ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING AT TOP LEVEL

This month's Star Feature

THE CHINESE TOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
FULLY ILLUSTRATED
'Ebby' Schöler, Federal Germany’s ace defender.

Schöler, Federal Germany’s ace defender, proved that he is no mere spectator force, when, in a European League Division 1 match at Kielce, on Dec. 16, he opened the visitors’ account by beating Sweden’s world champion, Stellan Bengtsson, 21-17, 18 and then, with the match score poised at 3-all, wore down the Scandinavian Open winner, Kaj Svensson, with wins of 13 and 10 to secure a German success.

Match details were:

- S. Bengtsson lost to R. Schöler 21-17, 18;
- K. Johansson bt B. Jansen 10, 10;
- Lena Andersen lost to Dieter Schütz 12-10;
- Bengtsson/Johansson bt Jansen/W. Luck 9, 11;
- Johansson/Maria Riekert lost to Schöler/Schütz 21-19, 19;
- Bengtsson/Johansson bt Jansen/W. Luck 10, 10;
- K. Johansson bt T. Taylor 17, 13;
- M. Sugden lost to Neale -9, -19;
- Birgitta Radberg bt Karenne Mathews 14, 13, 10;
- Bengtsson/B. Persson lost to Neale/Neale 17, 19, 20;
- Bengtsson/Lena Anderson lost to Neale/Mrs. Mathews 20, 20, 15;
- Johansson bt Neale 12, -20, 10;
- J. Turial lost to B. Bengtsson -16, -13;
- L. Voskova bt R. Radberg 16, 14, 19;
- M. Orlowska/Tatjana Bengtsson/Persson 19, 19;
- Orlowska/Voskova bt Bengtsson/L. Anderson 12, 9;
- KollAtlanta lost to Bengtsson/B. Bergstrom -11, 13;
- Turski lost to Neale 16, 13, 10.

Present positions:

- Premier Division
  - P W L F A Pts
  - Hungary 3 3 0 16 5 3
  - Fed. Germany 3 2 1 9 12 2
  - Czechoslovakia 1 1 0 4 2 1
  - Soviet Union 2 1 1 7 7 1
  - Sweden 3 1 2 10 11 10
  - England 2 0 2 8 6 0
  - France 2 0 2 8 4 0

- Matches for the second half of the season are:
  - 26—Czechoslovakia v Hungary (Remscheid).
  - Feb. 2—Czechoslovakia v France (Prague).
  - 15—Sweden v France (Halmstad).
  - 22—Franz v England (Troyes).
  - 29—Fed. Germany v Soviet Union (Frankfurt).
  - Mar. 9—England v Czechoslovakia (Cheltenham).
  - 15—Hungary v Sweden (Budapest).
  - Apr. 10—France v Fed. Germany (Corka).
  - 24—England v Hungary (Southend).
  - Undated—Soviet Union v Czechoslovakia (Prague).

In Division 2 of the European League, the Netherlands figure in the role of pacemakers their latest win being by 6-1 over Scotland in Dundee in December. The result, according to Scotland’s International Secretary, Mrs. Helen Hamilton, was a fair one, the Scots being outplayed by a Dutch team with superior skills and determination.

Malcolm Sugden saved the “white wash” with a straight-games success over Bert Scotts and Elaine Smith put up a bonny fight before losing, in the deciding game, to Neelisjie van der Laan. Individual scores—

- Sugden lost to B. v. d. Helm -9, -13,
- R. Yule lost B. Schools -9, -5,
- Elaine Smith lost to W. v. d. Lam -13, 19, -17

Sugden/Yule lost to v. d. Helm/Schools -14, 13, 9.


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Other results in this Division are:
- Switzerland 2, Denmark 5
- Netherlands 4, Greece 5
- Denmark 3, Ireland 2
- Austria 6, Switzerland 1

Current league positions:

- 1. England
- 2. France
- 3. Germany
- 4. Austria
- 5. Italy
- 6. Switzerland
- 7. Scotland
- 8. Denmark
- 9. Netherlands
- 10. Greece

Figures for the second half of the season are:

- Jan. 8—Belgium v Scotland
- 2—Austria v Switzerland
- 0—Netherlands v Belgium
- 9—Greece v Austria
- 6—England v France
- 4—Switzerland v Spain
- 3—Scotland v Netherlands
- 2—Austria v Germany
- 1—Switzerland v Belgium
- 0—England v Belgium

The ‘Red’ Carpet

Once in a decade there comes an event which provides a talking point for table tennis fans throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom for many ensuing months. Just such an event was the Decademar visit of the representative table tennis team of the People’s Republic of China which stirred not only the table tennis fraternity of these islands but the general public at large from the Prime Minister downwards.

Following up ‘houses’ at Manchester and Birmingham, not to mention unparalleled attendances in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin, the very ace of culminating events was achieved at C. I., A.M. at the Board of Trade ‘houses’, each in excess of 3,000 people, not to mention admittance into the National Sports Centre.

Sponsorship for the event reached previously unachieved heights in the shape of the English Table Tennis Association, and the Hawker Siddeley Group which was placed at the disposal of the tourists, together with considerable financial assistance afforded by Mothercare, provided but two examples of the hospitality afforded our Chinese friends at the topmost level.

But without doubt, the hospitality afforded ETTA Chairman, Charles M. Wyles and the English party who made the historic crossing into China from Hong Kong last April, was matched, step by step, by the British party in response.

