The E.T.T.A. announced, on Nov. 24, the conclusion of an Equipment Adoption Agreement for the 1973 World Championships, to be played in England, with Bakelite Xylonite Ltd., who will pay the E.T.T.A. the sum of £10,000.

The Halex 3-star table tennis ball, made by B.X.L. (the world's largest table tennis ball manufacturers) and the Jaques "Tournament" table tennis table, made by John Jaques & Son Ltd., have been selected exclusively.

E.T.T.A. Chairman, Conrad Jaschke, who negotiated the agreement, and who authorised the statement for release to the Press, has also stated that in addition to this equipment adoption, the E.T.T.A. looks forward to negotiating an overall sponsorship agreement to cover the 1973 World Championships in England.

GREAT START TO EUROPEAN LEAGUE PROGRAMME

as reported by JOHNNY LEACH and JOHN WOODFORD

ENGLAND got off to a brilliant start by beating Federal Germany 4-3 in their first European League match of the season which took place in Berlin on Oct. 29.

It was a great team effort as England were trailing 2-3 when Chester Barnes saved the day with a victory over Ebby Scholer.

With the score at 3-all after the penultimate set, Denis Neale found Martin Ness in the flicker and lost the first game 15. Neale, recently returned from Japan, was finding great difficulty in adjusting his game and lacked fizz and counter-attack. Despite this, however, he mustered all his instinctive skill and fighting spirit to recover and beat Ness to give England a well-earned victory.

Winning her set against former England colleague Diane Rowe-Scholer, Mary Wright played fine attacking table tennis and made another significant contribution towards this triumph.

Playing at home, before a packed and enthusiastic audience, Federal Germany are one of the toughest teams in the world to beat. Individual scores in match order:

D. Neale lost to E. Scholer -9, -22.
C. Barnes bt M. Ness -14, -15.
Neale/Barnes lost to Scholer/Ness -20, -17, -19.
Neale/Mrs. Wright lost to Scholer/Mrs. Scholer -12, 11, 15.

An unchanged England team moved into second place in the European League's premier division with an inspired 6-1 win over Hungary at the King Alfred Sports Centre, Hove, on Nov. 26.

Throughout the evening, all three England players performed with confidence, the process only being reversed in the deciding game between Neale and Janos Borzsei. Memories of the great Munich clash between Alan Hyde and Borzsei were revived as the Hungarian showed his defensive skill to run out a winner 21-5! How many players in the world can keep Neale down to 5 points?

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ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
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EUROPEAN LEAGUE OFF TO GOOD START
THE European League got off to a good start today because of the arrangement and publication of fixtures prior to the beginning of the season. Results so far in the top two divisions (excluding those of England reported on the front page) are:

DIVISION I


Czechoslovakia 2 Sweden 5 Kolla-


U.S.S.R. 5 Czechoslovakia 2


Undoubtedly the scull of Kelly Johnson, Stanislav Gomozkov and Amsel, obtained by the French No. 1 Jacques Secretin further emphasised the progress being made by the score-timescapable left-hander. U.S.S.R. owed their win to Amsel who, in the last set, with the score tied at 11-11, beat Vincent Purkart.

DIVISION II

Denmark 3 Austria 4


SWEDEN 6 FRANCE 1 - JOHANSSON bt BHOUDRIIT 13, 14; LOST TO SECRETIN 17, 17. ALSER bt JOHANSSON 11, 14; bt DHL 13, 13. EVA JOHANSSON bt LECER 19, 17. ALSER/JOHANSSON bt SECRETIN/DHL 12, 18. ALSER/EVA JOHANSSON 17, 6, 15.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2 SWEDEN 5 - KOLLA-rovits bt ALSER 19, 10, 22; LOST TO JOHANSSON 19, 17, 13. STANEIT bt JOHANSSON 16, 11; LOST TO ALSER 19, 16. GROFOVA bt NETARDI 20, 11, 11. MIKO/SLIFKA LOST TO ALSER/JOHANSSON 8, 13, 13. MIKO/SLIFKA bt JOHANSSON 21.


FRANCE 3 U.S.S.R. 4 - SECRETIN bt SECRETIN 19, 10, 22. PERKHT bt GOMOZKOV 15, 18, 15; LOST TO MIKO 15. LOST TO RUDNOVA 12, 17. SECRETIN bt GOMOZKOV 10, 9. SECRETIN/LECER LOST TO GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA 23, 14.

UNDOUBTEDLY THE SCULL OF KELLY JOHNSON, STANISLAV GOMOZKOV AND AMSEL, OBTAINED BY THE FRENCH NO. 1 JACQUES SECRETIN FURTHER EMPHASISED THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THIS SCORE-TIMESCAPABLE LEFT-HANDER. U.S.S.R. OWED THEIR WIN TO AMSEL WHO, IN THE LAST SET, WITH THE SCORE TIED AT 11-11, BEAT VINCENT PURKART.

DENMARK 3 AUSTRIA 4 - IRLAND 4, NETHERLANDS 3, LUXEMBOURG 2, BELGIUM 3, BELGIUM 5, POLAND 2, DENMARK 7, BULGARIA 5, AUSTRIA 6, NETHERLANDS 5, LUXEMBOURG 2.

AUSTRIA HAVE PUT THEMSELVES IN A STRONG POSITION BY THEIR WIN OVER LUXEMBOURG IN THE OPENING ROUND AND BEAT LUXEMBOURG 3-1 AT 33.

AUSTRIAN TEAM SHULER DEFEATED HAEFELI/THOMPSON 15, 13, 21 TO CLINCH THE MATCH.

GIBBS RUNNER-UP IN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Former England and Enzo player Stuart Gibbs who now lives in Australia was runner-up in the men’s singles of the recent Aus­ tralian National Closed Champion­ ships, losing to former Thai­ land champion Chayanan Wanitchakarn by 13-3 in the final. The championships were held in Brisbane (Queensland) and the entry included two former Malayan players Lee Mun Chow and Yeo and also ex-England junior Linda Henwood.

In a recent test series, New Zealand de­ fied Australia by 2-3. New Zea­ land won the first two tests 3-4 and 8-3. and Australia won the last one 6-5. Victor Baro is now touring Australia on behalf of the Dunlop Sports Company.

NEALE STAYS IN SWEDEN, Hans Neale has decided to decline tempting offers he has had to coach abroad, to con­ centrate on competitive play for another two seasons. He told me in San­ rajovo that he feels he can still achieve successes for his country in the international field, but that after the 1971 world championships in Japan he would be ready to retire, and at that time he would be interes­ ted in a top coaching appointment. His decision will be welcomed in Sweden.

SHUMAN, Seden 4, Japan 3 - NEALE bt KONDO 25, 18, bt ABE 18, 15; lost to ITOH 15, 15, 14. SغانS bt KONDO 20, 23, bt KONDO 20, 23, bt KONDO 20, 23, bt KONDO 20, 23.

KONDO 19, 17, 17, 17. 17. 17. 17.


KYOTO, Japan 2, Japan 5 - NEALE bt KONDO 20, 18, 17, 22; bt ITOH 21, 21, SغانS bt HASEGAWA 12, 12, 12, 12. 12. 12. 12.


FUJIMOTO, Japan 2, Japan 5 - NEALE bt KONOYSHI 10, 12; bt KONO 15, 17; lost to KONDO 16, 16, 16. SغانS bt HASEGAWA 17, 17, 17, 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17.


