Peking Bound - From Hatfield

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to All our Readers
On the International Front by George R. Yates

During the championships, a symposium of doctors concerned with the health of sportsmen and women will be held, their theme being "Medical Aspects of Table Tennis".

A well-known Sarajevo composer, Fred Arntsz, is writing a tone for Stroka 75 and new postage stamps will be issued to commemorate the event.

Some 900 journalists and correspondents are reported to have flown to Sarajevo, to witness the third World Table Tennis Championships, the first since World War II.

The number of participants reaching Sarajevo will be approximately 750 players plus officials.

The Press Commission has planned to provide: a Press Centre, with a special zone, set apart, with specially installed TV sets, so that progress of the Championships can be followed in armchair comfort.

In conjunction with the Tourist Service, the Press Commission proposes to organise, for pressmen, sight-seeing trips of the city as well as excursions to nearby and more distant places. According to proposals, all reporters will jointly visit Mostar, and foreign reporters would also visit extradistantly Dubrovnik.

SARAJEVO — HOST CITY

The history of man's presence on the soil of what is now Sarajevo is long and interesting one.

The City Museum one can find evidence displayed of the fact this area was settled by man since the time of Neolithic man. Other objects witness to the Illyrian civilisation. At Filiko, 12 km, from the centre of Sarajevo, one can still see numerous remains of the Roman settlement which developed from the third to the fourth centuries A.D. to gain the status of a colony and become an administrative and cultural centre of the Roman Empire in this area.

The remarkable and monumental gravestones of the Bogumils are evidence of the population of the area in the Middle Ages, and written sources and documents show that this area belonged to the area then known as Vlachia, part of the Kingdom of Bosnia.

Sarajevo was given its present name and took on the shape of a city with the arrival of the Turks in the middle of the 14th century. At the time of the granting of this area by the bey Ebed-Harrar (1311-1541) the city achieved its most notable development becoming the largest, richest, and most beautiful city in this part of the Balkan Peninsula.

The rule of the Turkish Empire, which lasted four and a half centuries, was replaced by the Austrian occupation (annexing to the Berlin Agreement of 1878) which lasted from 1878 to 1918. This was a period of modernisation of the city, which took on a new appearance with buildings characteristic of Western European architecture of that era.

The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28, 1914 has been attributed as the direct cause of the First World War, which led to the final termination of the occupation of this area by Austria-Hungary.

In the period between the two world wars, the development of Sarajevo was interrupted. The city was in a state of stagnation until the Second World War, when after the liberation of the city from the German occupiers it again began to develop.

At the present time, Sarajevo is the

Cover Photograph
Mr. Sung Chih-chung, Chinese Ambassador to London, took delivery of the First Tricontinental Cup on the tar-mac at Hatfield decorated with four characters which, translated read: "Civil Aviation Administration of China". The aircraft was expected to be flown out to China by Hawker Siddeley crew in mid-November.

"Skenderija", the sports centre in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia where next April's 2nd World Table Tennis Championships are to be played.
Johansson registered singles successes over Jiří Řehoua and Milan Orlowski, Scholer bt Bengtsson 14, 12.

Stefano Bosi was the Italian strong man to take the victory over Luxemburg on Oct. 28.

Other second division results to note were:

Spartak Pleven who, in the previous round, defeated D. T. Schallange, Luxembourg 5-1. Ormesby are again at home.

In the European Opposition, the two Dutch successes against "Vointa" Arad who disposed of the first division and the second division.

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Official Notes

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Handbook Supplement

Apologies are hereby tendered to all who engaged or delayed in publication of this season’s Supplement which is being produced in a different format whereby addresses of all persons listed will be contained in a single alphabetical section.

This, and the fact that we are using a photographic reproduction type of printing, means that we cannot go to press until every item of information is to hand. If all goes well, publication day will be sometime in December.

E.T.T.A. Lottery

Leagues will soon be receiving the chance of participating in this annual fundraising scheme which benefits both the E.T.T.A. and selling agents. In 1972/73 season has now been calculated to all League secretaries and Veteran events on Sunday commencing at 11 a.m. with the finals being offered for the winners and runners-up in all senior and veteran events and trophies for junior events. Closing date will be Dec. 23 as promptly and avoid the Xmas rush. However, the success of the tournament depends on you, the players.

Surrey Notes

by Geoff Ryan

Morale Booster

The 1st Team having secured two very good victories in their opening matches are full of confidence and are ready to engage Yorkshire on Dec. 16 at Guildford in what promises to be a fascinating evening. Roger Chandler has proved a great inspiration to the side and greatly boosted team morale which was sadly lacking on occasions last season.