And it must go on record, not without the most considerable part played by Roy Evans, President of the International Table Tennis Federation, in putting his foot in the Far Eastern door, it was the ETTA’s Chairman, Charles Wyles, who really succeeded in bringing together enough to establish an East-West match which should stand the United Kingdom in every conceivable sphere.
**INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**Scandinavian Open (Gotenburg)**

**Men's Team:**

**Women's Team:**

**Man's Singles Semi-finalists:**
- Tian Weng-yan (China) bt D. Neale (England) 17, 15, 12, 19.
- K. Johansson (Sweden) bt E. Schöder (Fed. Germany) 17, 14, 20, 18, 17.

**Final:**
- Johansson bt Tian Weng-yan 17, 12, 19, 21.

**Women's Singles Semi-finalists:**
- Cheng Hua-ying (China) bt A. Simon (Fed. Germany) 16, 13, 14.
- B. Radberg (Sweden) bt J. Magos (Hungary) 18, 16, 11, 16, 17.

**Final:**
- Radberg bt Cheng Hua-ying 9, 17, 19.

**Men's Doubles Final:**
- B. Bengtsson/B. Persson (Sweden) bt A. Stipancic/D. Surbek (Yugoslavia) 17, 19, 12, 16.

**Women's Doubles Final:**
- Cheng Hua-ying/Li Li (China) bt I. Anderson/Radberg (Sweden) 17, 10, 13, 20.

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BALEARIC GATHERING

by ALBERT W. SHIPLEY

LANCASHIRE AND CHERISH AFFAIRS

by George R. Yates

Friday, Dec. 5, saw 63 members, friends and guests of the B.T.A.'s '100 Club' Board R.B.A. Airports Covert 48 Jet Flight, Tangier 678, bound for a long weekend on the Mediterranean isle of Majorca.

Having exited through Gate 13, we were delayed for a minor fault in the aircraft's ailerons, but all had been made up for by the happy anticipation of the blue sky.

On Saturday morning, a mixed doubles tournament was held with 16 entries, all given handicaps suitable to their ability. This hilarious event was won by Gordon Staggall and Jean Crayden, who had to beat each other twice in players in Mary Wright, the winner of a similar tournament against Staggall and Jean Crayden, no doubt on foreign soil were Mr. K. Woodward and Mr. G. Campbell, £10, none of whom seemed to be remembered.

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Bury 3 1 1 1 1 1 3 3

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Manchester 3 2 0 1 2 9 1 4

Burnley 4 2 1 2 1 8 3

Crewe 3 1 0 1 1 0 0

Nelson 2 0 0 2 0 0 0

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Lancaster & Morecambe 7, Wirral 2
Warrington 2, Bury 7
Chester 4, Manchester Banks 5

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

THE NORFOLK CLOSED, after two seasons at King's Lynn, returned to its native home, the fine modern Sports Hall of the University of East Anglia. The main hall, some 120 ft. x 60 ft., and 60 ft. high, with cement floor and ceiling of illuminated aluminium, easily took eight players, all of whom were justified in feeling a little puzzled by it all as they had been trying to fulfills their part of the contract.

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Norfolk Juniors found Cambridgeхire too strong and lost 2-8.

For Norfolk, Andrew Board beat Chris Fuller and Peter Butcher, and Peter Maybury won their doubles.

Doreen. Yates, Mrs. Albert Shipley, Mrs. Ivy Evans and Mrs. Gladys Goldenstein

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Laurie Landry, Malcolm Sugden and which, 12 months earlier, had incurred came into his own by winning the of a game, his fitness and speed being the deciding factors.

In the women's singles, Kaaretta Matthews was eliminated by Stielag Hession, after the Midlandes international had a difficult time in the previous tournament at Spoke.

Laurie also provided the highlights at the 43rd HALEX MIDLAND COUNTIES 3-Star OPEN, played at the Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre, Watery on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Tony Clayton and Laurie Landry reached the men's doubles 'semis' in reaching the men's singles final with Clayton easily reversing the decision which went in Taylor's favour at Southend. It was the first men's singles success recorded by Barnes this season following three final defeats in the Sussex, Woolwich and Southend Opens.

Southend 2-Star

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
- A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt P. Beck (Surrey)
- S. Gibbs (Essex) bt E. Coster (Middx.)
- J. Williams (Sussex) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.)
- S. Howard (Surrey) bt J. Hammersley

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
- L. Howard (Surrey) bt J. Hammersley

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
- J. Walker (York) / A. Painter (Staffs.)

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
- T. Taylor / A. Painter (Staffs.)

Finals:
- J. Walker / A. Painter (Staffs.)

Merseyside 2-Star

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
- S. Howard (Surrey) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.)
- A. Summerfield (Ches.) bt L. Sutton (Yorks.)

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
- J. Walker (York) / A. Painter (Staffs.)
- A. Summerfield (Ches.) bt L. Sutton (Yorks.)

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
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BERKSHIRE NOTES

by ROBIN LOCKWOOD

The Royal County of Berkshire has started this season’s senior campaign with convincing wins of 6-0 over Oxfordshire and 6-4 over Hertfordshire. Having spent far too long in the ‘golden’ of the Southern division, the time appears to be ripe for a ‘great leap forward’ into Division 2 South. Recently strengthened by the acquisition of Arthur Chilvers (late of Northumberland) and with three young representatives in the side—Gary Harding (17), Joyce Taylor (18) and Caroline Reeves (14)—the County looks set for its best season in years, with (one hopes) even better things to come!

