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THE ‘NEWS OF THE WORLD’ NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COACHING SCHEME (in association with Butlin’s Holiday Camps)

by JOHNNY LEACH, M.B.E.
GEORGE R. YATES reports on . . .

The International Front

PEKING VISIT

I.T.T.F. Officials — President H. Roy Evans, Deputy President Ken Goto (Japan), Hon. Secretary A. K. "Bill" Vint (England) and Hon. Treasurer Jules Moulier (France)—will visit Peking early this month as guests of the Table Tennis Association of the People's Republic of China.

They will be attending the Afro-Asian Championships from Nov. 13-15 when 30 invited countries from Africa and Asia will participate. This is the first such tournament to be organised in China since the Cultural Revolution.

Mr. Roy Evans made a visit to Peking in March this year for discussions with Government Officials and subsequent arrangements were made for visits to China by Table Tennis teams from England, Canada, and the U.S.A.

CANADIAN POST

The Ontario Table Tennis Association have announced the appointment of Mr. Ken Kerr of Kitchener as Executive/Tech- nical Director for the Province. The association will be assisted in this venture by a grant from the Yearly and Recreation Branch of the Ontario Department of Education.

KEN KERR

Ken Kerr, who went to Canada in 1936 from North Shields, is a player as well as administrator of the sport. In 1966, he was ranked No. 3 for Canada and represented Canada in the U.S.A. team matches. He was a member of the Ontario team for the first Canada Winter Games in Quebec City in 1967 and has been a member of the association since early 1969. Kerr's wife, June, is also a leading player and active in the organization.

The new Executive/Technical Director will be responsible for the development of the sport on a recreational and competitive basis throughout Ontario. He will work in conjunction with Sport Ontario, using office space and clerical assistance at 559 Jarvis Street. Kerr will be the sixth Executive Director to join the Sport Ontario complex, the others being Directors of Lawn tennis, Squash, Swimming and Track and Field.

Mr. Kerr took up his duties on Sept. 30.

EUROPEAN RANKINGS

For reasons which are far from being apparent—unless these appear- taining to the new I.T.T.F. rankings... Denni Neale, previously ranked at No. 10, has been omitted from the revised ranking lists recently released by the Classification Committee of the European Table Tennis Union. The new rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:

1. S. Bengtson (Sweden) (6)
2. T. Klimpang (Hungary) (7)
3. I. Jolany (Hungary) (13)
4. D. Soboluk (Yugoslavia) (41)
5. A. Sipsic (Yugoslavia) (12)
6. A. Alke (Sweden) (1)
7. K. Johansson (Sweden) (8)
8. Schles (Fed. Germany) (41)
9. M. Karakabou (Yugoslavia) (12)
10. K. Szabo (Hungary) (15)
11. I. Karagiorgis (Yugoslavia) (12)
12. M. Orlowski (Czechoslovakia) (6)
13. S. Gronovsk (U.S.S.R.) (18)
14. J. Nuss (Czechoslovakia) (6)
15. S. Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia) (6)
16. W. Lock (Fed. Germany) (10)
17. I. Tolchov (Czechoslovakia) (21)
18. Z. Budzicka (U.S.S.R.) (11)
19. M. Abraham (Romania) (3)
20. B. Kishol (Hungary) (11)
21. D. Schille (Fed. Germany) (47)
22. S. Gottfried (U.S.S.R.) (5)
23. A. Grofov (Czechoslovakia) (11)
24. A. Simon (Fed. Germany) (6)
25. J. Hampl (Czechoslovakia) (16)
26. E. Mihalicu (Romania) (9)
27. M. Rosen (Fed. Germany) (32)
28. D. Hovasil (Denmark, Germany) (19)
29. L. Anderson (Sweden) (6)
30. R. Heppner (Fed. Germany) (9)
31. J. Magor (Hungary) (5)
32. R. Popovski (U.S.S.R.) (7)

NEW ZEALAND'S GLOOM

Practically on the eve of the New Zealand Open in Sept., Ms. Neti Trnki had an accident which could have been a motoring accident.

Affectionately known as New Zealand's "Queen of the table", Neti, her husband and their two children were taken to hospital. The most serious injured was the W.G. champion, Neti, who suffered a broken pelvis bone. The news of her accident has cost glo ten North and N.Z. table tennis. Eight of the W.G. team were to fly to the tournament in New Zealand and Neti, in line for her ninth win at the tournament in New Zealand, will now be missing because of her accident.

Her many friends in the U.K. will join me in wishing her a speedy and full recovery.

In Neti's tragic absence, winner of the women's singles event at Wanzig was uns seeded Anne Stouerwho beat seventh-seeded Jeanette Boevel 6 - 15, 15 - 17, Jeannette had left for Singapore on Friday, Oct. 8.

His travels, aimed at improving his own playing ability and also to gain him a wide knowledge of the coaching methods used in Asia, will take the Yorkshire left-hander to Japan and, possibly, China. Alan is due back in this country shortly before Christmas.
knocked out the favourite, Yvon Maugras. Three sets to one in the quarter.

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It is often said that table tennis is not a spectator sport but what is done to cater for the spectator? The spectator wants to see the best players, to know their names, to know which table they play on and also to know the state of the game.

To find this at most tournaments he has to wander round a dozen tables, listen to an inadequate loudspeaker system, ask lots of questions and try to catch what the umpire is whispering above a background of noise.

I would like to see a name board (as illustrated) and scoring machine at each table plus a "Centre Score" for selected matches (comfortable seats at extra charge). What about a programme giving details of the seeded players, times of quarter-finals, etc., etc., etc.

On a final note, why do we not have "Graded Player" Tournaments based on the Master Points system, i.e. unless you have scored a certain number of Master Points you will not gain entry to a 3-Star, 2-Star, 1-Star tournament?

Come on you Tournament Commissioners! Righten it up a bit and perhaps you might even get a member of the National Press to try out one of your ringside seats.

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Carshalton, Surrey.

A QUESTION OF WORDS

From my recent experience in assessing people for the E.T.T.A. Junior Proficiency Awards, I would like to comment on the great popularity of these awards, but also to point out the practical difficulties in the assessment of the candidates, which makes it ambiguous, inconsistent and sometimes paradoxical wording on the instruction leaflets published by the E.T.T.A.

To illustrate this criticism, and also to justify my four descriptions of the wording, I would like to give the following examples:

Firstly, to quote from the instructions for Silver Award candidates: "Correct 40 balls... Errors allowed 5 for 20 successes..." On one hand we are told that there should be 20 services, and on the other, that there should be more than 20 to compensate for errors, which is paradoxical.

Fourthly, the requirements are inconsistent due to the fact that some mention "3 errors for so many successes" and others "5 errors in so many successes".

Of course no one wants the leaflets to sound like a lawyer's brainstorm, but simple alterations of phrasing would, in various cases, aid clarification.

BRIGHTEN IT UP!

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In Division 3, the match between Loughborough and Cheltenham resulted in a 6-4 win for the former. Loughborough have entered a men's team for the first time and there is no doubt this will prove beneficial.

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I REMEMBER

It is not often we can praise the present by comparison with the past. But my first Table Tennis News for many years is really a splendid production. Printed on quality paper, skillful layout of news, comment and adverts, jolly good.

Conversely under Principal Factors, surely until the sport is pushed under the mat as a mediocre juvenile game, the Cinderella of major sports, not only are more sports centre courts required but also the hiring of Church and school halls in the evenings to self-supporting Table Tennis Clubs. If other sports can readily find supporters; four or five pounds per season, why not Table Tennis?

In this turn would answer Mr. Woodford's justifiable complaint over players' bad behaviour, swearing and worse. It is rare to find this in self-supporting clubs where players have a vested interest. I remember the days, many years ago, when our club tables, after each session, were folded, covered and well high kicked good night.