Fujimoto, Japan 2, Japan 5 - NEALE bt KONOYSHI 10, 12; bt KONO 15, 17; lost to KONDO 16, 16, 16. SغانS bt HASEGAWA 17, 17, 17, 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17.

TOKYO, Japan 2, Japan 5 - NEALE bt KONOYSHI 10, 12; bt KONO 15, 17; lost to KONOYSHI 16, 16, 16. SغانS bt HASEGAWA 17, 17, 17, 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17.


MORIYAMA, Japan 2, Japan 5 - NEALE bt KONOYSHI 10, 12; bt KONO 15, 17; lost to KONOYSHI 16, 16, 16. SغانS bt HASEGAWA 17, 17, 17, 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17. 17.
Sendai, Europe 1, Japan 6.
Neale lost to Imanita -16, -20, -20; lost to Tatsuka -15, -13; lost to Hasegawa -19, -11; lost to Kubo -20, -18, -14; Jansen lost to Inoue -14, -11, 10; lost to Kohno 20, -18, -14.

Round-up cont.

Tokyo, Europe 0, Japan 5.
Neale lost to Kobono -12, -20; lost to Hasegawa -21, -15. Stipancic lost to Itoh -13, -9; lost to Hasegawa -14, -12. Stipancic lost to Itoh -12, -20. Jansen lost to Hirota in a singles.

The Aberdeen tournament saw Eric Sutherland gain his second title of the season. An unexpected finalist in the men's singles was P. Brown of Birmingham. His all-forehand game easily accounted for the left-handers Stipancic and Terry Forrester but, in the final, he was just as easily beaten by Sutherland.

Men's doubles winners were Ian Hay and Hawkins, with Keith Perry of Birmingham winning the women's singles and David Charlton the junior event.

A large entry for the Midlands Open included Brian Kean making his first Scottish appearance of the season. In the semi-final he met Aberdeen's Richard Yule and although winning the first game 11, Yule who was suited to the very fast conditions won the next two at 15 and 17.

The final was a repeat of the Aberdeen semi — Yule v Sutherland. Having won the Aberdeen encounter, at no time did Sutherland look like repeating his success. Yule was much faster to the ball and was the harder hitting, winning in two straight 15, 15.

**Crowded Calendar**

BETWEEN now and Christmas, there are five international matches including a European League match being played in this country.

On Dec. 3 in the Premier Division of the European League, England take on last season's champions, the Soviet Union, at Exeter. This is followed by a second match against the Russians at the "Y" Centre, Milton Close, Maidstone.

Also in December, we have a visit from the popular Swiss team who will be playing matches at Teesside on Dec. 16, at Pontefract on Dec. 17 and at Northampton on Dec. 18.

Details of all these matches can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. office at 21, Kingly Street, OXFORD CIRCUS, LONDON, W1.

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Great start to European League Programme. cont. from page 1

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If he can keep up this consistent world-class form with wins over Schiller and now Bossett, his elevation from No. 24 in the world rankings much surely follow.

A word of praise for Mary Wright, who played well up to her No. 7 world ranking in singles and doubles and the new Hungarian No. 1 Angela Neale bt Timar 18, 14. Papp. The 19-years-old clerk from the 600 crowd hoped for an even more

A. Hydes lost to T. Klampar 18, 16, -21. Friday's afternoon

Barnes bt Jonyer 19, 14. Scores:


The match was sponsored by the Borough of Hove at a League Programme. reception following the match, said that if he has the opportunity to carry on this consistent world-class form with wins over Neale lost to Borzsei 20, -19, -5, Scholer and now Biirzsei, his elevation from No. 24 in the world Neale/Barnes bt Papp 18, 16, -21.

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Neale leads in Coca-Cola Award Scheme

TAKING into account performances up to and including Nov. 10 (excepting the Hungarian and Yugoslav Opens), the current situation in the Points Scheme for the Coca-Cola Award (as outlined in the October issue of Table Tennis News) finds Denis Neale out in front.

The Selection Committee decided that players selected to represent England abroad will be awarded 50 points irrespective of ranking. If, by their performances, they earn a higher number, such a number will go to their credit but not additional to the 50 which will be the minimal for all.

Neale's points, following his results in Japan, have been awarded for wins obtained against world-ranked players only.

The original conception of the Scheme did not take into account each to be consulted by the England No. 1. In the lead—

1. D. Neale (York.) 650
2. Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.) 475
3. G. Barnes (Essex) 450
4. C. Warren (Surrey) 360
5. Miss J. Williams (Sussex) 265
6. M. Johns (Ches.)
7. Miss L. Bashford (Yorks.) 200
8. Miss J. Shirley (Hants.) 190
9. A. Pickard (Kent) 140
10. Mrs. P. Pickard (Kent) 130
11. Miss S. Hession (Essex) 130
12. T. Taylor (Herts.) 130
13. O. Haslam (Middx.) 90
14. C. Warren (Surrey) 80
15. D. Bashford (Kent) 70
16. A. Hydes (York.) 50
17. C. Pickard (Hants.) 50
18. F. Williams (Sussex) 50

Linda Bashford picked up half her points when beating Mary Wright in the North Middlesex Open while Shelagh Hession, that prolific tournament player, has amassed her total in consequence of her travels up and down the country.

OFFICIAL NEWS

AFFILIATION FEES

League Secretaries are reminded that E.T.T.A. Rule 10 requires affiliation fees to be paid by November 15th. Please check with your Hon. Treasurer to see that your fees have been paid. If you have misplaced the affiliation forms, further copies will be supplied on request.

HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The Supplement to the Handbook is in the closing stages of production, and will contain lists of all affiliated Leagues, Counties, individuals and other organisations. These are extremely useful for reference purposes and copies will be sent direct to all recipients of the Handbook. However, we still require all A.R.I forms (green) in order to show the most up-to-date information possible; so if you have not already done so, an early return would be much appreciated.

FUND RAISING SCHEMES

(a) Master Points Scheme. This will be administered from the E.T.T.A. Office, with Mrs. Betty Shipley carrying out the work involved.

(b) E.T.T.A. Lottery — Lincoln Handicap Draw. This will also be administered from the E.T.T.A. Office and County Secretaries will have already received a circular regarding the availability of tickets.

(c) "100 Club". Albert Shipley has been appointed Secretary to the Club.

TOURNAMENT DIARIES

We still have a few E.T.T.A. Tournament Diaries available price 2/6d. each post free. These contain details of all Open and Restricted Tournaments, home European League matches and other internationals, printed against the appropriate date. The diaries cover the full period of the 1969/70 season.

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PERMIT MEMBERS

Reminders have been sent to all existing members that on 1st September each year, the renewal fee of £2 becomes due. League Secretaries are asked to remind their members that anyone earning money by his skill or knowledge of table tennis should, under the rules of the E.T.T.A. register as a Permit Member.

JAQUES TABLES FOR HIRE

This scheme has proved so popular that the allocation for the 1969/70 season has been exhausted and a waiting list is now being prepared. Further tables will not become available, for hire until August, 1970.

In the terms of the Agreement with Jaques, it is recommended that tables should not be distributed to areas where the company has an active stockist of Jaques tables. This may result in our having to refuse some applications for these hire tables.
Open Tournament Survey

by Rea Balmford
Ralph Gunnion
and Laurie Landry

In the north's first top prize money tournament at Hull on November 2nd sponsored by the Hull Brewery Co. Ltd., the £25 men's singles award went to Tony Clayton but before many shock results preceded his meeting with Tony Pidcock.

