WHEN the next tournament played on the Nissen Tuck-Away tables is announced, the first entry form to be received should be from Scotland's No. 1 player Malcolm Sugden. The left-handed, pale-complexioned attacker from Edinburgh produced a winning forehand kill on this new surface which was faster than anything his three victims - Trevor Taylor, Chester Barnes and Alan Hydes could match.

The player who looked most likely to provide a Hadrian's Wall against the Scot's invasion was Taylor who swopped shot for shot with Sugden who won 24-22 third set. Taylor had to wait until the following day to get his revenge over Sugden at the Sussex Open. Advancing to the semis, Malcolm then slashed his way past a surprised Chester Barnes who was far from happy with the bounce. Any suggestions that the express hitting was difficult can be answered by the pace which Sugden obtained for his kill-shots.

The new England No.3, Alan Hydes, heading towards a high temperature which caused him to scratch from the Sussex Open, fought his way to the final via "Connie" Warren and Mike Johns. Alan displayed his usual consistency and took the first set, but more big hitting from the Scot took him to a fine victory and a place in history as the first man to win £100 in an official tournament in this country.

True to form, Mary Wright became the first woman player to win £50 when she fought off another strong challenge from Jill Shirley just arrived back from Japan, in the final. Other early winners were Judy Hooper who accounted for Bensam Battersby and Pauline Piddock who took care of Judy Williams by 7-90 p.m. Jill's challenge came early in the final when she held a game-point over Mary before losing 22-24. Jill, who substantiated her claim to the England No. 2 spot at this event, went on to win the second. In the third, Mary, as she so often does, really cut loose to win at 21-16.

Even so, Jill's thoughts might well be turning with envy to Mary's No. 30 world ranking, which is not such a distant target for Jill now as it was a year ago.

A big crowd gathered at Crystal Palace for the Nissen. One of the nearest touches of the night (apart from Sugden's kill) was the ease with which these tables are folded away. A mere touch of the hand and they spring into a vertical position ready to be wheeled away on castors! Chester Barnes also made a similar lightning exit!

Scores:

MEN
Round 1:
G. Barnes (Essex) bt: G. Davies (Wales) -17, 14, 13.

Round 2:
G. C. Barnes (Essex) bt: J. Langan (Ireland) 18, 19; M. Sugden (Scotland) bt: T. Taylor (Herts.) -12, 18, 22; M. Johns (Cheshire) bt: B. D. Wright (Middx.) 13, 16; A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt: Warren 5, 11.

Semi-finals:
SUGDEN bt Barnes 16, -15, 16; HYDES bt Johns -16, 6, 9.

Final:
SUGDEN bt Hydes -15, 18, 19.

WOMEN
Round 1:
P. Piddock (Kent) bt J. Williams (Sussex) 16, 22; J. Hooper (Cheshire) bt K. Matthews (Middx.) 9, 15, 19.

Semi-finals:
WRIGHT bt Piddock 10, 20; SHIRLEY bt Hooper 15, 12.

Final:
WRIGHT bt Shirley 22, -14, 18.

Quote from Scottish T.T.A. Secretary, Jimmie McCormack: "Great news for the Scots that Malcolm won the Nissen. It is 655 years since Bannockburn when a similar feat was performed by Robert the Bruce!"

English Closed 1970

THIS season's English Closed Championships will be held at Hutton, Teesside, on Thursday evening, January 1, all day Friday and the morning of Saturday, January 3 with the finals in the afternoon.

Umpires are needed for all sessions, particularly Friday, and offers of assistance, from those suitably qualified, should be made to either Cliff Darley, 13, The Booth, Pontefract, Yorks or Charles M. Wyles, 48, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

A daily meal allowance of 15/- will be paid with bed and breakfast provided for those obliged to stay overnight. Travelling expenses will be paid at the rate of 50% for those persons journeying by train, and at 41d. per mile for those using a car. If two or more share a car the full cost of petrol will be met.

Bergmann ill

Richard Bergmann, four times world's singles champion, was taken ill while playing an exhibition match in Southport and is now in hospital in Menehune.
ALL IS NOT GOLD

RUMOUR had it that because no cask of any vintage was left for the Manchester and District League, the managers were not there for ranking players to participate in the North of England Open Championships.

Certainly the organisers were hard hit by the number of star players on "location" elsewhere, for no less than four ranked men and three women were in Antwerp concurrently with Denis Neale being in Japan.

Even so, a far from insignificant company still remained within the confines of our shores, and yet the sum total of ranked players who made the journey to Manchester amounted to five-two men and three women with one entry from Scotland, but had to be scratched for non-attendance.

Only a fortnight previously, the North Midlands Open attracted all the players from the region and it became obvious that the accent was on the men's singles winner.

Irrespective of the points to be won in chase of the Coca-Cola Award-best illustrated by Lance Bird's success in obtaining 100 plus as the result of her win over Marie Wright in the North Midlands affair - the glamour of immediate gold would hardly have been enough to keep the players away from the Open.

But, as points are amassed in pursuit of the £30 sponsored award offered by the Waste Disposal Association, when entry into even a minor or restricted open tournament might possibly be of vital significance.

Such, it is to be hoped, will be the outcome of the Petrie Scheme for affiliated players, to be used not only for the Coca-Cola Award but also in respect of the ranking list for open tournaments.

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International Round-up

by Conrad Jaschke
Chairman of the E.T.T.A.

NEALE GREAT IN JAPAN.

Denis Neale proved himself the outstanding European player during the recent tour of Japan, and thanks to him the European men's team achieved some quite respectable results against strong Japanese sides which included the world champions on several occasions.

By courtesy of Reuters we are able to print the men's results in the Japan v. Europe series which were available at the time of going to press.

Oct.
1. At Osaka: Japan 4 Europe 2.
   (Neale beat Suzuki and Nakata).
2. At Takamatsu: Japan 4 Europe 2.
   (Neale beat Kato and Nakata).
3. At Okayama: Japan 4 Europe 3.
   (Neale beat Kondo and Takeda).
4. At Hiroshima: Japan 3 Europe 4.
   (Neale beat Kondo and Abe).
5. At Kyoto: Japan 4 Europe 2.
   (Neale beat Ayuna).
6. At Toyama: Japan 4 Europe 3.
   (Neale beat Nishi).
7. At Takamatsu: Japan 4 Europe 3.
   (Neale beat Takada).
8. At Yokohama: Japan 4 Europe 3.
   (Neale beat Nagoya).
   Japan beat the National team.
10. At Osaka: Japan 4 Europe 3.
(Neale beat Gazaki and Kusa).

(All results appear in the December edition).

Neale will be greatly helped this season by a new contract with John Hainsworth, whom he will be able to concentrate on table tennis full time. Japan are providing him with a guaranteed income that will enable Denis to play and train under the direction of team manager, Johnny Gough, who, as vice president of the E.T.T.A., negotiated the contract with Japan.

