BRONZE FOR ENGLAND'S YOUTH

This month's Star Feature

14th European Youth Championships at Ostend
by Rea Balmford and Tony Ross
GEORGE R. YATES reports on . . .

The International Front

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR HUNGARY

As expected Hungary duly won the Division 1 title of the European League beating Czechoslovakia 5-2 to snatch off their campaign with an un¬
blemished record, one point in front of the Greeks, the previous holders. Final standings for the 1971-72 season were:

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Final positions:

1. Hungary
2. Czechoslovakia
3. Sweden
4. Greece
5. Austria

Replacing Austria in the top flight will be France, the Division 2 champions, whose one loss (2-3) was to the Czechs. The French qualified for the World Cup with a 4-3 win over the Greeks.

The point that the match was played at a bad time of the year is only valid in respect of the ascapitation aspect. What then of our players who seem so inferior in skill, physical fitness and application?

One is left to ponder as to whether the front rank Yugoslav players passed their summer away fishing and sailing in the Adriatic coast, Opalija, Split or elsewhere on the Adriatic or Irish coast. The point is to which country they decided to play in the United States, what chance of success, or by sporting university degrees as a spectacle. What then of our players who proved so inferior in skill, fitness and application. The point that the match was played at a bad time of the year is only valid in respect of the ascapitation aspect. What then of our players who seem so inferior in skill, physical fitness and application?

Such a possibility is remote and yet without such a source of income what are the pseudo professional players to do?

There is little doubt that the success of the Communist countries at the European Athletic Championship in Munich next year, will be witnessed at the Munich Olympics in August.

And again the reasons will be obvious for without direct backing or by sporting university degrees as a spectacle. What then of our players who proved so inferior in skill, fitness and application. The point that the match was played at a bad time of the year is only valid in respect of the ascapitation aspect. What then of our players who seem so inferior in skill, physical fitness and application?

But dedication cannot be bought nor the will to win, no matter how deep the national coffers, and these are the two principal factors that go into the make-up of a champion such as Jimmy McCormack, and at 18 years of age!

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CLASSIFICATION TOURNAMENT

On behalf of the E.T.T.U., a very successful experimental tournament was organised by the Yugoslav Association in Zadar on May 25 and 26. Unfortunately none of the players invited could not participate.

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INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

Scotland, who have withdrawn their option to stage the European Youth Championships in 1974, have appointed Mr. Iain Ewan, to the Fraser Street, Edinburgh as their International Secretary in succession to Jimmie McCormick.

AUSTRIAN OPEN

The 24th International Open Championships of Austria will be held from December 8-10, 1972 in Innsbruck.

HON. TREASURER

Jean Mercier, Hon. Treasurer of the E.T.T.U. changed his address from June 11 to No. 61 Le Grand Gand, Bougival, 28 Bougivale, France.

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CORTI WOODCOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

Mike Watts, Hon. Secretary of the Essex T.T.A., became the latest recipient of the Corti Woodcock Memorial Award, instigated in 1959 and which is made annually in recognition of service to Table Tennis in Essex.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Fourteen teams have entered the E.M. League this season, the sectional divisions catering for Men, Women, Juniors, Veterans and Reserves. Entrants are:


At the A.G.M., Henry Fox was again elected Sec./Treasurer; H. Welsh (Chairman), G. Waters (Vice-Chairman) and R. J. Constable (Press Officer).

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World Rankings

Hammersley (nee Shirley) moves up from No. 28 to No. 17 and Karenza are the new World Rankings released by the International Table Tennis Federation. England's top woman, Jill Yorkshire's Denis Neale has lost Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson and England's much-travelled 'leading lady' the former Jill Shirley, the Commonwealth and World Championships, Jill Hammersley (nee Shirley) moved up from No. 28 to No. 17 and Karenza T'ennis Federation.

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women's list having previously occupied tenth position following Munich. And from the list published after Munich the other ten missing players from the new list are: - Hovestadt (East Germany) (16), Li Huan (China) (17), Gerri (Germany) (21), Mihalca (Romania) (22), Calinca (Poland) (23), Itoh (Japan) (24), Cream (Romania) (25), Anderson (Sweden) (27), Vorogon (G. Germany) (29) and Besler (Yugoslavia) (30).

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Ranks (previous positions in brackets) -

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2. Dennis Nible (Yorkshire) (2)
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5. Tony Clayton (Yorkshire) (5)
6. David Brown (Essex) (6)
7. "Las" Haslam (Middle) (8)
8. "Chapp" Warren (Surrey) (11)
9. Mike John (Essex) (7)
10. Brian Barn (Warwks) (10)
11. Tony Piddock (Kent) (12)
12. Nicky Jarvis (Yorkshire) (12)
13. Jimmy Walker (Yorkshire) (13)

Men

1. Jill Hammersley (Black) (21)
2. Karenza Mathews (Middle) (1)
3. Judy Williams (Sussex) (3)
4. Lewis Redford (Essex) (4)
5. Sheilah Hisson (Essex) (6)
6. Susan Howard (South) (1)
7. Judy Hassan (Che) (8)
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1. Lin Hui-ching (China) (6)
2. Cheng Mingshi (China) (3)
3. Wontoa (Czechoslovakia) (9)
4. Kowada (Japan) (4)
5. Li Hua (China) (15)
6. Ohno (Japan) (16)
7. Yanghui (U.S.S.R.) (2)
8. Alexandra (Romania) (5)
9. Chuang (China) (10)
10. Tse (South Korea) (12)
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In welcoming guests at the presentation of the Queen's Award to Industry conferred on Dunlop's International Sports Company Limited at Harbury on August 23, Mr. D. J. Flander, Dunlop Director, said that credit was wholly due to the efforts of all the employees in the Company and congratulated them on their fine achievement.

Mr. G. F. Carr, director and general manager of I.S.C. thanked Brigadier R. Hargreaves, C.B.E., L.I.D., T.D., for presenting the Award for Export Achievement. He went on to say, "that although this proud occasion is a reflection of our achievements in the past, what is now equally important is our ability to continue to tell our products on quality and price in the ever-increasing competition of the world market place."

Mr. Carr also took the opportunity of announcing that sales this year had been continuing to increase at home and abroad and at the end of July, exports were 14 per cent. up on the corresponding period in 1970, a year in which exports reached a record £5 million.

