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by John Woodford
**FORWARD POLICY**

Judging by the amount of money that is currently being ploughed into table tennis, one can feel justified in claiming that commerce, at least, has faith in the future standing of our chosen sport.

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There is no need—nor has there ever been—for slovenly dress. And such outlandish 'gear' as was in evidence at a recent 3-Star open tournament does nothing but darken the image and evoke criticism.

Manufacturers of sports clothing, whose wares are elsewhere to be found advertised in this magazine, have a wide selection of conventional apparel to let us dress for the occasion as well as for other events.

Now that we have the 'strength of the insurance companies' round us is the time to check our own policies, one such being the engagement of a full-time Trainer/Coach who has already made his presence felt.

Another is the move from Park Crescent to Hastings where the 'nerve centre' is now situated and from which sources the efforts of both Derek Treemayne, the General Secretary, and his assistant, Albert Shipley, can better be pursued.

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**On the International Front**

by George R. Yates

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**World Classifications**

As only to be expected Sweden's 20-year-old Stellan Bengtsson and China's Lin Hui-ching retain their No. 1 positions in the new world classification list recently released by the International Table Tennis Federation.

But many are the changes to have been effected since the release of the previous rankings back in July last year.

Japan's Nobuhiko Hasegawa moved into second place from being No. 7, Sweden's Kjyll Johansson (from No. 15 to No. 5) and China's Tiao Wen-yuan—national title holder in the People's Republic—who was previously unlisted and now comes in at No. 7.

A place is also found for England's Dema Beale (at No. 23), the other newcomers being Istvan Karpas, Wang Chi-m, Jim Turat, Janos Borzsei and Chou Seung-Rok.

Out from the last list are Ham Aler (Sweden) (14), Chiang Tsung (China) (16)—both now employing their talents in the coaching field—Christian Weber (France) (2), Masahiko Ohy (Japan) (26), Mitya Besenaul (Hungary) and Gyu Chang Soo (South Korea) (30).

In the women's list, which sees the down grading of England's Jill Hamersley (from No. 17 to No. 28), Hungary's Krisztina Kishazi rises from No. 23 to No. 7, with her compatriot Judit Magon from No. 27 to No. 13, a far from unlucky number for this blonde bombshell from Budapest.

Newcomers comprise Japan's Mieko Fukano, at No. 11, China's national champion, He Yiand, at No. 12, Takako (Japan), Birgitta Rachberg (Sweden), Cheng Li (China), Chao Puchung (China), Pak Mika (S. Korea), Lin Meitching (China), Stejna Bojke (Yugoslavia) and Lene Andersen (Sweden).

Missing from the previous list are Kyoko Inouchi (Japan) (39), Chou Jung-Sook (S. Korea) (19), Kuoco Onita (Japan) (21), Huma Aamtagy (U.S.S.R.) (22), Marta Henya (Fed. Germany) (24), Rita Paukova (U.S.S.R.) (25), Mieko Hirano (Japan) (26), Marta Nedert (Sweden) (29), Liung-Lechen (China) (29) and England's Karena Mathews (39).

New list (previous position in brackets):—

Women

1. Bengtsson (Sweden) (1)
2. Hasegawa (Japan) (7)
3. Jouyer (Yugoslavia) (10)
4. Li Ching-kuang (China) (4)
5. Johansson (Sweden) (15)
6. Itoh (Japan) (2)
7. Itoh (Sweden) (10)
8. Hui En-ting (China) (6)
9. Sipanas (Yugoslavla) (8)

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China's Li Ching-kuang, nick-named "Tomahawk", the leading Asian in the men's list.

Photo by Tony Dally.
Cheng Hua-ying of China who retains her 9th position in the women’s classification list.

PHOTO BY TONY DUFFY, SUTTON, SURREY.

DOPING AND GAMBLING

It has been noted that there is a gradual deterioration in observance of the rule regarding light-coloured clothing. There is a regulation on the subject and Associations are urged to examine this and thus avoid the possibility of disqualification of their players in an important match.

CLOTHING

As dopes and the machinery by which tests would be conducted.

It is in the matter of tests that the greatest problems exist, problems of cost and practicability. No concrete steps were agreed in Yugoslavia and the matter is having further consideration. What is certain, however, is that the I.T.T.F. is committed to oppose doping and urgently requests all Associations to remind all players of the permanent danger to health which could come from a recourse in drugs for a temporary advantage.

Gamboling, too, received consideration by the Council and the Yugoslavs had promised the utmost cooperation to ensure that the illicit gambling which took place at Rotterdam, during the European championships, is not repeated.

YELLOW BALL

After a few years of looking at this matter there is no evidence that the yellow ball is required and the Sarajevo Biennial General Meeting may decide to consider the question not worth pursuing any further.

WOMEN

1. Lin Hui-ching (China) (1)
2. Cheng Min-chih (China) (2)
3. Ohzeki (Japan) (6)
4. Kishazi (Hungary) (23)
5. Kolláróvits (Czechoslovakia) (29)
6. Alexandru (Rumania) (7)
7. Kishazi (Hungary) (23)
8. Cheng Huai-ying (China) (1)
9. Cheng Huai-ying (China) (1)
10. Klampar (Hungary) (5)

Dancing no international level, the following Associations and Regions are urged to examine the matter and make proposals to the highest international level.

NEW MEMBER

The Council elected LIBERIA to "provisional good standing." Correspondence should be sent to: Mr. McKinley A. DeShields Jr., c/o Post master General DeShields, Montevideo, Liberia, West Central Africa.

ISRAEL

A telegram was sent to Israel Association expressing the sincere sympathy of the Officers and Members of the I.T.T.F. at the tragic death of the Israel athletes in Munich.

PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Council voted against giving Mr. Sol Rabinowitz, of U.S.A., assistance to invite leading World players to a series of high cash tournaments in the United States and recommended Associations not to cooperate with Mr. Rabinowitz.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1st World University Table Tennis Championships will take place in Hannover from Feb. 20-25/73; Mr. Jupp Schid, the I.T.T.F. Vice-President will represent the Federation at these Championships.

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

A new record was set in the 1972 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.
New Zealand Championships, played in Christchurch from Aug. 24–Sept. 2, when 750 entrants contested the men's singles event.

Winner, for the fourth time in his career, was Alan Tomlinson who had a comfortable first-set final win over Ling Nan Ming—compatriot of Richard Lee, the 15-year-old defending champion, in the semi-finals.

In the other semi, Tomlinson, whose previous wins were recorded in 1969, 1970 and 1971, disposed of Denis Naule, England's No. 1, back in the big time at No. 25.

M.S.: Semi-finals:

Winners, after the best-of-three final, were Ling Nan Ming (Canterbury) bt Morris who looked to have the final away to a 14-6 lead in the second game. Results:

Ling Nan Ming (Canterbury) bt Morris

Ling Nan Ming 

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M.D.: Final:

Tomlinson bt Ling Nan Ming 18, 14, 14.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

Stonestreet bt Fraser

W.D.: Final:

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International Front cont.

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European League Fixtures

Season 1972-73

Premier Division


Mar. 10—Switzerland v. Greece, Bellinzona.