We played and paid for our mutual pleasure and property but it still allowed room for the competitive player to try for the "Stars".

V. HUDSON, (O.A.P.)
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Eastbourne, Sussex.

MIDLAND LEAGUE
by Philip Reid

HUGHES UNBEATEN FOR LEICESTER

Leicester celebrated their return to the Men's first division by taking a point off Nottingham. It was a closely-contested match throughout but Graham Hughes— he was unbeaten in the second division last season—remained invincible for Leicester.

Hughes struggled to beat John Ellis but had a comfortable win over Al Saunders, who had earlier beaten both Charlie Jacques and Paul Tandell. Tandell, in fact, won two but Jacques was perhaps a little unlucky to lose all three.

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FOR THE RECORD

The hand of friendship being extended on board the S.S. Guilin (More East-West Diplomacy. T.T. News, Oct.) is to John Ainsworth and not to Allan Hall as mis-captioned.
In a statement to the Press he said the Government has decided to expand the Sports Council, to give it executive powers and widen its responsibilities. As its first Chairman, he has been asked to take over the vital task of senior team managers and will not be available for most of the veteran matches. However his skill, experience and enthusiasm for the game would make a big difference to the series which might help them finish near the top of the Eastern Division this season.

The other trials were also very successful, the group system bringing a lot more enthusiasm into the play than has been evident in recent years.

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In June, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, M.P., Minister responsible for Sport, announced that the Sports Council would become executive in status and Dr. Roger Bamister would become its first Chairman.

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For twelve years, the STEADFAST MAGAZINE table tennis tournament has been attracting upwards of 250 Boys Brigade Companies each year.

These teams of three or more come from all parts of the British Isles, from Inverness to Plymouth.

Each year, "Finals Day" is held in various parts of the country, and consists of the semi-finals and final, together with a demonstration match played by a "Guest of Honour" from the table tennis world.

This year's Finals Day was at the Northwood Sports Stadium, Stoke on Trent, when the competing teams were the 9th Perth, 1st Louth, 8th Nottingham and 2nd Bournemouth. This was the sixth appearance of 1st Louth at Finals Day, and at last they were winners of the Shield for the first time, after an exciting final with the Nottingham.

Peter Taylor makes his debut as a public speaker

DERBYSHIRE NOTES
by Walter Reeves

SURPRISE FOR FRED

Fred with his son and County Chairman Tony Chatwin from 823x1173.5

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Guest of Honour was Peter Taylor, the sixteen-year-old lad from Storrfield, near Hinckley, younger brother of Trevor Taylor, who was the competitions' Guest of Honour at Glasgow last year.

Peter made his "first ever" public speech at the tea table, attended by the Lord Mayor of Stoke on Trent.

It is recalled that ten years ago, Chester Barnes made his first speech at Steadfast Magazine Finals Day at Sheffield.

Since Victor Barna was Guest of Honour in the competition's second year, he has, each year, provided double bats as prizes; Halley balls have been provided by the manufacturers, and each year, Jago, of Crendon, send two of their tables and surrounds.

Peter Taylor, attractive and engaging with his manners at the table being a lesson for the youngsters of today. He always present at Fred's side, his wife, Doreen, and to her also should go some share of the award.

Doreen has assisted in writing to the top players to play. Fred has been a player of the very highest order, never seeming to know about his existence.

Second team captain is Derek Marples of Chesterfield, an honour he deserves as he has been about the most successful player in the County league for the past two years both as an individual and as a member of the team.

County champion Eric Hall will spearhead the first team but there is some speculation as to who his team-mates will be.

The County League would appear to be in the doldrums with players preferring to play in the more popular Midland League. The County teams are therefore not selected on performance in the County League, hence the top players do not play.

While I can understand their attitude—the standard of play being so variable within Derbyshire—it does not help the County to develop its promising youngsters in competition against the top men within the County.

The tendency has therefore been to have an unchanged team for a number of years. Please don't misinterpret this, the best at present. But what of the future?

Lough win at 6th attempt

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It is no accident that this game has led to a reforming of world relations. It is peculiarly suited to provide both intense competition yet at the same time direct any tensions inward rather than out. It is a uniquely private space for a table tennis player to play and be committed harakiri in disgust at his own game, yet be too polite to malice towards his opponent.

But these Australians and Englishmen (nationalists never noted for their sporting warmth when competing against each other last century or so) were more than that. They played in such perfect harmony that in the end they looked to each other for understanding of their playing problems.

They apologised for lucky lets, called congratulations for good shots, smiled at small incidents and waited patiently if the other caused a delay. It is not so different from tennis except that on course the players too far apart for their behaviour to matter; in table tennis the combination is constant and it is worth your reputation and the crowd's favour to offend an opponent.

Another unimportant aspect of the game was that while at superb in their play was, the players were subjected to all the vicissitudes of the match. They complex missed balls, balls bounced unplayably off the edge of the table, the net fell off the net, and they missed cans snatches. They even got on their knees, hunkered down or rolled up the table, all of which made them more likely to play well.

In the fifth set the players were Pinkewich and Chay Wuvanich for Australia and Clayton and Brian Burns for England.

Paul, so, was the war, undeclared during the matches, but everyone knew all the benefits of Australia’s recent competitive adventures in the world championships and subsequent tour of China. A cool, unemotional player, he plays a defensive game and has the temperament to match. Chay, from Thailand, missed the early runs through illness and he didn’t look all that well in the fifth set. He played an attacking game with a special focus on serving, stretching forward shot taken with the wrist bent slightly forward and with such timing that the ball soared back from a seemingly deflected block. Chay’s special pleasure was in being introduced as “Chay who has been playing long enough to qualify to represent Australia”.

Both the Englishmen were attacking players. Tony Zo, from Yorkshire, was the more skilled, but Brian Burns of Wymondham was the fierier fighter. Brian was someone to conjure with. He had deep, saucy eyes, a broken nose (playing t.e.) and the build of a football forward. He was probably the weakest of the quartet, yet possed such an enormous will to win that he was the sort of competitor you wanted to have on your side.

The crucial games in the double killed Clayton serving fast to Pinkewich, who backed it viciously to Burns, who crashed at the net less to the table and, with a bold swing, carried a 2-0 lead into the fifth in Wymondham. If it was close, Charlie killed it; if it was good, he forced Charlie to err. In singles Charlie would beat Burns nine times out of ten, but Brian held the English team together to win those doubles.

Australia eventually whitewashed the Poms in the tests, though the two English teams consolidated that our tables weren’t fast enough for them and that this left Pinkewich’s defensive game unbeaten. Local rejoicing at the test was that as superb as their play was, the players were subject to all but commit harakiri in the end. They played in such perfect harmony that in the end they looked to each other for understanding of their playing problems.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

EX-PRESIDENT RETURNS

Mr. JOHN MEADOWS, President of Wymondham League, becomes County President again after a lapse of several years. Those who remember his most successful term of office in 1962-64 will wish him another enjoyable and fruitful season. Wymondham League have begun the season with a record number of 41 teams competing in 4 divisions. Already ThetfordLegien “A”’s 7-3 victory over Namats “A” in Division 1 has provided a shock Coulb Nomads long run to be coming to an end.

Norwich League, after twenty years of pressure, have at last succumbed to the demand for a three-at-a-time play, but only in their eight-team Premier Division. Divisions 1 to 9 will continue to play four in a side with an optional fifth for doubles. Norwich’s former side in their E. Anglian League match with Stonelaw included 11-year-old Douglas Bennett, the youngest ever to play for the City.

His father, Vic, is the new editor of the league’s “Monthly Marble.”

The North Norfolk league started with three home wins: Crooner 8, Dersham 2, Wymondham 7, ring’s Lynes 3: and Fakenham 6, Thetford 7, Thetford joined only this season.