On the junior front the first match of the season resulted in a 2-8 loss to Sussex. Unfortunately we had been unable to field our strongest team, and we felt that a better result could be obtained in the second match against Hampshire. Our confidence was not misplaced as the team of Gary Harding, Chris Webb, Brian Swetter, Caroline Reeves and Karen Mashford won the match by the comfortable score of 8-2. This team can expect more victories before the end of the season.

Congratulations are due to Gary Harding and Caroline Reeves on being listed in Group ‘A’ of the Juniors. This is almost certainly the first time that the Royal County has been represented in both boys and girls listings at the same time!
Bolton meet Stockport in the Zone in Nigel Eckersley. It looks like being introducing yet another Cheshire man a real gathering of the clans when 8-1 win over Leeds. And, in step, mott Cup holders, North Yorkshire, Ransome and Jimmy Walker, Wil­lerton.
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ROSE BOWL

Manchester 3, Bolton 5

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Tony Beach and Kevin Fones scored a win for Manchester.

Leeds 0, Leiceslter 6

Lancashire’s top women, Diane Johnson and Jacques crushed Leaming­ton for Leeds over Jimmy Walker.

Bos ton 6, Doncas:ter 3

A good win for the young team from Hertiorton over the experienced Oxford side. Peter Taylor was in fine form to record a maxi­mum, whilst Mike Harper won two.

North Middlesex 4, Barking 5

The visitors were slow to start, and found themselves 1-3 down in six sets. Halley’s 2-straight wins over Aldrich turned the tide and brought Barking back into the match. Robertson put Barking into a 4-3 lead and it was left to Robert Halley to beat veteran Les Huffman to clinch it for Barking.

Fall praise to Michael Waldman who was unbeaten for N.M.

London Banks 3, Wembley 6

The ‘banks’ won the first two sets and then Wembley came back to win the next three. The home team pulled back to 5-3, but then the visitors clinched it by winning the last three sets.

Anthony Law two.

East Grins:te!d 1, Tunbridge Wells 8

A very close match with the result depending on the last set. Two very even teams provided some first class table tennis with fortunes swaying one way and then the other. The visitors fought back to 4-4 after being 2-1 down. Sunshine Manning was the hero for Liverpool when she beat Mrs. D. Dolley to win the tie. Full marks to Miss Mary Leigh who won three for the losers.

Wembley 3, Grimsby 6

A fine maximum by Betty Caseall was to no avail as Miss P. Halse, Mrs. C. Morzin and Mrs. C. Willmore all won two sets each for the visitors.

Spalding 6, Hull 3

Another fine maximum from Jean White gave Spalding this fine win against a very strong Hull team.

West Bromwich 5, Birmingham 2

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Rexley 9, Brighton 0
Only two sets needed a deciding set. A. Terry, G. Pugh and A. Aitken ran riot.

Southampton 3, S.W. Sussex 5
This was another very close match but Gary Longland, Steve Beazley and Jeffrey Braxton just pulled through.

Beaconsfield 7, Maidenhead 2
Steve Wilson was the hero for the home team with three fine wins.

Basingstoke 5, Aldershot 4
With three sets to go Basingstoke were trailing 5-4 but Michael Caudrey and Stephen Kings won them to deny the Aldershot boys victory.

Exeter 2, Bristol 7
Somerset No.1, Michael Williams, along with Chris Sewell and Alan Hussey were too strong for the inexperienced Exeter boys. Martin Ashcroft played well, however, to win his sides only two sets.

Swindon 6, Canterbury 3
David Weiler led the way for the home team by winning all his sets.

Bolton 3, Preston 5
Well played Donald Parker, whose maximum gave the visitors this close win.

Westmorland 9, Carlisle 0
Brian Towell, Ronald Wilson and David Lambert were too far too strong for the Carlisle lads.

BROMFIELD CUP
Willesden 3, Thames Valley 6
Despite a fine maximum from Cathy Derin, Willesden found the overall strength of Thames Valley a little too much for them.

North Herts 8, Leighton Buzzard 1
Janet Kingman won the first set for the visitors but then N.H. won in convincing style the remaining sets, Karen Morton and Sandra Harding were unbeaten and Diane Roseberry won two.
SURREY NOTES
by Geoff Ryan

The 25th Anniversary dinner and dance at the Greyhound in Croydon proved something of a reunion when a good many of the games top names were in attendance.

Former world singles champion Johnny Leach proposed the toast. Charles Bourne, our president, traced the association’s history, from 1946, and singled out a few of the stalwarts including Percy Lawes who is in his last year as chairman, Fred Joyce, Treasurer for twenty-four years and first team secretary for twenty-one years.

The meeting was addressed by Gordon Chapman, Ron Crayden, Jackie Head, Connie and Mary Wright. The Ladies could only collect two sets against West Bromwich who played some inspiring table tennis.

Leicester has decided to ban the yellow ball for at least this season for county matches, tournaments and Devon League fixtures. Individuals have been left to make up their own minds.

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Yorkshire's four teams have so far decisively trampered on all opposition offered to them, collectively winning 12 matches out of 12, but stems tasks awaits all of the teams. With the return of Alan hygiene to Japan, the selection for the dominant position of the first team's men's places from 4 current senior internationals, with Jimmy Walker, who has yet to overcome serious injury, being in the team. Luxembourg champion John Ricketts, simplifying its position versus Bradford, was made a successful debut for Yorkshire II against Notts in Division II.