Mar. 4—Soviet Union v. Federal Germany, Moscow.


Second Division

Oct. 20—Scotland v. Austria, Athens.


Soviet Union v. France, Rastatt.

Soviet Union v. Czechoslovakia, Prague.

Czechoslovakia v. Federal Germany, Prague.

Yvonne Fogarty were the two players named by the selectors to represent New Zealand in next year's 2nd Commonwealth and the 32nd World Championships, in Cardiff and Sharpsville respectively.

New Zealand will almost certainly be represented by a men's team as well, but the men will have to fund themselves. Fianance usually permits the sending of teams to every other world, and they attended the last in Naples, with a full squad.

Chinese Nationals

Tiao Wen-yuan was the winner of the men's singles event in the Chinese National Championships, played in Beijing last June, with Hai Kwoing the runner-up.
In the Coaching Field
with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

An unexpected rise in the demand for coaching within the schools has emphasised the word unexpected, because those same schools had not shown any interest when approached on previous occasions.

As the active coaches available for each type of coaching are already over-stretched, the problem of meeting this demand is more acute. It also brings to light a further problem often overlooked in relation to its seriousness. That is, pupils having learned to play table tennis at school—some reaching quite a high standard—then find that their local clubs either do not have team places available for them, or that club rules do not allow young persons into membership.

Then again, there is the problem of young players getting home after a match, and unless a number of the clubs take the initiative and start thinking more of the club's facilities, then find that their own local clubs either do not have team places available for them, or the club rules do not allow young persons into membership.

Remember, it is important to find out how many players are active in school leagues and to calculate the output to the clubs if facilities allowed.

For this figure to have any meaning, the cooperation of the schools officials will have to be sought and the counties and leagues notified in an endevour to find places for them.

This problem is further highlighted when one studies the programme being carried out by the Reading League, its success being so high, with 500 juniors per annum!

This programme was instituted in Sept. 1971, and in its 4th year, based on four centres providing coaching for 150 juniors, supplementary sessions increased the number to 250 from which number there are now 25 Brunel, 34 Silver and 6 Gold Award winners. How many other leagues can boast six “Gold” among their juniors?

These results show just how successful programmes of this nature can be, but without the help of Alan Dines, whose research the whole organisation is based, together with the stout support of Roy Hart, John Peterson and many others, such schemes would never get off the ground.

Any such comprehensive programme requires a large number of voluntary helpers, the centres at Reading employing about 60 in the first 12 months. With an annual target figure of 100 this number will be insufficient to meet the demand.

It is not only coaches who are required, for without equipment they could not function, and the Reading League's management committee, under the chairmanship of Tom Williams have given full support. What is more, they have made funds available sufficient to purchase seven Jacques tables. This loan was repaid in less than a year and plans are now

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

At a Press Conference held at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington on Oct. 3, it was announced that English table tennis is set to carve a new image with the help of a £4,000 sponsorship from the Norwich Union Insurance Group.

Increased prizes, more money to bring over top foreign players, better facilities and promotion of the game's two major events are all part of the package to win greater recognition and attract television coverage.

Gone will be the traditional titles of the English Open and Closed to be replaced by the Norwich Union International and Norwich Union English Championships, both of which events are to be shown in the BBC's television coverage of the 1972-73 season.

"We've been written off as a minor sport too long," said E.T.T.A. Secretary, Derek Tremayne. "It also brings over top foreign players, which events are to be the showpieces of the English Open and Closed to

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WHAT A WEEKEND!

Enquiries from 199 boys and 191 girls for the Newbury Junior Open, played on Oct. 7-8, were the most ever.

Another record was the number of tables used—twelve. 400 sets were played on them during the Saturday and 348 on the Sunday. Play was concluded before 9 p.m. on each day

In hand for the purchase of more tables.

I hope other league committees with available funds, would follow suit with this sort of help as well as giving their moral support.

As the children starting to play table tennis, under the guidance of the Reading programme, can be as young as seven years, it was necessary to liaise with the Staff Coach and Coaching Advisor to run a parallel scheme to provide an ever increasing number of coaches to meet the requirements.

This task was carried out by Bryan Nurrett and Lyn Thompson and as one figure, recently assessed for children in Reading, was 3,000, Bryan will have to run many courses for student coaches to meet the demand.

At this point may I be allowed to diverge from the coaching field to bring your attention to the reason certain information supplied me never appears in print.

To have any information included in these notes, it must be in the Editor's hands by the 15th of the month prior to publication. If not, therefore, reach me well before this date fer, after my despatch to the Editor, they cannot be included in this particular issue, and the information may be irrelevant or completely out of date by the next issue.

'Please, if you wish to submit items for these notes, try to get them in to me, at 1 Stanley Road, Liverpool, L15 3NG, by the first week of the month or within one week after receipt of the current magazine.

PROGRESSIVE RESISTANCE TRAINING FOR TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

With the increasing interest that has been shown in weight training for Table Tennis Players, a one day session has been arranged for Coaches and Players who are interested in this subject. The session will be conducted by Wilt Sneed, H.A.A.I. National Coach who is one of the experts in this field. The programme will include both the theoretical and practical aspects of Progressive Resistance work.

The session will take place at the Leeds Athletic Institute, Jack Lane, Horsedale, Leeds 10. Telephone: Leeds 76085. Details obtainable from either the Leeds Athletic Institute or from Peter Simpson, E.T.T.A. Staff Coach (North), 9 Laker Avenue, Harehale, Sunday, 19th November, 1972 from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: £1.00 per person, including Lunch.
for the team and individual events. Final, after ousting Czechoslovakia, experience.

England and Yugoslavia! Sports, Anderlecht from Oct. 5-8 whose Wilfried Lieck and Jochen Leiss ships were held at the Salle de with ten countries being represented considering their limited international account for Hungary, 3-1 in the quarters, against Federal Germany II.

There was little excitement in the women's doubles title in Anderlecht. It was England's turn to be dis appointed in the semi when they were beaten 3-0 by Di Schmittinger and Klaus Schmittinger in Rd. 2. In Rd. 2, Jill Hammersley lost again over 5 games, to Simon. Both our girls had easy opposition in the previous rounds.

England did gain an Open title when Jill, partnering Kishazi, triumphed over Hendriksen and Jutta Krüger in the final of the mixed.

Winning scores were 22, 17 14 after they had eliminated Ditry Sudmann and Grofová/Koolwijk was partnered with Belgium's No. 2, van Heyboer, but they lost 14, 16, 15, 12, 17 to the beaten finalists.

Men's and mixed doubles saw little joy for England and all our pairs succumbed in the early rounds. Haslam/Johns made little impression on Hoffmann/Schüler and, in the mixed, Haslam/Hammersley lost in 3 straight games. Johns/Matheus fell to Leick/Hendriksen.

Winners of the men's doubles were the Yugoslavs, Stepic and Stebek, who beat Alfret Nagel and Schmittinger in straight games.

Hampshire's Johner and Magus combined to win the mixed beating their compatriots Rosas and Kishazi 17-12, 17, 12.

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Croydon

Invitation

by David J. Arterton

MONKS HILL BONANZA

On Sept. 22, the Monks Hill Sports Centre, Farnborough Avenue, South Croydon was officially opened by the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Mr. B. Saunders. Coupled with the Official Opening was the first Croydon Invitation Table Tennis Tournament in which four top men and three women participated.