The Juniors have opened their season with mixed fortunes, narrowly losing 4–6 to Hampshire and beating Kent by a good score of 8–2. Max

EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Given by

English International Squad

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Linda Howard

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TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date | Title and venue | Additional to normal event | Organising Secretary | Remarks
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Feb.
6/7 | Yorkshire 2-Star Junior, W.P.I. | | | 
Yates Recreational Centre, 
Chatterlands Avenue North, 
Hull.
| 
7 | International Club | | | 
Hard-Bat Special, 
Barret T.T. 
Gateshead. 
Barret Lane, 
Barret.
| 
13 | Lancashire 2-Star, | | | 
Hawker Siddle Dynamics, 
Leek, 
Bolton.
| 
11/14 | Midlands 2-Star Junior, 
Walsall Sports Hall, 
Bempton Road, 
off Church Road, 
Northolt. |
| 
27 | Pontefract 1-Star, 
Assembly Room, 
Point of Ayr, 
Pontefract, Yorks. |
| 
27/28 | Kent 2-Star, 
Folkestone. |
| 
27/28 | Buxton 2-Star Junior, 
Grammar School, 
Buxton, 
Derby. |
| 
Feb. | | | | 
3 | Chelmsford 2-Star, 
Gr. Raddow Comprehensive School, 
Chelmsford. |
| 
5 | Essex 1-Star, 
Essex Y.M.C.A. |
| 
3 | South Yorkshire 1-Star, 
Middlewood Hospital, 
Sheffield. |
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SCOTLAND

Jan.
11 | Edinburgh Open, 
Meadowbank Sports Centre. |
27 | West of Scotland Open, |

WALES

Jan.
27 | Glamorgan Open, |

Note: Closing date approximately 14 days prior to event.

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Irish Post for Eric Cotter

THE Irish Table Tennis Association (Ulster Branch) announces that the current Midlothian County player, Eric A. Gongan, is to be first Full-Time Coach/Development Officer. He will take up his duties on Jan 1/73.

Eric, aged 24, represented Midlothian as recently as Oct 14 in their Premier Division match against Nottys, last season, at Crystal Palace, he was a beaten men's doubles finalist, with Trevor Taylor. When competing in Ireland, he has defeated Tommy Gaffney who, until recently, was the No. 1 in Ulster.

An English Diplomat Coach, Eric has assisted in the coaching of many English players including Bill Hammond and has conducted several successful coaching courses in Northern Ireland since August 1971.

A keen student of modern trends in coaching, Eric has been present at recent World and European championships and has attended two month-long training sessions in Sweden for coaching and with continued exposure to provincial championship and is particularly well-versed in the methods of our Northern Ireland coach, Tommy Gaffney who, until recently, was the No. 1 in Ulster.

The I.F.T.T.A. (Ulster Branch) has operated a Coaching Scheme since 1968 staffed by part-time coaches. It has, however, proved impossible in recent years to meet all the demands for coaching and with continued exposure to provincial championship and is particularly well-versed in the methods of our Northern Ireland coach, Tommy Gaffney who, until recently, was the No. 1 in Ulster.

The Association is appreciative of the efforts of all the coaches who have helped to raise the standard in Ulster's Table Tennis, particularly to the Inter-Provincial championship and in its particularity proud to have had four of its players, three of whom are under 17 and of all ages it is hoped to maintain the continued availability of the valued part-time coaches.

The assistance and co-operation of the officials of the Ministry of Education, the Youth and Sports Council and of the Sports Council (Northern Ireland) has been invaluable. Without the generous grants provided by the Ministry of Education it would be impossible for such a club tennis, to embark on a major expansion of this nature.

My Stages of Development

By Kenji Kurimoto (nee Matsuzaki)

Translated by Kiyoko Cresswell from the butterfly "TT Report", May 1974

LOOKING back over my career, my improvement was gradual and took place just when I was in Junior High School. One time I was the World Champion. My best record had been second place in the Student Championships although many players were still ahead of me. During the first year of University I practiced extremely hard, but the practice was completely different from that of High School. The time, the second year, however, things became a lot easier. I am enjoying playing, table tennis had done me good, helping me to develop my all-round strength.

From April to the Japanese Championships in December I was in top form and felt I was getting better. This was due to my new technique. In particular I became much better in my U-turn service which I used.

In the first stage of development, table tennis had taken the lead. The second stage of development was a long period of time, first in High School, then in Junior High School until I was in University. It was a long process, but the progress was gradual and steady. The technique was better and I was improving every week. This is the stage of my development which I feel very proud of.

The next stage of development took place one month before the Inter-College Championships when I changed from reverse soft rubber toingles outward, as I could not get my speed with the soft rubber. This change suited my style and gave me more confidence.

The fourth stage of improvement, although the hardest, was also the most remarkable. Up to entering University, at 18, my best record had been second place in the Student Championships although many players were still ahead of me. During the first year of University I practiced extremely hard, but the practice was completely different from that of High School. The time, the second year, however, things became a lot easier. I am enjoying playing, table tennis had done me good, helping me to develop my all-round strength.

I went to Japan in the first school year and I was included in the National Team. This was the most remarkable. Up to entering University, at 18, my best record had been second place in the Student Championships although many players were still ahead of me. During the first year of University I practiced extremely hard, but the practice was completely different from that of High School. The time, the second year, however, things became a lot easier. I am enjoying playing, table tennis had done me good, helping me to develop my all-round strength.