Thetford’s new President is Mr. C. Waterman, Ex-President Mrs. from Bishop and Founder-Chairman John Hind becomes Hon. Life Members. There are also changes at King’s Lynes, where Mike Emmerson succeeds Maurice Ebs as Secretary.

Worthy of mention is a new promotion and relegation system at Norwich, Divisions 1 to 9 each consist of 14 teams, and, to spread promotion from the lower divisions, the top team in Divs. 4 to 8 will jump two divisions and the bottom team in Divs. 2 to 6 will drop two. Leicester have a similar scheme. I believe. In general, three teams are promoted in each division, but only one drop from Division 1 to Premier.

MASTER POINTS SCHEME

Recent enquiries have shown that there are many Clubs and Leagues who are not aware of the existence of the scheme and the following paragraphs give but a brief outline.

Points are awarded for wins in League matches and tournament play and certificates issued at the end of each season or tournament. Players can collect the certificates and when the number of points gained amount to 250 (200 for women) then a special certificate in a folder is awarded, certifying that the holder is a Club Master. Further points may be collected and the holder can program up a scale to become a League, County, Tournament or National Master.

At the present time there are 1,230 Club Masters, 140 League Masters, 50 County Masters, 7 Tournament Masters and only 2 National Masters, Denis Neale and Mary Wright. Among the Tournament Masters, Chester Barnes and Jill Hamersley are well on their way to becoming the next 2 National Masters.

This is the ninth season of operation and although supported by the scheme and approved by the South East Leagues throughout the country, we would welcome participation by any League, Club or Individual.

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Blessed with ideal weather there was no-one found lying abed on Sunday morning, September 12, as proved by this group photograph taken by Cliff Darley in the snooker rooms of Stamford Hall, University of Leicester.

E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles M. Wylie welcomed those present at the first Umpires' Conference held in this country which took place over the weekend of Sept. 11/12 at the University of Leicester's Stamford Hall. He expressed his pleasure at the support that had been given to the event and noted that 23 of the counties having an active umpires' organisation were represented.

Geoff Owen, Chairman of the National Umpires and Referees Committee, introduced the first session reminding his audience that, although it had been the committee's long-standing objective to create a more general awareness of the role of the umpire's part in table tennis, it must not be overlooked that the most important people in any match were the players.

While it was possible to enjoy playing or watching a match which had no umpire, it was doubted whether a match having an umpire but no players would attract the same interest! What was required was a balanced appreciation of the contribution that players and umpires could make to the game.

The N.U.R.C. Secretary, Colin Clements, described the work of the Committee, its policies and aims, both international and national, and the way in which its activities had increased over the 21 years of its existence. He emphasised that it had been the committee's role continually reviewing its procedures in such matters as qualification examinations, at both county and national levels, and giving as an example a proposed modification to the National Umpire examination procedures which would reduce travelling and eliminate unnecessary waiting by candidates.

E.T.T.A. Treasurer, Tom Blunt, dealt with the recurring topic of expenses. He surveyed the improvements that had been made over the years in allowances for officials at nationally-ranked events, such as the English Open, but accepted that the umpire still occupied one of the least favoured positions in the scale of expenses. This was more noticeable since the increase in prize money and sponsorship, and he gave an assurance that the Management Committee would keep the matter under review.

While it was not possible at the Conference to give simple or precise solutions to all the problems with which umpires are faced, it is hoped that those who attended found it of value to meet fellow umpires and to be able to discuss some of these problems with them and with members of the Committee.

Conclusions

The proceedings of the Conference included a wide variety of topics, but there were two areas in which there was obvious general concern. The first was that of consistent interpretation of laws and regulations, in particular the Service Law and the regulations governing continuity of play, advice to players and control of clothing. It is suggested that the N.U.R.C. should:

(a) Formulate a practical policy and issue guidelines to umpires and referees on the application of the existing laws and regulations,

(b) Consider possible amendments to these laws and regulations and, where appropriate, draft suitable proposals for submission to the I.T.T.F.

SUPPLEMENTED

Geoff Owen, a member of the N.U.R.C. since 1958, discussed the history and development of organized umpiring in England and explained how the original basic qualification of 'County Umpire' had later been supplemented by both a higher and a lower qualification, the 'National Umpire' and 'League Umpire' respectively. Among ideas which had been put forward to foster interest in umpiring was the formation of an Umpires' Club, organised on a national or county basis.

Opening the second half of the session, Ralph Gacion, the England and Warwickshire player, gave a player's view of umpiring and its drawbacks.

Geoff Owen, as team captain and Nicky Jarvis (Yorkshire) will represent England in the French Open, but accepted that the English Open was of more importance and that Jarvis, taking the place of Taylor, will represent England in the French Open being held at the Stade Pierre de COUBERTIN, Paris from Nov. 8-10. Reserve for this latter event are Tony Clayton (Yorkshire) and Susan Howard (Surrey).
Affair. It must be carefully constructed for the coming and future seasons. Our national scene. They are:- George (Chairman of the National Selection Committee).

POLICIES

1. Any successful plan, however small, is not and never can be a hit-or-miss affair. It must be carefully constructed and organised with the same meticulous care as a military operation. Doing this in mind, therefore, called an early meeting of the new Selection Committee to prepare for the coming and future seasons. Our plans and policies are detailed below.

2. The success of the Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps over the past season has prompted us to further promote these Camps for 1971/72. So that we may be as unbiased as possible in our assessments, it is planned to have two judges of a known standard attend each Camp—-they will provide a yardstick of ability.

3. The Coca-Cola points scheme will operate again this season and will be regularly published in the pages of the Magazine.

4. It is intended to publish three Senior Ranking Lists during the season for the guidance of Tournament Organisers. These will be made as near as possible at the end of October, the end of January and at the end of the season.

5. Although still at Birmingham University, Brian Mitchell has opted for consideration by Lancashire after a season with Warwickshire, and he together with Philip Bowen will approach the challenge for Premier Division places.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

MITCHELL RETURNS

Exhausting trials at Bolton's College of Technology, coupled with early season results and last season's performance, were all taken into consideration before the Red Rose selectors came up with their initial ranking lists of the season which are:

Men
1. A. Boosman (Manchester)
2. R. Fordshaw (Manchester)
3. D. Parker (Preston)
4. B. Mitchell (Bolton)
5. P. Bowen (Manchester)
6. J. Keough (Burnley)
7. W. Allanmuir (Liverpool)
8. B. Crook Snr. (Preston)
9. C. E. Lang (Bolton)
10. B. Parkinson (Blackpool)
11. A. Rigby (Preston)
12. D. Cotrell (Blackburn)

Women
1. Mrs. D. Johnson (Rochdale)
2. Miss S. M. Lisle (Manchester)
3. Miss S. Manning (Liverpool)
4. Miss B. Williams (Liverpool)
5. Miss B. Kirkman (Liverpool)
6. Miss K. Bennedale (Liverpool)

Boys
1. Parker
2. F. Riley (Bolton)
3. M. Foulkes (Blackpool)
4. B. Crook Jnr. (Preston)
5. G. Young (Bolton)
6. C. Barratt (Bury)
7. A. McCarthy (Blackburn)
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Kent will be running two extra teams, the Junior 'A' side, along with Junior 'B' side, in the County Championship this winter an increase of two. The additional sides are a second Junior team, which will be used as a nursery for younger players who it is hoped will graduate to the first junior team in the future, and a veteran team which will compete in the veteran competition.

The Junior 'A' side will be hoping to improve on last year's fifth position in the Premier Division but it will be a hard struggle which will not be made any easier by the retirement of Pauline Peddock and the departure to Norway of Paul Guttormsen, a young player who might well have made the senior side this year.