In conclusion, Mr. Carr said that he was delighted to see so many guests at today's ceremony from local government, industry and sport, and representatives of the 3,300 employees from the Company's eight factories in the United Kingdom.

International Club

NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED

During the close season, the Club has been active in the annual elections that took place as a result of which founder of the Club, Geoff Harnwell, relinquished the reins of Chairmanship to Manchester's Leslie Cohen. Both Brian Wright and the writer were returned as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The Executive Committee sees a new face in Ralph Gunton who serves with Marjorie Comberbach, Betty Griffin, Len Adams and Ron Crayden.

The big event to be staged by the International Club this season is the Hard Rubber Bat Open at the Barnett Y.C. Centre on Sunday, January 15th, 1972. The event will comprise men's and women's singles and mixed doubles. There will also be consolation singles events for which first round losers will automatically be entered.

Within the Club, we have another Hard Rubber Bat tournament at Manchester Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, October 3, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. This will follow the Hales North of England 3-Star Open and it is hoped all members and their guests will play, as this will prove an ideal warm-up for the affair at Barnett.

I should be pleased to hear from any League, Club or Association, wishing to arrange an event for any purpose in which the Club, with its many members, could be of assistance. Please write me at 53 Hillfield Road, London, S.W.6.

Midland League

NEW COMEER FROM WORCESTERSHIRE

Buddinck was the only new league to be admitted to the Midland League for the forthcoming campaign and whilst the exact composition of their team is not known at the moment it is expected to be a strong side and one which could easily gain promotion at the first attempt.

At the A.G.M. officers re-elected were Chairman: Malcolm E. Scott, Secretary/Treasurer: Maurice Goldstein, Vice-Chairman: D. J. Pritchard, Press Officer: P. Reid.

Alternations were made to the rules of the Midland Closed Championships. From now on, only players who have appeared in the Midland League during the current season will be eligible to participate. This should have the effect of substantially curtailting entries.

Finally, at the time of writing, Ernie Taylor (Nottingham) was not in the best of health. Hope you are making a good recovery Ernie and that we shall see you around during the season.

Chinese Tour

Although it has been agreed that the Chinese team will visit this country during the current season, news is still awaited of the proposed dates.

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FOR Peter Hirst, the recently appointed Staff Coach for the East Region, his first 'Lilleshall Week' proved to be a great success. He was well supported by a talented array of experienced coaches in persons of Bryan Merrett, Hans Soova, Pat O'Brien (Ireland) and Hans Beogli (Switzerland).

So keen were the 40 members, that on many occasions the organisers had to persuade players not to take part in late evening practice, in order that they did not have to do it. To the relief of many, the famed early morning run was dispensed with, and in its place Peter Hirst introduced an ever increasing number of yoga exercises, to the standard warming-up session. As this was not enough, the student coaches were finally brought to their knees after a 'Squad Training Session' with Bryan Merrett, no normal events

During the weeks' courses the student coaches were examined for the teaching Certificate and Club Coach status, while a number of the younger players were examined for the Junior Proficiency Awards, while a number of the younger players were examined for the Junior Proficiency Awards, at Bronze, Silver and Gold Standards.

The final days highlight was the nail-biting of the '1971 Closed Lilleshall Putting Tournament' and the presentation of the prizes by the Secretary of the E.T.T.A., Derek Tremayne. Mr. Tremayne's visit was marked by a special display of Yoga by the student coaches and an appertianing to the coverage afforded by the Press correspondents were

COCA-COLA PRESS COMPETITION

League page correspondents were invited to send in their cartings pertaining to the coverage accorded them by their local papers of the Coca-Cola National Team Trophy competitions. Winners of a bottle of Corona and a crate of Coca were: J. R. J. Coutts (Cambridge), A. R. Fox (Northern Ireland), B. Smock (Estes), G. Stafford (Stockport) and G. R. Yates (Bolton).

For William the Bell Toledd

American Congressmen still regret the failure of Senators William Spong and Hiram Fong to get a Bill through Congress recommending the ringing of church bells to hail the arrival in Hong Kong of the American table tennis team after their tour of China. They had the Bill labelled as:- The Spong-Fong Ping Pong Gong Hong Kong Ding Dong Bell Bill.

—English Daily Mirror.
Arrangements are already well advanced for the sixth annual 4-a-side school team championships which have gone in popularity since first being held in 1967.

The Championships are open to teams of four pupils in attendance at the same school. There are seven events as follows, with ages being reversed as at midnight September 1/2, 1971:

Boys Under-19
The Norman Cook Cup
Girls Under-19
The Cloud Richardson Cup
Boys Under-15
The Leach-Carrington Cup
Girls Under-15
The Mick Bettes Memorial Cup
Boys Under-11
The S. Austin Harrison Cup
Girls Under-11
The Hartshill Cup

The Irene Elliot Cup

Last season over 790 schools of varying types were affiliated to the English Schools' Table Tennis Association through thirty member Associations and almost one thousand teams were involved in the Championships at some stage.

There are five stages in the Championships and in some areas schools will already have set off in pursuit of a place in the National Finals which will again be held at Norwood Sports Centre, Norwood, on Sunday, March 19th, 1972.

County and Local Schools' Associations are asked to arrange their own competitions by December 31st at the latest and notify the E.S.T.T.A. of qualifying teams by this date. From that point onwards teams compete in one of nine Area Finals which take place in January and February, with the winning teams involved in one of three Regional Finals on Sunday, February 27, to decide the Norwood finalists.

Pupils who wish to participate in the 1971-72 Competition must first ensure that their school is affiliated to the E.S.T.T.A. through a local or county schools' association.

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

Full details of Associations, National Championship arrangements, the E.T.T.A., Proficiency Award Scheme, School Centre, and the Laws of the Game are included in the new 48 page handbook which is being distributed free to all affiliated schools. It can also be obtained for 15p (including postage) from the General Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Main news to emerge from the Annual General Meeting was behind the scenes. Former General Secretary, Mr. C. N. Guiney, took over as Chairman from Mr. J. A. Maxwell of Nuneaton who is one of three new Vice-presidents elected. The others are Mr. H. Levine and Mr. W. S. Maclean, formerly of Birmingham, both founder members of the Executive Council.