The draw brought English closed champion, Trevor Taylor, and No. 1 ranked Dona Neale together for the very first time. Winning in two straight, Neale took the first, but lost the second set. Taylor retained the championship; gaining a 3-2 victory over Neale. Runners-up was Scottish champion Scott Campbell, who defeated Trevor Taylor in the last set by Haslam, third.

In the women's section, Karenza Mathews began the proceedings by defeating Jill Hammersley in turn, accounted for Linda Howard.

Final set of the evening was between Karenza and Linda and the Surrey girl took the first game to bring about victories of all three contestants being tied on the number of games won.

This was not to be, however, for Karenza fought back magnificently to take the next two games and the winner's prize, with Jill the runner-up.

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EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

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In fact, to me, it is one of the saddest happenings for many years. The name "English Open" held a touch of magic because it is a tournament second only to the World Championships.

I am sure that my feelings on this matter are shared by many. I can equally say that the E.T.T.A. had no qualms in agreeing to the title change but it must have been an uncomfortable decision—rather like a poor old soul losing his one remaining prize possession.

I now long for the day when every tournament in every sport bears a spoons name... it’s happening later every day—the Gillette Cup, Dewar Cup, John Player League, Dunlop Masters, Coca-Cola and many others.

Generations of newspaper sub-editors have blanched at the sight of tournament in every sport bears a possession.

The result of this is that without the English club champions, and Tom Blunn, who handed over the top trophy of the evening, the European girl, Mandy Smith, her belt, Caroline stormed through the second with some fine hitting to clinch the title at 12.

Caroline also made her presence felt in the under-17 events defeating the seeded Mandi Meller, before losing in the semi-final. She progressed to the semi-finals of both doubles events, going out of the mixed against the eventual winners, and losing in the girls’ doubles to Karen Rogers and Catherine Stonell.

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Ten-year-old Winchcombe schoolgirl, Mandy Smith, chalked up her third success in national competitions this season when she won the Under-11 singles against her schoolmate, Gillian Heath.

Although not among the winners, David Reeves showed much promise. He also fought her way to the semi-finals of the Under-13 singles, going down to the talented Angela Mitchell and to the same stage of the mixed doubles where Mandy and David Reeves lost to Reading pair, Timothy Heaps and Janet Thorpe.

All these results are rewarding, not only to the players, but also to the coaches who have worked hard to bring these youngsters along. Performances like these have not been achieved at a national level before, and Newbury has its name firmly fixed in the pages of English officials.
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NEALE TAKES THE BIG ONE

Following his success in the Croydon
Invitation on Sept. 22, England's No. 1
Denis Neale wasted no time in
showing why he was top seed in the
men's singles of the Hales North of
England 3-Star Open played at
Newton Heath, Manchester on Sept. 30.

After beating Peter Taylor — his
conqueror at Plymouth in the Butlerfly
tournament — in the semi-final, he
went on to take his third successive
No. 1 E. title by beating "Lyn" Haslam after the Middlesex inter-
national had beaten Derek Munt in the
other semi.

First seed to be eliminated in this
star-studded event was Brian Burn the
title with a new partner in Barry
Hill, a capable stand-in for Alan
Haslam. Karenza took some consolation for
Lancastrian, Kevin Forshaw, in Rd. 3. her singles
but subsequently withdrawn.

In one of the best matches in the
championship, Douglas beat Parker in the
boys' final after the latter had
disposed of Simon Hoag to keep his
name before the selectors.

No. 1 Junior girl, Linda Howard
took the girls' singles title with final
victory over Anita Stevenson and
Derek Scaife but M. Too to retain his
veteran singles crown.

The popularity and success of the
Four Ts is really out of this world, played at Southamp-
ton University on Sept. 27, increased from year to year.

Staged as a Club invitation tourna-
mament, it is composed of a Restricted
Open in 1969 with a total entry
of 60 players. This season it grew to
over 170 makes it the biggest tourna-
mant, it in the city since the heydays of the Southampton
Open.

Much of the success, especially from a
financial aspect, is due to the con-
siderable help given by two local
firms in sponsoring the two main
events. Snows Office Supplies
donated the men's singles prizes and
Rixons Engineering those for the
counterpart women's event.

The undoubted star of the day was
Birmingham's Desmond Douglas. This
15-years-oldesian-born left-
hander showed all the skill and
temperament which could lead him to
top international honours. He domi-
nated every event he entered to end
up with a triple championship.

From an entry of 127, Douglas had a
comfortable final in a victory over
Bob Brown after disposing of D.
Randall, in the quarters, and Hants No. 1, Chris Pickard, in the semi-
Brown had ended the Surrey hopes of
Gordon Chapman and David
Webman.

Participated by his Birmingham com-
panion, R. Hayter, a second title was
won in the men's doubles and, as one
would expect, Douglas was in a
class of his own in the junior singles event
which, although attracting 65
entrants, contained few nationally
known players. Brenda's Chris Sewell was the
best of these.

Duxbury's Jenny Vass justified her
promotion to county No. 1 by beat-
ing former No. 1, Joyce Coop in the
final of the women's singles after
rallied all through the long deciding
game. Victor and vanquished
combined to take the doubles title
beating Sheila Foster and Tina
Pickard.

The only local player to have a
feast on a trophy, as has been many
times in the past, was Christine
Davies, whose scratch partnership with
Graham Hulme came out top against
Peter Taylor and Joyce
Coop in the mixed.

Another record entry was registered in
the Tennis Open Junior played at
Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend,
19-21 when, in the U-13 doubles,
Mark Mitchell of Middlesex
reached his third such final of the
season.

As in the North Herts, Junior,
however, it was to be a runners-up
effort, the winner being the local hero
David Alderson, whose titles were
fourfold for, in addition, with his
brother Brian, the team and boys
doubles entries were won by
mixed, with Anita Stevenson.

There were few shocks in the boys'
event in which Andrew Burden, the
No. 2 seed, was a non-starter, third
seed, Robert Wiley, went out to
David Alderson, Mitchell accounting for brother Brian, seeded No. 4.

Major shock of the championships
was the defeat of third seed, Karenza in
which event top seed Anita Stevenson,
the England No. 2 girl, was beaten,
for the semi-final by Karenza.

All bad going!

Consolation came twofold for Anita
when she shared the girls' doubles
title, with Ann McCarthy of Hull,
and the mixed with David Alderson.

In the U-13 boys' singles, Mark
Mitchell came into his own with final
victory over Wiley, but failed in the
doubles when partnered by the
dominant Peter Hayter and Sue
Haslam. The southern pair lost to Trevor Burrows and Chester, and the local boy S.
Cooper was defeated in the semis, the event being won by
Wiley and his teammate of
Alec Brook - Les Jones, David Cosway
Alan Ransome, Helen Hamilton

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A.—We’re supposed to have a hat each in the doubles.
B.—I didn’t think they’d allow coaching during the singles final.
C.—I wish you’d remember to bring a hat of your own.
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The opening of the Marks Hill Sports Centre at Croydon was a success and when Denis Stone won the invitation singles first prize of £25 and Kenneth Mathews won the women’s prize of £25.