This planned full-time programme will be designed to help Denis reach a peak at the time of the European Championships in Moscow in April.

SWEDES GOING TO JAPAN.

Sweden, who were the first European country to make extensive use of Japanese training methods are sending two of their young players - Bo Persson and Stellan Bengtsson (II) for two months training with Japanese players at Nihon University. Hanne Aler, who for many years has been seen only as a world-class player but also as one of Sweden's foremost coaches, has received, on offer from Federal Germany to become a national coach for a two-year period. Germany are anxious to find a first-class replacement for the Yugoslav coach, Hanseng, who has achieved such outstanding successes for them, but who has decided that after such a long absence he must return to his family in Yugoslavia.

JILL IS BACK.

Jill Shirley returned to England early in October following a most valuable period of training in Japan, made possible through the generosity of Kenji Gomi, President of the Japan T.T.A. Jill must go on for a most valuable period of training in Japan, made possible through the generosity of Kenji Gomi, President of the Japan T.T.A. Jill must go on for another step forward towards bigger things, but it can already be seen that her attack has greatly improved.
**Amateurism and Professionalism in Sport**

In the past, Government grant-aid has only been made to purely amateur organisations, but a recent Press Release from the Sports Council summarises their position on the subject. It states:

> The complete absence of deceit and evasion will only be achieved by the recognition of open competition at some level in every sport, but a substantial step forward will be achieved by the establishment of the world amateur and professional within the general regulations governing sport.

> The Sports Council hopes that each governing body will give urgent and careful consideration to ways in which it can help to avoid the inconsistencies, the anomalies and the abuses stemming from present regulations governing amateur and professional competitions. The Council also recognises the implications for its own terms of appointment, which made specific reference to amateur sport, which the Government will no doubt take into account in due course.

In his capacity as Hon. General Secretary of the International Table Tennis Federation, A. R. Tait was received a copy of the memorandum which was his. Tait wrote: "You may be interested to know that for some 30 years we have accepted the principle of the terms amateur and professional not appearing in our regulations. We, of course, recognise that such a

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**EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES 1969/70**

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**SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

THS sixth Annual Essex School Team Championships will be held at the Sir Charles Lucas Comprehensive School, Felixstowe on Sunday, November 30th, 1969.

This will be the first occasion that the London Boroughs of Havering, Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Newham will not take part; they are holding their first independent tournament to be played on the same day at a venue to be arranged.

Fifteen tables will be provided by the kind co-operation of John Jaques Limited and the event will be sponsored by the Essex County Newspapers Limited whose head-quarters is in Colchester.

Amongst the teams taking part will be Colchester High School, who will be aiming for a hat-trick of wins in the Senior Boys’ singles, and St. Helen’s Secondary School who were National Runners-up last year in the U-13 boys’ competition.

**LIVESEY TO EMBRACE**

GEORGE LIVESEY, 27-year-old Lancashire County Player from Burnley, is to emigrate to Australia later this year. In season 1959-60, George won the English Junior Open boys’ singles title.
PLAYED at Alexandra Palace on September 27-28, the North Middlesex Open proved a very exciting tournament with Linda Hashford in terrific form blasting through No. 1 seed Mary Wright in straight games. But she could do little against Paula Mosson after her equipment and bat had been taken from a car. Steady Karenaz Matthews won with consistency. She added the doubles and Mixed.

In the men's singles, Peter Taylor won a good match with "Les" Hadow in the first round but found David Brown too fast. Chester Barnes improved round by round and won a good final against Mike John to win fairly comfortably. What £30 does for Chester!

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**SUSSEX OPEN**

by John Woodford

**CHESTER MAKES AMENDS**

CHESTER BARNES must have thought he was in for an unlucky weekend beginning at Crystal Palace when he was shot out of the Sussex tournament big money by Malcolm Sugden. On Sunday night, however, he made amends when he won the men's singles final at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.

The match was over in two quick sets, 17-15 and 16-14, with Sugden unable to find the sharpness in his game that was missing in the semi-finals.

**TRIUMPH FOR CHRISTINE MANN AND READ**

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The Sussex Open lived up to its reputation of attracting as many stars as any other county open, although the only "sensations" were from Scotland. Sugden and Eric Sutherland. Although without a sponsor it badly needs, there was nearly £400 in prize money with £20 for the winner of the men's singles.

Something strange always seems to happen at the Sussex Open finals.

After last year's scenes in the veterans final which is now staged earlier, this year's odd happening looked serious. At the moment of victory for Miss Williams and Miss Hession in the women's doubles final popular Brighton league chairman Paul Woolnough collapsed. Fortunately with the aid of a glass of water he recovered in a few minutes. It was the first Sussex win for many, many years!

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J. HELLABY/B. Read (Essex) bt. J. Mann/P. Cotton (Lincolnshire) 9, 12, 17.
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Date | Title and Venue | Additional to normal events | Organising Secretary
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Nov. 16 | Hastings Tigers Restricted Open | | Mr. J. F. Wyke, 84a, Eversfield Pl., Stour.
19 | Portsmouth Open, Wymondham Park Hall, Bloxwich | | Mr. F. Golding, 52, Winter Road, Southsea, Hants.
21-22 | Cumbernauld Open, Monkhouse School, Monkhouse Estate, Washington | | Mr. R. Kegg, 5, Darwen Hill, Loop Road South, Wellingham, Cult.
22-23 | Southend Open, Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton, Staffs. | | Mr. J. M. McCormack, 2, Bournemouth Place, Edinburgh 10.
23 | East of Scotland Open, Moorclose Estate, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex | | Mr. T. Huggins, 9, Montgomery St., Bangor, C. Down.
23 | Wessex Restricted Open, Moorclose School, Moorclose Estate, Southsea | | Mrs. G. M. Smith, 52, Winter Road, Workington, Staffs.
23 | Portsl allotted Open, Desert Rock, Sheffield Wednesday F.C., Sheffield | | Miss J. H. Moss, 25, Church Green, Yeovil, Somerset.
16 | Portsl allotted Open, Desert Rock, Sheffield Wednesday F.C., Sheffield | | Mr. K. F. Palmer, 4, Tower Hill, Kensington Rise, Sherborne, Dorset.
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THE 100 CLUB

HAVING taken over the secretariatship of the 100 Club, following the resignation of Walter Mitton, I should like to remind readers of the club and its objects and activities.

The Membership subscription is £2 per annum but, for £10 and £20, the right to membership is also a draw. In addition, for a sum of at least £10, a member may nominate a non-member to be included in the annual draw, or, perhaps, to be sponsored by a non-member.

The Manager is responsible for the members, the money raised for the E.T.T.A. is invested in Premium Bonds and 30% of any prize will be paid to the current members of the club.

At the last draw, held in London on Saturday, January 29, 1965, the £100 was won by Mr. H. B. A. Leitch, President of the Midland Counties at the National Umpire.