Mr. J. M. Wright hands over the job of Competition Secretary to Mr. E. Mitchell (The Schoolhouse, Cookhill, Alcester, Warwickshire), but remains on the Executive Council and is also a member of the newly-constituted Development Committee.

The new General Secretary is Mr. D. A. Lomas to whom any enquiries should be addressed at The Old Cottage, Mill Street, Redhill, Surrey.

100 Club Corner

SOUTH TO THE SUN

by Albert Shipley

On the evening following the Association's A.G.M., in July, the 100 Club held a most successful Dinner at the Horsehoe Hotel in Totton where the Guest Speaker, the Rt. Hon. Ernest Marples M.P., gave a fascinating talk on his life in politics. Mr. Marples made a generous offer of help in giving publicity to the E.T.T.A., and has kindly arranged for a future Dinner to be held in the House of Commons with wine supplied from his own vineyard in France.

The lucky winners in the 100 Club Draw were David R. Wolstenholt of Bolton (£100), Mrs. Doreen Stannard of Acton, W.3. (£50) and Miss M. C. Bateson of Oxford (£10).

In December, a party of 65 members, relatives and friends will be spending a weekend in Majorca at an all-inclusive cost of £15 per head. The local paper in Majorca has already given the event some publicity for we are hoping to obtain a Guest Speaker from among the many well-known British personalities who winter on the island.

Membership of the Club remains at the full complement of 100 and a waiting list for membership is beginning to grow. Anyone wishing to join the queue please contact me at the E.T.T.A. office.

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Balance Sheet which showed a profit prospect than PAUL DAY. That is successful in their bid to gain promotion as some say that he is a bigger prospect than PAUL DAY. That is saying something!

The Cambridge City side, who again won the South-East Midlands League title, retain the services of THISTON, LITTLECHILD, ANDREWS, MUIR and COTEMAN. The City have only lost one match in four years in this division and look like succeeding a fifth time. The reserve City side, who won the reserve section in its first season, will again have the services of a number of players including PAUL, CHINNALL, and DAVID JARVIS, and they will again be a tough team to remove from the top of the division. The Janiers, who did so well in last season's CATERCUP competition, should do better in the league this season as they now have more confidence and with the help of MIKE HAFEEZ they seemed to excel themselves.

KEN MUIR did well to reach the National Tenમeter Bats' finals before losing in Madrid but not until after a great fight. Ken has been elected Coaching Secretary of the Cambridge T.T.L. and has already been busy in organising courses etc. Keep the good work up ken!

In the 'Hobbs Table Tennis Bats' Award, sponsored by Hobbs Sports Shop to the winners of the National Polytechnic Scheme, Deborah Clark (gold) and Chris Fuller (silver) were successful. Deborah Clark is a 16-year-old PERSE SCHOOL girl who has represented Cambs. Ladies and Cambs. Juniors on several occasions. Although Cambs. Juniors were successful in their bid to gain promotion to the PREMIER division in the County play-offs last season. Deborah was the outstanding Cambs. player, being a party to six wins out of eight doubles matches she contested.

A 15-year-old Cambridge Grammar Schoolboy, CHRISTOPHER FULLER, last season won most of his games when representing Cambs. Juniors in the South-East Midlands League. He has yet to play for the Country Juniors but his hopes for selection should be fulfilled in the near future.

LAURIE LANDRY, the former England and Midlands player made a recent visit to Cambridge, taking 1007 Teams and these will be formed into nine divisions with an entry of 107 Teams and these will be formed into nine divisions with a draw for the championships on Saturday, April 22nd. The draw for the championships will take place on March 18th, 1972.
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A WORD OF APPRECIATION

from E.T.T.A. Treasurer, Tom Blunn

I encroach on valuable space in the last four issues of Table Tennis News to put before you the reasons for an increase in affiliation fees. I would now like to take a little more space to express my appreciation to the members for the sympathetic treatment given to the proposals at the A.G.M.

I never really stressed the consequences of the vote being lost but I hoped to convince members that the increase was reasonable and necessary to permit progress according to a plan that has been accepted as being reasonable and in the interests of the game. To have lost the vote would have put the clock back a considerable number of years and would have meant us giving up the fight to improve our position in international affairs.

As it happened the members expressed confidence in the National Council's ability to control the destiny of the Association by accepting the proposals with a substantial majority. There were, of course, some pockets of resistance and a very strong case was put forward in opposition.

It is obvious that certain areas are better than others in providing facilities for improvement and some sympathy is due to the more remote areas. This is a problem that is recognised and improved travel facilities should bring some benefit in the future. An attempt has been made already this season to make contact in all parts of the country by spreading the net covering junior assessment camps. These have been organized on a special low cost basis due to the generosity of Dunham Sports Co. Ltd.

No particular area has a monopoly of junior players and if there is any talent in the more remote areas, the assessment camps should find it and provide an opportunity for further development.

It will be appreciated that the increased fees will not be payable until season 1972/73 and that the current season's board is going to be very difficult one. Due to the loss of TV money and other revenue the income in future seasons is going to be no more than adequate and expenditure, as always, will have to be watched very closely. It will be very important to see that the benefit of the increased fees is spread over as large an area as possible.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Everything seems set fair for another good season. Seven local players have taken part in the English Junior assessment Camps and there are high hopes that at least two will reach the National finals in Loughborough.

Seven local players made the trip to Osten to cheer on the England team in the European Youth Championships. As there were only nine from the whole of England on the trip it does seem as though Leicestershire have become very 'National-minded'.

The A.G.M. of the County Association brought one or two changes. Ernest McLeish who has been a wonderful influence as a player and won many honours in the game has been made captain of the senior team and he is contemplating having regular practice sessions with his first team squad.

John Bowness takes over the captaincy of the junior team who should have a good season. John Ellis continues as captain of the veterans' team, a team which much appreciates the extended.equalTo list for the coming season. Other officials elected were:- President—Mr. A. G. Thomas, Chairman/Secretary—Philip Reid, Treasurer—John C. Grimley, Auditor—John R. Rogers.

The Leicester League continues with seventeen divisions and their outstanding change is that of President. Cyril Firth decided not to stand for a further term and has been succeeded by Leslie Correll, a popular choice. Cyril has worked tirelessly and conscientiously for table tennis ever since the game began in Leicester in the early 1930's and has always been a fine model of sportsmanship and a credit to the game both off and on the table.