A date for your diary—Richfield & Reigate Closed will be held March 17/18 at a new venue—Royal Philanthropic School gymnasium, Philanthropic Road, Redhill, which is also the venue for the county match against Worcestershire on Mar 10.

Attention all aspiring world champions, this next piece of information is for you. Come along and have hundreds to Gallied on Thurs, Dec 7 and witness the current world champion Stefan Bengtsen in action for Sweden against England in the European League. Tell all your friends.


In this competition, Chesterfield have only entered 1 senior and 1 junior team. They have been the kingspins of Derbyshire table tennis for many years, but without question, from below, their top men still maintain their County supremacy.

Our ever-faithful Mike Johns beat our ever-faithful Mike Johns beat

D引领shire Notes

by Walter Reeves

DRY SUPPLY TWO-THIRDS

Against Warwickshire in their opening county match, the County junior team had six players and four of them came from Derby. Such is the extent of the improvement in Derby junior table tennis.

Playing at No 1, David Vallat won both his singles and two at his regular partner, Phil Vickers, was further succeeded in the boys doubles. Vickers is earning a reputation as a doubles specialist and he also partnered Susan Holmes to win a in the mixed.

In the Newbury Junior Open, winners, partnered by Julian Kelly at Eves, won the mixed event and reached the boys’ doubles final, an event won by Bawden and Tan of the Cleaning.

Loughborough opened by beating Birmingham 5-4 in the Junior 2nd Division. Anise Stevenson and Peter Argraves were both unbeaten.

Hinkley has not made a very good start in the Midland League, either the first time he played against Chesterfield and Birmingham ‘A’. Hinkley ‘B’ went down 9-1 to Harleston, not surprisingly in a particularly strong side and it is clear that Hinkley have quite a fight on their hands if they are going to retain their place at the bottom of the places.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

First of all—congratulations to Arthur Williams on his impressive debut. He should do well. Sutton, Wandsworth A. That’s head, Thames Valley A League matches are as follows:

H. Leatherhead. Heigate 14, 13; Pickard/C. Hutchings 22, 10.

County Notes Supplement

SURREY NOTES by Geoff Ryan

IMPRESSION DEBUT

A good start to the season with victory for the first team over Essex and Roger Chandler looking very impressive on his debut. He should prove a valuable asset.

Latest ranking lists are:

Men: 1. C. J. Warren
2. R. D. C. Honey
3. P. Nisam
4. R. J. Williams
5. B. Hill
6. U. C. Wyndham
7. C. Strawborn
8. P. Bishop
9. D. Wellman
10. P. Brennan
11. D. Holman
12. C. Lyons

Women:

1. Miss L. Howard
2. Miss S. Howard
3. Mrs. M. J. Warren
4. Mrs. R. M. Miles
5. Miss S. Tumm
6. Miss N. Leslie
7. Miss A. Tyrell
8. Miss J. Figerfield
9. Miss J. Warren

Boys:

1. C. D. Rogers
2. C. E. Walsh
3. S. Lyons
4. R. C. Creaves
5. P. Matthew
6. M. Shuttle
7. B. Williams
8. H. Wright
9. K. Seager
10. D. Trumper

Girls:

1. Linda Howard
2. Nikki Lee
3. Susan Tum
4. Stephanie Clarke
5. K. C. Penkridge
6. Launna Knight
7. J. T. Allen
8. Sheilagh Hyde
9. J. T. Allen
10. Dicie Deford

Congratulations to Gilly Wellesley for being included in the England ranks at No. 12 also to Linda Howard for her first ranking. Nikki Lee at No 9 and Susan Tum at No. 10.

The competition for the Intermediate League remains as at follow:

Percy Johnson Group 1
Croydon A & B, Hatchard Guildford A, Sutton, Wandsworth A, Thames Valley

Percy Johnson Group 2
Croydon B, Hyliff, Guildford B, Epsom & Ewell, Leatherhead A, Redhill

Arthur Nightingale Rose Bowl
Rufford, Guildford, Leatherhead, Sutton

Handing Cup
B. C. Guildford, Leatherhead, Thames Valley

Sutton Trophy
Byfleet A & B, Leatherhead, Thames Valley A & B.
**CAMBRIDGE NOTES**

**WIDE GAP**

In their first match in the season, the Junior Division, Camb. II defeated 8-0 at the hands of Norfolk. Although the result was not surprising, the game showed the wide gap that exists between the County's top juniors and the second string. Both players were making their debuts against a Norfolk team that consisted of players with two or three years experience at County level. Camb. players in this match included Brian Richardson (brother of Keith), Carol Ellis, and Ruth Newman, who all performed with credit which augurs well for future matches.

It is pleasing to note that Paul Day, the Camb. Junior, is now No. 5 in the National Junior rankings. Having just two seasons under his belt, Paul has improved enormously and as he still has but four years yet to go as a junior, it can be assumed that he will in time reach the top. In the Butterfly Tournament at Ely, Day excelled himself by beating Keith James 13-12, 13-12, and then achieved his best win of the season when he defeated David Brown, of Essex, 16, 20.

In the Cambridge & District League, noted results have run pretty much to form. In Division 1, S. Cambs. II beat Y.M.C.A. II 7-4. John Ashton and Keith Richardson were invincible and both beat Ken Mah. In Division 2, the II defeated Havelock 7-1. In the second division, with Bernard Adams winning three sets and "Pete" rendered mute by his back injury, Maurick Beckford took two each.

In Division III, Spicers and St. George's II are setting the pace and both teams appear to be having the better of the games against the other teams in the Division. In Division IV, Spicers and St. George's II are setting the pace and both teams appear to be having the better of the games against the other teams in the Division. In Division IV, Spicers and St. George's II are setting the pace and both teams appear to be having the better of the games against the other teams in the Division.

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**WARWICKSHIRE NOTES**

**by Ron Anson**

**BIG KITTY**

With generous sponsorship from the Cudders (Warwicks) and the Cudders' Drapers' organisation setting the 'kitty' the stage is set for the match at the Harry Mitchell Centre, Walsgrave, on Nov. 12. It was hoped that all the big guns would be attracted to help make the event the Midlands' best ever "open" tournament.

Inpose notes according to expectation in the Ladies' section, where Emma Swan, lated of Warwick, was the most exciting match of the season, Cambridge (minus Desmond) there were a few surprises in the Veterans' section.

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**NORFOLK NOTES**

by J. S. Penny

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Yorkshire Notes by Tony Ross

Alderson again

Yorkshire Closed men's title went to 

David Alderson, who showed that his 
surge last year was no flash-in-the-pan affair by 

running away with this year's field at 

Bradford. Oct 8. with the loss of only one 

game, being the final one in the final 

against Huddersfield's John Kedge, 

whose long-running return at first 

pointed the发展方向. However, 

Alderson took control in the second 

and third games to retain his title; his 

boys' singles title he retained 

without the loss of a game. Not bad 

for a 15-year-old!

Alderson's task in the men's singles 

was made easier by the absence of 

Davies, Nicky and Alan Walker. 