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Hale's Golden Rackets

Up into the shimmering Eighties have gone Denis Neale and Robert Matthews as a result of points won in the Hale's Humberside and Hale's Midland Counties 3-Star Open Championships.

The meet will allow the players to qualify for a perpetual trophy in the form of a Golden Racket to be presented by Hale's in recognition of a player's points systems, as outlined in the November round of the Midland Counties 3-Star open championships this season.

Following this month's Midlothian, on Dec 2/3, there will only remain the Tyneside scheduled for Feb 23/24 at Tynemouth Pavilion.

Leading points gatherers were:

Men

D. Neale (Yorks.) 82
P. Hallam (Middx.) 76
T. Taylor (Beds.) 69
J. Clayton (Northants.) 68
W. Johns (Ches.) 59
P. Taylor (Beds.) 58
B. Hill (Surrey) 56
L. Landy (Middlesex) 53
E. Tarrant (Worcs) 46
J. Willey (Yorks.) 43
P. Day (Essex) 40
L. Howard (Surrey) 36
L. Sutton (Yorkshire) 5
R. Matthews (Mids.) 43
K. Mathews (Middx.) 43
L. Radford (Essex) 10
L. Howard (Surrey) 5
P. Day (Essex) 5
L. Howard (Surrey) 5
J. Willey (Yorks.) 5

Women

C. Matthews (Middx.) 81
J. Hammersley (Bucks) 57
J. Howard (Surrey) 56
J. Huggs (Ches.) 56
R. Matthews (Mids.) 43
J. Howard (Surrey) 42
L. Sutton (Yorkshire) 40
S. Tarrant (Essex) 38
L. Hesketh (Essex) 36

The only three players have been awarded to each team who have scored at least 200 points in the above results, but I do not know about the presence of other teams, as to whether the players have a natural, spontaneous approach, enough coaches might have to lead them in Junior and Senior High School.

In conclusion, please keep it's better to let the players have a longer period of time, to understand their style and manner. When players can develop their own style and manner. For the future, I hope to improve my play with that of the top players. The assistance and co-operation of the officials of the Ministry of Education, the Youth and Sports Council and of the Sports Council (Northern Ireland) has been invaluable. Without the generous grants provided by the Ministry of Education it would be impossible for such a club tennis, to embark on a major expansion of this nature.

Midland League

by PHILIP REID

MERRITT BACK IN ACTION

Brian Merritt returns to Midland League table tennis! That's the headline this month! Brian — one-time Listed singles number one — returned to the Midland League first division to play for Gloucester against Nottingham. It was an emphatically satisfactory return, Brian taking all three without any trouble.

It was, in fact, a good match for the 'over-thirties' for another player who also won three in the match was Roy Morley. Whilst Merritt defends Morley hits and loops and lacks a very sound player. Indeed, it is a tribute to the fitness of these two players that they are still amongst the best in the Midlands. Both have served Gloucester for years — their present form is such that they both can go on for a long time yet!

Another player who is doing well is Derek Harris, playing now for Chesterfield and has even done well at that side. However his record speaks for itself — played nine, won nine! Last season Merritt damaged 7 out of 21 — how do you do it Merritt?

Leverton's 8-2 defeat by a weakened Birmingham side has virtually ruined their chances of retaining the 1st Division title and it appears to be a straight fight between Birmingham/Aston & Cheethamfield. With Denis Neale and Colin Deaton both playing in Birmingham, Derek hardly looks likely to be the player to complete the side. However his record speaks for itself — played nine, won nine! Last season Merritt damaged 7 out of 21 — how do you do it Merritt?

David Harvey has managed the services of Mr. H. Woolridge to supplement the Chesterfield effort to regain the Midland title. Both have a good chance. Bury is still all class and elegance — what a delight his effortless play is to watch. In the 2nd Division, W. B. Huns havechalked up 12-0 wins and Oxford U (Birmingham) 10-0, 9-1. Well took a little above the rest of the division.

Finally — report sheets. It would seem that scientists or coaches may include CHRISTIAN names also — it makes writing these reports that little bit more interesting. And a special thanks to Pat Hopkins, Pat, the Novice, women's captain writes out her results sheets unerringly, inescapably — a pleasure to read. Well done Pat!
Warwickshire's Desmond Douglas holds up his boys' singles trophy at the Midland Counties 3-Star Open. Anita Stevenson of Leicestershire, winner of the girls' singles, gives a helping hand.

Photo by courtesy of 'Birmingham Evening Mail'.

None of the home players could make anything of Belgium's No. 1, Norbert Van de Walle, in the 37th Sussex 2-Star Open played at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings over the weekend of Oct. 21-22. He just wore his opponents down and in the later rounds was simply invincible.