It is only fairly recently that he relied on a player. It is quite impossible to even start to enumerate his achievements in such a short space as this but suffice it to say he has secured every honour open to him in the county and that but for the war he would quite probably have achieved even greater fame. Cyril fortunately continues as Vice-President and it is hoped he will still be seen at various functions.

The Loughborough League too show few changes but one significant one is that of Chairman. Dave Arterton has done Trojan feats for the Loughborough League over the past few years but has now decided to vacate the chair. He is succeeded by Les Calma, who hails from Liverpool. Lee is very active in the coaching sphere in Loughborough. Dave, manager of the Loughborough Sports Centre has always been of every assistance when table tennis matches needed to be staged there and it is no little credit to him that within the last two seasons an international (England v. Hungary) and the Rasmussen tournament have been staged in the town as has the Rasmussen tournament.

The Hinckley League continues to flourish under the guidance of Ernie McLeish and there is every likelihood of two divisions operating this season.

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**TABLE TENNIS BALLS**

by Victor Barna

To those who are not quite familiar with table tennis it may be as a surprise that the game was played so far back as the beginning of the century. However, at the outbreak of the First World War the game died down, and it was not until around the early 1920's that people started to play it again. For one reason or another it quickly became popular in many parts of the world, as far apart as London and Adelaide. Eventually in 1926 the International Table Tennis Federation was formed, and the First World Champions took place in early 1927. From then on the sport has never looked back, and today there are over a hundred national associations belonging to the International Table Tennis Federation.

This is a very short history, and I only mention it so that you have a better idea when talking about table tennis equipment. Actually, here I only want to discuss table tennis balls.

In the early 1900's the ball used was made of cork coated with rubber. The idea worked; cork became the material for table tennis balls.

When the International Table Tennis Federation laid down the rules of the game they had no difficulty where bate or the size of the ball, etc., were concerned. They could experiment and see what was best for the game. However, where balls were concerned it was a different matter altogether. There were not many ball manufacturers, and their products were not good enough for serious table tennis. Hence rules were made to suit the equipment available rather than the other way round. The balls were to be made from celluloid, a material which expands in heat and contracts in cold, thus exhibiting different playing characteristics. Complaints from players never ceased. Even today it is very common to see players spin many balls on the table before beginning a game, to find a ball which is spherical.

Personally, throughout my career I have never worried about the size or weight of the ball; the most important thing to me was that the ball was truly round. If it was round, I did not have to watch the bounce, and I knew exactly how it would behave. If the ball was not round I had to watch its bounce very carefully, thereby losing speed, timing and accuracy.

There is no need to say that I was delighted when a few years ago I was sold by our Dunlop research people that they had developed a new manufacturing process utilizing a material other than celluloid for making table tennis balls. This new material is not affected by different climatic conditions or storage, it would last longer, play better, and, what is very important, would not be inflammable.

As I said, I was delighted, but little did I know about the difficulties that lay ahead. To begin with the balls were “too good”, inasmuch as they bounced too high by the standard laid down by the rules. Therefore, the material had to be changed slightly. Spin tests for accuracy had to be developed, other special tests were made for durability, sphericity, forward bounce, etc., etc., etc. All this has taken a lot of time, much effort, and special care and attention. I am not going to make this article too long, let us simply say that we in Dunlop strongly believe that in the New Barna Super Ball we have the ball of the future. Present production shows an absolutely regular bounce which makes play much easier, and the balls are perfectly round. Climatic conditions have no effect whatsoever on a ball of the future. Present production shows an absolutely regular bounce which makes play much easier, and the balls are perfectly round. Climatic conditions have no effect whatsoever on the quality of the ball, on the future. Present production shows an absolutely regular bounce which makes play much easier, and the balls are perfectly round. Climatic conditions have no effect whatsoever on the quality of the ball.

Personal — I believe that the quality of the ball is going down and the price is going up.

We are very proud to be the first to introduce this revolutionary new ball. In all respects it is better than the old type celluloid ball and, of course, it is gaining popularity all over the world. Naturally we expect our rival manufacturers to play down the advantages of the New Super Ball. One thing they might say is that it plays slightly differently from the celluloid one, but 90%, of the players will not notice any difference whatever. If there is a difference, it is very slight, and two minutes play is enough to get accustomed to it. I am pleased to say however that the manufacturer has said this is a bad ball. Furthermore any difference is for the better and the ball is being rapidly accepted over the world for its many advantages.

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**WOORESTERSHIRE NOTES**

by Ian R. Crickmer

More than usual interest.

In the ever-decreasing period between one season and the next, there has been more than the usual interest for Worcestershire followers. The return of John Wright from Division 2 West, for 1971-72, and the entry of a Veterans' side for the first time, made a total of 22 fixtures to be fulfilled in the coming campaign. This increased activity is made possible by the improved financial position reported at the Annual Meeting, but caution must remain with the expenditure in these additional calls to be met.

Not yet resolved is the main talking point of recent months: the Special General meeting to be held on September 19th will reach the final decision on the controversial proposal that only players competing regularly in the County League can be eligible for Worcestershire team selection. The advocates of this move feel that the holding County Championships must be in regular opposition to the holding combaters, and that this would, in any case, raise the entire playing standard within the County League.

On the other hand, the Worcester League representatives, in particular, would have difficulty in implementing any such decision, as their top men are required for Midland League fixtures, and would not welcome any increase in their playing commitments.

It was with regret that members learnt of Ken Green's illness during the summer, Ken, one of several Laurismen exile active now in Worcestershire, took over the mantle of County Secretary at the end of May, but, before taking up his duties in full, was admitted to hospital in mid-June. Let us hope he makes a complete recovery, and soon resume his dual role of player-administrator.

Another event appointment of that of Redditch's Eddie Mitchell to the unenviable task of succeeding John Wright as the K.S.T. T.A. Competitions Secretary. With the expansion of school's activities in other parts of the country, it is gratifying to learn that Eddie and Brian Selby of Huddersfield are leading a move to form a Worcestershire Schools' Association, to cover the scope exists if that initial breakthrough can be made.