The next dinner and draw will be held at the finals of the English Open, at which the Club has a source of revenue to the Association. With an additional service to the members, the money raised for the E.T.T.A. is invested in Premium Bonds and 30% of any prize will be paid back to the current members of the Club.

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The Club gives an opportunity to play as many active games as possible, with the added chance of winning more money. Further details of the Club or the 100 Club can be supplied on request, just drop a line to the E.T.T.A. office or whilst perhaps helping yourself.

ALAN SHEPHERD.

THE 100 CLUB

ROBERT JAMES, Secretary, 100 Club.

PRESS OFFICER (MIDLANDS)

To those County Publicity Officers who were unable to attend the Midland Counties Conference, I would like to remind them that I have recently been appointed to the Standing Tennis News in my defence, I do not believe that the sentence of life suspension is justified.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

AT their meeting on 27th September, 1969, the National Council received a detailed report from the Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and the Management Committee about the facts which led to the resignation of Mr. W. Mitton from all E.T.T.A. posts.

The National Council have suspended Mr. Mitton for life.

The following officials have been elected to fill vacancies arising from this:

Chairman of Home Programme Co-ordination Committee: C. M. Wyles
Chairman of European Junior Championships Committee: T. Blunn
Vice-Chairman of European Junior Championships Committee: C. M. Wyles
C.T.T.C. Representative: A. M. Lijinsky

Northern Coaching Panel: G. R. Yates

Fund Raising Schemes:
To be administered from the E.T.T.A. Office, with Mrs. Betty Shipley carrying out the work involved in the Master Points Scheme and Lottery, and A. W. Shipley as Secretary to the 100 Club.

Amateurism/Professionalism

Elsewhere in the magazine reference has been made to Sports Council views on this subject. It has been reported, however, that Local Sports Councils have refused to recognize Table Tennis because it is not a strictly "amateur" sport. The support received from the Sports Council does show that we are recognized but if problems of this nature arise at local level they should be reported to the E.T.T.A.

Yellow Table Tennis Balls

The National Council emphasized that yellow balls had not been approved for play in approved competition other than the English Closed Championships and this was agreed with a proviso that the balls would be available for practice beforehand. There is, however, nothing to stop players using them for practice purposes or training.

It is possible that the National Council would approve the balls for other competitions on application, provided proper control could be exercised over the experiment. It was emphasized that the yellow ball was only at experimental stage at the present time.

National Club Competition

With reference to Regulation 23 of this competition, the National Council feel that they are unable to finance teams taking part in the International Club competition.

A re-draft of this regulation will be sent to all entrants in the competition.

Regional Facilities

The Sports Council have asked all governing bodies to submit by 30th November, recommendations for Regional Centres for their sport. The E.T.T.A. Equipment Committee have been entrusted with this task and have already drawn up plans for one of the centres which could also be considered as a National Headquarters including office accommodation. It is envisaged that these facilities would be based on centres of large population and would probably total six in number.

It is emphasized that proper control could be exercised over the experiment. It was reported on behalf of the Sports Council but the research involved would enable the Association to give a valuable brief to architects and local authorities when planning sports buildings which will incorporate table tennis facilities.

Electoral Register

ONLY those Leagues whose affiliation fees are paid on the 1st of January will be eligible to take part in Officer and National Councillor elections. Each Local League and County Association will be sent a copy of the Register by January 10th and they will have until the 25th of January to challenge the accuracy of the Register. Once established, the Electoral Register will define who is entitled to participate in an election.

Players' Permission

At a recent meeting of the Home Counties, it was agreed (and subsequently approved by the National Council) that, with the exception of members of the E.T.T.A. International squads, no special permission would be required by members wishing to play in Ireland, Scotland or Wales. Previously, this 'blanket' permission applied only to Wales and the relevant regulations will be amended in due course.

Players in the E.T.T.A. International squads will still be required to obtain permission to participate in any tournaments outside England.
Sheffield Conference
by The Editor

ALL ROADS LED TO HALIFAX HALL

At the beginning of last season, the E.T.T.A. set up a Publicity Com-
mittee under the chairmanship of A. K. Billintone, O.B.E., and from
this body stemmed the idea which blossomed into a full scale Conference
at the University of Sheffield's Holliday Hall over the weekend of
September 24-25.

The sub-committee felt that by bringing together people concerned
with table tennis publicity in all parts of the country, and by exchanging
views and experiences, and also by hearing at first hand about the
problems encountered by national journalists, an important step towards
the possibility of increasing overall
this body germinated the idea which
problems encountered by national
at the University of Sheffield's
of the Daily Express had "What do
But as John Woodford would have it
Halifax Hall over the weekend of
Press Officers?" as his subject.
that is why sometimes you may not
ments" and George White unfolded
emphasis was laid onto his four A's
gathering.
Jack Thompson, of B.B.C. Radio
"The duties of a Tournament
fifteen officials were in residence over
morning. The photograph was taken
by Cliff Darley.
deserved vote of thanks. Some
as Stewards, especially Paul Turner
Works Sports Association for acting
subjects and he too came in for a
considerable command over the
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It was agreed by the National Coaching Committee that these
sessions had been most useful in the
1968/69 season and should be con-
tinued in 1969/70. Details are being
circulated to League Secretaries.
UNDER 13 COMPETITION
Because of the success of this event in
the 1968/69 season, it was agreed that
it should be repeated in 1969/70 and
full details are being finalised
which will be circulated to all Leagues
shortly.

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The English Schools' Table Tennis Association

by W. S. Mackenzie, Press Officer

Re-cast of National Competition

The National Competition for 1969/70 is to be recast so as to be more comprehensive both in the age range of the competitors and the playing convenience of the participants. At this stage of the planning, there are to be seven events.

Under-19 years, boys and girls (age raised from 18).

Under-15 years, boys and girls.

Under-13 years, boys and girls.

Under-11 years, boys, girls or mixed (new event).

For the purposes of playing, there will be 9 area centres, leading to 3 regional centres, leading to the Finals, with dates as follows:

**Area Finals**

- Area Finals to be played not later than Sunday, 15th February.

**Regional Finals**

- Regional Finals to be played on Sunday, lst March.

**National Finals**

- National Finals to be played on Sunday, 15th March at Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent.

**Regions and Areas**

**North Region**

- Area 1: Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland and Westmorland. Finals venue Bury St. Edmunds, date to be arranged, organiser Mr. D. A. Lomas, 4, St. Mary's Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

**Midland and West Region**

- Area 2: Cheshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Lancashire and Staffordshire. Finals venue Swindon, date to be arranged, organiser Mr. A. Jones, 9, Afon Terrace, Llandudno, Tel.: 60029.

**South and East Region**

- Area 3: Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Finals venue Romford Y.M.C.A., 25th January, organiser Mr. D. A. Lomas, 4, St. Mary's Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

**South and East Region**

- Area 4: Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Wiltshire. Finals venue probably Weston, date to be arranged, organiser Mrs. Henderson, Highfield House, Ewell Road, Wrotham, Kent.