Bradford I led Division I of the Yorkshire League, but Middlesbrough I at the time of compilation of the tables had only played one. beating Leeds I. The clash between Bradford and Doncaster saw a score 5-1 win over Bob Shutt clinined it for Middlesbrough. Doncaster's John Myers regained wins over both Jim Yeats and John Davison going down to Ray Swain. Middlesbrough II surprisingly prop up Division II, having lost 4-6 to Leeds I. For Leeds, veteran Len Browning still poses problems and his two successes included a win over county No. 2 junior Tony Martin. Malcolm Corgill was unknown for the Tomahawks. His team's loss at Huddersfield, who included John Kedge, a county first team player last season, was not so surprising as it was to the D.I. 21, 17, defeat of Dick Hitt was.

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Around the Clubs

THE "84" CLUB, LEIGHTON BUZZARD
by Dolly Harmer, Hon. Sec.

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The expansion of the club has engendered right from the start this enthusiasm and club spirit was strengthened by Grosvenor for next May.

Durham's fortunes in the Coca-Cola competitions have been mixed with the men losing to Hinckley and the ladies to Nottingham.

In the Carter Cup, the Junior boys' team rounded off a busy period which took in the Kent Junior Open prior to travelling to Cheltenham where they won 5-1. Birmingham provide the next opposition as they do for Derby's girls in the Broughton Trophy competition.

In common with other County Press Officers, I receive few, if any, details from within the county, so if your league fails to get a mention, the remedy is obvious.

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KENT NOTES

by Brian Jordan

The Kent selectors have many problems to solve if the county side is to retain its Premier Division status at the end of this season. Two 7-2 defeats and no wins for Tony Pidcock was not a happy start to the season. Pidcock was one sided that there was little for the 200 spectators to enthuse about. Only bright feature was the form of Betty Bird who crushed Linda Bashford even more easily than the Yorkshire men beat the Kent men. The Kent selectors have many problems.

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THE CHINESE TOUR

Friendship First; Competition Second

by George R. Yates

Low Ta-p'ei assembles the Chinese party around the Prime Minister, Mr. Edward Heath, for a group photograph in the drawing room at No. 10.

Photo' by Press Association Ltd., London.

Notwithstanding the results obtained between United Kingdom sides and the People's Republic of China—and none but the purist would quibble at the bill of fare served up in six major cities—the goodwill that was established can only lead to a heightening of interest and popularity in this sport of ours which, prior to the World Championships in Japan, had reached a low ebb from a public spectacle point of view.

That they succeeded in this avowed intent is beyond doubt for, truly, they endeared themselves to the public's appetite as a result of it, the public's appetite has been whetted, then achievement can be measured in the future support of international spectacles.

ARDUOUS

Undoubtedly, the tour was an arduous one for our Chinese visitors following on the Scandinavia Open Championships in which they had participated, and to be followed by further tours of Denmark, Federal Germany and Romania!

At Malmo, Sweden by HS 748 at 09.00 on Monday, Dec. 6 with arrival at Hatfield at 15.00 to be met by Dr. Roger Bannister, Chairman of the Sports Council, A. K. "Bill" Vint, E.T.T.A. President, and representatives of Hawker Siddeley Aviation Limited, E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles Wykes, had travelled out to Malmo to be with our visitors throughout their entire tour and which, finally, saw him shaking hands with Mr. Chi and his party on the tarmac of Copenhagen's international airport, before handing over his charges to the Danish T.T. officials.

After checking in at the Belgravia Royal Hotel, London, the next port of call was the Department of Environment to receive a welcome from Rt. Hon. Elton Grethirst, M.P., Minister for Sport, then back to Belgium for an early night.

Leaving the hotel at 08.00 on Tuesday, Dec. 7, arrival at Hawker Siddeley's Woodford was at 16.30 and conveyance to Manchester's Piccadilly Plaza Hotel was expertly accomplished by coach (as used by Manchester City A.F.C.) and limousines for officials.

By the kindness of Mr. K. M. Yau and the North West Chinese Society, the entire feeding arrangements was taken out of official hands during the stay in Manchester, and it was to the Ruby Restaurant in Princess Street that a well-worn path was trod even to the extent of an after-match reception which went on into the small hours. A pre-match reception had taken place at Belle Vue sponsored by Walmsleys (Dairy) Ltd., Paper Makers and Engineers.

On the morrow of the match in informal reception was given by Lord Hark, King Street, during which a plaque portraying the bank's coat of arms was given to Mr. Chi. Departure from Manchester was at 13.00 hrs., with arrival at Cardiff airport note 90 minutes later.

IN WALES

Prompt at 15.30 on Dec. 8, the HS 748 touched down at Cardiff Airport. Site to meet the Chinese party were County Aldermen Philip Squire, Chairman of Glamorgan County Council, whose airport it was, Mr. George Edwards, M.A., Chairman of the Development Committee of the Sports Council of Wales, Mr. Roy Evans, President of the Welsh T.T.A., and, to provide a cordon of honour, a delegation from the Overseas Chinese resident in Wales. After a short journey into Cardiff, tea was provided by the Ambassador, and the party settled in. In the evening there was a banquet at the County Hall.

Northern match officials at Belle Vue are (L to r.) Referee Alan Porter (Bolton), umpire Joe Fitzpatrick (Manchester), Brian Lesson (Liverpool) and Gordon Campbell (Bolton) with ball boys supplied by St. Michael's Primary School, Bolton.

Photo' by Frank Davies, Bolton.
Evans, dressed in National costume, officiated. Then came the presentations to the females—tiers and dolls. Then the Prince of Wales, Welsh ties and Welsh dolls.