Against Malcolm Sugden in the final, Norbert retrieved some brilliant brilliance from him whilst to rattle Linda Howard, the holder, in the final of the girls' singles.

In this latter event Elaine Tarten brought off an astounding 21-2, 22-20 win over Mandy Maller.

Making their first trip to a northern tournament, Peter and Lesley Redford caused consternation in the mixed doubles ranks by casting such formidable combinations as Haslam/Hammerley and Johns/Susan Lisle before bowing the knee to Neale and Karenza in the final.

Jointly sponsored by Halex Table Tennis Ltd. and Hull Brewery, this 3-Star tournament had all the ingredients and the management to make it a winner.

So too can be said of the Camberland 2-Star Open, held for the first time, in the Market Hall at Carlisle on Nov. 4. Sponsorship here was again joint by Camberland Newspapers and Sporthaus of Carlisle, the prize fund amounting to £400.

Tony Clayton, holder of the men's singles title, and a regular traveller to these parts, had someaceutic comments to make about the index of top-rankers attracted by the money! Even Neale was an entrant but gave up the smoke.

SWALLOWED UP

Tony took his departure from the scene when beaten, in the quarters, by Jimmy Walker. It wasn't to his great advantage either for the Teen-ider was swallowed up by the eventual winner, Trevor Taylor, in the semi.

Mike Johns was again the beaten favourite and hard was put against Donald Parker in the other semi-final.

Second-order seeds, Alan Ramson was beaten by Peter Hayles, and Derek Schofield by Brian Rean, the latter winning 16-9, 21, 23! Conspiration in the Cheshire camp!

Top seed Susan Lisle retained her women's singles title with a final win over second seed Karenza Mathews who had seen off junior stars Judith Walker and Brenda Williams. There was also a further shock for Lancashire's Miss Williams when, in the quarter-finals of the girls' singles, the England No. 3 girl was beaten by Yvonne Brockbank the heroine of Milburn School on the following Monday.

Yvonne was also successful in her semi-final against Barbara Keary, but acknowledged defeat like a true sportswoman when beaten by Judith Walker in the final.

In the counterpart boys' event, David Alderson swept all before him to retain his title, Brian Towell of Kendal, being the surprise semi-finalist.

LIKE CINDERELLA

The Stewart sisters, Kyra and Beverley, were the popular winners of the women's doubles title as, indeed, were Meters, Clayton and Lundy in the men's. But what about the performance of Derek Schofield, the veteran champion, who added the mixed title, when partnered by Sylvia Broadbent, with fine success over Mike Johns and Susan Lisle?

As in Manchester, in the women's singles, Jill Hammerley just made it over her arch rival, Karenza Mathews and what a tip top set this was to cap an event which had little to enthrall about in the way of shocks.

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of Brian Mitchell, the bespectacled
Simon Heaps in his semi against Day,
the Edgbaston Turf Accountants.
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played a see-saw boys' singles final
Semi-finals:
C Warren (Surrey) bt P. Taylor (Beds)
VAN DE WALLE bt Brown 15. 16.
SUGDEN bt Warren 19, 17;
D. Brown (Essex) bt S. Gibbs (Essex)
N. Van de Walle (Belgium) bt R Chandler
15. 11;
18. 17;
14. 8;
15. 18.
Sad here was the perform, ance of
Desmond Douglas and Paul Day
Results:
Quarter-finals:
Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
O. B. Haslam (Middx) bt J. Walker (Yorks)
L. Howard bt L. Mellor (Derbys) 10. 11;
E. Tarten (Essex) 16, 18;
NEALE bt Clayton 10. 18:
15. 16. 17:
L. A. Clayton (Yorks) bt L. F. Landry
18, 14.
D. Neale (Yorks) bt J. Krier (Yorks) 10. 11:
18, -11, 24.
E. Tarten (Essex) 16, 19:
17, 17.
Hammerly bt Howard 19, 17.
CHAPMAN bt Etheridge 9, -9. 11.
L. Taylor bt D. Alderson (Yorks) 18, 14.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
L. Hammersley (Bucks) in S. Lise (Lanc)
L. Broad (Surrey) bt J. Holloway (Essex)
L. Radford (Essex) in D. Grant (Middx)
K. Sugden (Middx) in S. Howard (Surrey)

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Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Howard/Neale in M. Johns (Ches)/
Clayton/Hammersley bt A. Ransome (York)/
Walker 21, 12.

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M. Sugden bt R. Chandler 15, 19.

Semi-finals:
HALLAM/NEALE bt Clarke/Lundy 18, 24.
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19, 17;
18, -11, 24.

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Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:
STEWART/STEWART bt Clark/Kearney

Open Tournament (cant.)
SCHO'FIELD/BROADBENT bt Johns/Lisle
CLAYTON/LANDRY bt Johns/Johns 15, 18.

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
ALDERSON bt Towell 13, 8:
A. Clayton (Yorks) bt B. Burn (Warw.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
J. Hammersley (Bucks) bt A. Stevenson (Leics) 13, 9:
M. Johns/Lisle bt Landry/Williams 15, 18.