The prospects are that the selectors will have to continue with the same men which means Tony Peddock will again be boosting to John Dabin, Ken Baker and Henry Buist for support. The three home matches are against Yorkshire on December 4th, Lanark on January 1st and Newbury 'D' in Division Two on February 26th, all attractive matches that should bring good crowds to (probably) Sittingbourne, Ashford and Maidstone.

The County League continues to expand. This season there will be four divisions in the Men's Section with an entry of 34 teams. Bromley 'A' will start favourites to retain their title but they can expect a strong challenge from last year's runners-up Beckenham 'A', Canterbury 'A', who finished third last season, were the only East Kent representatives in the First Division but they are now joined by promoted Folkestone 'A' who were second to Bromley 'D' in Division Two.

The Ladies' Section of the Kent League will again run in two divisions but this time there will be eight teams in each as compared with seven last season. N.W. Kent and Maidstone 'A' were easily first and second but should do well again but the gap between them was only one point so Maidstone could well reverse the situation come next April.

The Junior Kent League numbers are again up with twenty-six teams competing in three divisions. Bromley 'A' have won this title every year since 1965-66 although they were somewhat lucky to do so last season, the title eventually being won for them by their 'B' team who surprised everyone by beating the eventual runners-up Canterbury 'A' in the last match of the season.

Unlucky for Canterbury they have lost Simon Hall an outstanding Junior who has moved to Suffolk. Simon last season was good enough to win the Canterbury Under-21 competition from an entry of over 60 players whilst still being young enough to enter the Under-18 competition. Suffolk's juniors are advised to keep their eyes on this young man.

Summer Leagues continue to grow in number in the county. Canterbury pioneered theirs on a handicap basis in 1970 and the competition now extends to a strong challenge from last year's runners-up Beckenham 'A'. 'Canterbury, who finished third last season, were the only East Kent representatives in the First Division but they are now joined by promoted Folkestone 'A' who were second to Bromley 'D' in Division Two.

Six divisions of the Canterbury League. Six tables were used and each team of four played sixteen singles and four doubles. Play started at 3 p.m. on a hot Saturday afternoon and went on for 7 hours, a test of everyone's stamina. In a well-contested match Antwerp won 73-47.

The return match was planned for October.

HUNTINGDON AND PETERBORO NOTES

by David Obee

STARS IN THE MAKING?

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Coaching Activities
Venturing an opinion
by HARRY DIGNAN
Chairman, Northern Coaching Panel

Over the past year or so, Northern Staff Coach Peter Simpson and I have spent some time on behalf of the Northern Coaching Panel visiting the Northern Counties on their own ground, at coaching meetings, Regional training centres, etc., introducing them to involvement in coaching commitments, and encouraging them to establish in all our county coaching schemes the "tree system" as under... E.T.T.A. NATIONAL COACHING AND SCHOOLS

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Purely and simply this is to give coaches, at all levels, an awareness of coaching involvement and to introduce a network of upgrading and posting on both youngsters and coaches through our coaching system.

There is the biggest turnaround for some years when the officers were elected at the County A.G.M. in July. Brian Gordon, treasurer since 1956, resigned due to his impending move to Dorset, and Bill Kocher took over the secretariatship from Lilian Rymill. We have not lost Lilian, however, as she now holds the purse strings.

There was, however, competition for the post of junior match secretary and Fitcher Bernard Howley, the guiding light behind the coaching centre at Littlehampton, became the incumbent in place of Worthing’s John Peate.

Better local conditions and competitions and practice facilities are a must for so many.

THE COACHING SCHEME

Due to the increased amount of activity generated by all table tennis enthusiasts there is a constant demand for more and more coaches at Teaching Establishments, Clubs, etc. The Coaching Scheme is always happy to accept new members within its various grades and arranges courses throughout the country to assist its instructors to achieve their techniques.

The Scheme and requiring more details should write direct to the chairman of the National Coaching and Schools Committee who is—Mr. A. G. Stiggins, Mayfield, South Green, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex. Phone: 0206-28313 (home).

INTERESTED? often come to the Scheme from Education Authorities requiring a skilled instructor and only people within the Scheme are recommended for this type of work having in mind some courses are paid quite handsomely.


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ENGLISH CLOSED

This season’s English Closed Championships will be held at Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre from Jan. 6-7/2 will combine both Senior and Junior Championships.

The Junior events will commence on Saturday, Jan. 6, with the mixed doubles and the four remaining events will be played throughout Sunday, Jan. 8.

Mr. Geoff, Daniats of 89 Harvey Road, Welborne, Ashford, Kent (Phone: 0233 25634) (E) is the Organizer. The Referee will be Mr. W. P. Flitch of Middlesex and Mrs. Dennis Stannard will be umpires. Dennis will be pleased to hear from such qualified persons available to assist and she may be contacted at 11 Pembroke Road, Acton W3. (Phone: 01-992 4728) (H).

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The First Middlesex Junior Open

by JOHN WRIGHT

A NEW tournament is shown on this season's E.T.T.A. Calendar, the first Middlesex Junior Open. There have been some comments as to why a County as large as Middlesex should have waited so long before undertaking a venture of this nature; one big problem has been the lack of a suitable venue. The completion of the Walford Sports Hall at Northolt means that a good venue is now available and accordingly a tournament is being run on January 15/16, 1972.

This will not be "just another Junior tournament" as the Committee is putting into practice three things not done at most Junior tournaments. The first of these concerns the Mixed Doubles event: there will be no ties! A strange step? Possibly, but conversations with some leading officials in Junior circles have given the impression that, while the Boys will play "mixed" if there is an event, few are really interested. It is thought that most Junior tournaments play U/13 and U/15 on one day, and U/17 on the other: this leads to far more matches being played on one day than on the other.

Not holding a Mixed Doubles means we put into practice our second point: Boys U/13 and U/15 will be played on the Saturday together with the Girls U/17, leaving Boys U/13 and U/15 to be played with Boys U/17 on the Sunday. A more even distribution of the number of matches to be played results, which means that more competitors can be accepted.

This leads on to what could be the most important and interesting feature of the Middlesex Junior: in each singles event an "automatic consolation" event will be held. A player losing the first match actually played will be placed in the consolation and the same draw will be used: first match winners move to the right of the draw (as usual) whereas first match losers move to the left of the draw and then must continue winning to continue movement to the left. This automatic system has the great advantage over conventional systems of saving time on the day, always so important.

We do feel that an effort should be made to provide more than one singles match: groups of 4 are good but time-consuming; groups of 3 are not all that good for the player who loses his/her first match as this means probable elimination from the event (even often does the "A beats B, beats A situation arise?) And of course a group of 2 becomes a straight knock-out if a player fails to arrive. Our system guarantees two matches, with the second offering more play still if won.

There will be no extra charge for the singles consolidations, and despite this fees will compare most favourably with other tournaments. This has been made possible by sponsorship: the entire prize fund being put up by Currys, the country's leading supplier of household electrical appliances. Rather than give prizes, we are presenting Curry Gift Vouchers: these will be exchangeable at any branch of Curry in the country for goods of the winner's choice (and with over 400 branches no winner is going to have much of a journey to select his prize).

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We think this gives a fair breakdown of the very generous prize fund total of £200, and we would like to draw attention to the fact that we are giving the same prizes to boys and girls. In addition to prizes, certificates will be awarded as a permanent momento.

Already a number of requests for forms have been received; Junior County Match Secretaries will automatically be sent entries for their players. Comments would be of great interest to the organisers.

International Club

by LAURIE LANDRY

NEALE SUPERB WITH HARD-RUBBER BAT

Possibly the best of the Club's own Hard-Rubber Bat Tournaments was played at Manchester V.M.C.A. on Sunday, Oct. 5, the day after the North of England Open.