- Area 5: Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. Finals venue probably Wotton, date to be arranged, organiser Mrs. Heald, 3, Chalk, The Flat, Old Grammar School, High Street, Bardfield, Essex.


**Further enquiries about the competition should be addressed to Mr. E. J. Chaile (address above), and about the Association to the General Secretary, Mr. G. N. Gurney, Guildhall, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex.**

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    - Lower Thames: Mr. R. Balmford, 5, Park Avenue, Hull, Tel.: 407760.
    - East Anglia: Mr. H. Beasley, 95, Leggatt Drive, Norwich, Tel.: 2645.
    - South and East: Mr. E. J. Mitchell, 37, Wishaw Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, Tel.: B'-on-C. 2450.
    - Midlands and West: Mr. D. A. Lomas, 1, St. Mary's Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.
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Belgian Open

by Mary Wright

Surber breaks German grip

Federal Germany's domination of the German Open Championships, which was played in Aachen on October 11-12, was almost complete when top-seeded Dragutin Surber stepped into the finals court to face Richard Schober, world ranked No. 2 and finalist at Munich in the last World Championships.

And what followed provided the best table tennis of the championships and a positive joy to watch. The Yugoslav, with ferocious topspins and "kills", won the first two games from 20-11 and led 20-12 in the third.

As the Belgian officials prepared for the presentation of prizes, Surber suddenly faltered and Schober, move by move to miss an opportunity, quickly took advantage and despite the staggering deficit actually won!

The fourth game was touch-and-go all the way and, at 20-19, the Exide Rule was introduced.

After pulling a ball into the net, Schober, incredible as it may seem, served and "killed" the next ball and went on to win this game and level the scores. With expediency throughout the decider, Schober took the last two games easily and went on to win this game and the tournament for England with our young players.

Our junior contingent found the going tough indeed and managed to make their exit in the first round of the single events although Nicky Jarvis played well to take a game from Corrias.

Susan Howard capitalized on her defeat to win the consolation singles beating Susan Beckwith in the final. The more experience our players can get on the slower conditions prevailing abroad, the quicker they will be able to acclimate themselves.

Final Results:

Men's Singles:
- D. Surber (Yugoslavia) bt R. Schober (Federal Germany) 20, 18, 16, 13.
- W. D. Taylor lost to Rosmarin (France) 16, 17, 21, 14.
- Women's Singles:
- A. Simon (Federal Germany) bt D. Simon (Federal Germany) 19, 18, 12.
- Men's Doubles:
- Women's Doubles:
- Mixed Doubles:
- Schober/Schober bt B. Barnes/W. Wright (England) 12, 13, 19, 17.

ENGLISH RESULTS

Men's Singles:
- W. D. Taylor lost to Rosmarin (France) 16, 17, 21.
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- Taylor lost to Juliens (Yugoslavia) 9, 9, -11, 12.
- Taylor lost to Beckwith (England) 11, 13, 20.
- Men's Doubles:
- Barnes/Schober bt Jarvis/ W. Wright 16, 11, 11, 6; lost to Surber/Schober 15, 19, -25, -10.
- Taylor lost to Rosmarin (Belgium) 16, -23, 19, 19.
- Taylor lost to Juliens (Yugoslavia) 15, -20, -17, -15.

Women's Singles:
- Wright bt Kepene (Belgium) 12, 17, 14, 16; bt (Q.F.) Kettererova (Czechoslovakia) 9, 14, 11; lost (S.F.) to Simon (Fed. Germany) 9, 9, -11, -12, -17.
- Women's Doubles:
- Wright bt Schuetz van Veen/H. Wybrow (Netherlands) 17, 14, 16, 12; bt (Q.F.) to Hendrikson (Fed. Germany)/Reyman (Belgium) 14, 17, 19.
- HowarD/HowarD lost to L. Schuler (France) 20, 21, 17, 15; bt (Q.F.) to Kettnerova (Czechoslovakia) 10, 19, -15, 11 (S.F.).
- HowarD/HowarD bt Dvoracek/Grofova (Czechoslovakia) 12, 16, 16, -12.
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- Barnes/Schober bt Jarvis/Wright 11, 13, 20; bt Dvoracek/Grofova (Czechoslovakia) 16, 19, -15, 11 (S.F.).
- Hydes/Taylor bt Beckwith/Lancman (Belgium) 21, -19, 15, 6; lost to Linck/Michalovci (Fed. Germany) 10, 16, -12, -19, -23.

Women's Doubles:
- Wright/Reyman lost to Vallat/Rivet (France) 14, 11, 6; bt Hendrikson (Fed. Germany)/Reyman (Belgium) 14, 17, 19.
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UPHILL TASK FOR ENGLAND'S JUNIORS

by Tom Slunn
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WHILST we can look back with some measure of satisfaction at the amount of effort made on behalf of our juniors in recent years, it is only when we look at the progress made by other countries that we realise the urgency of the problem before us.

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In 1955, "Connie" had been spotted by Harry Venner, one of the ascendant coaches in the Lower North or East of England at Scarborough.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1963-64 season was obviously going to be one of more than usual interest for English players in that the European Championships were still to be held and "Connie" had a good bat. At the start of the season "Connie" moved from the Kent Junior Open into the Kent Open, and won both.

The following season found him in the Middlesex Open and the Surrey 2nd team the following season. "Connie" was much in evidence and, it was thought, he could win the Middlesex Open again, but a strong line-up beat him.

In the West German Open, which followed shortly afterwards, Warren was beaten in the first round by "Connie".

In the German Open, "Connie" was only beaten in the final of the North East of England at Scarborough.

CLASHES WITH AUTHORITY

"Connie"’s clashes with authority were becoming less and less frequent, and he was becoming more and more popular. He was still, however, a great advocate of exercises at the table and on the leg in the gym, and was known for his knowledge and skill in table tennis.

At the World Championships in Stockholm, provided the big event of the season, "Connie" was not in the team. He was, however, a private entry beating a Cambodian in the second round before losing to Bernhardt in the third.

Exeter's Potential

By Michael J. Lyons, Chairman.

TABLE Tennis in Exeter has grown steadily in popularity, judging by the annual increase in the number of clubs, players and spectators. The Surrey 2nd team, having become aware of this, decided to compile some simple statistics to clarify the position. A small pilot survey was drafted and circulated to every club and from the returns a fair assessment was drawn.

Each club was asked specific questions regarding membership, existing facilities, and plans for expansion. A surprising fact emerged to the effect that there were as many unregistered general club members using the table tennis clubs as there were registered club members using the table tennis clubs.