Out went seeds Tony Clayton (3) -16 to Nicky Jarvis and Ralph Gunnion (4) to Holderness/Manchester. Out went world No.1's stars as Derek Schofield (Ron Keetinfield) and Jarvis again knocking the axe to Emma Ogundipe.

In the south, Jarvis stretched Hession to the limit of 19 in the third while in the final, the winner's more varied game just saw him home in a set as tight as the national rankings of 7 and 8 would indicate.

Top match of the staged finals was the meeting of Karenza Mathews and Judy Williams. The English Closed champion's dogged defence saw her win narrowly by "Les" Haslam over Tony Clayton seeded 12.

Surprise winner of the women's singles title was Karenza Mathews, the only girl picked her winners to gain a narrow verdict.

Jarvis added the boys' title to his win over Tony Pidcock to win the English Closed men's singles title.

Judy Williams retrieve hit after hit after hit after hit but unfortunately saw her event of 7 and 8 would indicate.

Likewise, the women's final saw Surprize winner of the women's singles title was Karenza Mathews, the only girl picked her winners to gain a narrow verdict.

"LES" HASLAM

BIRMINGHAM OPEN

Men's Singles, Quarter-finals:

L. A. Clayton (York) bt G. Davies (Warwks) 16, 12; S. Davies (Wals) 16, 12, 10; R. E. Gunnington (Warwks) bt A. D. Fletcher (Yorks) 16, 12, 10; S. Walters (Sussex) bt R. Judd (York) 16, 12, 10.

Women's Singles, Semi-finals:

K. MATHEWS (Middx.) bt E. Hill (York) 16, 12, 10; J. WALKER (Yorks) bt L. A. Clayton (York) 16, 12, 10.

Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:

L. R. BROADMORE, M. DAVIES (Warwks) bt D. Haslam (Cumb) bt B. Meisel (Kent) 16, 12, 10; J. EVANS (Sussex) bt M. Johns (Ches) 16, 12, 10; H. BUIST bt A. Pidcock (Kent) 16, 12, 10.

Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

A. SLADE bt C. Warren (York) 16, 12, 10; A. SLADE bt E. Ludden (York) 16, 12, 10.

Men's Doubles, Semi-finals:

J. K. Evans (Wals) bt G. Davies (Warwks) 16, 12, 10; S. Walters (Sussex) bt L. Haslam (Warwks) 16, 12, 10.

Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

DR. H. BRADLEY bt J. A. Pidcock (Sussex) 16, 12, 10; J. EVANS (Sussex) bt J. A. Pidcock (Sussex) 16, 12, 10.

Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:

J. R. KELLY bt A. J. Haggart (Lond) 16, 12, 10; J. EVANS. bt J. A. Pidcock (Sussex) 16, 12, 10.

Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:

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UNDER-17 EVENTS

Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:
P. TAYLOR (Herts) bt P. Bishop (Surrey) 6, 19, 15; J. DABIN (Kent) bt R. Hellaby (Essex) 15, -18, 19.

Final: DABIN bt Taylor 18, 18.

Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:
S. HOWARD (Surrey) bt L. Howard (Surrey) 17, 12; S. BECKWITH (Essex) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 18, 15, 20.

Final: BECKWITH bt S. Howard 18, 14.

Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:
DABIN/HELLABY bt S. Endersby, P. Guttormsen (Kent) 17, 19; R. ALDRICH/D. JEMMETT (Middx) bt P. Bishop, M. Locke (Essex) 8, 18.

Final: DABIN/HELLABY bt ALDRICH/JEMMETT 18, 19.

Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:
L. HOWARD/L. PACITTO bt L. Greshwell (Kent), E. Tarten (Essex) 19, 16; A. GEDGE (Sussex) bt S. Cook, J. Gavin (Kent) 16, 16.

Final: L. HOWARD/L. PACITTO bt A. GEDGE 18, 17.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals:
DABIN/P. BRENCHLEY (Kent) 15, 16; TAYLORS/HOWARD bt B. John (Ches), L. HOWARD (Ches) bt L. HOWARD (Ches) 17, 13.


UNDER-13 EVENTS

Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:
D. DINO-SMITH (Kent) bt A. Bowden (Essex) 15, 9; D. RANGER (Surrey) bt T. Everett (Herts) 11, 15.

Final: DINO-SMITH bt RANGER 13, 1.

Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:
J. WALKER (Yorks) bt G. Taylor (Essex) 12, 10, C. STONE (Essex) bt K. Hallett (Bucks) 18, 16, 16.

Final: WALKER bt STONE 5, 6.

Boys' Doubles, Semi-finals:
A. BAWDEN/M. THORNE (Essex) bt Everitt, B. Matthews (Berks) 16, 21; DINO-SMITH/P. KEMP (Kent) bt D. Newman, S. Newman (Essex) 4, 11.

Final: DINO-SMITH/P. KEMP bt A. BAWDEN/M. THORNE 18, 17.

Girls' Doubles, Semi-finals:
N. LESLIE (Surrey), M. MASHFORD bt Leslie, G. Randall (Sussex) 17, 17; A. GEDGE (Sussex) bt S. Cook, J. Gavin (Kent) 16, 16.

Final: A. GEDGE (Sussex) bt N. LESLIE 18, 17.

UNDER-11 EVENTS

Boys' Singles, Semi-finals:
A. WILLIAMS (Berks) bt J. Newman (Essex) 18, 16; M. ROMANO (Kent) bt D. RIBBS (Kent) 20, 18.

Final: WILLIAMS bt M. ROMANO 9, 17.

Girls' Singles, Semi-finals:
J. WALKER (Yorks) bt G. Taylor (Essex) 12, 10, C. STONE (Essex) bt K. Hallett (Bucks) 18, 16, 16.

Final: WALKER bt STONE 5, 6.

New Coaching Appointment

The E.T.T.A. announces the appointment of Bryan Merritt to complete the team of professional staff coaches working for the Association.

He will be responsible for coaching in the Midlands and South-Western Region, Les Gresswell moves to the Eastern Region and Peter Simpson remains responsible for the Northern Region. Mrs. Merritt will be senior to the other two staff coaches.

Jack Carrington will retire from full-time coaching at the end of 1969 but will be retained by the E.T.T.A. in a part-time capacity.

Bryan Merritt, who has represented England in international matches more than 100 times and is 35-years-old, will take up his duties on Jan. 1, 1970, and in addition be immediately assumes the post of Deputy Team Manager responsible to Johnny Leach.

On coaching activities he will, like all staff coaches, report to General Secretary, Derek Tremayne who is in charge of the organisation of the E.T.T.A. Coaching Scheme, headed up by Coaching Committee Chairman Gordon Steggall.
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- March, 1969 - S. R. Dane, J. T. Ingleson, E. Lawrence
- April, 1970 - W. E. Ransome, I. Robertson, S. H. Creadle

Enquiries for all sessions to P. Simpson, 30 Vesper Gate Mount, Leeds 5 (Phonos: Leeds 5751).

PROGRAMME OF COACHING EVENTS IN EAST AREA

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For Further details, contact the Secretary at the E.T.T.A. office.

Netherlands Twice Beaten

BY GEO. R. YATES

Seldom, I would venture to say, has an international match gone through without a single hitch as was the case in Cumberland on October 27th when, in only their second year of existence, the Millom League staged the opening match of two between England and the Netherlands at Millom School.