Congratulations to Clive Kendall who has now been awarded the Diplomas One Star Coach status. Clive, just 19, made his County second team debut at the end of last season, but has been active at coaching rallies and courses for some years; his enthusiasm and willingness to help and encourage others has been recognised in an award which probably makes him the youngest Diplomas Coach in the country.
TWO-TIER QUALIFICATION FOR REFEREES

by GEOFF JAMES
Chairman Umpires and Referees Committee

"Oh, Oh, What a Referee!" says the king of old sprinters, Billy Cotton. "Refer to Referee is the stock answer to many an umpiring problem called from the more conservative I.T.T.F. But by what means is it possible to introduce a system in which the public could have the right to be taken by another committee official, present and capable of deciding. Such a situation was manifestly unfair both to those serving police and to the official who was in fact having to dispense it. Thus the Association originally tightened up its regulations the first rationalisation was an insistence on experienced referees and later that he should be approved as such by the Umpires and Referees Committee.

However, even this was only a first move step in the right direction. With full inspection of every tournament being impractical—as well as somewhat undesirable—this meant that a list of approved referees was drawn up, based on the County or National Umpire qualification to ensure at least some knowledge of law—and a lack of any adverse report on previous refereeing occasions. This was a mere expedient and totally unsatisfactory in virtually all respects. Good Umpires have to prove they are good umpires, but not that they are good referees, while many experienced referees have neither time nor inclination to become good umpires, and in any case lists compiled on such inadequate data result in anomalies which discredit the whole system.

Therefore the Council has approved a plan which will enable people to be qualified as referees by examination and proven knowledge gained by experience. It will be counted to tournament referees as opposed to match referees required for international matches, county matches, etc., which is a subject that will be examined once the present scheme is in operation. There will be and two grades of which the lower will be "Tournament Referee" and the higher "National Referee". Qualification for each will follow broadly the present County and National Umpire test but there will be certain significant differences.

COUNTY NOMINATION

Candidates for both grades will be accepted only upon County nomination and will be required to show experience of tournament organisation either as referee, assistant referee or tournament committee member. Also, Tournament Referee candidates must have passed at least the written part of the County Umpire test and National Referee aspirants must have successfully completed the written part of the National Umpire examination.

Candidates for the lower grade will then be required to complete a test paper, in their own time and with access to reference books. The paper will require a knowledge of most referee’s aspects of tournament organisation and will include a general exercise in tournament planning and scheduling.

National referee candidates will be required to take a similar test but under examination room conditions and without access to reference books. Followed by an oral test. It is intended that these higher grade examinations be taken at local centres on the same day with only those who reach a certain standard being called to other centres for interviews at a later stage—thus avoiding the great waste of time waiting for interviews that we have had in some National Umpire examinations.

Two major departures from the Umpire Scheme are that the Tournament Referee papers will be marked at national level instead of county and that a fee of £1 will be charged to each candidate for each grade; the fee will, however, include five copies of the necessary reference books and regulations and, for successful candidates, an appropriate lapel badge.

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION

It is intended to put these plans into operation immediately and application forms are now being sent to all counties and tournament organisers. For the present season the original published list of referees will run in parallel with the list compiled from the successful candidates but for next season, 1952-3, the Council has agreed that only qualified referees will be allowed to referee any tournaments and that only National Referees will be permitted to referee the National Championship and 3-Star Tournaments.

Eventually it is intended to bring 2-Star Tournaments into this latter category, as the major difference between various grades of tournaments are between 2 and 1-Star, but to introduce this regulation initially might make life too difficult for the more experienced. Hence the longer period to enable sufficient people to reach the appropriate grade.

Candidates will normally be expected to become Tournament Referees first and then, if they wish, sit for the National Referee Examination, but for the first season it is intended to allow candidates to sit direct for the higher grade as it is appreciated that with the ultimate extension of this grade to 2-Star Tournaments many established referees would wish to attempt the higher grade as soon as possible.

INTERMEDIATE PASS

Therefore, in the first National Referee Examination there will be an intermediate pass mark which will automatically entitle those reaching it to become Tournament Referees, even if, having reached a higher standard they fail the oral part of the National Referee test. Later in the season a test paper will be available for those interested solely in the Tournament Referee qualification and desirous of availing themselves of the right to take the test in their own time.

Let it be quite clear that the Council is not out to prevent anybody doing a job which he has already been doing for many years. If he has been doing it well, he knows the job and will have no difficulties in passing the examination and proving it. Thus we hope not only will general tournament standards be even further improved but, what is even more important, tournaments will be seen to be under the control of officials who have PROVED that they know what they are doing.

Book Review

COVERAGE FROM A to Z

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G.R.

FOR THE UNDER 12’s

SAM AND SHARON LEARN TO PLAY TABLE TENNIS

by Dolly Hemer

Considered suitable as an Xmas present for the under-12’s Dolly Hemer is to publish her newest book in November. Its contents are similar but more informative than "Play Right from the Start!" and, written as a story, should have an appeal to the children rather than to the teachers.
TIGHTROPE ON DISCIPLINE AT LEAGUE LEVEL

John Woodford

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I have found that a number of leagues do not carry in their rules the power to refuse a player’s registration at the start of the season. In many towns, the worst-behaved and ill-mannered table tennis player in the country can come to live in the area and nothing can stop him continuing to spoil pleasant evenings of competitive table tennis.

The recommendation is that leagues should check to see that their rules can, if they so wish, exclude an known troublemaker and to go one step further, add the power to terminate a registration mid-season should the number of disturbances warrant it.

Like the H-bomb, it’s a powerful deterrent which might never be used but it’s a very useful weapon to have in the league’s cupboard designed to nip trouble in the bud and save long and embarrassing arguments and the reading of letters of complaint at meetings where discipline has to be enforced.

And of course an ‘axed’ player still has the right of appeal.

SERVICES RENDERED
by ‘The Cheeky Chappie’

It would have seemed fairly obvious from the so-called controversial column written by John Woodford that despite his good intentions and his desire to cause us all to see the trick and sometimes it doesn’t. It’s called “Hikari”, and that’s Japanese for ‘lightning’. It’s very well named, because this Japanese discovery gives far more power to your drives than you ever got from any ordinary bat.