Women's Doubles:
SCHOFIELD bt Brook 13, 14.

Women's Golden Singles:
J. Kitchener (Suffolk) bt D. Boulter (Essex)

Veteran Singles:
ALDERSON bt Towell 13, 8:

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Hammersley/Howard bt D. Douglas (Warwicks.) 5, 6 (Gary, Ches) 13, 14.

Final:
Schofield/Broadbent bt J. Reed (Cumb) /G. Brook (Yorks) bt G. Wadsworth (Yorks) 20, 13.

Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:
DOUGLAS bt Day 21, 14.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
STEVENS bt Walker 17, 19.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Barden/Day bt P. Viekers/D. Yallop 15, 15.

Girl's Doubles: Final:
TAYLOR bt Walker 17, 19.

French Open
With England's International Squad players taking part in the Midland League, the following team was selected to represent England in the French Open Championships, scheduled to take place in Paris from Dec. 3-5. — Mike Johns (Ches.), Tony Clayton (York.), Duncan Douglas (Warwicks.), David Alderson (York.), and Paul Day (Combe. N.P.C.—Brian Wright.

The French Association were dedicating their championships as a memorial to the late Victor Barna and the E.T.T.A.'s chairman, Charles Wylde, was accompanying the English team,
Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
Susan Lisle (Lanes.) bt E. Tarten (Essex) 17, 10.
TAYLOR bt Clayton 9, 16; CLAYTON
Final:
Semi-finals:
LISLE bt Walker 19, 18, 1; STEVENSON bt Melier 16, 11.
Final:
LISLE bt Stevenson 19, 18.
TAYLOR bt Clayton 9, 16.

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
Tony Clayton (Yorks.) bt J. Walker 14, 17.

Semi-finals:
T. Taylor bt B. Burn (Warwks.) 7, 7.

Final:

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Final:

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
LISLE/Stevenson bt Walker/Beggs 8, 10.

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Decision Making in Table Tennis

by Peter Simpson, E.T.T.A. Northern Staff Coach

The following article, which is in two parts, relates to DECISION, REACTION and MOVEMENT TIME in STROKE PLAY and PRACTICE. This method of play can be used as a basic framework from which to work and can be adapted to a wide variety of players.

Many of our players today have come to a premature stop in their development through stagnant training and have become one speed players. They should be made aware of the key factors relating to the game and that skill in playing a stroke is not enough.

Both the coach and the player should be aware of how to process information received from the environment and how this affects their decision making and reaction.

INFORMATION PROCESSING

Before a player can use his skills effectively and efficiently he will have to go through several processes, as a result of information gathered from the environment, both internal and external - i.e. - type of stroke used, position, return of ball etc. This will go to the brain as nine bits of information, this will then be computed in a fraction of a second and the result will be four sequences.

As the skills in Table Tennis are triggered off so quickly, the player cannot take in all the information available from the environment in one. So a player should develop the ability to select the information which is most important to them. Experience and early reading of a situation will be a key factor.

The information processing given below is not laid out in any particular order as the information differs in importance from player to player.

1. PLAYER RETURN.
2. POSITION OF OPPONENT.
3. SHAPING UP OF OPPONENT.
4. TYPE OF STROKE USED.
5. DIRECTION IN WHICH THE BALL IS TRAVELLING.
6. SPEED AND SPIN OF THE BALL.
7. DECISION WHEN STRIKE TO USE.
8. DECIDING WHERE TO PLAY THE BALL.
9. PLAYING THE STROKE.

All rallies should be thought of as a chain of sequential events, the player using two main kinds of feedback:

1. Audio and Visual—this is external feedback that is received from the environment—i.e. sound or sight of the action.
2. Kinesthetic and Tactile—this is internal feedback from the player's own action from the muscles and joints and touch.

It is important to distinguish REACTION TIME from MOVEMENT TIME. A player could have a fast reaction time but be retarded by a slow movement time by:

1. Length of stroke used (stroke too long and over-exaggerated).
2. Not using the correct joints.
3. Slow joint movement by lack of flexibility and mobility.
4. Incorrect angle of arm.
5. Incorrect balance.
6. Playing too close to the table.

STROKE PLAY BASED ON DECISION, REACTION AND MOVEMENT TIME

A player should have the ability to vary his strokes so that the opponent will find it hard to distinguish what is "on" the ball. Players are at a disadvantage if they do not have the ability to vary their returns. This will allow the opponent to adapt to their returns more easily.

All strokes start with a preparatory movement before the impact on the ball and if there is no variation in the stroke the opponent will have no difficulty in detecting the stroke and the type of spin on the ball during this anticipatory period. Variation of spins will help a player to tactically out-play his opponent by delaying the opponent's decision making.

If there is no variation, the opponent is at an advantage in that he has more time in which to make the necessary reaction. So to remove this advantage, the player should cut down the preparatory movement and vary their strokes and their bat angle. By doing this, the opponent will find it harder to decide what is on the ball. If completely successful, the ball will have been played before the opponent can detect what is "on" it and decide what course of action to take.