It really was a most well-organised affair and all credit to the local administrators. The match too, despite an 8-0 result in favour of England, was seldom lacking in interest with "Connie" Warren endearing himself to the Cumberland public in his own inimitable style.

Twice, Tony Piddock was involved in deciding games, against Bert van der Helm and Bert Schoofs, and Dutch junior champion Veronique van der Laan fully extended Pauline, Tony's wife.

On the following night at Atkinson Vehicles Social Centre, Wallasey, a different England team made hard work of their 6-2 win over the same opposition who had sampled the delights of an overnight stay at a north country inn.

Indeed, they were indebted to debutante Linda Bashford, the youngest member of the team who replaced Judy Heaps who was not available.

The 17-year-old Middleton has displayed commendable composure in disposing of Miss van der Laan to give England a winning 5-2 lead after "Les" Haslam had faltered in losing to van der Helm and the women's doubles had gone to the Netherlands with surprising ease.

Individual scores:

at Millom


at Wallasey


TAKING THE MICKEY

By D. ROBERTSON

AUKJE WYNA playing in her first match for the Netherlands. (Photo by John O'Sullivan)

Linda Bashford who made her senior international debut at Wallasey-Otto. (Photo by Cliff Darley)

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Future Dates: December 21st, January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 5th, May 10th.

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Master Points Scheme

NEALE BECOMES NATIONAL MASTER
by Albert Shipley

As a result of the reduction in the number of points required for a National Master, Denis Neale becomes the first of the men players to attain this award, which must surely be some justification for the amendment. Denis is one of our most successful players and has amassed a total of over 13,000 points, so he fully deserves the award.

The announcement of a prize of £100 to the 1,000th Club Master has produced increased activity in this field and it looks as though Treasurer Tom Blunn will be parting with the money sooner than expected.

The first rounds of the National Team Competitions have now been completed and Master Points are due to some of the losers. These will be sent to the respective match secretaries in one batch when all of the losers from a League have been eliminated.

Tournament organisers are reminded of the need to send in their entry totals for the events in the Scheme, together with the number of ranked layers. This enables the certificates to be prepared in advance and they can then be handed to the losers at the appropriate stages of the tournament.

Any player who wishes to enter the Master Points Scheme as an individual may do so at a charge of 1/- per league, or event, each season. Full details of the requirements for each participation will be supplied on request.

R.A.F.T.T.A.

by W/O. L. Yeoman

INTER-COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969

UNDEFEATED in four matches, Maintenance Command, with the greater depth of playing strength, and Air Support Command, with a well-balanced side, were the clear-cut winners of the Inter-Command Championships at R.A.F. Stanmore Park on November 7th to 8th.

Results:

R.A.F. Command Won
1. Maintenance 4
2. Strike 3
3. Air Support 2
4. Training 1
5. Coastal 0

W.R.A.F.
1. Air Support 4
2. Strike 3
3. Maintenance 2
4. Training 1
5. Coastal 0

A change this year increased the teams to 5-a-side which gave more players the opportunity to play for Command teams, making the competition more open.

Dick Cloke, the R.A.F. singles champion, playing for Training Command, won all his sets and, for the winners, Graham Wilson lost only to Cloke. Several up-and-coming players were seen especially L.A.C. Gibbins from R.A.F. Odiham playing for Air Support who won 16 of his 20 sets.

For the W.R.A.F., S.A.C.W. Gallacher played extremely well to win all her sets, and the only set that Mo Hughes lost was to this Channel Island champion.

At the conclusion of the championships the trophies and prizes were presented to the winners and runners-up by Mrs. R. I. Jones, wife of Air Vice Marshal R. I. Jones, C.B., A.F.C., President of the Royal Air Force T.T.A.
NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

by Leslie Davis

SURPRISE WITHDRAWALS BY HULL AND HARLOW

ALL team secretaries will have received the results of the first round together with the draw sheets for the second in all competitions.

Unfortunately there were the usual few early withdrawals. Hull General Secretary, Tony Ross, withdrew both his Carter and Bremens teams as did Mr. Barber for Harlow — both for domestic reasons.

Apart from this and the Watford Wilmot Cup team disqualification (due to their inability to field a team within the prescribed period) the first round produced satisfactorily.

WILMOT CUP

First result in was the East London v Cheshunt match which was a very close affair in which no player recorded a clean sheet. Peterborough D, Witherick 7 — J. S. played well to win three for the winners.

Watford 3, Borehamwood 6 — Veteran Brian Brumwell won his three for Borehamwood, the third set to Slough’s M. Waldo.

Oxford 4, St. Albans 2 — Stan Hahn’s convincing triple victory contributed to his side’s victory.

Hull General 4-1 Another of those matches that went to three but Chester won them! Ted Foster was Hull’s lone winner.

Leicester 3, Crawley 0 — D. Evans, though meeting with valiant opposition, won three sets for the winners.

ROSE BOWL

Luton 1, St. Albans 8 — Although the score indicates a walk-over for St. Albans, a study of the scorecard reveals that no less than seven sets needed a deciding game.


Sutton 5, Bromley 2 — It is noticeable that many matches began — possibly curiously — with a three game first set. This was one of them.

The Cheshunt victory. This was Jean Clay decided the issue by winning 21-17 in the third against Miss T. Thomas of Bromley.

Norwich 6, Gt. Yarmouth 3 — Miss S. Perry played steadily for the winners. Her victories over the Gt. Yarmouth girls were executed in straight games.

Petersborough 5, Cambridge 4 — Another, perhaps decisive, in the L.B. victory. Miss S. Browning played admirably to win three sets for the losers.

Southend 5, Borehamwood 4 — This was in very closely contested affair. The first set was won by the opposition.

The aggregate score was a record for the first round of all the competitions.

CARTER CUP

Staines 5, Maidenhead 4 — A difficult match with four sets needing deciding games. Staines must thank their lucky stars for R. Mason.

Birchley 2, Dunstable 7 — Score card suggests that G. Reed of Dunstable was the best player on view.

Chester 3, Manchester 6 — Only star player Tony Bozanic won three sets. Ian Johns played well for the losers.

Wellingborough 7, Bedford 2 — Brothers P. and S. Crowley shared four victories between them.

Worcester 8, Newport 1 — K. Mathews won the only game for the losers.

N. Herts 9, Dagenham 0 — No doubt about this one! Every set was won two-straight and lots of single figures.

Letchworth Settlement (N. Herts) v Cambridge

Valves (Coventry) v Cambridge TTC (Walsall), Westminister (Bham) v Weston YMC (Bristol), Kent (Luton) v A.H.W. (Bingley), Luton Int. Computers (N. Herts) v Essfield High Wycombe MAC (Cheshunt), Rothersey (Cheshunt) v Lloyd’s Bank (London Bank), Eltham (K. Middx.) v Metro, Water Board (Watford), Aldershot Social v Four T’s (Southampton), Hastings (NALGO) v North Mundham (Bognor).

WOMEN

Omnatoms (Middlesex) v Amazonas (West Bromwich), NALGO (Hereford) v Kent (Luton), Leighton Buzzard (N. Herts) v Langley Sports (Slough).

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**Midland League**

by Philip Reid

**TEN DIVISIONS AND ALL GO**

ALREADY there are indications that there will be exciting finishes in most of the ten divisions making up this league and none more so than in the Men's First Division where Birmingham "A" and Chesterfield "A" look likely contenders.