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and it would certainly appear that this is one in that category. What is the answer? Should there be a Clubman Umpire category, a lower level test for people who do not want to necessarily do umpiring in any wider sphere, or should this level perhaps be the starting point for all Umpires of any (innoculation a level) at which they would learn and put into prac­tice the fundamentals of the game before going on to the higher level?

Should the Rules section of the Silver award for Juniors be made stricter so that a better definition of the rules is given at an early age, or should the "Gold" contain a further selection of questions about the game to ensure that the best youngsters are fully aware of the precise rulings? Can the E.T.T.A. make more strenuous efforts to get the message across to all leagues and clubs so that there is less necessity for Umpires of high calibre to be used?

Or what is the answer? O.K. folks, if you can get the wooden spoon out if you wish or don't if you wish not. Do have a think about it though... and Oh yes, if you do happen to meet me in a match please watch that B...

1972 Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship

Once again sport features in the activities which are eligible for Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships. There is a section which will be of interest to anyone involved as a Coach, Mentor, or player for their own particular sport and many readers will know that Alan Hydes was successful in obtaining a 1971 Fellowship. The details are not yet finalised but Alan hopes to visit Japan and possibly China to enable him to improve his own playing ability and also to give him a wider knowledge of the coaching methods employed in major table tennis countries.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, established as a result of the National Appeal in 1965, is a unique form of memorial. It enables men and women who might never otherwise have the chance, to travel abroad, to widen their knowledge not only in their own field of activity, but of other peoples' lives and work in different parts of the world, and as a result of the experience they gain, to contribute more effectively to their profession, community and country.

There are no age limits; academic or professional qualifications are not needed, but candidates must be citizens of the United Kingdom, and must be able to convince the selectors of the worth of their project and that they have the knowledge and initiative to make full use of the Fellowship both while they are abroad and when they come back.

The grants cover all Fellowship expenses, the average length of which is three months. Interviews will be held in London in January 1972 and successful candidates will be expected to start their travels during that year.

To apply, send your name and address only on a postcard in September to The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 10, Queen Street Mayfair, London W1X 7PD. You will receive an explanatory leaflet and a form to complete which must be returned before November 9th, 1971.

The latest news from the world of table tennis is given in the Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps.

Beginning at Plymouth Y.M.C.A. on July 30th, five Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps have been held during the summer all of which have been attended by the senior Staff Coach, Bryan Morrett.

Apart from the South West camp in Devon, the other Dunlop sponsored camps have taken place at Sheffield Y.M.C.A. (North), Crystal Palace Sports Centre (South), Wessex Lodge, Norwich (East) and finally from Aug 27-29 at Cheltenham YM.C.A. (Midlands).

It is expected that for the final camp, to be held at Loughborough University over the weekend Sept. 18-19, fourteen boys and twelve girls will be invited subsequent to which the Selection Committee will draw up a new Junior Ranking List.

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Team Events

by TONY ROSS

RUSSIAN DOMINATION

Led by Nicky Jarvis, with strong support from Jan Horsham, England's assault on bat Hordashevsky, ended in the sixth set, with no luck. Jarvis won all his points in their match, including that against his conqueror at the European Junior, Martin Bradjic, and Horsham lost only one, to French defender Martin.

RETENTION

The girls' team event, retained by Czechoslovakia, was won for the fourth year out of five. Russia won a notable non-entry in this event, as their girls were entered in the Cadet team event and according to the rules could not play in both. Czechoslovakia's final opposition was provided by Hungary's Eastern Junior and Czech Loteva. After Blanka Silhanova had lost to the quick hitting Lotaver, Helga Vostova put her side ahead by beating Husia. The Czech girls won the doubles, and then the fourth set, between Vostova and Loteva, caused tremendous excitement. The Hungarian girl matched the implacable Czech hit for hit, and having won the first, 21-18, held two set points at 20-18 in the second, but to no avail. Vostova won 23-21, and ran away with the third game 21-9 and the Hungarian girl sided.

England's fortunes took a sharp knock when, having beaten a weak Italian side 0-5, our girls went down 5-0 to Luxembourg, with Linda Howard playing only in the doubles, but excelling in both. The girls won their second stage group by beating Scotland and Denmark, but lost to France in the play-offs for 7th place with Linda Howard concealing set points in a close third game with Brigitte Thaler.

In the cadet team events, the boys were to be drawn in the same group as the eventual winners, Russia, but were by no means outclassed. David Alderson played magnificently to beat Leonid Gedman and his set against the No.1, Bagrat Burnazyan, was desperately close. John Kitchener, although without success in this match, played through-out as though his life depended on the result. What more could one ask?

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Words of encouragement from Christer Johansson to Bo Isaksson during the Boys' team event final.
Ian Horsham, surprise packet in the Boys' Singles, in play in the quarter-finals against Philippe Molodzoff (France).

From the English point of view, the successes were those boys who had borne the major burden of carrying their team third place to the Team Event with a play-off win over West Germany.

NICKY JARVIS reached his allocated place in the last 16 with wins over ERWIN HERI (Switzerland) and BENT VAN DER HAM (Netherlands), and here the Teenager lived up to his former No. 1 rating with a typically lighting display which saw him save no less than five match points in an advantage third-game before going down 11-8, 15-16 to SAPRYKIN.

SPELL BROKEN

Young Essex starlet IAN HORSHAM provided one of the major shocks of the BS when, after getting through in three against first-JOSE FERDAN (Spain) and then MICHAEL FERGUSON (Ireland), he shot out the seeded EREN'TZUK 19, 18 and shocks of the BS when, after getting ever, MOLODZOFF, who had created clinch a place in the Quarter-finals.

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MAN fell at the same stage to informant STIPANCIC (Yugoslavia) and MIHAL.

Ferguson (Ireland), he shot out team win with victories by JEANNY DOM (Luxembourg) and BERT VAN DER HAM.

Victor Fursov (Soviet Union) bt Manfred Baum (Fed. Germany)

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BOYS SINGLES Semi-Finals

TAYLOR/BJORN DANIELSSON (Sweden) 18, 17.

STROKOV/FURSOV bt SAPRYKIN

TAYLOR/VALERIE FINLAY (Scotland) 16, 12.

GAZE/STIPANCIC bt STIPANCIC

Semi-Finals

LINDA HOWARD bt ELAINE TARTEN (Scotland) 19, 17.

TAYLOR/VALENCIA bt Luisina Garcia (Spain) 17, 9.