At the preparation time is reduced, so will be the anticipation period of the opponent—thus making errors more likely.

VARIATION IN PLAYING STROKES

All strokes should be efficient and effective and played with variation. They should be developed with the minimum amount of time and energy involved. Strokes can be classified as follows:

1. Short.
2. Medium.
3. Long.

Decisions should be played in relation to the position on the table, speed and spin on the ball. Taking advantage of the full range of movement in the:

1. Shoulder.
2. Elbow.
3. Wrist.

In the arm, the wrist is the quickest, then the elbow and the shoulder has the slowest movement, but the shoulder is the more powerful, then the elbow and the wrist is the weakest. At the beginner stage the wrist should not be used.

Co-ordinating the joints and varying the angle of the bat using:

1. Shoulder, elbow, wrist.
2. Shoulder, elbow.
3. Elbow, wrist.
4. Shoulder.
5. Elbow.

Plus body movement this will also give the player:

2. Better control over the ball.
3. Quicker recovery times.

VARIATIONS OF PLAYING A BALL

The player should be experienced in playing the ball in a number of different ways, making the return less predictable. The player should also vary the height at which he plays the ball and the spin and speed.

FLIGHT OF BALL

SLOW

MEDIUM SPIN (TOPSPIN)

FAST SPEED AND SPIN

VARIATION OF SIDESPIN

This has to be seen in three dimensions as there are numerous types of Sidespin variations.

TIMING

To achieve maximum success with variation play, it is essential to incorporate timing:

1. EARLY.
2. PEAK OF BOUNCE.
3. LATE.

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Part 2 of this article will refer to PRACTICE and its relation to INFORMATION PROCESSING and the number of functions being used during practice, also DECISION MAKING in MATCH PLAY.
CHESHIRE NOTES
by Brian Keane

DETRIMENTAL POLICY
I would like to make it quite clear that this camp was not in any way meant to stimulate competition to the POTTERGROVE WOODPARK LEAGUE. Yet, just so happened that the following matters have been the centre of controversial discussion by the CHESHIRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The first item to come under fire from the powers that be is the general structure of the Northern Area Junior Assessment Camp held at Sheffield in the close season.

It is considered optional that this camp was by no means a fair and correct assessment of the standard and strength of Northern juniors. Each county was asked by the E.T.T.A. to nominate their six top juniors from which the E.T.T.A. selected players who, in their estimation, were of the standard required to attend.

The question would like to pose to Susan Wright, Greenwell and Crayston, issuing in mind of course their very few and limited visits to Northern pastures in this, did they honestly know the individual standard of every player selected? — doubt it!—Why didn’t they consider calling on the services of our area coaches Peter Simpson? Surely his greater knowledge of the players in question would have eliminated the deficiencies which were a cause of much expense of time. In some cases — a selected No. 2 from one county would gain his place at a expense of a better No. 4 from a stronger county.

Having thus established the point that the scheme wasn’t fitting for the best and second best players, I am somewhat appalled at the decision of a junior coach at this stage of his or her Table Tennis career, prove of great detriment to their furtherance in the game.

People will now say it’s easy to be so critical, truis—however, I would like to give what in my opinion is the simple answer. To gain a realistic concept of our juniors standard we must organise a number of junior tournaments within each coach’s area. Further to this all players should be given the opportunity to register for the county of their choice, Cheshire, Sussex, a Northumbrian by birth and a regional member of C.T.T.A. through the Galley V.M.C.A. Independent Leagues, has been very much part of the Cheshire set up for a few years. The greatest part of her success as a player has, on her own admission, been largely due to the coaching and training received at the Galley and Cheshire top squad training sessions. The taking Susan her reasoning for opting for Cheshire she replied—"I feel that you return and train a little less at the county I have an awful lot to offer the team"—Lancashire’s decision is, as effective as a ban on the England­ranked Judy Johnson. Now it is highlight Susan’s sincere reasons for opting to sport Cheshire’s red shirt.

I say this is harsh treatment on a player who has given them good service. It would also appear that the E.T.T.A. have short memories without the permission of the C.T.T.A. they would not have had the services of ex-Cheshire star Diane Johnson.

Despite a point of interest, although Cheshire are currently part of the Premier Division there would be little personal gain for Susan, as she would have to play second string to our No. 1 England­ranked Jolly Hashe. With that in mind it highlight Susan’s sincere reasons for opting to sport Cheshire’s red shirt.

Concluding this month’s notes I would like to respond to a comment from Mr. J. White that this season’s county player Karen Garner, who acquired herself well in her first senior match. Ken Muir beat Paul Charlton, but Paul Charlton had a brillaint evening. Barbour Webb of Hunts, beat Deborah Clarke 15, and Giles.