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How much longer will "Connie" stay at the top? That could be any man's guess. It is showing no signs of losing anything in his game yet. Always a good advocate of exercises, he remembers seeing him giving demonstrations on table tennis exercises at Hounsey Y.M.C.A. and Bexley Heath. His fitness is often called for because of his strong preference for forehand play; he frequently has to cover an enormous amount of ground.

Exeter's time for development is well and truly here and unless controlled expansion can continue the near future, the existing structure may stagnate and eventually die. What is Exeter's potential?
DO YOU LACK DRIVE?

A special feature by MARTIN THORESBY
Member of the National Association for Health

DO YOU ASPIRE TO PERFECTION IN YOUR PLAY? Of course you do—otherwise you would not be reading this magazine! Seriously, though, it comes a time in the training of all table tennis players, when, no matter how hard they practice, no matter what degree of efficiency they attain they fail to reach the top; they hit the ‘saturation point’ or the inability to make the grade. There are numerous reasons for this, but experience amongst those who have consulted me has been that they suffered FROM LACK OF DRIVE!

It is this lack of drive which makes players feel below par; that detracts from a degree of skill attainable by champions. It is drive that is the key to success in every line of endeavour. Without physical momentum no player can ever hope to become a top-notch. Therefore, make it your business to understand the importance of DRIVE.

There are varying degrees of this condition. It may be you have sufficient energy to permit you to work . . . but not to play table tennis as you would wish; or you may have enough to play an average game but not to take part in tournaments.

So much depends on whether you are physically on a par with the game in hand. Therefore, to a considerable extent the results of a game depend on the physical condition of players whether they are aware of the fact or not.

A great deal has been written about the correct mental approach in relation to sport . . . but this attitude of mind is governed by the degree of bodily fitness you possess. Unless you have DRIVE you lack the basic element of success.

I know. I’ve experienced it myself. Have you ever experienced feeling spots before the eyes when on the point of making a good shot? Or a feeling of nervousness when being suddenly asked to participate in a game at short notice? This is because you lack drive. You are suffering from a simple condition often known as ‘sluggish liver’ or to be more specific you fail to secrete sufficient bile. So in order to bring you to the peak of perfection—assuming always of course that there is no heart or anaemia complaint—let us consider stirring up your liver.

If you are hoping you are otherwise a perfectly good typewriter ribbon is being frittered away you will soon adopt the practise of caring for the liver just as you care for your teeth, skin, hair. By looking after your liver you will attain a new zest and become renowned for virility and drive. The liver is the largest and most over-worked organ of the human body. It is often abused and consequently to get its own back. It is the deciding factor as to whether you are going to the top or remain for ever an amateur.

It, of gloomy occasion, you ask yourself ‘Why was I ever born?’ it is probably because you have never consulted the liver. You can take thousands of ‘top’ pills and vitamin tablets and still never attain drive. Mr. Liver is no fool. He knows that if your stomach is not receiving its full quota of bile your digestive process is going to become a quagmire. It is then but a short step to developing chronic constipation. Now do you appreciate the reason for those spots before the eyes, that drowsy, weary feeling?

No, there are two ways of overcoming this condition. Either you go to a chemist and purchase some synthetic liver tonic and automatically suffer from ‘The Drivelless Blues’ all over again—or resort to Nature.

There is no magic formula which will take you to the top overnight. You know that only sheer, dogged persistence will attain this end. But if you take my advice I guarantee that in seven days you will find a real benefit . . . and after that perseverance will bring its own reward in the form of INSTANT DRIVE.

On rising each morning drink a glass of hot water—-it is an invigorating bath for the liver, invigorating this organ and giving it into action. Take moderate exercise such as walking. Massage the liver-area LIGHTLY seven times with a warm hand. Massage the liver-area LIGHTLY seven times with a warm hand. Massage the liver-area LIGHTLY seven times with a warm hand. Massage the liver-area LIGHTLY seven times with a warm hand. Massage the liver-area LIGHTLY seven times with a warm hand.

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If you adhere to this programme you will become healthy, energetic, with a zest for living generally, andACHIEVE INSTANT DRIVE TO THE EXTENT WHEN YOUR HARD WORK AT TABLE TENNIS BRINGS YOU NEARER TO THE TOP.

This contributor has volunteered his experience to assist all readers who can obtain further advice if they write him c/o 'Table Tennis News'.

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REALISATION OF A DREAM

by DON KENNY

It will not be long now ere the group of prematurely-grown young men will be standing back and having a collective sigh or two of relief. People in the Barons area will recognize them as their money-guzzling chief. The men who for years now have been holding them to ransom each week in their efforts to make more and more money. Sometimes using gentle persuasion, sometimes almost at pistol point the money has been gained. Not, as you might suppose, in any attempt to make themselves the richest players in the league but for the simple purpose of getting their own Table Tennis Centre built.

The sight of relief will be soon for already the Centre is nearing completion with the green tiled roof standing out as a landmark, not only against the playing fields where it is situated but as a great step in the history of the Barons League.

It has taken over seven years for this dream to come true, seven years during which the seven barons have frequently seemed like nice little weekend-outfit yourselfers. During which time the thousands of pounds necessary for the completion of the job have been painstakingly put together, a few at a time, until the position was reached where building could commence. Not that everything is yet paid for. Far from it! Loans have had to be secured and hire-purchase agreements entered into. Not that other sundry folk might be given a chance of sending up something next week, they haven’t finished away at the various problems. The amenity status often being a great handicap since many of the problems would have given the greenhorns a headache.

Gradually conclusions were reached although if one was or are we the right ones nobody can tell yet.

It is fairly certain, however, that once the members who have been gradually recruited actually get into the centre, the lads will very quickly be told if they made the wrong decision. Almost, it is felt, before they have finished sighing those sighs. They will undoubtedly be told that the parkside barland the defensive player and the background handicaps the attacker. The tennis will not be right for some and the beer is bound to be too warm for others. The ninety feet by thirty-two feet area will be the freest in playing strength is desirable. The Centre will be their headquarters and it could well be that the place could become a hotbed of strip lighting which will illuminate the place and see how they make out in the original gang takes a well-earned rest to allow their hair to return to its more natural colour.

But what of the future? What practical purpose will a Table Tennis Centre serve? The questions are easier to pose than to answer. Not unnaturally it is hoped that the Barons League will take a turn for the better. The Centre will then be their headquarters and the money has been raised to ensure that the place could become a hub of improvement. Already plans are afoot to get no top class coaching laid on and it is hoped that many players will take advantage of the opportunities provided.

Sociable

With up to nine tables available there will be plenty of room, although this number will be reduced on the nights when matches are being played by the teams who have elected to play. As much, however, as an increase in sociability is desirable, it is considered that the probable number in sociability is even more so.

Certainly the Centre will prove an admirable place in which to run the League’s annual tournament and it may well be that other folk from adjacent areas may be tempted to look at the facilities with the same view in mind. Currently the proposals are that the Centre should be opened to every evening which leaves Saturdays and Sundays open to consideration if not to outright prohibition, although, it is entirely probable that these days will be popular for coaching sessions.