With Derek Munt, Paul Judd and Barry Hill (a Premier Division player with Manchester) Birmingham seem assured of doing well but the challenge from Chesterfield (John Wallhead, Colin Denton, and Tony Hunt) is sure to be a strong one.

Glocester have already lost to both these teams but Roy Morley showed what a great player he still is by winning his six sets against each opposition.

Coventry "A" have made a fine start to Division 2 led by Alan Bury with P. Arkell and D. Cutcliffe also in form. Hindley (Ernest Macleish, John Iffie, and Maurice Newman) could be their chief challengers here with Walsall "A" and Oxford also in with a chance.

Division 3 is wide open but Chesterfield "B" (Derek Marples, Stuart Morris and D. Wilson are the team) fancy to finish first. Walsall (R. Parsons, R. Morgan and C. Norman) have a good chance of topping the Intermediates first division though Nottingham are a force to be reckoned with.

Loughborough's team of Chris Brewer, Terry Hall and Steven Harding had put them off to a good start in Div. 2 and only Worcester, for whom D. Aston is the star, appear to have the power to stop them.

Nowhere is competition more fierce than in the Veterans Division. Both Birmingham teams, Leicester and Walsall are fighting for honours with Birmingham "A" slight favourites. Walsall "B" have already emerged as clear favourites in Div. 2 where Harry Dixon is playing as well as ever.

Junior-wise Division 1 looks likely to be won by Birmingham "A" but not if Leicester or Nottingham have their way. Shock winners in Division 2 could be Leicester "B" who have a very good side in Sally Eldon, Karen Rogers, Bob Davies and 9-year-old Chris Rogers.

The Women's Division looks almost sure to become another battle between Birmingham and West Bromwich and it is difficult to see who will take more than the odd set off them. It is equally difficult to forecast the eventual winners but I accept Maurice Goldstein's advice and plump for the West Brom team of Dorothy Deeter, Kath Perry, and Ann Baker.

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**European Seeding List**

THE European Table Tennis Union announce the following seeding list for the guidance of tournament organizers, valid up to February, 1970. During the English Open Championships at Crystal Palace an official E.T.T.U. Ranking list will be announced, and this will be valid for the European Championships in Moscow.

**MEN**

1. E. Scholer (Fed. Germany)
2. D. Surbek (Yugoslavia)
3. S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.)
4. K. Johansson (Sweden)
5. J. Kerpa (Yugoslavia)
6. A. Stipanic (Yugoslavia)
7. H. Aker (Sweden)
8. J. Staneck (Czechoslovakia)
10. V. Miko (Czechoslovakia)
11. J. Borzsei (Hungary)
12. S. Sarkhojan (U.S.S.R.)
13. T. Klumpar (Hungary)
14. J. Secretin (France)
15. A. Amelin (U.S.S.R.)
16. S. Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia)

**WOMEN**

1. M. Alexander (Rumania)
2. D. Sipanec (Yugoslavia)
3. S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.)
4. J. Ventora (Czechoslovakia)
5. D. Scholer (Fed. Germany)
6. Z. Radzina (U.S.S.R.)
7. M. Wright (England)
8. E. Buchholz (Fed. Germany)
9. C. Ciosan (Rumania)
10. E. Nishi (Japan)
11. M. Resler (Yugoslavia)
12. D. Hoelvaard (E. Germany)
13. A. Papp (Hungary)
14. M. Neidert (Sweden)
15. D. Smitz-Calinski (Poland)
16. R. Fedorova (U.S.S.R.)

(Marta Luzova and Agnes Simon are not included because of insufficient recent results).

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**European League**

**Premier Division**

1. J. Stanek (Czechoslovakia)
2. D. Surbek (Yugoslavia)
3. S. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.)
4. K. Johansson (Sweden)
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For in a sport where most players reach their peak by the age of 21, it is almost impossible for anyone to achieve star rating unless in addition to natural ability and determination they make a start of their table tennis career by the age of 15 — and much earlier if possible.

It may be found, however, in years to come that Ian Cundy, David Bajko, Stephen Walker, and David Flett, the boys who make up this first-ever Sheffield school team, will have done even more to put Myers Grove, and Sheffield, on the map.

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T.T. News

JANUARY ISSUE

Because of the Christmas and New Year Holidays the January issue of the 'T.T. News' will be approximately one week late. There will be a full report of the English Closed Championships held at Tescside on January 1, 2, and 3, 1970.
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Exuberant Leos, ruled by the life-giving Sun, would be wise to calm down a bit and not burn up that abundance of energy. This applies especially towards the end of the month when your energies should be reserved for Table Tennis.

Born between August 22 and Sept. 22
Your Zodiacal sign is Virgo, your planet Mercury.
Ambitious Virgos (and there are plenty among you) should set their sights high this month for the stars favour their plans. Try out that new idea on the boss! Any new schemes for Table Tennis should be put in hand now.

Born between Sept. 23 and Oct. 22
Your Zodiacal sign is Libra, your planet Venus.
Librans thinking of moving house should take advantage of their stars during this period. Their good judgment will serve them well in any business dealings. Money-raising efforts for Table Tennis will have good results.

Born between Oct. 23 and Nov. 22
Your Zodiacal sign is Scorpio, your planet Mars.
Scorpios can expect a very strenuous time ahead but must curb that tendency to make impulsive judgments. And don't expect the same high standards from others as you have yourself. An opportunity for leadership comes along. Take it, especially if it is connected with Table Tennis.

OFFICIAL NEWS

THE Formal Calendar (including dates laid down by Rule) has been compiled as follows:

1969 Rule
Sunday, 30th November Last day for County Associations to send in list of Local Leagues 32(bb)
Wednesday, 31st December Last day for circulation of date and venue of English Open Championships 57(a)
Wednesday, 31st December Date on which individuals cease to be Members of E.T.T.A. if they have not renewed membership of Local League, etc. 7A(b)
1970 Thursday, 1st January 
Local Leagues whose fees not paid by this date lose voting rights in elections for rest of season 11(b)(i)
Saturday, 10th January Election Calendar to be issued.
Saturday, 26th February Last day for proposed changes of Rule to reach General Secretary 59(b)
Tuesday, 31st March Last day for circulation of proposed changes of Rule 59(b)
Tuesday, 31st March Last day for payment of Local Leagues fees, Directly Affiliated Clubs, and Directly Affiliated Individuals Affiliation Fees and Registered Members’ Fees to qualify for “County Rebate” 32(g)
Thursday, 30th April Last day for receipt by General Secretary of amendments to proposed changes of Rule 59(b)

Thursday, 30th April Affiliation terminologies of any Local League, Directly Affiliated Clubs and Directly Affiliated Individuals not having paid due Affiliation Fees 7A(a)
Sunday, 31st May End of Financial year 24
Monday, 1st June Last day for giving Notice of A.G.M. and sending out Agenda 29(b)
As soon as possible after 1st June Send out Annual Report and Financial Statement. 14 days before A.G.M.
Last day for Local Leagues to give notice of intention to exercise own votes at E.T.T.A. A.G.M. 30(a)
Wednesday, 24th June Earliest day for holding A.G.M. 29(a)
Saturday, 4th July 1969/70 Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 7th July Latest day for holding A.G.M. 29(a)
A QUESTION OF INCENTIVES

I HAVE read Table Tennis News for several years and consider that in many ways it gives a good coverage of our sport. However, at the same time I have attempted to increase the money sales within our area and am concerned that, in an expanding and progressive League, the sales are, if anything, declining. This is despite numerous appeals and I have therefore attempted to discover the reason.