The Junior Second Team, not surprisingly, but 9-4 to Horfield­shore’s First at Letchworth. The County’s sole success came from young Brian Richardson — his first for the Juniors. Ludovic Chapman, although losing both his singles, was not outclassed.

In the South-East Midwest Leagues, Cambridge City proved too strong for Peterborough in their opening fixture at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. The Men’s Team had a comfortable 8-2 win, with Stephen Andrews and Gerald Cottman winning their singles, and a weak Women’s team managed to force a 5-3 draw, largely due to County player Karen Garner, who won all three singles, in a team which had an average age of 13.

The Junior Team won 8-2, with Chris Fuller and new member Philip Ward winning all their singles, whilst the Veterans’ Team coasted home, 9-1, with John Baird and Ron Nunn winning three singles each and John Laver two. In a further match, the City defeated Wellington­borough in the Men’s, Women’s and Veterans’ matches, but went down 4-6 in the Junior encounter.

In the Men’s fixture, John Thorton, Cotman and Andrews put Cambridge ahead in the singles, a lead which it seemed would extend to their furtherance in the game. A significant in that it was the first match of the season since Karen Garner and Clarke. The Men’s wins were their second match with the team of Robert, Nunn and Loker set to notch the title for the second time running.

In the Sussex Open, Mike, partnered by Brian Mitchell of Cambridge, had a notable second round doubles win over Sammy Ogundipe and Peter, winning their singles, in a team which had an average age of 13.

In the Newport Junior Open, Day beat to Simon Hups in the final of the U-17 B.N.S, and in the U-17 N.D., partnered by Elaine Tarrant, lost an exciting semi to Martin Shuttle and Gillian Tarrant, 21-12. In the U-12 B.N.S, Cambridge did well to reach the fourth round before losing to Martin Shuttle (Servic, Carrol Rills beat to Marilyn Sugrue (Middlesex) in round 2 of the U-12 G.M.S., 12-1, 12-11.

In the Humberdale Open, Day beat David Alderson in the final of the Boys’ singles, this being the second time that he has beaten the Edward No. 2. Day also had an excellent service in the mixed when, partnered by Miss Tartin, they beat Laurie Landley and Diane Court before losing to Tony Clayton and Susan Howard.

Cambridge beat the Great Yarmouth 9-3 in the East Anglia League and were never in trouble. The best performance was by Deborah Clarke, who had a splendid win over Edna Fletcher, who has had many years service with the Norfolk Team.

In the Cambs. League, Soham I had an easy 8-2 win over Y.M.C.A. II, with Day and Brian Jones winning all their sets. Cotman and Loker both beat Stephen Palmer for Y.M.C.A. Following their 10.0 win over 110 Press, H. Guildhall maintained their position as leaders of Division I. Y.M.C.A. II beat Cambridge University 8-2, this being the University’s first match, and on this showing they look likely to struggle.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES**

by Ian R. Crickmer

**PUZZLING ASPECT**

This almost complete absence of Worcestershire players at the National Championships of late is certainly surprising but not unexpected, having elapsed the previous highest tally of national appearances by Worcestershire between 1964 and 1969. Dewing is yet another player to have joined the ranks of the Cockshill T.T.C. with no less than four titles under his belt. Dewing is yet another player to have joined the ranks of the Cockshill T.T.C. two titles out of three, with each Frank O'Sullivan getting the better of the British. Dewing was preparing for an opportunity in connection with his work.

**NEWSPAPER INSIGHTS**

Despite the difficulties at Alvechurch, rental agreements are now over, with the new tenants enjoying a leasehold agreement. In addition, three of the pairs are competing at the same time, with both being held in the South West. In the Coca-Cola Junior competition, Christmas to decide the Worcestershire League fixture and, fortunately for Derby, minus Doug Foulds, who has left for the Midlands, working on a new venture.

**DERBYSHIRE NOTES**

by Walter Reeves

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**WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES**

**SUREWIN**

SALISBURY, making a welcome return to the League, opened their campaign with a surprise 7-1 victory over Newbury. But, in fairness to the visitors, they were without their 'stars' Duncan Cripps, Arthur Childress and Derek Ruskin.

For Salisbury, Bill Mudholland and Chris Self both obtained maximums at the expense of Dave White, Bob Kedwards and Andy Scholes, while Terry Bruce beat White.

Plymouth had a comfortable 8-1 home win against Wrexham with Bob Parkes and Keith Jane in 'max', and Dave James losing to Jim Archdeacon, Newbury, at home in Weston, won 7-2 with a 'max' from Angela Evans, twice and two wins each by John Bloomer and Roy Ward.

Bromfield's young men faced a daunting task, as they were without their 'stars', Joe Garland and Philpott. For Devizes, Alison Boyce was untroubled, but Cyril, good luck to you and you;

**NORTHANTS NOTES**

by Gwyn Powell

**A GIANT STRIDES ON**

At last month's meeting of the Northants' Association the committee learned, with mixed feelings, that its match secretary for the past two and a half years, Cyril Lakeland would be leaving the county early in the new year to take up a new appointment with the Northants and county leagues. He was instrumental in bringing in the Welsh Border Language league and could always be relied upon to do sterling work at any of the local tournaments, transport, organisation, umpiring, organising and clearing up.