Built basically for Barnet players, others interested in Table Tennis from local areas may join at a cost of £2 per year and winning members may also join subject to the usual 65 hours notice at a fee of 5/- per visit. Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Barons Table Tennis Centres Ltd., Barnet Lane, Barnet, Herts.

The Barons League, and their premature-grown senior members, will be ready to welcome everyone to the Centre. In all probability, they will be found still working in the intervals of not playing for points or playing for points of which they can do with equal facility.

The Master Points Scheme

AS League Secretaries and Tournament organisers will have already been informed, the administration of the M.P.S. will, in future, be carried out from the E.T.A. office, and all correspondence regarding the scheme should be addressed to the Secretary.

At the last A.G.M., discussion revealed a few criticisms of the scheme and one of the lack of publicity, will immediately be rectified by this article and others to follow.

The purpose of the Master Points Scheme is twofold. One is to raise money for E.T.A. funds and the other is to provide a tangible yardstick for the players success, although whether these are or were of much use is debatable. The Barons League has, for example, the choice of brews available the same, the choice of brews available the same, and accordingly the Barons League has the choice of brews available the same.

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LEICESTERSHIRE

INTERNATIONAL AT Loughborough

BIG event of the month is, of course, the International match at Loughborough on November 24th, when England play Hungary. Tickets are going well but Reg Billing will be pleased to deal with any applications (1/6 each) at 20, Grandstand Road, Loughborough (Telephone 4356).

This is the only International match to be staged in the Midlands this season and a big crowd is expected. Loughborough provided little un

expected by way of results with Andy Holdsworth, Paul Randell and Alan Philpott occupying the first three places for the boys and Janet Hamer, Karen Rogers and Sally Rydon leading the way for the girls. With none of the top six boys eligible next season there will obviously be plenty of opportunities for any promising players. The position with the girls is rather more open, only Janet Hamer of the top six being out of the age range next season.

On December 6, Leicester will be staging a coaching rally at Ellis School. A big turnout is expected and this could be of great benefit to any youngsters or coaches. Mr. John Ellis (104, London Road, Oadby, Leics.) will be interested to hear from anyone who might wish to attend.

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**STAFFORDSHIRE**

by John Pike

**TRIALS NOT ALWAYS THE ANSWER**

It has been said before, and no doubt it will be said again, that county trials are not always the answer to getting your best side. Whatever your view on this, Staffordshire certainly came up with a “new look” first team after their trials at the Woodford Club, Wolverhampton.

Glen Warwick who has been the automatic No. 1 for several seasons now finds himself outside the top spot going to Derek Hadley. John Fisk completes the “A” trio and this means that last season’s automatic Brian Rich is facing a fight to retain his place.

The No. 7 and 8 places go to Roy Dixon and Brian Martin.

An interesting situation arises in the women’s section now that Kath Perry has returned to West Bromwich after a spell with Birmingham. She has not as yet been considered for a county place, but I have a feeling that she will be wearing the green shirt before the season is out. The rankings here are (1) Dorothy Deere—what splendid service she has given the county over the years—(2) Rita Perry has returned to West Bromwich and Wadebridge (3) Sue Warner (4) Ann Baker (5) Chris Bennett. If Steady reach the play-off again this season, perhaps these county trials do give us the answer for a good team after all.

A week after the county trials at Wolverhampton, West Bromwich held their team trials and it was interesting to see how Glen Warwick cupped turned the table on Derek Hadley. That’s table tennis!

Two Wolverhampton officials in the men’s section are their secretary, Bernard Francis and new press officer, Joe Carroll. Joe Carroll has found time to attend the trials and has given the county officials in the hope of organising a new league in the town. Now that Geoff Davies Umpire, Mr. Llanwarne acted as his assistant, he has been the ace defender Bill Newman (British Fulstow (6), David Rayner (8) andautomatic No. 7, 8). He has been the ace defender Bill Newman (British Fulstow (6), David Rayner (8) andautomatic No. 7, 8). He has been the ace defender Bill Newman (British Fulstow (6), David Rayner (8) andautomatic No. 7, 8). He has been the ace defender Bill Newman (British Fulstow (6), David Rayner (8) andautomatic No. 7, 8).

In 1977 he had his first chance at the top when he was chosen to fill an injury. In 1978 he was chosen to fill an injury. In 1978 he was chosen to fill an injury. In 1978 he was chosen to fill an injury.

He was par-tially successful by beating Sam Ogunjobi, but then lost to the Crawley player, Terry Rilei, losing the ground previously gained.

The Sussex selectors faced the unusual position of having four men strong enough to fill three berths, decided to play Clarke instead of Ogunjobi in the first match against Kent and then reverse the procedure against Middlesex, by bringing back the Nigerien ace for that match, in each spot a horses for courses policy.

There were other shocks at the trials. Sussex champions and No. 1, Peter Williams had a bad night—he was beaten by both Ogunjobi and Roger Chandler who remained un-beaten. Another great battle is therefore in prospect between Chandler and Williams for supremacy in the county this season.

By numerical strength (10 divisions, 128 teams) and the regular production of junior county players, the Brighton league can rightly claim to be the biggest and most successful league in Sussex. Such strength should, if only by the law of averages, produce its share of junior talent. Unfortunately for Brighton the star juniors seem to emerge from the other Sussex towns, both in East and West Sussex. As those youngsters emerge some of them see that their best chance of playing well is to play the up-and-coming county juniors unless the younger find a home in the Brighton league. Sussex Navalliero, 17 (LĤîĺăš(West), Carol Randell, 16 (Earlsmead) have this season started travelling to Brighton each week for the purpose of tackling the men at the top.

The first to fall was the genial, lowly, graduate, Bill Newman (Great Britain League, A) a former Brighton men’s champion, who was beaten by Carol and the first match of the season. Carol bagged two other junior ‘seals’ that week, John Fitzgerald (Winchester) in the North Midddlers, and Diane Gard, the Earlsmead women’s champion. Having these three remarkable wins to her credit in the first week of the new campaign, hopes are high in the county that Carol may become the successor to Judy Williams at the top of the county women’s tree.

Being able to change her game from attack to equally solid defence is a trump card that could carry Carol Randell to the heights although the sustained power attack of Miss Goddard and the quality bowling of Miss Navalliero are very strong weapons indeed.

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ESSEX by Harry Walker

GEORGE EAGLE RESIGNS

One of the most coveted honours in the County is the C. R. Woodcock Memorial Award—conferred annually in recognition of outstanding administrative services. The Trust who administer this award agreed unanimously that George Eagle, who has been County Chairman for many years, in addition to many other offices, should be the recipient for the 1969-70 season.

Although this was not announced at the AGM, it has since been made known and proved to be a very popular choice, despite George’s previous custom of the award—a unique occurrence. At the beginning of last season, administrative difficulties nearly brought the County to breaking point and it was only the wisdom, advice and guidance of George that the County is running at the present time.