Firstly our readers are only from the highest echelons of the game whether they be players, administrators or spectators. Our League has about 400 players and yet we reach less than 10% of them. Why is this? It seems to me the answer to the contents of the News. Most players know of England’s top players but, unless you either play in, or watch Tournaments, District matches etc., the large number of players reported on are often just names and provide little interest. Likewise reports of Official Business mean little to ordinary club members. There is no doubt that such facts are a necessary part of the News but could not regular space be given to topics of more interest to the legion of players in loyal teams. In my view, regular serial articles on such topics as coaching and new and old tactics for people who have never had the chance to be taught, and even some who have, would greatly benefit the game and increase sales.

Another reason which has inhibited sales is simply the risk involved in the margin between profit and loss. Prior to this season a 25% discount was given to an agent on 24 copies. How simple it was to get too many customers and attempt to increase sales with the other. Thus sellers were allowed slowly increase their order without未经 undue risk to the League finances. Now the margin is much lower and it is essential that the events should be properly timed with adequate rest between each event. This means that working on twelve tables on a one-upward path that ends with Denis Neale

There is no doubt that the new table tennis image. which Wellingborough & District was little chance of winning a cash prize, many ways it gives a good coverage of our sport. However, at the same time I have attempted to discover the reason. YES, I LACK DRIVE ... make finer players

by Tom Blunn

Chairman of England Selectors

BY the end of the season fourteen open tournaments will have gone through the sieve of the Open Tournaments Sub-committee for graded status next season.

When the rules for graded tournaments were first announced, it was considered that they would be stringent so that only a very few tournaments would be able to comply. The number of applications has been surprising and encouraging because it shows a genuine desire to improve and progress.

Some applicants are indulging in a little wishful thinking, but evidence so far is that more tournaments will meet the conditions than there are places available in the calendar. The number in mind at present is six.

The tournament season stretches from the last week in September to the second week in April, covering a period of twenty-eight weeks, which means that one graded tournament each month; the maximum number would be eight.

So the first headache for the Open Tournaments committee is to decide on the number and make a choice. This is going to be very difficult and it is almost certain that two or more tournaments in one area will have to work on a rota system each season.

The second headache is to find a new name. At the recent conference at Sheffield University, delegates felt that the word “graded” could give the wrong impression and would indicate second or lower grade, which is quite the opposite to what is intended. So let us have some ideas please - Super , Five star, ‘Elite’, etc., etc.

Colin CLEMETT informed the National Umpires and Referees Committee at their meeting on October 26 that it was necessary for him to give up the post of Hon. Secretary to the Committee as he was shortly to take up a business appointment in the U.S.A. He expected to return to England after his stay in America and expressed the hope that he might be able to remain as a corresponding member of the Committee during that time.

It was noted that Colin had held office of Hon. Secretary to the Committee for 10 years and members expressed appreciation for the very substantial contribution that he had made to the work of the Committee during that time.

Ponding the appointment of a new Secretary, it was agreed that as a temporary measure the administrative work of the Committee should be carried out by the following members: Acting Secretary - H. A. Spraggs, 27 Carnarvon Road, Barnet, Herts. Hon. Secretary - E. G. White; Interpreters - C. Clemett, E. G. White; Referees Qualification Scheme - A. J. H. Woolley, 19 Mill Road, Wellingborough. Resignation - G. BROWNE.

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OTHER REPORTS PRESENTED BY:


12.15 to 13.00

Jack Carrington (E.T.T.A. Director of Coaching) gave a report on the E.T.T.A. Junior Proficiency Awards Scheme. — Described as natural lift to the Schools Group Competition. Methods of training for the awards were presented including involvement of players of varying standards. David Newton and Brett Cooper assisted with practical demonstrations.

Chairman for afternoon session:

Syd Frohlick

14.00 to 14.45

Peter Simpson (E.T.T.A. Staff Coach) explained modern developments in match play.

— Suggested that fast counter-hitting and the loop-drive did not constitute the modern game. That players involved in counter-hitting lived off each other's speed and played to each other even though in competition. More power and less spin now required in attack and a move to more defensive play expected as a result of development of thinner sponge surfaces on bats as players can feel the ball on the bat.

David Newton and Brett Cooper again assisted with practical demonstrations.

14.45 to 15.05

Methods of improving coaching service in N.W. Group discussed chaired by: Mr. E. W. H. Coles (Lancashire Schools' T.T.A. Chairman).

15.05 to 16.30

Presentation of reports by chairman.

Recommendations:

a) Extra strong competition and supervision required for top juniors.

b) Coaches training/assessment was inconsistent.

c) Information re coaches courses should be more widely distributed.

d) N.W. Area too extensive for one staff coach to control — methods of assisting to be considered.

e) More use to be requested of school premises. (Mr. Roberts, Chairman of N.W. Sports Council) spoke of P.E. masters/Headmasters who were jealous to preserve facilities but that with more sports halls being built there should be a better chance of outside bodies using the facilities.

f) Efforts should be made to present table tennis to teachers in particular through universities and training colleges.

g) Some thought to be given to transfer of junior players from schools to league clubs.

16.30 to 16.45

Derek Tremayne (Gen. Sec. E.T.T.A.) summed up and thanked the chairman, speakers, Y. M. C. A., C.C.P.R., and delegates for the success of the conference.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

SCOTTISH T.T.A. Secretary, J. M. Geddes (2, Scotland Place, Edinburgh 10, has taken over the secretarialship of the Swaythling Club in succession to Dr. Zarko Dolinar who now joins him in the secretaryship of the club. Press officer Joe Vesely is now concerning himself with the publication of the club's first bulletin.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

by J. D. Ellis

NEW SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

The Schools' Association continued to attract players of all standards who wish to improve their standing in the game. At the recent East Midlands School's Championships, held at Jack Hamson Park, Nuneaton, there were over 100 entries from schools in the region.

Although at least one inter-town match has been played in recent weeks and details are awaited from county secretaries for reports on matches held in other areas.

The Nottinghamshire Schools' Association has arranged a number of tournaments for players to participate in, including the Nottinghamshire Schools' Open Championship, which is likely to be held in the near future.

MIDDLESEX

by Laurie Landry

BEST OF LUCK, BRIAN

After many years service to the County, Brian Wright has announced his retirement from the game. He has been a valuable member of the Middlesex team, helping them to many successes in recent years.

Brian's contributions to Middlesex cricket will be remembered with a great deal of appreciation. He has been a tireless worker for the county, and his commitment to the game will be greatly missed.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

by Philip Flower

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NORFOLK

CREDITABLE DEBUTS

NORFOLK started their senior season against Cambridgeshire at the Metal Box Company's estate, Wisbech. This match finished honours even, Norfolk being 3-5 down then winning the last two singles. Norfolk were without the services of Betty Cassell and Edna Allen, but Edna's daughter, Jean, and Penny Melton both made a creditable debut. Penny was last season's Norfolk Junior Champion.