STROKOV/ANTONJAN bt BOAS/SHEILA HAMILTON.

SAPRYKIN bt JUHOS.

STROKOV/FURSOV bt STIPANCIC

ANTONJAN bt LADY HOWARD/FURSOV

DAVID ALDERSON bt WILFRED DAVIES (Netherlands) 17, 12.

BOYS DOUBLES Semi-Finals

TAYLOR/VALERIE FINLAY (Scotland) 16, 12.

HAMILTON/MAGGY LANGERS (Luxembourg) bt in Mixed Semi-Finals.

ELAINE TARTEN/JUDY WALKER bt AUSTRALIA.

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THE HALEX SUPER LEAGUE

by Lou Hoffman

Now it can be revealed, the name of the overall sponsor of the Super League, Halex, one of the greatest supporters of Table Tennis, have put their name to it and the Halex Super League is a reality.

£2000 is the amount put up by Halex inclusive of £200 for the sponsorship of one team. John Jacques, another good friend of the E.T.T.A. has also sponsored a team for £2000 as have H.X.L., Reddings Tea and the London School of Flying. These five firms will shortly be joined by another and teams will be named after them.

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In the last issue of the magazine a full explanation of how the organisation of the League will run was given. Now let me tell you the commission of the League, whose back-stage work has enabled the League to come to fruition and who will be working throughout the season to enable players and spectators to be given something to remember, and look forward to, in each match evening.

Mrs Aina Reeve is the League's Secretary with husband Norman looking after the publicity. Combining treasurerly work with being in charge of the umpires will be Mrs. Dorien Stannard, and the Referee duly appointed is Louis Hoffman, who also constitutes the enormous duties of Organiser. Fred Smith will be the representative of Haringey Council, being their Entertainment Office, and Halex will have Leslie Gilbert to represent them. M.C. will be Albert Slippay, the Assistant Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

Price of admission is 30p which will guarantee a seat. A season ticket covering the ten sessions will cost £3 and tickets will be on sale at the E.T.T.A. office or direct from me.

First matches will commence on Oct. 5th. The opening ceremony will be at 6.30 p.m. and play should commence at 6.45 p.m. There are plenty of car parks in the vicinity of the venue, and those in Groups of Four or more can obtain a special deal which will guarantee a seat and the tickets away from the trysts who will charge you double.

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New Councillors

Dorset, without a representative on the E.T.T.A. National Council last season, will have Mr. J. J. Dickinson of 151 Radipole Lane, Weymouth as their mandated for the 1971-72 season. Additionally, five other newcomers have taken over for counties previously represented by P. E. Harris (Bed.), A. M. Lijinsky (Berks.), J. R. Keeney (Ches.), P. Norman (Derbys.) and D. N. Mitchell (Kent).

Make-up of the new Council is:

Beds: G. Bebb; Berks: R. Smith; Bucks: L. Thompson; Cambs.: J. D. Davis; Hants.: M. S. Greatrix; Herts.: Scott; Suffolk: D. J. Barrett; Surrey: A. M. Lijinsky (Beds.), A. E. Upton (9), M. S. Greatrix (8), M. E. Scott (6) and P. Reid (2).

Laws of Table Tennis

From the commencement of this 1971-72 season there is a significant change in the Laws of the game concerning the ball. The Law now reads: "the ball shall be white or yellow."

Although at the moment, no yellow ball has been approved yet it is likely that yellow balls from both Halex and Dunlop will soon receive approval and this will be followed automatically by the E.T.T.A. approval.

Therefore, Leagues, Counties and Tournament Organisers would be well advised to make some local legislation to provide for the use of a yellow ball. For example, in a league match, it should be clearly defined as to who has the final choice of colour and in most cases this would be the home team. Furthermore, it may be advisable to state that the whole match must be played with the same colour ball instead of having a variation dependent upon the whims of various players.

Similarly, tournament organisers should state on their entry forms the colour of ball to be used.

Approved Balls for 1971-72

The following makes and grades of white balls have received E.T.T.A approval for play in this country:

Dunlop: Dunlop Hains Super — 3-Crown & 2-Crown

Halex: Halex J-Star & 2-Star

Nittaku: Nittaku 3-Star & 2-Star

The Nittaku ball was used at the 1971 World Championships and is approved for play in this country, however, the Schildkrort ball owing to certain difficulties in concluding a satisfactory agreement with their agents in this country. A decision will be taken on this matter in the near future on the confirmation or otherwise, of approval for this ball.

Tournament Diaries

These diaries contain details of all Open Tournaments, European League matches and other internationals and are available from the E.T.T.A. office, price £1.50 per dozen, plus 3p per ball. For orders of 12 or more the price is £1.30 per dozen and for large orders a contribution towards postage would be appreciated.

For anyone who has a cover left from last year, the printed insert only will cost 10p each, or £1 per dozen.

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Overall, the 18-strong Ostrava contingent proved to be the better team winning the series 4-3, taking four out of five titles in the South Shields tournament and completely sweeping the board in the Ostrava "Closed".

The 7-match series proved very successful, Ostrava winning the opening encounter at Langbaurgh School, Middlesbrough by 5-2 but, despite the introduction of guest star Tony Clayton, being beaten 6-3 at Billingham Synthonia in the second match.

Suffering from a bad start, the Teenagers never recovered from a 0-3 deficit and eventually lost 5-6 at Stewmen Hall School, Billingham in the third meeting.

Two matches were played on Friday, June 25 which the spoils were shared. At Hala School, Middlesbrough, Denis Neale and Nicky Jarvis were in good form and Ostrava won 6-3 but with the match score standing at 4-4 in the subsequent encounter, Stefan Koilakovič beat Neale for a Czech win.

Despite taking a 3-1 lead in the penultimate match, Ostrawa fell disastrously at James MacKinnon School, Redcar when Ostrava fought back to win 3-4 so giving them a winning 4-2 series lead despite Jarvis winning both his singles as he did in the previous match.

The final match was played at Hall Hall and turned out to be the best with Ostrava winning 3-4 although the final victory of the match went to Ostrava when Koilakovič beat Neale 18 in the third, of a truly classic set.

Linda Bashford produced her best tennis in this series winning 6 out of 7 sets she contested.

