 down and took the last three sets in straight games for a deserved point.

Worcestershire 8 — Dorset 2
After two year without County play, Trevor Smith (ex Hastoe) scored the only MS success for Dorset beating Mick Haslam 17, 10, 9 and paired with veteran John Dale to MD. But Joyce and Janet Allen nailed through their sets for Woes.

Yorkshire 4 — Lancashire 4
Neale bt A. Piddock 16, 7; bt D. Munt 17, 16. D. Munt bt R. Chandler 17, 18; bt they led 4-2 but the Welsh County Warwicks. Cates no written report received from.

SECOND DIVISION MIDLAND

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