**MISTAKEN IDENTITY**

Whilst the Lady Mayoress of Cardiff was presenting commemorative plates to the Chinese, the two small grand-daughters of Roy and Nancy Jones, who went out of their way to make all the Chinese visitors feel at home.

**The next day there was a visit to the Guinness Factory, including lunch, followed a short walk via the famous Crystal Palace National Sports Centre prior to the two matches there, both of which received the**

**Nothing surprises the London Bobby as these two custodians of the peace are by courtesy of the Sunday Telegraph.**
Arrival at Birmingham's municipal airport from the Hawker Siddeley HS 748 twin turbo-prop airliner.

Jill Hamme:rsley uses sign language to talk with Lin Mei-chun on the coach from Hatfield to London.

Photo' by John H. Lines, Birmingham.

** Final Menu **

Following the two matches at Crystal Palace, the farewell banquet took place at the Li Ho Foo Chinese Restaurant in Wardour Street, London, when the following menu was served:

1. Red Coated Cool Dish
2. (i) Quail eggs with Green (ii) Mini Sweet Corn with Chicken and Prawn Balls
3. Shark’s Fin, Cudo meat soup
4. Crisy Fried Chicken
5. Kon Chi King prawns
6. Awohli with seasonal green
7. Roasted Duck Cantonese
8. Steamed Fish
9. Yueng Chow Fried Rice
10. Soup Noodle and Fruits

** Hatch Results **

At Manchester
England 2 China 1 (Women)
Jill Hamme:rsley lost to Li Li -20, -14; bt Cheng Huai-ying 20, -8, 15
Karen Mathews bt Huang Hsi-hing 17, 21;

England 2 China 3 (Men)
Tony Clayton lost to Yu Chang-chun 15, 18, -10;
Nicky Jarvis lost to Tia Wu-yan -18, -46;
Trevor Taylor lost to Hsi En-ting 19, -15, -19;
Denis Noble bt Liang Ko-liang 8, 14;
Chester Barnes bt Liang Ko-liang 11, 15;

At Cardiff
Great Britain 2 China 0
T. Taylor lost to Li Chiing-kuang -17, -16;
Miss Elaine Smith lost to Huang Hsi-hing -17, -12;
Richard Yule bt Hsi En-ting 18, -20, 15;
Eric Sutherland lost to Tiao Wen-yuan 17, -12, -10;
Mrs Kathleen Angus lost to Cheng Hua-yu -17, -12;
Sugden bt Yu Chang-chun 17, 12, 12;
Miss Smith bt Lin Mei-chun -12, 14, -15;
Yule lost to Liang Ko-liang -19, -13.

"By 'eck, we’ve supped some stuff tonight" says E.T.T.A Treasurer Tom Blum to an unbelieving Chi Yu-hua and Lou Ta-peng with E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles Wyles, gazing apprehensively across.

Photo' by John H. Lines, Birmingham.

Not so sure about making the acquaintance of these two Australian Carpet Pythons inside the Reptile House at London Zoo is Huang Hsi-hing watched over by a smiling Derek Tremayne—from a safe distance.

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At Dublin
Ireland Select 3 China 4
C. Barnes lost to Tiao Wen-yuan 17, -12, -12
Jim Langan bt Hsi En-ting 19, 17;
Tommy Callery lost to Liang K'o-liang -15, -15
C. Barnes bt Li Chiang-kuang 16, -19,
Cliff Thompson lost to Yu Chang-chun -14, -14;
Miss Kyra Stewart bt Huang Hsi-ping -19, 17, 12;
Miss Karen Senior lost to Li Li -9, -12.

At Birmingham
England 3 China 4
A. Clayton lost to Hsi En-ting -21, -18;
N. Jarvis lost to Yu Chang-chun 19, -6, -12;
Mrs. Mathews lost to Li Li -13, -13;
D. Neale bt Li Ching-kuang 18, 25;
C. Barnes lost to Liang K'o-liang -18, -12;
T. Taylor bt Tiao Wen-yuan 24, -19, 6.

At Crystal Palace
Match 1: England 3 China 4
D. Neale lost to Li Ching-kuang -19, 15, -12;
C. Barnes lost to Liang K'o-liang -19, -19;
Mrs. Hammersley lost to Cheng Hua-yiing -12, -45;
T. Taylor lost to Tiao Wen-yuan -17, -22;
C. Barnes bt Li Chiang-kuang 19, 19, 19;
D. Neale lost to Tiao Wen-yuan -16, 13, 18;
Mrs. Hammersley bt Li Mei-chun 18, -14, 18;
D. Neale bt Liang K'o-liang -16, -16;
N. Jarvis lost to Li Mei-chun 19, -15, 14.

Match 2: England 4 China 3
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C. Barnes lost to Li Ching-kuang 19, -10, -10;
Mrs. Hammersley bt Huang Hsi-ping -13, 16, 18;
N. Jarvis lost to Liang K'o-liang 19, -18, -17;
Mrs. Mathews bt Li Li -11, 16, 16;
D. Neale bt Liang K'o-liang -14, 17, 21;

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In the same store, blanket inspection is carried out by Kuan Hsi-kuang watched by Leader Chi Yu-hua and interpreter Lee Ta-peng, both teams and officials were given vouchers to spend in the store.
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TABLE TENNIS TRAINING

YOGA

In reply to the article in the December issue of Table Tennis News entitled: 'In Favour of Yoga' by 'Individualist', I would like to present the following facts:

(a) I practice Yoga myself and am thus also in favour of it, especially for the Amstic Yogi.