In the South Shields tournament, arranged at short notice, only Neale could halt the Czech onslaught by winning the men's singles title with a final win over Koilakovič after nearly coming unstuck against Pavel Spacek in the semi being, at one stage, one game and 1-10 down! Clayton had no joy in this tournament being to Premier Fullin in the quarters.

Philomena Clark (Northampton) excelled to reach the women's singles final but lost Millan Serafinova too good as did Linda Bashford in the semis.

The Czechs had it all their own way in the Ostrava "Closed", played at Stretford Sports Centre, the junior title being fought out by Spacek and Koilakovič with the former running out the winner.

In late August a 19-strong Ostrawa party paid a reciprocal visit to Ostrava with the leading juniors staying on to compete in the Czech Junior Open scheduled for Sept 10/11th.

Whilst on Teesside, the Czech visitors had day visits to Whitby, York and Leeds and sampled English night life with a visit to Len Heppell's Exham night club and an evening barbecue at Paul Richmond's fametous home.

Two official functions, given by the Mayor of Teeside, Alderman Rod Hall, also figured on the agenda and to cap it all off on an evening at Middlesbrough A.F.C. Social Club where the Czechs played Bingo for the very first time!

Results:

Ostrawa 5 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 4

A. Ransome bt Sondor 15, 12; lost to Spacek 16, 15, 16.
J. Walker lost to Spacek -12, 13; bt Adamek 11, 10.
D. Alderson bt Adamek 15, 10; lost to Sondor -19, -19.
Miss L. Bashford bt Miss J. Svedlerova 15, 16, 17.
Alderson/Walker lost to Adamek/Spacek -15, -12.
Ransome/Bashford lost to Sondor/Bettova 9, 20.

Ostrawa 6 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 3

A. Clayton lost to Fullin -12, -10; lost to Koilakovič 21, 17.
J. Jarvis lost to Koilakovič -13, 15; bt Hybner 21, 10.
Walker lost to Hybner -19, -20; lost to Fullin -13, -12.
Bashford bt Svedlerova 15, 16; Jarvis/Ransome lost to Fullin/Koiakovič -9, -20.
Ransome/Bashford lost to Hybner/Sedlackova -14, 17, 16.

Ostrawa 6 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 4

J. Jarvis lost to Sondor -12, -14; bt Fullin 30, 14, 13.
Ransome lost to Fullin -16, -18; lost to Spacek 17, -19, -16.
Alderson lost to Sondor -20, -22; bt Sondor 19, 21.
Bashford bt Svedlerova 25, 21; Alderson Jarvis lost to Fullin/Sondor -14, -12.
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Ostrawa 6 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 5

D. Neale bt Sondor 11, 11; bt Koilakovič 8, 15.
Walker lost to Koilakovič 7, -8; bt Spacek 16, 20.
Jarvis by Spacek 13, 15; bt Sondor 18, 14.
Bashford lost to Rettova -12, -14, -18.
Jarvis/Neale bt Fullin/Koikakovič -13, 12, 20.
Walker/Bashford lost to Fullin/Svedlerova -14, 20, -12.

Ostrawa 4 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 5

Neale bt Fullin 10, 10; lost to Koilakovič -12, -18.
Ransome lost to Koilakovič -9, -15; lost to Spacek -8, -12.
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Neale/Neale lost to Fullin/Koikakovič -13, -16.
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South Shields Open

M.S. Semin: Koilakovič bt Fullin 9, 17; Neale bt Svedlerova -19, 19, 12.
Final: Neale bt Koilakovič 22, -18, 18.
W.S. Svedlerova bt P. Clark -13, 15.
M.D. Fullin: Koilakovič bt Clayton/Koikakovič -18, -19, 25, 19.
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of China being thrown open to us in
April, Tao Ching Chun, master of
the S.S. Guilin, put the red carpet
down on the gangplank of his vessel
which berthed in Liverpool's Hanseatic
Dock.

On this occasion it was four
members of the Knotty Ash Table Tennis
Club who vacated the "jam bally
mines" and, in response to the
invitation made by Captain Chun,
the ship's Liverpool-based
agents, Lambert Bros., furthered the
case of East-West relationships.

And it was a truly diplomatic
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HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosby

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**PRIVILEGE TO LEAD**
May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the squad of National Universities, which I privileged to lead at the European Youth Championships in Cologne, for their unfailing support, tireless application to their game, and their unfailing good humour at all times.

As an indication of the measure of respect for their work, it should be recorded that when I was entwined with handling the playing of both the major Team Competitions, and with front of the seven staged events in the Individual Finals.

I am particularly grateful to the officials of the Federa-

**APPEAL FROM SWEDISH ASSOCIATION**
A club in Sweden had contacted me. They wish interchanges with clubs in London or its surround-

**PEN FAI WANTED**
I am an Indian boy, aged 14, and an T.T. fan! I play table tennis regularly, being the school champ, and am very interested in correspond-

**ST. GEORGE'S KNOCK 'EM FOR SIX!**
It is amazing what can be achieved with a little ingenuity, effort and enthusiasm. In May of this year, teams from St. George's College, Waybridge completed a most success-

**SURREY NOTES**
by Geoff Ryan
CLOSED AT GUILDFORD
John Zentiven, our National Councillor, was unanimously voted into the office of Hon. General Secretary in succession to Percy Laoe who retires to Chairman. Only other change on the administrative front was that putting Mrs. Margaret Williams in charge of the county competitions in succession to Miss Dorothy Allen.

Surrey open their Premier Division programme against Middlesex at Guildford, the 1's are away to newly promoted Sussex, and the Juniors face Essex at home.

This season's Surrey Closed will be held at Guildford, in the newly opened Sports Centre, on Jan. 29/30. Entry forms will be available from Trevor Channing nearer the date.

The senior trials were due to be held at Rookhild and Stockwell on Sep. 1st and 25th and no new faces were expected to make breakthrough, but it could be that Chris Stratham, a dedicated player from Croydon, might do just that.

It is most important that I draw your attention to the 25th Anniver-

**CALL FROM BOGOTA**
I play table tennis as a sport and I am very interested in interchanges with clubs which are interested in interchanges with us.

**From the Editor's Postbag**
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Oct. 20 Shropshire v. Kent, Junior Sports Centre, Wrexham, 7.30 p.m.

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