Denis Neale, fresh from winning the men's singles title the previous day with his ordinary bat, took up one of Chairman Les Cohen's old hard bats and swept through the field beating Derek Schofield and Mike Johns before accounting for Jeff Inger in the final.

The final was a "classic" with Inger getting better and better and pushing the second game. Final score to Neale were 14, 20, 18.

Many other wonderful sets were played and a veritable "feast of table tennis" is expected when we have our Hard Bat Open at Barnet on Jan. 9/72. Denis Neale assures us that he will play and it is hoped a good number of County players will also take part.

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A few thoughts this month on small attendances at big events in large cities in relation to the enthusiasm of organizers and their hopes of full houses so seldom accomplished. . .

On the debit side I recall these events at which I was present but embarrassed by the acres of empty tables and a big crowd. The first one was some time ago at Hove. The occasion was an international match between England and Hungary when Sussex players and supporters fared lamentably to fill a third of the available accommodation.

The second event was last season at the Royal Albert Hall, when something like 2,000 turned out against the hall’s capacity of around 7,000. Recently, on October 5, I was once again unhappy at the small crowd of supporters present at Hornsey Town Hall to see the opening night of Leo Hoffman’s Haka Super League—a super occasion marred only by the absence of scoreboards at the tables and a big crowd.

Creditwise, a number of provincial cities have run internationals with crowds exceeding a thousand. It is to me, amazing, that London with its teeming millions cannot do better. I share Leo’s eternal optimism that he would have turned a bigger crowd into the Super League opening night but there are another nine sessions at Hornsey and I share the hope with Leo that the crowds will increase in the league programmes. But it now seems certain that few supporters are prepared to buy season tickets for the complete programme.

The immediate problem for the E.T.T.A. is trying to guess what the response will be to the forthcoming tour of B.C. China. As much as I would like to see vast amphitheatres like the Albert Hall overwhelmed with people, I don’t believe it will happen. I’ve just recalled another recent crowd “disaster”—the recent World Sport Spectacular at Earls Court when England were crushed by Yugoslavia in front of a tiny crowd.

A final point . . . a rather obvious one but I had better mention it to save finding sufficient seats will be so sought after we shall have to worry about another snag with television is spot advertising, but that’s another problem to look at another day.

Let’s face up to the fact that things aren’t what they used to be. I say that one of the main reasons for the reducing interest in table tennis by the television companies is the immense difficulty of finding sufficient camera angles with a background of people, instead of empty seats. Another snag with television is spot advertising, but that’s another problem to look at another day.

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It is all very well to say, “This is China, champions of the world, seats will be so sought after we shall attract the ticket spine!” Frankly, I don’t agree. I believe the E.T.T.A. should proceed with the greatest caution before they book massive halls, even if they can get them at this late hour. Far, far better to have halls which take around 2,000 with “house-full” boards in the major cities and more modest halls overflowing in the provinces. Even if people are turned away in their hundreds this realistic policy will pay dividends in the future.

The second season of the sponsorship agreement between the E.T.T.A. and the Coca-Cola Organisation in connection with the National Team Competitions has shown a considerable increase from last season.
Whilst it is always pleasing to report increases in the Junior events, it gives me particular pleasure to know that all leagues will feel reasonably happy with things this season.

I look forward to receiving your score sheets and I hope that team captains will make comments on the back of any interesting happenings during the matches and I wish all leagues, old and new, a happy association with us during the coming season.

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Zone 4:
Bury v Sheffield; Bolton v Chester; Stockport v Farnworth; Liverpool v Manchester

Zone 5:
Cheltenham v Birmingham; West Bromwich v Leamington; Hinckley v Derby; Lancaster v Nottingham

Zone 6:
Great Yarmouth v King's Lynn; Ely v Norwich; Lowestoft v Bury St. Edmunds; Stowmarket v Wymondham

Zone 7:
Bedford v Hants Central; Harlow v Chelmsford; St. Neots v Wadford; Basildon v Welwyn Garden City

Zone 8:
Dunstable v St. Albans; Leighton Buzzard v Oxford; High Wycombe v Banbury; North Herts v Aylesbury

Zone 9:
Hertford v London Civil Service; Southend v East London; Cambridge v Chelmsford; Colchester v Romford

Zone 10:
Dagenham v Basildon; Insurance Offices v Barking; North Middlesex v Walthamstow; Bye: Ilford

Zone 11:
Byes: London Banks, London Civil Service, Wembley and Willesden

Zone 12:
Boreham v Basildon; Gravesham v East Grinstead; Bye: Torquay; Cheshunt v Woolwich

Zone 13:
Crawley v Eastbourne; Croydon v Byfleet

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'Remember the names'

by JOHNNY LEACH

The "Boy" and "Girl of the Year" in action.

"Boss Man" Johnny Leach is here pictured (centre) with his Coaches and stars of the future.

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I shall be surprised if these new champions do not prove just as worthy as have such notable predecessors as Chester Barnes, Jill Shirley, Trevor Taylor and Karenza Mathews. Paul and Judith have a lot going for them and, interestingly, a lot in common. They are both left-handed attacking players. Both took up table tennis as a result of a father's encouragement and both took that first giant stride towards success by entering the Coaching Scheme at an early age. Judith, in fact, first entered at nine, and this was the third year in succession she reached the finals.

Attractive, auburn-haired Judith Walker has recently been chalk ing up a most impressive list of tournament victories. I certainly agree with Brian Mitchell, her News of the World coach at Butlin's Skegness Camp during the summer. Not only did Brian coach Judith Walker towards her selection as "Girl of the Year", he partnered the Yorkshire lass to success in the final of the girls' section of our Coach and Pupil Doubles competition; and also helped 13-year-old Kevin Alden of Desborough, Northants.—another of his star Skegness pupils—to win the trophy for the boys' section.

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Paul Day and Judith Walker—remember those names: because it is the unanimous opinion of eight "new generation" 'News of the World' coaches and myself that they are destined to become famous in English table tennis of the future.

At Butlin's Bognor Camp, the Grand Finals concluded with the selection of 13-year-old Gary Hamilton of Wolverton, Bucks.—another fine prospect with the sort of temperament you look for in a champion — and 11-year-old David Newman from Maldon, Essex, whose future development was assured in the hands of his father, a qualified coach.

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Dale Morris (Harrogate) (5).
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Betinda Chamberlain (Buckden) (2).
Christine Bahryj (Slough) (8).
Patricia Allen (Malpas) (4).
Sally Weelman (Reading) (7).
Jennifer Dixon (Bolton) (6).
Judith Walker (Sheffield) (1).

COACH AND PUPIL TEAMS
BOGNOR
Les Gresswell and Belinda Chamberlain and David Newman.
BARRY
Paul Beck and Janet Billson and David Jackson.
MINHEAD
Paul Harmer and Sally Weelman and Gary Hamilton.
CLACTON
Richard Yule and Christine Bahryj and Paul Trott.
AYR
Jim Graham and Dale Morris and Charles Matthew.
FILEY
Suzanna Kavallierou and Patricia Allen and Pau1i Trott.
PWLLHELI
Melvyn Waldman and Jennifer Dixon and Christopher Blackburn.

COACH AND PUPIL CHALLENGE CUPS
The Pupil Partners must be the Boy and Girl who were chosen to represent the Camp in the Grand Finals of the Coaching Scheme.
The Competitions were divided into two areas—namely North and South.
SOUTHERN AREA: Minehead, Barry, Clacton and Bognor Regis.
NORTHERN AREA: Ayr, Filey, Skegness and Pwllheli.