Hull's Tony Claxton's voluntary 

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HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

GILBERT BEST, BUT RANKED 4

The Hampshire "vial" team is a pale copy without the rich talent of the 1969 team and was behind the lack of opportunity they have received.

Veteran Men

Gordon, however, has been out of the club for a year.

Veteran Women

Winart and Muhr provided the evening's best entertainment and, in the former, John Colbourne (Salisbury) won her singles and teamed up with Mrs. G. Hazell to lose this set.

PETERBRO' NOTES

While the Juniors went down 20-30 to visitors Glagman at Sudbury, the bench supporters are right behind the Juniors. The Veterans, however, were won by an unexpectedly strong Hants side.

Another pleasant surprise was the victory of our Under-25 squad in the annual Bernard Cowan Trophy match against Kent, Surrey and Middlesex.

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New E.T.T.A. Offices
Opened at Claremont

Exterior view of 21 a aremont, the entrance being located directly beneath the E. T. T.A. signboard. The office accommodation rises from the balustrade and rental from the two ground floor shops now becomes due to the Association.

As featured in, and by courtesy of, the HASTINGS OBSERVER

"All the top names in the administrative world of English table tennis attended the opening of the E.T.T.A.'s new offices at 21 Claremont, by the Mayor, Alderman Tom Mears, on Saturday, Oct. 7.

"Council members and Corporation officials as well as local table tennis officials were there to welcome the national body of table tennis to its new home.

"E.T.T.A. president, Mr. Bill Vint, opened the proceedings by extending a warm welcome to all present and illustrating the colossal growth of the association since its formation back in 1927.

"It had started with a modest 19 leagues; now within its mammoth organisation was a total of 334 leagues, between 8,000 and 9,000 clubs, 20,000 teams and a staggering 200,000 players.

"Mr. Vint recalled that Hastings was one of the founder leagues and throughout its life the town had been heavily involved in the running of the association, not only nationally but internationally, too.

"During the 45 years, the Borough Treasurer's Department had provided at least eight people who had contributed greatly to the development of the game.

"Mr. Vint spoke of his early days as treasurer of the association when, as a young man in his early twenties, he had sought the sum of £25 from Lloyds Bank.

"The then manager, another well-known local sporting personality, Mr. Joe Lyford, wanted five guarantors. 'I managed to get five guarantors from the management committee, we got our £25 and have been with Lloyds Bank ever since,' he said.

"Another local link since those memorable early days had been the Norwich Union Insurance Society, who only that week had undertaken to sponsor the English open and closed table tennis championships to the tune of £4,000.

"This association has always had extraordinary good connections with Hastings and although that may not have been the influencing factor which brought us here, it is a fact that Hastings will rally round you.

"All your activities represent publicity and every letter you send out will bear the Hastings postmark. We are very much indebted to your association for coming here.

"I am sure my Council colleagues will join me in wishing all strength to your elbow and I hope the premises here will completely fit your needs.

"E.T.T.A. chairman Mr. Charles Wyers proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and commented: 'I know we are going to be a very happy crowd in Hastings'.

"Among those attending the ceremony were Alderman Mrs. Y. M. Jones, Alderman D. W. Wills and Councillor Frank Jones. From the E.T.T.A. were Deputy Chairman Mr. George Yates, who is editor of 'Table Tennis News', General Secretary Derek Tremayne, Hon. Treasurer Tom Blunt, Assistant Secretary Albert Shipley and management committee members Keith Watts, Louis Hoffman, Ian Crickmer and Maurice Goldstein, who is secretary of the vast Birmingham League, the biggest in the country'.

"Subsequent to day of day's Oct. 7 a letter has been received from the Mayor's Parlour, dated Oct. 9, which reads as follows:-

"'The Mayoress and I were delighted to come along to the opening of the
On the Move
by TOM BLUNN
Hon. Treasurer, E.T.T.A.

The possibility, or indeed the necessity, of the Association moving away from London had been on the cards for several years. But a major decision of this nature could not be taken lightly and many factors had to be taken into consideration.

The fact that we had no rental agreement and that the rates were increasing each year was an important factor. Also, the administrative costs in central London, particularly office salaries, were rising and rapidly swamping any savings from provincial rates.

A further important factor was that the office accommodation was limited and overworked with both staff and equipment to an extent that prevented any expansion of activities and threatened the efficiency of the staff.

The Sports Council had said it would not be any detriment to our position if we close to move away from London. So the search for new premises began.

Other areas of London were considered and we were about north of London and said in the midlands. The possibility of buying our own premises was considered very seriously. But to buy means money, and for an unincorporated body to raise the amount of money that we would require is almost an impossibility. It was therefore concluded that premises to rent would be the only solution.

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POLICY
The policy of the Association has always been to keep fees down to a minimum and to plough everything back into the game for the benefit of the members. This has resulted in only a moderate balance in the accumulated fund after 45 years and consequently a shortage of available cash.

It was by chance that we heard of some Crown property that was available in Hastings provided that suitable tenants could be found. It was a coincidence that Hastings had a long association with the game through "Bill" Vint, and that the present chairman Charles Wyles lives there.

The premises seemed to be ideal for our requirements with at least three times the space and rooms already planned for an efficient office.

Everything that we required was laid in on a modest way in congenial surroundings. The only matter left for consideration was the cost.

The lease has 16 years still to run and was available at a cost of £1,000. The annual rent is fixed for the period at £400 per annum. Rates are only £30 per annum but there will be additional costs in heating, lighting, cleaning and repairs that together with the rent and rates will total above the notio as what we were paying at Park Crescent for an inclusive rent and rates.

But, at Hastings, there are two shops already in the property and they pay a rent of £300 p.a. each and their houses are due for renewal. It is anticipated that a substantial increase in these rents will be effected and indeed expected—to the benefit of the Association.

SAVING
A material saving will be made in office salaries by moving into a provincial area. Only the General Secretary and the Assistant Secretary have worked with the office and new staff have been engaged and, even so, an overall saving of about £3,000 on salaries will be made.

There will be some additional expenses on extra travelling and possibly on telephones but the net saving is obviously a material amount, but a further important point is that the rent is now fixed for the next 16 years. It is impossible to even guess what the rent of offices will be in London in 1988/89 season.

I must admit that I want to Hastings for the official opening of the offices with some trepidation but my fears were soon dispelled when I inspected the premises. There is no doubt that the facilities are well beyond what I had expected and I am quite content that this particular problem has been solved to our complete satisfaction.

STOP PRESS
ENGLAND BEATEN

A two-staight victory by Iren Neale over Jozsef Bocskay was all that England could manage when beaten 3-1 by Hungary in their opening European League match played in Budapest on October 25. Match report and scores will appear in the December issue.

Junior Rankings
On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the National Selection Committee, comprising Ron Craydon (Chairman), Les Greenwell and Brian Wright, issued a new ranking list following the Dunlop Final Assessment Camp at Crystal Palace.

All rankings are subject to review based on results obtained in Open tournaments and major competitions, and the next ranking list will be issued at the end of November. Previous rankings for the periods ending on Feb.9/92 are shown in brackets.