(b) I am also an 'individualist', whatever that may mean, but my name will be found attached to this letter nonetheless.

(c) Yoga is a way of life and not a sole training medium for any sport.

(d) Yoga is mainly practiced, and with great benefit, in the Asiatic countries, especially India, which other countries also practice other forms of meditation including Zen.

(e) Yoga stems from the same part of the world as the countries which successfully utilize rigorous training methods that 'Individualist' strongly ridicules on geographical grounds.

(f) Yoga is not new, in fact it is positively ancient.

(g) Intensive physical training is practiced in this country in many sports but it is still not directly associated with table tennis by all coaches in this country.

I would also like to present some questions for the thought of 'Individualist':

(a) After a serious operation, rigorous training is obviously a means to a further operation. Thus a gentle means of recuperation is required. Yoga, being gentle but effective, is a good re-educative medium, but why draw comparisons between your personal circumstances, causing an obviously biased opinion, and table tennis training of an advanced nature?

(b) What is meant by the term 'fully fit'? Fit enough to undertake the World Table Tennis Championships and win in the final?

(c) Is an early morning run, being a slow trot designed to awaken the body and mind (not a marathon or hard sprinting bouts), really classified as violent exercise?

(d) If European and Asian training methods are so akin to our 'physical build and indoor national traits'. Why should Yoga be the magical wand of the English Champion when it originates in India? Perhaps because it is mild and gentle?

Conclusion:

Yoga is a useful supplement to the training programme of any sportsman but to suggest that it should replace all other forms of training is a lack of insight required for the training of World Class players.

DAVE W. SMITH

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Wiltshire, Chesham, Keystone.

IS IT ANY WONDER?

In his article in Table Tennis News of December, 'Individualist' has shown himself unqualified to write on such matters as physical training for table tennis. He obviously has little knowledge of modern techniques to be able to use phrases such as 'running round aimlessly wearing themselves out' and 'violent exercise methods'.

I am a young player eager to see the English coaches (in whose hands the future of England's table tennis) allow table tennis to lose its parochial game image and to be treated as the athletic game played by athletes which the Continental champions have shown it to be.

Is it any wonder that England has not produced a world champion for twenty years when self confessed 'old time' players, with old time ideas, such as 'Individualist', are the qualified coaches of this country?

HARE & SICKLE

Sevenoaks, (name and address supplied) Kent.

COMETH THE HOUR

So it still happens then, league club matches, teams turning up short of players or even not at all.

In most cases reserves are available and it is not "playing the game" to deliberately disrupt the opposing side. Most players, of all ages, have had a hard day's work, and are not in the mood to be bolted down food and maybe travelling miles to play.

Surely, rather than play short handed in the top strata, the opportunity is there to give a chance to one of their "stronger\n
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TEAM SELECTIONS

The National Selection Committee announce the following team to participate in the Romanian Open, in Cluj, from Jan 23-25 and in the Czechoslovakian Open, in Ceske Budejovice, from Jan 29-31, 72.

Nicky Jarvis (York), Peter Taylor (Beds), Karenia Matthews (Middlesbrough) and Linda Howard (Surrey). Bryan Moretta has been named as captain and ETTA Chairman, Charles Wyles will accompany the team.
**Tourney Diary**

**Date** | **Event** | **Venue** | **Organising Secretary** | **Additional to normal events**
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Jan. 29 | Pontefract 1-Star Open BS, GS, VS. | | | 50 North Bournemouth 1-Star Open JS Winton V.M.C.A., Jameson Road, Winton, Bournemouth, Hants.
Feb. 5 | Chelmsford 1-Star Open, GS, VS. | | | 9/20 Essex 3-Star Open, International Team Event YS, VS, Thorsley Pavilions, Chelmsford, Essex.
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Mar. 2 | Middlesex 2-Star Open | | | 9/20 Essex 3-Star Open, International Team Event YS, VS, Thorsley Pavilions, Chelmsford, Essex.
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**European Club Cup**

Budapest Sparticus, last season's winner of the Man's Competition, will be back in the tournament. They are taking on the English League champions, Ormseth, in a match that is to be played on the last day of the tournament. Ormseth are expected to turn out a title containing Tavani, Timar and Lalek, and Figtiski.

**English Schools' Table Tennis Association**

by "PENHOLDER"

ST. MARY'S, MIDDLESBROUGH, THE FAVOURITES

With only a handful of entries for the National School Team Championships still outstanding, there is every indication that this season's competition—which ends with the National Finals at Stockton-on-Tees on 19 March—will be as keenly contested as in previous years.

Before the completion of the county qualifying competitions only two of the holders of the seven events remain. In the Senior Event, (Boys Under-15), ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, MIDDLESBROUGH, led by Nicky Jarvis should start as firm favourites to take over from PLAISTOW GRAMMAR, NEWHAM, who created a record last year in winning three titles.

Although the East London school has also relinquished the Boys U-13 trophy, - having been beaten by SOUTHWEST HAM TECHNICAL SCHOOL—they still manage to provide teams in all three girls events and also the Under-15 Boys event. The 'Leach-Carrington' Cup for this popular event will also change hands because holders ST. HELENA SECONDARY went down to neighbours COLCHESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL in the local competition and they in turn were defeated by DELLFARS, SOUTH END IN THE ESSEX COUNTY FINALS.