North of England Area Play Off—Coach and GIRL Pupil
Bognor beat Barry -18 15 14
Clacton beat Minehead 17 -7 15
Barry beat Minehead 7 16
Harvey beat Clacton 6 11
Bognor beat Clacton 16 14 11
Bognor beat Minehead 15 -20 18
Final Positions 1st Barry
2nd Bognor
3rd Clacton
4th Minehead

South of England Area Play Off—Coach and GIRL Pupil
Skennegs beat Filey 4 16
Ayr beat Pwllheli 4 19 12
Filey beat Ayr 14 16 17
Ayr beat Pwllheli 11 18
Skennegs beat Ayr 12 13
Skennegs beat Pwllheli 9 9
Final Positions 1st Skennegs
2nd Filey
3rd Ayr
4th Pwllheli

GRAND FINAL—COACH AND GIRL PUPIL
SKENNEG—BRIAN MITCHELL & KEVIN ALDEN
BEAT
BARRY—PAUL BECK & JANET BILLSON

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF "THE NEWS OF THE WORLD" NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COACHING SCHEME

GIRL
BOY
1955 Jacqueline Boucher George Fearnley
1956 Margaret Bradnum Howell Jones
1957 Carol Bagshaw George Livesey
1958 Hilda Braughton David Creamer
1959 Diane Fingering Nigel Ive
1960 Lesley Bell Chester Barnes
1961 Lesley Proudlock Colin Goddallader
1962 Pat Dainty David Brown
1963 Linda Henwood Alan Hydes
1964 Pauline Hemmings Stuart Gibbs and Jim Langan
1965 Karen Smith Trevor Taylor
1966 Jill Shirley Haydn Thomas
1967 Elaine Smith Peter Taylor
1968 Lynda Chessen Tony Langan
1969 Lynda Jones Ian Herdman
1970 Janet Hellaby Robert Hellaby

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE COACH AND PUPIL CHALLENGE CUP

1958 Diane Rowe and Barry Midgeley
1959 Diane Rowe and Nigel Ive
1960 Bryan Merrett and Judy Williams
1961 Helen Elliot and Colin Goddallader
1962 Helen Elliot and Denis Neale
1963 Michael Symonds and Pauline Hemmings
1964 Alan Lindsay and Karen Smith
1965 Chester Barnes and Maureen Keppell
1966 Ralph Gromm and David Bowles
1967 Tommey Coffey and Brian Langan
1968 Denis Neale and Tony Beaman
1969 Colin Dennis and David Rayner
1970 Alan Hydes and Robert Hellaby
**PRIDE OF PLACE**

Women's nationals yes. A 3-star title in the North Middlesex Open was Tony Clayton and Laurie Landry who, in the final against Brian Burn and David Brown, won 21-6, 21-15. In the first game they actually led 14-0.

Hence, winner of the boys' singles event was Robert Aldrich - a 5-star "wizard" of Teeside. Hence, winner of the second junior girls' title by beating Neil Howard. 2

First senior tournament of the season was the Tewkesbury 1-Star Open. Held at September 29th, produced one of the best junior boys' finals seen in a long time. Lancashire's Donald Parker eventually just made it against Simon Howard (Cheshire) in a fierce deciding game.

Good as this Cheshire success was, so too was that accomplished by another teenager, James Day (Warwicks.) who lost 1-15, 1-15, but bounced back and, in the final, won 15-13, 15-11.

But the shock result in this event was when Susan Lisle over Karen Ellen. Swans' singles and doubles events, over Welwyn-Herts Alan Burdick and Joyce Walters, respectively.

North of England 3-Star

B. Brown (Warwicks.) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.) 18, 18; D. Alderson (Yorks.) bt P. Ward (Yorks.) 14, 18.

North of England 2-Star

J. Hellaby (Warwicks.) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.) 18, 15; A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt G. Davies (Wales) 18, 17; A. GRIFFITHS (Wales) bt E. Shenton (Worcs.) 18, 15.

North of England 1-Star

Final: JOHNS/LISLE bt G. Davis (Wales)/L. Brown 16, 16.

Supplementary Event: JOHNS bt Griffiths 13, 21.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
 BTS Williams bt N. Locke (Essex) 20, 17.

Final:
 E. Tarten (Essex) bt A. Stevenson (Leics.) 17, 14.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
 M. Mannin (Sussex) bt J. Holtam (Kent) 14, 16.

Final:
 M. Mannin bt J. Holtam 17, 22, 11.

U-14 Events

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
 A. Stonell (Essex) bt S. Hall (Leics.) 17, 18.

Final:
 A. Stonell bt S. Hall 17, 14.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
 S. Manning (Sussex) bt L. Nour (Leics.) 14, 16.

Final:
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North Herts Junior

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
 A. Bawden (Herts.) bt D. Alderson (Yorks.) 19, 21, 18.

Final:
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Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
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Teeside Junior

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**JUNIOR RANKINGS**

Peter Taylor hits the top and Linda Howard remains there

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**JUNIOR RANKINGS**

**BOYS**

1. Peter Taylor (Beds) (5)
2. Ian Horsham (Essex) (A)
3. Donald Parker (Lanes.) (A)
4. John Kitchener (Suffolk) (-)
5. Desmond Douglas (Warwks.)
6. Robert Aldrich (Middx.) (A)
7. Jeffrey Nix (Warwks.) (A)
8. Anita Stevenson (Leics.) (A)
9. John Morgan (Trent) (-)
10. Steve Rowe (Staffs) (-)

**GIRLS**

1. Linda Howard (Surrey) (1)
2. Emma Swan (Cambs.) (4)
3. Karen Rogers (Leics.) (A)
4. Judith Walker (Yorks.) (-)
5. Gillian Locke (Essex) (A)
6. Elaine Tarten (Essex) (A)
7. Janice Green (Ches.)
8. Anita Stevenson (Leics.)
9. Mandy Mellor (Derbys.)
10. Cathy Stonell (Essex)

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**Under-13 Singles Championships**

**TITLES FOR JULIE AND PAUL**

by Ian R. Crickmer

JULIE KELLY of Barking, Essex, who was without a loss in five sets, was the outright winner of the girls' competition and Paul Day (Ish of Ely, Cambs.), despite a preliminary group loss to Gary Hamilton of Hitchin, avoided further loss to capture the boys' title.

Eight boys and eight girls qualified to play in the National Finals at Loughborough's University, both Peter Taylor and Linda Howard came out unscathed with Desmond Douglas and Robert Rogers providing the shocks. Other results were taken into consideration than those appertaining in the final trial which noted the following outcome—

**BOYS**

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**Letter to the Editor**

**CELLULOID**

Dear Sir,

We were very surprised to read in the article on table tennis balls in your October 1971 edition, the statement by Mr. Victor Bama that the quality of celluloid is going down.

BXL and some of its constituent companies, have been manufacturers of celluloid for over 90 years and we can state that as far as this company is concerned the criticism by Mr. Bama is quite untrue as the high standards set for this product are not only being maintained but constantly improved.

Because of the impression which may have been conveyed to readers of your journal concerning the quality of table tennis balls made from celluloid, we must insist that you publish this letter to set the record straight.

Yours faithfully,

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teams and clubs playing in their own associations. 38 clubs mean a loss of 19 teams and 11 clubs. This set back however should not stop Wolves from again winning some of the major trophies. I hope Chabbs will be well \(\text{\textit{rewarded with some good entries for their 1-st. star tournament which will be held in Wolverhampton over three Sundays in January. The prize money totals £160 and all proceeds will go to charity. Another local tournament which helps charity in the Woodfield Invitation and this will be held on Nov. 20/21.}}\)

• \(\text{\textit{The organizing secretary for this year's event is K. Hodgkins, 35 Whitehall Road, Penn, Wolverhampton.}}\)

• Over at West Bromwich, things are looking up for they have got a junior team in the Midlands League for the first time in four years. Despite that however, their main hopes will rest \(\text{\textit{with Dorothy Deeley, Katie Perry, Ann Baker and Rita Beebee again working at Northampton these days and not playing as much tennis as he would like, will again lead the "A" team, this season will have Dorothy Deeley back in the side. In the "B" team it is good to see two promising youngsters included, Steve Rows from the Pottersies, now named No. 12 in the England list, and Wolverhampton's Keith Fellows.}}\)

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\(\text{\textit{STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES}}\)

\(\text{\textit{COMING OF AGE}}\)

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FA Cup than the West Yorkshire for the new West Yorkshire championship. "It looks more like the FA Cup than the West Yorkshire Cup," he exclaimed.