On the same day, at Norwich, the Norfolk Juniors proved themselves too strong for Cambridgeshire Juniors, being 9-1 winners. This match finished honours even, Norfolk being 3-5 down then winning the last two singles. Norfolk were without the services of Betty Cassell and Edna Allen, but Edna's daughter, Jean, and Penny Melton both made a creditable debut. Penny was last season's Norfolk Junior Champion.

In the Senior match, Norfolk started at 7-5 and did not finish until 12-10 a.m. notwithstanding the fact that expedite was used, it came in during the Eneas/Luton game. A match had a very high standard of play and not a little tenseness about it (don't forget Tony Miller was playing). Perhaps it was fortunate that the match was decided in Croydon's favour 5-4 before the last set of the evening was played between Eneas and Miller.

I hear that one of the League's Match Secretaries, although given all the facts, only realised that the Percy Johnson competition was when Colin Clemett is having to discontinue, having to resign as County Secretary and from the many other positions he holds, one of the most helpful and dedicated men in the County administration, will be sorely missed and we can only hope his absence will be temporary. I hope next month, with a little more time in hand, to be able to pay the tribute he deserves.

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JUNIORS SHOW THE WAY
IN THEIR first match of the season, the County junior team pulled off a fine 6-4 win against Suffolk at Ipswich. Stars for the team were John Lack and Max Hall, both unbeaten in their singles matches.

Linda Melin turned in a great performance too and was unfortunate to go down by the narrowest of margins in the third game.

On the same evening as the junior success, last year’s No. 1 junior Paul Charlton was playing at No. 3 for the County senior team, at home to Herts III.

In the opening match of the night he beat down visiting No. 1 David Sesholome, after leading in the first and 20-19 in the second.

This fighting performance by the Herts No. 1 inspired his team who went on to brush Herts aside and register an otherwise effortless 6-0 win. The County will obviously miss the Masfield twins (both at College) as well as Brian Cullis who has been posted overseas.

In the various national competitions, at the time of writing St. Neots had lost to 6-4 at Cheshunt in the Wiltshire Cup, and their women were due to visit Reading in the Rose Bowl.

Peterborough had lost 7-2 to Wivelsham in the Wiltshire Cup but the women had pulled off a good 5-4 win over Cheshunt in the Rose Bowl competition.

TEESIDE
by George Lambelle

OMESEBY Table Tennis Club is in the quarter-finals of the European Cup, after a 6-4 win over Schenken in Belgium.

Despite the presence of English champion Denis Neale, the glory belonged to 15-year-old Nicky Jarvis, the England Junior Number One. In the first match of the evening he scored 15-21, 21-14, 24-22 over a Bradford side which included No. 1 Jonathan Virtue and No. 2 Anna Lonza.

On the same evening, Sackville defeated Neale 22-20, 21-17. The highlight of the evening was when Nicky scored 15-21, 21-17, 15-21.

But more important than that, the Belgians were a good audience in the true sense of the word. Naturally, Omesby didn’t expect delicious scenes when they won anything.

On the other hand, spontaneousness was conspicuous by its absence. Anything achieved by an Englishman received fair applause.

And the net result? — Alan Charlton. Then we realised the people in the hall actually helped us to win because they were simply the fans.

It’s a good job Omesby are only 6-4, a mistake and lost the point, seventh game, though. The match started at 7:30 p.m. — and didn’t finish until 11:30 p.m. because of the time players doubled up to continue and stop choosing and racket-swinging.

"But nothing happened until Nicky Jarvis went out for the first time. The rally only lasted four strokes. Then Nicky made his move, whereupon the rest of the crowd was up to it. We had to be heard to be believed.

"Then the whole place just erupted. Whistles blew, trumpets sounded. The audience put us on our mettle and once we got used to it we got right on top."

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"One old lady was sitting right in the front row with an enormous racket. When Sanctoario won this first point she just let it rip-right into Nicky’s ear. And don’t forget this was the first point of the whole match."

"Not that Ormesby are complacent. By all means Nicky settled the old lady’s hash with a glare that would have made Frankenstein run for cover."

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UK"

by Cliff Darley

FAMILY AFFAIR AT BAILDON

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to our own Mrs. Briggs, Ruby Cowen (nee Milnes) and Linda Lowthorpe (nee Twidale) all of whom have married in the last few weeks.

Janet Pillington made an impressive debut for Baildon women, winning both her singles and, with Janet Rose, the doubles in a 6-4 victory over both were included in the title.

There have been many father and son partnerships in Bradford and several pairs of brothers, but it is rare to have a mother and two daughters turning out in the league. As father plays as well, the emergence of Baildon hold the largest family representation in the league.

They virtually live on the premises where they play, for Harold is the caretaker of their own Moorhouse Cricket Club and their house is attached.

Still in Bradford it is of interest to note that 53 registered players in Division 1, only nine have never seen a Yorkshire League match.

Huddersfield, without David Hirst having his tonsils out last to Bradford. Veteran Ray Hitchcock came through to win his doubles with Geoff Brook, the other win being attributable to Stuart Sikes. Huddersfield have been champions 13 times in the last 18 seasons.

Over at Sheffield, they have two spots on the local Radio Sheffield programme, one on Friday which is repeated on Saturday lunchtime, anything in Leeds, or elsewhere in Yorks.

Under-13 Northern Junior champion Nicky Jarvis made an impressive start to the season with wins over Ruby Cowen, and Christ Church new signing Pat Moore (Yorkshire Police champion for the past three seasons).

Catholic North is doing well with her new club Rotherham Y.M.C.A. and David Rayner has had good wins over England No. 1 junior Nicky Jarvis, and the current Yorkshire No. 2 James Walker in Yorkshire League matches.

Jarvis proved what a great player he is at the Hull Brewery-sponsored Hull Open with a fine victory over Sammy Guindale whilst Malcolm Mear beat Ralph Gunion.

New names in the Hull Junior rankings are 10-year-old Mike Thrakettle, who reached the final of the Newbury U-11’s, and Brenda Zelley, 13-year-old Farnworth, supported by Libby Sanderson.

It is with regret 1 have to report the death of Roland Larkin (York) one of the County’s Hen. Auditors and a member of the Board of Appeal for many years.

Finally, congratulations to Linda Batford on her selection to play for England against the Hungarians at Leaighborough on November 24th.

Cliff Darley’s photograph is of Linda Batford (Yorks), Yorkshire’s No. 1 Junior Girl of whom the County have great hopes.

The County will obviously miss their star player.

FREM the Universities of Hull and Birmingham came Alan Hesp and Ron Mitchell to team up with Bryn Farnworth, opposed to Derek Schofield, Brian Kenan and Denis Berry. But down went the champions 7-3 with Don Berry alone the only Stockport sufferer being thrice defeated.

Further trouble hit Bolton on Saturday, October 13th, when Bryn Farnworth, playing football, sustained a broken leg the nature of which looks like keeping him in Bolton Royal Infirmary (Berners Ward) for a deal longer than he anticipated.

Having so decisively pulled off the champions, Stockport overcame Wigles, whose Tom Breygir accounted for Schofield, and an 8-2 victory over Hove when Benny just lost to Wall.

Crompton and Schofield was beaten by John Hilton.

After beating Chester 7-3 when represented by Tony Bosman, Jack Warne and Vince Moob, Manchester brought out their guns for the huge benefit and with Kevin Forsgore and Jeff Frigger training up with young Bosman averaged their last season’s defeat with winning 5-1. Bosman lost the one in going down to Crompton.