BOYS
1. Desmond Douglas (Warwicks) (8)
2. David Alderson (Yorks.) (4)
3. Simon Hepua (Ches.) (2)
4. John Ritchie (Staffs) (9)
5. Paul Dac (Southport) (11)
6. Donald Parker (Lancs.) (9)
7. Mark Mitchell (Midlds) (9)
8. Andrew Hunter (Midlands) (14)
9. David Tat (Middd) (—)
10. Nigel Hughes (Pea) (—)
11. Gerald Walsh (Surrey) (—)
12. Paul McDonald (Staffs) (—)

GIRLS
1. Linda Howland (Surrey) (1)
2. Anthea Stevenen (Linls) (4)
3. Brenda Williams (Lanr) (10)
4. Judith Walker (Yorks.) (7)
5. Elaine Tarten (Exe) (6)
6. Gillian Taylor (Exe) (5)
7. Karen Rogers (Leics.) (3)
8. Gillian Locks (Essex) (11)
9. Nicollelease Lsley (Surrey) (A)
10. Susan Topp (Staffs) (—)
11. Diane St Ledger (Warwicks) (12)
12. Susanita Myatt (Lancs) (—)

Additional to the startling rise of Desmond Douglas from No. 8 to No. 1 in the boys’ list is that of Liverpool’s Brenda Williams who leaps from No. 9 to No. 3 in the counterpart girls’ list.

Because of his success in the Essex, North Herts. and Teesside Junior Opens, Mark Mitchell of Middlesex was subsequently invited to the final camp although not originally selected.

Out from the previous list an unqualification are Peter Taylor (Beds) (1), Ian Horsham (Yorks) (2), Brian John (Ches) (5), Robert Alderson (Middds) (7), Jeffery Nix (Warwicks) (10) and Tony Martin (Yorks) (12).

Missing from the list is Janet Holloway (Exe) (2), also over age, and Mandy Smith (Herts) (8) who failed to make the final assessment.

Bundy keeps her name before the selectors by winning the Teesside girls’ singles as does Preston’s Donald Parker who will make the next ranking list with girls’ singles in the North of England Open. Displaced of Simon Hepua on rank.

RETURNING
Following the visit of Guus-Watts Schuylenbergh T.T.C. to the Children’s League in September of last year, a party of Children League players made the long overland journey to Schuylenbergh, near Cologne in West Germany.

Two highly competitive, but sporting, matches were played with the Children’s League visitors by 5-0 in the ‘A’ team encounter and 20-2 in the second-string engagement.

In the first team encounter, Iver Leegh had a good win against the team’s No. 2, V. Schumacher, but lost to the team’s No. 1, Hermann Schmidt, as did Brian Savage in the most exciting of the matches.
TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date | Title and venue | Additional to normal events | Organising Secretary
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1/12 | Hales Middlesex 3-Star, Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, London, NW10 3ER | Miss M. Moss, 49 Oakhampton Road, London NW10 3ER | Closing date: 18.11.72.
2/3 | Halls Middlesex 3-Star, Festival Hall, Hammersmith | B. Foggen, 23 Woodrow Avenue, Merton in Croydon, Middlesex, Yorl.<br> vs. Miss I. Moss, Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, London. London NW10 3EN. | Closing date: 24.11.72.
1/11 | ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED | |
1/12 | Yorkshire 2-Star, vs. B. Foggen, Festival Hall, 25 Woodrow Avenue, Harrogate. Marton in Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Yorks. | Closing date: 24.11.72.
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IRELAND

Jan.
6 Kildare Open (Ma].

12/13 Irish Closed (Dublin).

SCOTLAND

Jan.
14 Edinburgh Open, Meadowbank Sports Centre.

WALES

1972
Dec.
9 Cardiff Open.

Mr. J. Brown,
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COUNTY DIARY

FEATURES AND VENUES FOR NOVEMBER, 1972

SECOND MIDLAND

Nov. 4 Nottinghamshire v. Worcestershire, Central Y.M.C.A., Shakespeare Street, Nottingham. 6.30 p.m.

19 Derbyshire v. Warwickshire II.

JUNIOR PREMIER

Nov. 18 Monkshill Sports Centre, Farnborough Avenue, South Croydon. Surrey.

Essex v. Surrey and Middlesex v. Cambridgeshire 10.30 a.m.

Cambridgeshire v. Essex and Surrey v. Middlesex 2.00 p.m.

Cambridgeshire v. Surrey and Middlesex v. Essex 6.00 p.m.

18 Darwen Sports Centre, Everton Street, Darwen, Lanes.

Cheshire v. Warwickshire and Lancashire v. Yorkshire 10.30 a.m.

Warwickshire v. Lancashire and Yorkshire v. Cheshire 2.00 p.m.

Cheshire v. Lancashire and Warwickshire v. Yorkshire 6.00 p.m.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Nov. 11 Berkshire v. Surrey II.

18 Kent v. Oxfordshire.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Nov. 4 Northamptonshire Y. Warwickshire II, Daventry School, Ashby Road, Daventry. 6.00 p.m.

19 Derbyshire v. Leicestershire.

JUNIOR EAST

Nov. 18 Suffolk v. Bedfordshire, The Dome, Defoe Road, Ipswich. 3.00 p.m.

VETERAN MIDLAND

Nov. 18 Nottinghamshire v. Cheshire.

Apologies for the diary again being so short of venues. but County Match Secretaries are seemingly most reluctant to supply me with the details in time for publication.

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ASIA
Butterfly flies high - But the stars bite the dust!

A report by JOHN WOODFORD on the first Butterfly ‘Champion of Champions’ Tournament

Togethe'r with a cheque for £100, winner Peter Taylor re:ceives the champion's trophy from the hands of Mr. Kimihiko Tamasu. Photographic coverage by John O'Sullivan

Being present at the birth of a new tournament can be a thrilling, yet distressing experience. In this instance, the very first BUTTERFLY CHAMPION of CHAMPIONS tournament was an exciting experience for several reasons—the main one was that this could set the pattern for the future.

The fact that it was won by one of England's greatest hopes for the future PETER TAYLOR also made it all the worthwhile. Although the number of spectators present in the early stages was not enough, nearly 600 appeared to make the finals an occasion to remember.

After winning a relatively easy group, young Peter was immediately called into action against one of the biggest names in the game Chester Barnes. Chester put all his experience into the match but Taylor, standing up to the table calmly broke up the rhythm of the Essex man's attack intimidatingly on both wings to win at 15 in the third.

Even after that win against Barnes, few relished Taylor's chances against an Indian Roger Chandler, fresh from a win over Tony Clayton. The young Taylor was a little fortunate to get through 19, 18, 13 bringing him up against Deeks. Deeks also relented, but again, as far as the Yorkshireman's web of experience 16, 18, three top-ranked players, Neale, Trevor Taylor and Barnes!

Tension mounted in the final when John won the first at 19 and it looked as though his tenacity could make him the winner of this own tournament... but it was not to be. There was one vital turning point.

In the second game with the score around 4-4. The Southendboy was all but beaten by a shot. He ballooned it yards high. Descending vertically from the heavens it just clipped the edge of the table. Given fresh heart Taylor got through the second set at 20 and in the third, the gallant co-organiser finally cracked to 11 at 12.