Victor Hurns, a member of the Board of Trustees, is making a special visit to the Southend Open this month to make the presentation.

Now faced to resign office because of increasing business commitments, when George Eagle has been succeeded as Chairman by Bob Gingell of West Essex.

Birmingham’s loss was an Essex gain when Mike Watts moved south, and he has taken over the important position of County Secretary.

Last season Mike carried out a wonderful job as County Match Secretary and up to very recently has been covering this position pending the appointment of a replacement. This office has now been filled by Ross Carke of Harlow who, under the guidance of Mike, is bound to succeed. His address is: 117 Lower Meadow, Harlow.

The Board and Bill Dale carry on as Umpires and Tournament Secretary respectively, and by change of rule are now classified as Executive Officers. The office of Vice-Chairman has been abolished.

Most of the league affiliations have been resolved it is encouraging, at this stage, to note an increase of 29 clubs and 75 teams. Most notable gains have been made by West Essex with six new clubs and 13 more teams; Southend with 4 and 14; Chelmsford (1 and 9) and East London (7 and 7).

The County first team have been invited to play two matches in Ulster and to take part in the Ulster Open.

Senior trials have been held and provisional rankings are as follows:

**Men:**
1. G. C. Barnes
2. D. Brown
3. H. J. Stevens
4. D. Johnson
5. P. Radford
6. S. Smith
7. H. Hallaby
8. M. J. Watts
9. D. Bowles
10. P. Smith and A. Campbell

**Women:**
1. L. Radford
2. D. Simpson
3. R. Buckwell
4. J. Hallaby
5. T. Dale
6. M. Know
7. M. Pemberton
8. A. Hewitt
9. J. Caldwell
10. A. Fearnley

Forty-one boys and 19 girls took part in the final junior trials. Rankings are:

**Boys:**
1. R. Hallaby
2. M. Read
3. J. Heslley
4. M. Lock
5. M. Dorsuk
6. J. Willes
7. G. Barrett
8. G. Bloomfield
9. P. Hutton
10. K. Double and J. Lynch

**Girls:**
1. S. Beckwith and J. Hallaby
2. G. Locke
3. H. Woodley
4. S. Kaye and E. Tanton
5. M. Thacker and S. Jones
6. S. Read

Good news has been received from Stuart Gibbs. He is at present managing a T.T. Centre in Sydney and enjoying life. Playing in the Victorian Championships in Melbourne, and the Australian Championships in Brisbane, Stuart was the best finalist on both occasions. His victory in both encounters was Chayanond Wuvanich, the 20-year-old No. 2 from Thailand, who twice won 3-1. Playing with Harry Vepner in the Victorian Championships, the former metropolitans pair matched the somics.

Finally, congratulations to Susan Buckwell on being selected to take part in the Belgian Open, and a real Essex welcome to Gordon Steggall, who is Chairman of the National Coaching and Schools Committee, and now living in Colchester.
WILMOTT CUP

The Warwickshire Inter-League Competition will soon be starting, and this year nine Leagues have entered. This is the most for years, and is a very welcome sign. It is pleasing to see Coventry back this year, along with Nuneaton, Leamington, Stratford-on-Avon, and five Leagues from Birmingham. North Birmingham, the winners for the past two years, will be hard pushed to win the title for the third year running.

DERBYSHIRE

SUCCESS - AT THE SECOND ATTEMPT

A Central Derbyshire League, announced last season, failed to materialise but the officials concerned, winner after one failure, succeeded at the second attempt and I am pleased to report that the league, now called the Alfreton League, has commenced operations.

It was very good to see so many players from Marples (all of Chesterfield). The fourth team, formed by Ralph Gunnion, was also successful. The entry was not too successful, played with plenty of determination and fight, and though not ambitious as always, secretary Malcolm Alleby has entered representative teams in the County League, with senior and junior sections.

A deal of interest will centre on the junior section for talent is sorely needed but the officials concerned, won the title for the third year running.

AMBITIONS

This season, the County League will operate with two senior divisions, each with 7 teams playing each other once. Chesterfield and Derby are expected to be the kingpins but Albion could spring a surprise with a trio comprising Allsop, Chris Jones, and Stuart Morris.

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It was pleasing to receive the entry of a second men's team from Swindon. Malone 1 beat Bristol 6-3. For the first time in the history of the event, the Swindon team will be able to field a second team as well.

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SURREY by J. Zenthorn

MURANYI RETURNS

IT WAS a shaky start to the season for the first team, with a 5-4 win over Northumberland and a 4-5 loss to Kent. Paul Bishop, who won the opening fixture against Middlesex, came "to the point" and was the best winner in the tournament. He made a clean sweep of the match and was congratulated by the audience. This was the first match of the season, and the last of the tournament. This was the last time he was able to win the tournament, and it was mainly due to the work of John Wright and the Kingston School's Competition.

The team was composed of a full team for each match, with a strong performance in the opening fixture against Middlesex. The team has been able to win the tournament, and this is clearly due to the work of John Wright and the Kingston School's Competition.

With a full team for each match, the team's prospects are quite good, but with Susan and Linda ranked two and three in the season, this is an unlikely happening. Paul also includes in the junior list and obviously the chance must be taken later to blood this most promising young man. Paul also heads the list of Intermediates for the Torquay Cup matches. The girls will probably be drawn from the junior list to face Magill McCullough (last year's No. 3). Susan Goldsmith is out of the reckoning as she is attending a teachers' training college at Eastbourne. We wish her luck.

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HAMP SCHIRE

by David Cosway

BOURNEMOUTH PLAYERS DOMINATE

A CHANGED look to Hampshire's this season. With the winning of Pete Smith to the Isle of Wight and Chris Edwards concentrating on his studies, the field was left open for Bournemouth to dominate the men's placings in the first team. Chris, Pickard, the Hampshire champion, came through the trials without a break and no one could doubt his fitness. Derek Holman drops to No. 2 followed by Brian Pickard. Both the Pickard brothers are appearing in the first team for the first time, after several years with the second string.

Chris Edwards completed this strong team which could again look forward to the play-offs for promotion to the Premier Division. The second team shows two changes from last season with Keith Summerfield and Julie Daniels making their senior debuts for the County, after successful junior careers. Paul Brown leads this second team with Chris Shelton and Anne- Marie Gilbert retained from last season.

How misleading trials can be! One often wonders if they prove anything. One day's form can be so different from a player's standard over a period. This was shown by the result of the junior county trials. Forced to pick the first county team before the results of the trials were known, the selectors were left in an embarrassing position when their three chosen boys finished at third, fourth and sixth!