Burnley are the only other unbeaten team in the top flight following up their mediocre 6-4 win over Wolves by beating Liverpool, led by Tony Clayton — England’s No. 11 now at Lowestoft — with a score of 6-4 to give the people the opportunity of a similar margin. This was George Livesey’s first open: tommy again winning at East Lancashire.

Star of the night however was Jack Kengh who basked in the glory of defeating three of the four Scotsiders’ George Smith, stand-in for Gordon Birch, failed to make an impression.

Never before has a Lancashire lad done as well, so early in the season, as Susan Lisle the former Warrington player new to Manchester. She saw is seen four open junior girls’ titles already, the Teesside, North of England, Hull and East Riding and the Birmingham which is not open until next month, and the possibility of a fifth at Warrington in the Cumberland Open.

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DORSET
by Barry Weller
IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES
DORSET almost shook the record book a second time when they travelled to Gosport and lost 6-4 to the returning champs Hants, in their second county match. This followed their fine performance in drawing with the previous season's winners, Worcs, and was a vast improvement on 8-2 defeats by both counties last season.

This performance against Hants makes it clear that Dorset will be a force to reckon with in future after several seasons at the foot of the table. It was the result of a tremendous team spirit that has been with the side for the past twelve months and is now paying dividends.

Undoubtedly the outstanding performer was Joyce Coop. She repeated her last season's win over Mrs. Christine Davies by 23-21 in the final game which brought the score at 5-2, and if Trevor Smith had beaten Chris Pickett in the next set, Dorset might well have pulled off a shock win. Smith has narrowly 23-25, 17-2 L table.

It makes it clear that Dorset will be a taste of honey for the away game with Monmouth.

STAFFORDSHIRE
by John Pike
A TASTE OF HONEY
WITH six county matches played, Staffordshire have yet to taste defeat this season. The first test must be encouraging to players and officials alike. The two senior teams have made this sort of start before, but it is the juniors that have really caught the eye this time.

For these good reasons the county will be forced into making changes for their remaining senior matches. Dorothy Dey, who is expecting a baby in May, has already dropped out of the "A" team and it now looks like Derek Baddeley will only be available for selection if the county are really in trouble. Derek, who has done well as the new No. 1 this season, has already hinted to Staff, and this was the reason for an early retirement from the county scene. If my mind is working on the same line as the selection committee, these changes should see Brian Keates and Kath Parry back in the "A" team for the away game with Monmouth. If Kath is selected, this will be her first game for the county since returning from Worcestershire. As things stand at the moment their loss is very much of our gain.

Still staying with county fixtures, I was interested to hear that Herts., Notts, Shropshire, as well as ourselves, are making some sort of effort to get veteran matches under way.

Pressure from other sports means that the county will be missing out on the 1970 coaching session at Lilleshall.

Two items of interest for the juniors. On December 7th they are holding their rally at the Northwood Sports Centre and then later, this season they will be involved with the World Championship which will no longer apply to the senior players as such.

The new coaching faculties at the Highfield School, Wolverhampton, will be used early in December when a course has been laid out by the teaching staff. Both the local schools and the county will benefit from this new venture. The new county handbook has now been published and this has been distributed to all leagues throughout the county. I still have some spare copies if anyone else is interested.

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**NOTHANTS by Gwyn Powell**

**INTERNATIONAL AT NORTHAMPTON**

The main event of the month in the recently appointed International match at Northampton on Thursday, Dec. 13 when England play Sweden at the Northampton College of Technology’s Sports Hall, St. George’s Avenue, starting at 7.15 p.m. It will be the first match of this category to be played in the County and should attract a large crowd from all over the Midlands. Tickets are being allocated by Phil Sivert, 21, Greenfield Avenue, Northampton and there may be some left at 15/-(Cash with order).

*The next home County match against Huntingdonshire on Dec. 13 and officials of the Daventry league have worked hard to make a success of their first-ever representative match. This will take place at the Midland Youth Club, Falconers Hill which has now been adopted as the league’s headquarters, and will start at 7 p.m.*

With the change over to three-a-side and an accredited entry, Daventry now have three divisions, the leaders of which are H.B. A., Woodend Conservative Club and Newnham ‘C’ respectively.

In the Northampton Premier Division the champions, U.T.C. ‘B’ have opened up a slight gap over George’s Avenue, starting at 7-15 their closest rivals, Y.M.C.A. and officials of the Daventry league, team and as a result Roadmender are now occupying third place. In, Manfield ‘B’ in Division 3, the former one-star diploma and Manfield ‘A’ in Division 2, Avenue ‘A’ in Division 3 and Manfield ‘F’ in Division 4.

Congratulations to National Councillor, Ken Marchant, on becoming the County’s first one-star diploma coach, an honour he thoroughly deserves.

**DERBSYRE**

by Walter Reeves

**CAROL’S DEPARTURE BRING SUSAN HOLMES**

**COUNTY League matches go under way with Allerton holding Chesterfield 1 to a draw. It was thanks to County No 1 John Wallhead that Chesterfield managed a division of the spoils for he won all his three sets and helped with a doubles success.**

His colleagues, F. West and D. Brown, only managed one set between them. For Allerton, Stuart Morris — a former Chesterfield player — and Chris Jones each had two wins with Malcolm Allsop contributing one.

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AN extremely good win by Essex, 5-4 over Essex, has seriously damaged the championship of the 5th team in 6 years. With Middlesex weakened and Ken Watson lost, but hardly a powerful side, the way seems clear for Yorks. to retain their status of 1966-67.

Although their 1st team is struggling, the new Northumberland I has staked a strong start in 2nd North. Could the unlikely event of a 2nd team challenging to keep the 1st team happening?

Premier Division

CHESHIRE II 6 ESSEX II 3


SURREY II 7 ESSEX II 3

A great start for Surrey, with Paul Shirley the outstanding player.

BURYHAMSHIRE 5 LINCOLNSHIRE 1

A very fair result, with Paul Shirley making his promise to win the singles for the draw. A victory which could be written.

Worcestershire 9

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Following their drubbing from Glamorgan, Monmouth, made several changes. Michael Nocivelli, now ranked 2, the star going down to Ralph Connolly -22, 20, 17 and accounting for Paul Judd -9, 19. 17. Haynes Thomas recaptured some old sparkle, falling to Connolly -23, 17, 19 (just getting a double joy from Derek Mont). Useful debut by Mrs. B. Boudon in a match much better than 1-9 suggests.

Northern Counties

At the close, Mrs. Boudon also had a good match.

Second Division

ESSEX II 8 SUFFOLK 2

KENN 6 MIDDLESEX II 4

The new XD pairing of Clive Morris and Ruth Wilson, and WD pairing of Wilson and Paula Breachley, the outstanding success of the matches so far. -a wide margin of recent Kent weakness. A very exciting match with the young Kent team just too good for their more experienced visitors.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 3 DURHAM 2

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Buckinghamshire 8 Kent II 2

Second Division (North)

LANCASHIRE 10 CHESHIRE II 0

LINCOLNSHIRE 6

Buckinghamshire II 7 Essex 2

Warwicks staff play the outstanding player.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 5 LINCOLNSHIRE 1

Another excellent win by Northumberland. Karenza Cuthbertson, the new Northumberland II title in 6 years. With Middlesex weakened and Kent a useful but rather weak team, this match was then lifted by the clash between John Wallhead and Charlie Jackson, the former winning a battle with some fine rallies at 17-16, 21.

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