Johns was almost home-and-dry late in the second game when he led 18-14 only for Taylor to catch him after being halfway over the cliff-edge.

£50 POINT!

That edge-ball probably cost Johns £50—at least that must have been his thought as he collected a cheque for that amount, whilst Peter Taylor walked triumphantly off with the biggest cheque of the lot, £200.

13-year-old Paul Day was the best of the county champions. The Cambridgeshire lad was the only group player to beat a seed. He took out the number of spectators present in all set to go.

LETHAL

"Lethal" got away with the first at 19, but the Cheshire man began to pile on the pressure pummeling away with the second and third 19, 15. How did Johns do it? The question that you are now asking and which truly remained unanswered at the Mayflower Centre. Opinions from skilled observers suggest that his his services, always regarded as dangerous, seemed to become almost lethal on the Butterfly tables. Certainly he played his usual game calculated to outstrip his opponent, piling on the top-spin even more than usual and generally creating havoc and poor returns before anyone (except Taylor in the final) could do anything about it.

Johns then made incredibly short work of both Nicky Jarvis and the reigning England champion himself Trevor Taylor. The defeat of Trevor meant that between them the two finalists had disposed of England's

The brothers Peter (centre) and Trevor Taylor (r.) with co-organiser Mike Johns.
Further successes by the makers and import-export trade balance between importers of Butterfly equipment will depend a great deal on the Japanese government's attitude to importing other leading companies equipment into Japan.

In conversation with Mr. Tamashu I discovered that he was also visiting West Germany whilst in Europe, so in fact, his visit was a diversion, but a very pleasant one.

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Butterfly Tournament continued

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SUSSX 2-STAR OPEN
Belgium's Norbert Van der Walle was the winner of the men's singles event in the Sussex 2-Star Open played at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings over the weekend of Oct. 21/22, Scotland's Malcolm Sugden was the defeated finalist.

In the semi, Van der Walle accounted for David Brown (Essex) and Sugden ousted "Connie" Warren who had previously beaten Peter Taylor.

Karen Mathews won the women's singles title with final victory over Shelagh Hession; took the women's doubles partnered by Linda Howard; and Van der Walle knocked "Connie" Warren out of the men's doubles partnering by Linda Howard and made it a hat-trick in the mixed when paired with Van der Walle.

Stuart Gibbs and Bobby Stevens were the shock winners of the men's doubles, beating Sugden and Warren, and Gordon Chapman took the veterans' title by beating Ron Etheridge.

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West Yorkshire Championships

ANGLO-FRENCH AFFAIR AT BRADFORD
By Steve Nunn

The Bradford and District League had the added attraction of players from their twin town, Roubaix in France, competing in the West Yorkshire championships held at the Bradford Sports Centre, Farside Road on Sept. 17.

Major titles were taken by John Kedge, of Huddersfield, and local lass Sylvia Broadbent, but the French came into their own in the boys' singles event won by C. Tiberghien who beat D. Renton of Bradford in the final.

Essentially a 'closed' tournament, the visitors from Roubaix were made honorary members of the local junior club thus qualifying them to play.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford, Alderman Mrs. A. Firth, J.P. presented with the Merit Award for the best performance of the day, a nice consolation after losing the girls' singles event won by C. Tiberghien who beat D. Renton of Bradford in the final.

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The increase, amounting to almost 50%, is made up as follows (increase shown in brackets):—

Leagues entered— 136 (7)
In Wilmott Cup— 115 (3)
Rose Bowl— 96 (4)
Carter Cup— 96 (14)
Bromfield Trophy— 50 (10)

The entry has already doubled up by since the events were sponsored and it is hoped that this trend will continue in the seasons ahead. A glance at the above figures will show another substantial increase in the junior events (Carter and Bromfield), a most encouraging sign for the development of the game.

I hope this season's competitions will proceed without let or hindrance from the industrial disputes which have affected us during the past two seasons. But the fact that the competitions were completed on time was a tribute to the kenness of all concerned.

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During the course of the season many teams will be almost to spike the "big guns" who have all entered again.

North Yorkshire will be set on making it three-in-a-row in both the Wilmott and Carter Cup competitions, whilst the same can be said for Central London in the J.M. Rose Bowl. Guildfield's girls, who caused a surprise by winning the Bromfield Trophy last term will be all-out to show it was no fluke and with their three girls all in the new Junior ranking list they will certainly take some beating.

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Once again I look forward to renewing old acquaintances and welcoming the newcomers. Interesting features of matches it recorded on the score sheets will be a help in bringing them to the notice of a wider public.

This year I take this opportunity of wishing all players and officials a very happy association with us during the coming season.

Admirng a trophy before making the presentations is Bradford's Lord Mayor, Ald. Mrs. Firth, with tournament organiser, Steve Nunn, to her immediate left. Also in the picture are Maurice D. Shafner, the Y.T.T.A. President who acted as M.C. for the finals, Mr. Ambler, Mr. R. Martin, the Bradford League's new president and, on the left of the picture, Frank Briggs, the B. & D. T.T.L. Chairman whose theme song might have been 'put me among the girls'.

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EUROPEAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

ENGLAND v. FED. GERMANY
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WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES
by Ian R. Crickmer

BORDER INCIDENT
With the domestic programmes of most Leagues only just under way at the time of writing, the majority of the notes I have received again reflect the junior element. It is most gratifying, after seasons of comparative inactivity, to find Worcestershire entrants at the Junior Opens (though sadly they were all listed as Warwickshire at the Essex on September 21st).

This enthusiasm has had its rewards, with Denise Morton (Under 13's) and Mandy Mytton (Under 11's) making the semi-finals of their age groups (in both the North Hertfordshire and Newbury tournaments). Eddie Mitchell tells me it is his postal address (Cookhill, Alcester, Warwickshire) which causes the confusion—Cookhill nevertheless stands entirely in Worcestershire, though the home of the Cookhill Club is so near the County boundary that it has been suggested that a really good defence could return the ball from Warwickshire back into Worcestershire.

Whilst other areas lag behind, the provision of sports facilities proceeds apace in Redditch. Having recessed the County Closed venue from Redditch Youth Centre to the Leys Sports complex in 1971/72, there is now a possibility of another hall being considered for the Twenty-first Closed on Sunday, February 18th. This is the Sports Hall now ready at the Abbey Stadium, which will have its big event baptism when sixteen tables are installed for the County Schools’ Championships on November 11th.

It is to be hoped this expansion will be reflected in increased entries, with the budding young players of the County able to persuade their P.E. teachers that their own schools should be entered.

The five defeats suffered in the opening County fixtures will obviously be closely analysed by the respective selectors — the junior losses against Devon and Glamorgan and the veterans’ failure versus Cheshire come into the expected category, but the two senior defeats at home were particularly frustrating.

With so many of the County players having started their careers elsewhere or having transferred allegiances, it was essential to make a good start to stifle criticism of selectorial policy. However much there may be a desire to foster home talent and to encourage local youngsters, the selectors can rightly point out that there seem very few players available of genuine County calibre, and that an attempt to integrate more younger players has been badly thwarted by the premature departure from the table tennis scene of several promising players still in their teens or early twenties.