No doubt about it, the array of trophies excited a great deal of admiration.

They had been beautifully displayed during the week by Brown, Muff, who gave a special prize, themselves, and the ITA singles trophy carried off by Kedge made a marvellous centrepiece.

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Three Bradford sports shops, the whole lot cost more than £200.

Lincolnshire Notes

by H. J. Flowers

The W. H. Lewis & Son Ltd. (women’s singles) and David Cranfield & Son Ltd. (men’s doubles) were supported the event so generously.

There were rose bowls from Hield Brothers Ltd. (men’s doubles), Whitehead’s provided the Haigh Cup," he exclaimed.

The emphasis of the tournament was on the outstanding performance (Boston Motors Ltd.). With track suits from Trimda, summed it up well: “For as long as the ITTA remains in existence, we will continue to support the event.”

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Coca-Cola Awards [1970-71]

Just eighteen points separated the men's winner of the 1970/71 Coca-Cola Award from the runner-up. For, when the second successive season, became the recipient of the £200 first prize, as a runner-up, Chester Barnes became £50.

Till Hammersley (see Shirley) was the outright winner of the women's award and she also received £100 with runners-up, Karen Mathews, receiving £50.

Last season's leading Junior, Nicky Jarvis and Linda Howard each qualified for a scholarship valued at £100 each which is to be administered by the E.T.T.A.

The results were announced at a Press Reception on Monday, Oct. 18, the press being:

1. G. Brooke (Bucks.) 570
2. K. Birtwistle (Cheshire) 455
3. F. Davie (Essex) 385
4. P. Skipper (Kent) 320
5. P. Randell 295
6. G. Marlow 275

Women

1. P. Brooke (Bucks.) 680
2. P. Randell 530
3. P. Skipper (Kent) 455
4. P. Randell 435
5. G. Marlow 355
6. G. Marlow 300

Nissen Tournaments

The Nissen Invitation Tournament is this season being held at the Goldcliff Sports Centre, Beddington Road, Guildford on Friday, Nov. 19 (7.15 pm)

CHESHIRE NOTES by Vince Hankey

"A GIANT STANDS DOWN"

A legend retires! Derek Schofield has retired from county representative matches; he has not been included in the county rankings, and I feel all connected as players, spectators and official will join with me in saying a big thank you to a player who will be remembered above all for his wonderful fighting spirit which many younger players should try and emulate.

In contrast to this a wonderful opportunity for the younger players for the Cheshire juniors. Under the guidance of Simon Hope, Llan, Berkeley, Nigel Eckersley and Brian Jones, never has the county had so many players knocking at the county door. This coupled with a revitalised Cheshire Committee who has been recognised and strengthened by the inclusion of c. w. c. e. R. Keay, and very fortunate to now have Len Green as our match secretary, can only mean that Cheshire should win promotion this year.

A new Cheshire coaching committee which includes Mike John, Brian Keay, Pete Day and Honda are holding a rally at the Crown Railway Works car park, Godalming Street, Crown on Nov. 14, commencing at 10.30 a.m. All (s) coaches (p) pupils (c) potential coaches are invited to attend. Any further information contact Brian Keay, Tel: 041-973 8744.

How smart and effective the new Galley W.M.C., track suits looked at the North of England Open. If the old saying is true that you look right you will play right is any guide, we can certainly look forward to some competition to the Esteem...trencnhers.

To finish I would dearly love to hear from some of our officials in the further counties of Cheshire. Do let us have any information of interest regarding any aspect of the game within the county. Within me at 26 Northumbria Avenue, Urmston, Man.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES by Philip Reid

WELL DONE KAREN AND ANITA

Congratulations to Karen Rogers and Anita Hession who did so well at the England Junior Assessment campaign. Their final placings were Nos. 3 and 8 respectively and had Anita shown better form on the Sunday it is doubtful whether they will have the all-round strength to combat the top teams. Leicestershire W.M.C. have Ivar Wanger, Derbyshire No. 1. Junior playing for them. It says volumes for Joe's keenness that he is prepared to come over and not only play in matches but practice as well, often arriving home in the early hours of the morning. His first match in the 1st Division brought him a just reward — a maximum against B.P. Engineering.

Aless IV are setting a hot pace in Division 12 and the championship of this division could well rest between them and Hogg Robinson III.

The Rose Johnson Bowl Competition — the handicap competition for teams of four and open to all teams in the county — attracted an entry of 79.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates in respect of all competition Area, Regional and National Finals of the 1971/72 National 4-a-side School Team Championships have now been fixed as follows:

NORTH

Area 1:
Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland, Bishop Auckland (Victrion School)

Area 2:
Chester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, Blackburn (C. W. M.C.)

Area 3:
Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Yorkshire, Loughborough (Mandel Kay School)

MIDLAND & WEST

Area 4:

Area 5:
Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset. Sunday, 6 February, 1972

Area 6:
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, Southampton (Randall Sports Hall) Sunday, 23 January, 1972

SOUTH & EAST

Area 7:
Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Ipswich (Chantry School) Saturday, 5 February, 1972

Area 8:
Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex, Crystal Palace (National Sports Centre)

Area 9:
Bedfordshire, Essex, Country (Essex) (Mendes), Chelmsford (Gt. Baddow School) Saturday, 26 January, 1972

REGIONAL FINALS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1972

NORTH & WEST—CRAYSTAL PALACE (National Sports Centre)

SOUTH & EAST—CRAYSTAL PALACE (National Sports Centre)

NATIONAL FINALS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1972

At STONE-ON-TRENT (Northwood Sports Centre)

County Area Qualifying Tournaments are being arranged by County Secretaries the results of which are to be submitted by December 31, 1971.
The outcome of the last World Table Tennis Championships, held at Nagoya, Japan, early this year, is still green in memory. The results and the interesting sidelights that made the Championships so touching and human.

Those who believe in superstition will remember that the 1965 Women's World Singles Number One seed was Ohya, who was Japan's number thirteen entry. But Ohya was not perturbed. He went in search of a replacement and returned to the fray to down K. Johansson, the ninth seed, by BEEMAY of India.

For instance, Ohya broke his bat in the fourth game at 21-11 after leading 7-0 and 14-4. A bitter struggle ensued in the decider. The rivals raced neck and neck and, at 20-21, Bengtsson refused to leave the table. A great row ensued between the umpires and the Hungarian delegation.

At Nagoya, however, they were placed according to the entry list in alphabetical order during the opening ceremony. At Nagoya, however, they were placed according to the order in which the entries were received. Apparently this was a convenient way to keep at a safe distance countries who did not see eye to eye.

The tension-charged men's singles final had a comic side during the bowed. Bengtsson looked like leaving the floor with his coach, Christopher Johnsson, but the Japanese umpire rushed towards him and pushed him back. This was a bit surprising as a number of players had left the floor earlier during the five-minutes break. Nevertheless, Bengtsson changed his shirt at his end with the help of two Swedes and then his shorts, too, as a towel was held around him. Itoh, on the other hand, donned his track suit and listened to the advice of his coach and team-mates.