For the first time there will be a 'full-house' for an Area Final when KENT, MIDDLESBROUGH, SURREY and ESSEX contest the Area 8 Championships. KENT'S return of 84 teams beats the record of 83 established last year by ESSEX COUNTY and includes 27 teams in the BOYS UNDER-15 section. These should be a high standard of play. The LANCASHIRE and HARROW COUNTY have appeared in previous Regional Finals but they face a strong challenge from SURREY Boys Under-19 champions EMANUEL, who include county-rankied PAUL BISHOP.

It is very pleasing to report 'first-ever' entries from NOTTINGHAMSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE and if these counties can match BERKSHIRE's progress in involving 19 teams from 30 schools in two years they should be satisfied.

WOESTERSHIRE have also made a mark, being one of fifteen counties with maximum entries and DEVON, NORFOLK and SUFFOLK have improved entries too.

Unfortunately, there are still eight counties without entrants and the Association would welcome enquiries from these counties especially:

- DORSET, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, RUTLAND, SHROPSHIRE and WILTSHIRE.

Worleys' decision not to enter may well involve a change in the allocation of the venue from Okehampton.

Last year's School Cup winners SHERBROOKE, HERTFORDSHIRE and HUNTINGDONSHIRE are absent, but it is expected that the competition will be of the highest standard.

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For the first time there will be a 'full-house' for an Area Final when KENT, MIDDLESBROUGH, SURREY and ESSEX contest the Area 8 Championships. KENT'S return of 84 teams beats the record of 83 established last year by ESSEX COUNTY and includes 27 teams in the BOYS UNDER-15 section. These should be a high standard of play. The LANCASHIRE and HARROW COUNTY have appeared in previous Regional Finals but they face a strong challenge from SURREY Boys Under-19 champions EMANUEL, who include county-rankied PAUL BISHOP.

It is very pleasing to report 'first-ever' entries from NOTTINGHAMSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE and if these counties can match BERKSHIRE's progress in involving 19 teams from 30 schools in two years they should be satisfied.

WOESTERSHIRE have also made a mark, being one of fifteen counties with maximum entries and DEVON, NORFOLK and SUFFOLK have improved entries too.

Unfortunately, there are still eight counties without entrants and the Association would welcome enquiries from these counties especially:

- DORSET, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, RUTLAND, SHROPSHIRE and WILTSHIRE.

Worleys' decision not to enter may well involve a change in the allocation of the venue from Okehampton.

News is still awaited from SHERBROOKE, HERTFORDSHIRE and HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

With the following Area Finals participate in the Regional Finals at Bradford, Newbury and London on February 27:

- Area 1: Bishop Auckland (Vinovium School)
- Area 2: Blackburn (YMCA)
- Area 3: South (Monk's Dyke High School)
- Area 4: Birmingham (Brandon School, Kings Heath)
- Area 5: To be arranged
- Area 6: South (Redbridge Sports Hall)
- Area 7: Ipswich (Chantry School)
- Area 8: London (Crystal Palace Sports Centre)
- Area 9: Chelmsford (Great Baddow School)

For further information contact the British Table Tennis Association, 151 Friargate, Preston PR1 2EE or call (0772) 445 800.
SCANDINAVIAN OPEN
TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS

by ALAN RANSOME

Deus Nace celebrated his return to the European tournament scene with the best performance of his 10-year international career at the 4th Scandinavian Open Championships held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from Nov. 15-28.

In fact, it was celebrations all round as the township of Gothenburg itself was celebrating its 350th anniversary and, furthermore, the Scandinavian Airlines System (S.A.S.) joined in by sponsoring the tournament and acting as co-organisers along with the Swedish T.T.A. and the Gothenburg T.T.A.

The Press and Swedish fans alike was at his brilliant best completely and, in fact, so good that a "chop" backhand out of hand was said to have inspired a new star in the making.

Sweden's Bjorn Persson had shot to the world's No. 1, but Neale's No. 2 form meant that Sweden was in a great position in the tournament and acting as world No. 6, some 19 wins ahead of the field before going under.

Neale's second round opponent was world No. 6, Hei Ein-ting, the Chinese player who reached the world semi's and in this encounter Neale won at his best and completely outrunning his illustrious opponent 19-17, 19-15, 19-13.

A third player was Neale's victim in Round 5, world ranked No. 19, Milorad Karakasevic of Yugoslavia. This was a touch and go affair with the final game going to Neale as the set's lead went to the Swede to win.

This unbalanced player led by a games and 18-10 only for the Swede to hit his way out of trouble to equal the game score at 2-2. It was Schrader who set the pace again in the deciding game with Neale leading 7-6 when both players began to hit the ball into the background as the set went to 9-9. But, never beaten the Yugoslavs took the next six points level to Neale's 15-15 before Neale finished him off.

UNBALANCED

The non-arrival of Hungary's Tiberi kumpar the title and the French anti-loop specialist, Jean Paul Weber, in the world champions lead by

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in straight games in Round 1 and went on to win the event.
Jill and Karenza reached the quarters in the women's doubles only to lose to China's Cheng Hsi-hsing and Li Li 16, 17, 12, 18, 12, 19.

"PETER THE GREAT"
Pete Taylor excelled himself beyond all expectations on the English junior visit to Sweden and travelled the demes of Eddie Hodson, back in 1954, when he won the youth singles event in the Scandinavian Open.

Using his "chop" backhand consistently to fall advantage, Peter accounted for the Swede, Kjell Hellström in the semi's (19, 18, 17) and Bo Isaksson (17, 18, 18) in the final. Indeed, the Swedish fans all that Sweden could throw at him in Gothenburg was his biggest championship so far. Prior to the penultimate round he had disposed of Thomas Borg, Björn Danielsson and Daniel Pettersson all in straight games.