TEAM SELECTION
Published on Oct. 17 was the National Selection Committee’s announcement of the following team to represent England for their first European League match of the season against Hungary, in Budapest, on Oct. 25, followed by a friendly match on Oct. 26:—

D. Neale (Yorks.), G. B. Haslam (Middx.), Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) and Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.). Non-playing captain—Les Greenswell.

In the corresponding match last season, at Westcliff-on-Sea, England brought off a memorable 4-3 win on which occasion Neale beat both Jonyer and Janos Börzsei as well as partnering Trevor Taylor to a doubles success over Jonyer and Gábor Gergely.

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Halex Table Tennis Ltd. have proposed a simple points system to be operated in all five 3-Star open championships this season with the overall winner, man and woman, qualifying for a perpetual trophy in the form of a Golden Jacket.

The system, including doubles, will have a points allocation as follows:

- Singles
  - Winner: 16
  - Runner-up: 8
  - Semi-finalist: 4
  - Quarter-finalist: 2

- Doubles
  - Winner: 8
  - Runner-up: 4
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On such a basis, the points allocation from results obtained in the Halex North of England Open afford the following tables:

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HOW TO FIND A CLUB

by ALAN J. CAVELL

National Councillor for Shropshire

After leaving school many young people will wish to know about the facilities that exist for playing table tennis.

A minority will be fortunate enough to have employers who provide social and sporting, including table tennis, facilities. Most businesses however, cannot cater for the conflicting needs of their staff and most school leavers will have to look for clubs outside their place of work.

Fortunately, owing to the administrative structure of table tennis in this country, the E.T.T.A. can quickly put anybody in touch with someone with a local knowledge of existing table tennis clubs. Local information can often be obtained quite quickly by looking at the local league’s current handbook in the local reference library.

Table tennis facilities are provided at most community centres, at sports and social clubs open to the general public and at local branches of the V.M.C.A. and V.W.C.A. Many lawn tennis and football clubs also have a table tennis table in their pavilions and some have separate table tennis sections.

Unless those clubs offering a range of sporting activities to their members regard table tennis as an athletic sport and provide suitable playing conditions it is preferable to join a table tennis club with several tables and several league teams.

Private multi-sport clubs and local sports centres will probably also offer the future school leaver excellent facilities for playing table tennis.

INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

Denis Neale has accepted an invitation to join the English International Squad, replacing Trevor Taylor who declined to accept the conditions required for Squad membership. Although it is reported he has since had a change of heart.
Berks junior players (r.1.v.) Gary (Newbury) and Caroline (Newbury) sponsored vehicle.

Is it a First?

by MIKE LAMBERT

Running round the junior tournaments during this season, you may well have seen a rather better white minibus with MANPOWER written on the side.

You have probably encountered sponsorship before at your local closed tournament, but in our case, this is somewhat different. The Berkshire junior squad does not receive money as such, but rather payment in kind, free travel being provided round the junior circuit for that all-important tournament experience.

The squad has been in existence for a year now under the firm control of Pete Chatters, but sponsorship has come as an unexpected bonus only in the last few months. Not only does MANPOWER provide the use of the minibus, but also ESSO have been good enough to provide a substantial donation to the County’s junior funds. Lucky Berkshire—will other counties follow this forward move?

£25,000 WILL

Geoffrey Harrower, former England international table tennis player and journalist, of Corby, Northants, who died on July 4, aged 55, left £29,683 in the will, of which £29,000 will be used to fund a national table tennis coaching scheme approved coaches at eight Butlin’s holiday camps next April (27th to 29th).

It’s Sixteen of the Best

by JOHNNY LEACH

Here is the news you have been waiting for—the names of the 16 boys and girls who have reached the grade finals of the News of the World national table tennis coaching scheme to be contested at Butlin’s Skegness on the 27th of April (27th to 29th).

The 16 were awarded top marks by approved coaches at eight Butlin’s camps during the summer. They have emerged from a total of more than 40,000 contestants for the titles of "Boy" and "Girl of the Year".

The 16 finalists are:

**BOYS**

AVR—Robert Fergie (aged 16) of Glasgow W.

BAR—Julie Inglis (13) Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham

BARRY—Sean Hammett (18) Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

BARRY—Christine Babbs (12) Southend, Bucks.

BOGNOR—Donald Parker (16) Preston, Lancs.

BURLINGTON—Gary Hamilton (14) Wolvethorpe, Yorks.

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DUNSTABLE—Melvin McCauley (13) Newcastle-upon-Tyne, N’thib.

EASTBOURNE—Suzanne Hunt (12) Grantham, Lincs.

**GIRLS**

AVR—Patricia Allen (14) Malpas, Ches.


BARRY—Anne Wallis (15) Wellingborough, Northants.

BOGNOR—Donald Parker (16) Preston, Lancs.

BURLINGTON—Graham Allender (14) Beverley, Yorks.

DUNSTABLE—Ruth Newman both showed promise, shortly after changing their mind and making their decision.

**JUNIOR NORTH**

Durham 5, Westmorland 5

The improved Westmorland team met a draw with their surprisingly easy BD win vital. Peter Edon very impressive but Brian Towell was also in good form.

Northumberland 7, Cumberland 3

Andrew and Peter Clark in good form, and Barrie Keen very much too good for her opposite number.

Northamptonshire 3, Warwickshire 9

The hosts far too strong, with especially good performances from Andrew Wilkins, Stephen Souter, and Melvill Ludd (11).

**JUNIOR MIDLAND**

Leicestershire 9, Lincolnshire 1

No mercy shown by Leic. to a struggling Linx. team. Chris Rogers, Graham Argraw, and of course the girls, never in serious trouble, whilst Chris Brown looked the best for Linx.

Warwickshire 2, Derbyshire 7

Warwick always struggling against opposition who applied themselves better. David Valep the outstanding player, particularly so in his treatment of top spin on his backhand wing, with Kevin Pilgrim best for the hosts.

**Northamptonshire 3, Warwickshire 8**

Both teams missed their No. 1’s, but Notts. still managed to take BD, all comfortably. The young Northants. side made experience at this level and could be much improved by March.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 3, WARWICKSHIRE 6**

Cambridgeshire II 0, Norfolk 10

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POSSIBILITY OF MORE SPONSORSHIP

A glorious start by Surrey, and a dreadful one by Essex, as the main feature of September and October.

Six Premier Division matches have so far been played and not one of these has yet been seen both with a full complement; this for a variety of reasons.

There seems to be a possibility of extra sponsorship (to add to the Halsey ball adoption) and I have been added to complete a file of press-cuttings. I would be grateful if County Match Secretaries would send me anything which they see in their local press, which concerns County Championships: pre-match gossip, reports, etc.

LESLIE FORREST AWARD

The Leslie Forrest Award is presented annually to a person in the administrative sphere of the game who has made an outstanding contribution to County Table Tennis. Nominations, from County Associations, are due by Dec. 31, 1972.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 3, Midlands 6
M. Johns bt O. Haslam 20, 13, 18; lost to M. Sugden -14, -16.
D. Schofield lost to Haslam -18, 18; bt L. Laity 18, 14.
B. Johns lost to Haslam -5, -16; lost to Laity -19, 19, 13.
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