In contrast, the women's singles final was devoid of drama. Liu Hui-ching won in four games against her Chinese compatriot, Chen Min-Ching and the result appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Koji Goto, president of the Japan Table Tennis Association, was the man behind the World Championships. At Aichi Stadium he could have walked as if he owned the place. He did!
THE HALEX SUPER LEAGUE

by Lou Hoffman

GREAT NIGHT AT HORSEY

Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 1971 will go down in English Table Tennis history as the last match of the Halex Super League. The success of this night was such that 1 can envisage Super Leagues being formed in every part of the country, after the exact style of the Halex Super League.

Each County can have a Super League, pooling all its players and ending with the six or even eight teams of absolute equal strength. A victory by the Halex Super League.

The benefit to the Junior players who were due on first stayed in as reserve, Brian Burn had failed to settle the result in the first set. Haslam won 21-19, 21-17. A great win to clinch the match 3-4. Peter Taylor beat Aldrich 21-19, 21-11 to make the score respectable after a bad start by Jaques. Scotia won 3-4.

A truly wonderful evening of some great Table Tennis. The spares crowd, 120 people instead of the 300 expected, proved the point of some officials that London is not the place to put on anything too serious in Table Tennis. The apathy is too great.

I shall look forward with great interest to the return of the Juniors in the return matches to see if there is any improvement in their performance. If yes, then all this is worth while. The next matches are on Oct. 19 and 30th and Nov. 9th. Watch for the results in this column and in the meantime can you forecast the results of the future matches? My forecast was that every match would finish 5-4 either way. I got two out of three.

WILTSHIRE NOTES

by “Moonraker”

ARNEY - SURPRISE OMISSION

Once again Wiltshire happenings, plans and activities will be penned by “Moonraker” now solely (!) over a nervous break-down.

On the selection side, after a year as County Secretary, National 1’s Karshen-Brown has stepped down from this post (though still continuing as Wiltshire’s National Councillor, County Umpire, Fred Jennings (Swindon) has taken over the reigns of Secretaryship with Fred Garrett once more in charge.

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Nov. 7 Staffordshire v. Herefordshire, Woodfield S. and S. Club, Pennington Avenue.

Nov. 13 Buckinghamshire II v. Hertfordshire II, Beaconsfield Youth Centre, Sanders Road, Finedon Road Industrial Estate, Wellingborough.

Nov. 13 Lancashire v. Cumberland, Montague Burton's Canteen, Avenue of Remembrance, Carlisle.

Nov. 13 Leicestershire v. Derbyshire, Knighton Park T.T.C., Avenue of Remembrance, Nottingham.

Nov. 13 Bedfordshire v. Suffolk.

SECOND LEAGUE

Nov. 13 Essex v. Cheshire, Maldon Youth Centre, The Friary, Chequers Lane, Maldon.


Dec. 5 Gloucestershire v. Huntingdon, The Dome, 193 Before Road, Huntingdon.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Nov. 13 Warwickshire v. Gloucestershire, Aikon Welfare Hall, Gloucester.

Dec. 4 Worcestershire v. Northamptonshire, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford.

Dec. 5 Gloucestershire v. Wiltshire, Oxford, Old School, City Road, Weymouth.

VETERAN SOUTH

Nov. 13 Essex v. Oxfordshire, Y.M.C.A., Church Road, Gaffney, Rossetti Avenue.

Nov. 13 Buckinghamshire v. Staffordshire, Ramavers Boys' Club, Milton Avenue, off Poole Road, Gloucester.

IS THIS A CLUB RECORD?

St. Joseph's (Swindon) Table Tennis Section with the 65 trophies which they won last season and are claiming as a National Record, 4th and 12th from the left in the back row are Roy and Gwen Hazell, the club leaders.

The key members of St. Joseph's St. John's Centre's Table Tennis Section--run by husband and wife Gwen and Roy Hazell--wonder if the 65 trophies (49 by Juniors) won by their members last season is in fact a National Club Record.

On the county scene, the club boasted of supplying Wiltshire's top woman player while girl-wise the top three came from St. Joseph's.

Tittles won by club members included Wilt's Girls U-15, U-17 doubles, Swindon Senior Women's Singles and Doubles besides lifting six Swindon Junior Titles.

On the local league scene the club won the Swindon U-16, Div. 2 (men) and Div. 1 (women) championships.

DON HILLIER

YORKSHIRE NOTES by Tony Ross

NEALE BACK

With an entry in the Junior Division North to back the Junior Premier Division team, Yorkshire this season have increased their participation in the county championships to 4 teams, a very necessary move in view of the large number of talented youngsters within the county. Dennis Neale is back in Yorkshire's first team, and with Alan Romane now eager to play for Yorkshire, competition for senior places is fierce. Of the 19 players who represented Yorkshire on the first county championships weekend, none less than 11 players were from Middlesbrough's Amersham, which must be a record of some sort, and 6 were from Hull, leaving only Judith Walker and Sylvia Bedfield to show the flag for the West Riding.

However, is there a budding "Wanless" in Hallifax? League Secretary and Junior coach Geoff Barnes can call upon 9 club coaches, 2-star coach Hans Stow and county player Pat Baranow to run sessions at the Corporation's new Wollasey Park T.T.C. Centre, where there are 5 tables in use 6 days a week.

In Bradford, former county junior Jimmy Goldsborough, making a comeback after 2 season's lay-off, created a stir by defeating bolting light John Davies in an early season league match.

Luxembourg's No. 1, Jean Krier, now studying at Hull University, has joined the Hall Y.P.I. club. A left-handed exponent of the easy drive, he is keen to benefit from his stay in England, but received a stern first lesson, losing to Neil Fulbrook in his first league match.
NO REAL SURPRISES
A quiet start to the season’s heavy programme with no real upsets (but losses taken close by Lancashire in a match which might have gone the other way). Disappointing to see how few Counties bothered to send in match reports, hence the paucity of cover here. Disappointing also that it is not possible to give more venues.

PREMIER
Glamorgan 0, Yorkshire 9
G. Davis lost to D. Neale -16, -16. A. Griffiths lost to R. Cook -16, 16, -16. R. Drake lost to C. Wainwright -8, 8, 6, -16, -16. R. Broadmore to B. South -5, 12, -16, -16. JD. St. Ledger to M. Rose -12, -12, 12, -16. No. 1’s having hung up their bats at the earliest possible time is a real loss to the game. It is to be regretted there will be no Birmingham Open this season.

Lancashire 5, Sussex 3
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Dorset 5, Glamorgan II 2
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WARRICKSHIRE NOTES
by Ron Anson
CHANGE OF “CLUBS” FOR BROADMORE
Birmingham, with most of last season’s squad still available, has embarked on a considerably increased programme. Notable exception is, of course, Bob Broadmore who is now assistant professional at Harbourne Golf Club.

This talented youngster, whose ability was recognised by the English Selectors last season, appeared to be taking the transition from top junior to County senior in his stride. He will be sadly missed. All good wishes go to Bob in his chosen career and who knows, but that one day, it may well be that Broadmore, Jack Jones and “Jacko” on the last green with this “one to drop for the Open”.

Leics. 3, Buckinghamshire 1

The demand for a social recreation with an emphasis on competitive sport continues to table tennis an ever increasingly popular game to play in South Warwickshire. The Stratford-on-Avon and District Association entered its fourth season since foundation in 1966. Forty-six senior teams from 24 clubs and a new division for “Intermediate’s”, group 18-18 years, comprising 14 teams provides five senior leagues and two “intermediates” leagues featuring 16 yet newfully affiliated clubs.

Players registrations are expected to exceed 260 with about 36% from last year. A very pleasing growth I think and by the way, to the country which revolves around the history and works of William Shakespeare.

Warwickshire rankings -
Men

Womens

Boys

Girls