Taylor also won 11 out of 12 sets against Sweden in a 4 match series of international matches, his only loss being to Petersson (20-18, 19-10) in the last match.

Simon Heaps was also impressive in the series winning 6 sets against 4 losses but, impeded by injury in the Scandinavian Open, Ian Hendon was unable to produce the same form as at Ostend, in the European Youth Championships, his return being 2 out of 10.

International match results:

At Trullum on Nov. 17:
Sweden 3 England 5.
P. Taylor bt Jackson 13, 15; bt Danielsson -14, 20; bt Hellstrom -16, 14, 17.
A. Heaps lost to Hellstrom -18, -17; lost to Isaksson -12, 17, -15; bt Danielsson 16, 17.
J. Hendon bt Danielsson 16; lost to Hellstrom -19, 16.
At Boras on Nov. 22:
Sweden 2 England 7.
Taylor bt Pettersson 19, 19; bt Sundberg -19, 17; bt Thornell 19, 16.
Heaps bt Thornell 20, 20; bt Pettersson 20, 19.
Hendon lost to Sundberg -15, -12; lost to Thornell -13, -23.
At Ed on Nov. 23:
Sweden 5 England 5.
Taylor bt Gustavsson 20, 21; bt Karlebo -17, -20, 12; bt Danielsson 18, 19, 16.
Heaps lost to Danielsson -10, 18, -14; bt Gustavsson -18, -18, 17; lost to Karlebo 18, 20, 12.
Hendon lost to Karlebo -15, -17; lost to Danielsson -13, -15; lost to Gustavsson 19, 21.
At Baden on Nov. 24:
Sweden 5 England 5.
Taylor lost to D. Peterson 18, -18, -19; bt B. Peterson 20, 20; bt Karlebo 21, 19.
Heaps bt B. Peterson 17, 19; bt Karlebo -17, 17.
Hendon lost to Karlebo -15, -17; lost to D. Peterson -14, -10.

NEW ADDRESS
Ann and Don Mitchell's new address is 222 Chichester Road, Horfield Wood, Cramlington, Kent B33 1SR.
(Phone: 66 35901.)
CHESTER STILL 100% WITH TREvor

Billy Stevens was the choice of Chester Barnes, captain of the Scotia Team, as replacement for Peter Williams whose employment has taken him to the far distant shores of Devon. Unfortunately for Chester, after five matches, Scotia, at the TealD, as replacement for Peter to Treasury.

At the time of the opening ceremony, Tony Pickles of the BXL and Tim Heaps of Reddings had not arrived so according to the rules reserves had to be chosen, Malcolm Sugden, Captain of BXL, chose Nilam, and Trevor Taylor, Captain of Reddings, chose Graham Blundell. Before this match started Reddings had got 0 in the table and BXL got 4.

On paper this should have been a comfortable win for Reddings, but as it is not the case. Mike Harper (BXL) won the first set against Blundell (Reddings). Then Nilam (BXL) had a great win over Ron Peelings (Reddings) 15-10, 10. Trevor Taylor beat Sugden 9-4 and 9-19 bringing Reddings back into the match when BANG, Harper pointed out that Reddings were going to lose their position at the top of the table when, 10 to 0, and Robert Hellaby, who had lost his first two sets, against Brown and Harper Chandler to play Jaques Captain, David Brown. Roger had the first set at 10, lost the second 15 and, to the cheers and jubilation of his team mates, lost the third 16.

Before going on for that last set Roger had seen that Hale were finished and their total points were 25. Roger had to keep his team in the lead. He fought twice as hard and won well.

Peter Taylor for Jaques, who as the junior in the side must try and win one set to give his team a chance, won all three. His win over Denis Neale was one of the Super League's great sets. Barnes has now lost twice, to Peter and to Trevor.

During the course of the evening, which was attended by a larger crowd than at any of the previous matches, Jaques was represented by its best line-up for a while, but it was missing some of its best men in a match which raised the question of its ability to be competitive in the Super League. Following a fierce over the decisive set, the League was due to resume activities on Tuesday Jan 11/1972 with Hale v. Jaques, BXL v. L.S. of F. and Scotia v. Reddings. This was the evening when Barnes was due to play Taylor, in a clash of the top pair of opponents.

From the sponsors, players and officials of the Hale Super League to all readers of the T.T. News and potential spectators to future Super League matches, A Happy New Year with Table Tennis Greetings, to all, from Lou Hoffman.
the growing interest which can only have the effect of raising the standard of play in this area.

The newly formed Intermediate league for 14-18-year-olds is proving a big success, and club leaders feel more coaching is now needed to consolidate this growth of interest.

The Association is at the moment looking for a venue for its Closed Championships and are considering running an U17 tournament in addition to an U17 event. Stratchfield's No. 1, John Tibbles, is leaving the district and will be sorely missed. While a ready-made replacement for John would be very welcome, the Stratford Area is making every effort to produce really top-class players from within their own boundaries, with a cherished ambition of providing a member (or members) of the County squad.

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Once again it is pleasing to report an increase in these championships. Leagues have entered their clubs enthusiastically and we are promised a large entry. Many of these leagues are new and we welcome them.

The raw text data contains a page of a document discussing the Women's Division and the Gainsford Club of the Central London League aiming to repeat their champions as opposed to 47 last season. It goes on to mention representatives from various clubs and competitions.

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Derbyshire 10, Warwickshire 1

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Richards.

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JUNIOR SOUTH

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