FOUR T's

A disappointing entry for the Four T's Restricted Open with few coming from outside the Hampshire area. This could well be indicative of the future for this type of tournament. With large sums being given for the big open tournaments, top players will, I fear, be reluctant to travel for a tournament unable to obtain sponsorship and compete financially. Bock's Stan Hahn had little difficulty in reaching the semi-final, where he beat Southamptons No. 1. David Davies, Brian Pickard beat Summerfield and Bill Moosd to reach the semi where he beat his brother Chris. Chris, beat Hahn in the final - 19, 15, 18. Christine Davies beat Paul Edwards to take the women's title from her twin.

In the Hampshire Inter-Town league, Southamptons domination of the mixed division could well be ended if Bournemouth are able to field their strongest team. The title could well be in dispute until these teams meet next March. The junior side is wide open with champions Southamptons losing Summerfield and Miss Daniels to senior ranks. Basingstoke beat the best all-around team but Bournemouth have the girls' strength which could pull them through.

During the summer, the Four T's Club, raising money for the Hampshire women's Club, took on Gains- ford for the right to go into Europe. Gainsford, represented by Karen Mathews, Jody Williams and Alma Taft, won 7/2 but Four T's certainly were not downed fighting. Christine Davies raised the home team's hopes by beating Mrs. Mathews in the opening set, and also beat English Closed champion Jody Williams, but the London team's experience pulled them through comfortably in the end.

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HERTFORDSHIRE

by J. M. Barnes

PAST AND PRESENT

The finals of the Inter-Club Competitions for last season were held between E.C.C. and Letchworth, Bletchley and Water Lane and J.C.C (Women), with Scrooby winning the Open Section, P. T. Waring and L. C. Eastgate, the Intermediate, and Water Lane and J.C.C (Women) respectively. E.C.C. won 5-2 in the Open Section, P. T. Waring winning both 1 of 15 and L. C. Eastgate 2 of 15.

The Intermediate, and Water Lane and J.C.C (Women) competition was also won by Scrooby, Waring winning 1 of 15 and Eastgate 2 of 15.

The Kents have now formed a new team, the "Table Tennis Association," and their first activity, a "Schools Team K.O. Competition," is being organized for the current season. Geoff Daniels is the county representative on their committee and has given invaluable help and advice in the development of such an important body. The County Association has given a donation of £50 to help with the initial expenses.

The majority of the Kents have shown an increase in the number of players taking part in this season.

As a result of the successful C.T.T.A. conference held recently at Sheffield, Kent are now considering holding a conference of all local league press officers with the object of improving liaison between the county press officer and the local leagues, resulting in better publicity in all parts of the county.

All three county teams made a good start to the season by winning their first matches in the county championship. The Kent metropolitan team continued their winning form from the previous season by beating the first team of a win over Surrey by 5 games to 4.

DEVON

by David Bazell

HEARTENING START

Devon have made a heartening start to the season. For their 6-4 victory over Gloucestershire at the West Country Championships, they have won the Men's title over Barbara Andrews (St. Ives), have taken the Men's Singles over Barbra Andrews (St. Ives), have been dropped for this season when they will win the Division 2 West table last season. Also many people will be interested in Devon's first county match. For their 6-4 win over Gloucestershire at the West Country Championships, they have won the Men's title over Barbara Andrews (St. Ives), have been dropped for this season when they will win the Division 2 West table last season. Also many people will be interested in Devon's first county match. For their 6-4 win over Gloucestershire at the West Country Championships, they have won the Men's title over Barbara Andrews (St. Ives), have been dropped for this season when they will win the Division 2 West table last season. Also many people will be interested in Devon's first county match.
NORFOLK by J.S. Penny

NEW LEAGUE AT TETFORD

The most interesting news of the month in Norfolk comes from TETFORD, that fast-growing town in the South-West of the County. Here they have not only started a new league but they have the fair sea in command, with Mrs. Jean Bishop as President and Mrs. Jennifer Diederick as Secretary. It is true that their Chairman redressed the balance, being Mr. "Dickie" Bird! He and his enthusiastic committee started the season with a buffet dance, and, wonderful to relate, they already have £150 in their league funds. There will be 21 teams playing in this 1st season.

Norfolk’s Juniors lost their first match 9-4 to Essex at Malton, John Fuller beating M. Dvorak, 19 in the third, to notch our only win. Our team comprised Peter Vertigan, Fuller, Steven Hales and Joan Allen, with Chris Dennis and Christine Maylack, the latter of Denton School making her debut, brought in for doubles only.

Christine is Norfolk Under-13 Champion. Benson was also making his first appearance, and played well against John Fuller, with whom he won the Norfolk Junior Doubles.

We regret to record the sudden loss of one of Norfolk’s longstanding Vice-Presidents, Mr. Jack Hilton. For over 20 years he kept the name of Denton School to the fore in our County circle. In this he was ably assisted by Mrs. Hilton, to whom we express our sincerest sympathy.

Play has started in the East Anglian League of Leagues, Fakenham going down 8-2 to Wymondham, when Roger Meadows’s victory over Fakenham’s Peter Vertigan was the highlight of the evening.

In the Norwich league’s Premier division, it seems we shall have an interesting season, it being no means certain that YMCA will retain their hard-won title.

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A QUIET start to the season, with no real surprises (I do not count the Glyns, as Devon really are the former seen but a shadow of their former selves).

Brian Wright's last match for Middlesex, and this County will miss a loyal player (73 appearances).

**Premier Division**

**CHESHIRE 3**
**MIDDLESEX 6**
- M. Jenkins bt B. Wright, 19, 19; bt O'Hoolahan, 18, 13.
- D.Branson lost to Wright, 40, 10; lost to M. Sugden, 20, 11.
- J. Hillman lost to Haslam, 20, 9; lost to Sugden, 8, 13.
- J. Barnes bt Haslam/Sugden, 14, 16, 14.
- M. Jesurum lost to M. S. Matthews, 12, 22.
- Holding/Haslam lost to Wright Matthews, 11, 12.

**ESSEX 7 NORTHUMBERLAND 2**
- C. Barnes bt B. Burn, 11, 18; bt S. Lennie, 19, 19.
- D. Brown lost to Lennie, 16, 13; bt to M. Sugden, 30, 11.
- M. Stevens lost to Lennie, 20, 13, 19; bt Doone, 10, 16.
- Ryan/Burn bt Burn/Hillman, 9, 16.
- M. L. Redfearn lost to Mrs. M. Robinson, 19, 14.
- S. Stevens/Burn bt Doone/Hillman, 14, 17, 10.

**KENT 5 SURREY 4**
- A. Fiddock lost to C. Warren, 17, 15, 16; bt to B. Wright, 9, 16.
- D. Beauden lost to Warren, 15, 14.
- B. Hillman lost to Hillman, 15, 19.
- S. F. Piddock lost to Hillman, 12, 19.
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**RWARWICKSHIRE 9**
- L. Boyle lost to Wright, 19, 19; bt to D. Smith, 16, 19.
- M. Sugden lost to McLuckie, 18, 19.
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