As County Match Secretary, Cyril worked hard and it was during his time in office, that some of the current local league players had been introduced to the modern game.

He launched several schemes for raising money from local firms in support of County affairs two notable ones being that which raised last season's enlarged County handbook which was distributed to all players in Northants and this season's effort which has raised enough money to sponsor a series of training/coaching sessions for schools, third and fourth string juniors from all over the county, in addition to the county's most able juniors.

Cyril is not severing his connections with table tennis as his many friends may well have guessed and he has already been in touch with the Welsh Association and the Abergele league and doublets will very soon be back in his new venture.

"Thank you for all you have done, Cyril, good luck to you and your family in your new venture."
LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philo Reid

Leicester’s early season 8-2 defeat at the hands of Birmingham has virtually killed the title hopes of retaining the Mens 1st Division title. Birmingham were without Desmond Douglas and Derek Munt, but were still too good for Leicester for whom only Paul Randell could do anything.

In the Men’s 2nd Division, Leicester have lost all three matches to date. An indication of the decline in form of Leicestershire were some of the veterans from the Leith St. Paul. Miller and Beverley who have been left behind.

The women, too, with an 8-2 win, followed by one of 10-0, could also be considered the same. They have been unable to win any of the seven sets they have been able to collect. The juniors have made the most of the opportunities to win against the juniors and women.

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No. 9 John Kedge, who was killed the team’s hopes leading move by this young league. They were drawn against Beccles, away. In the Junior Division the new proposals might bring about a hasty exit against those from other counties. The women, too, with an 8-2 win, followed by one of 10-0, could also be considered the same. They have been unable to win any of the seven sets they have been able to collect. The juniors have made the most of the opportunities to win against the juniors and women.

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The huge Junior Division has 14 teams, which is a good sign of how the game is progressing. It has been a difficult season for all the teams, not least Barrie McLeish. They have lost the firsts at Brighton but there could still be some opposition from one of the top three junior teams. The juniors have made a good start, and there are still quite a few teams to come. The juniors have made a good start, and there are still quite a few teams to come.
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reaching the Grand Finals of the
season for both players as juniors,
and this summer was successful in
Clark.

Clark; 3 Glenn McCardle; 4 Tony
luan; 6 Daphne Russell.

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inc I ude county-ranked players.

This year their

play for West End B.C. in Div. 2B,

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the Junior Boys' trials were held

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Kent notes by Brian Jordan

The new Kent League season is now

well under way. Champions of the

Men's Section, Woolwich, are

encouraging start in defense of their

by beating Canterbury "A" 9-1, but their task was made much
easier by the failure of Stan Brockle­
bank to turn up for Canterbury. Last
season's runnuppers, Bromley "A" -
also started well and with wins over
West Bromwich, Munt, Douglas
have already shown they are well
capable of retaining division 2B.
The last held at the end of the 1970-
season

In the Second Division it is another
Bromley side, Bromley "C" who are
playing early players and perhaps
promotion can only be realized if
they top the table.

Kent County matches for

First team of Douglas, Jadd, Glyn,
Doreen Hazzard and Di St. Ledger)

Derbyshire team for whom Yallop
is the outstanding player.

Troubles continued for the 'B' side
where Pilgrim and Jones were obliged
to honor a schools tournament
commitment and were replaced for the
Northants fixture by Hume and Wain­
wright. With Margaret Allen coming
in for Christine Wicks, the eldest
player was only 14! Not surprisingly
the occasion proved to much and they
suffered a 9-1 reverse which did not
match their pre-match confidence
indeed the result favored them by
nearly 4 points.

The Veterans, making their first
appearance at County level, were
successful in Staffordshire with Eric
Edwards, Bill Dawson, Jim Peasland and
Joyce Newt coming out on top.

In the Midland League, Ian

Cooper and Joe Leachton 6-2 while Munt,
Douglas and Ince defeated Hinckley
by the same score.

Glen, Dunne and Taylor accounted
for Darlington in the semi-finals of the

GOING DOWN TO THE WIRE

WEST BROMWICH NOTES

by Ron Anson

NO MATCHES

In their first match upon returning
to the top flight West Bromwich soon
came face to face with the reality of
what to expect in the Premier grade.

Derek Mint, Richard Cooper, Ralph
Gunnion, Brian Burn and Jenny
Corkern were no match for Norden,
Clayton, Walker and Judith Walker
giving 9-0. When one considers
that Jimmy Walker and Tony Clayton
were probably only "standing in" for
Alan Hyde and Nicky Jarvis, away
in Japan, one can only envy the depth
of talent in the Yorkshire Squad.

Some confidence was restored when,
with Douglas coming in for Cooper,
Kent were 7-3 and 6-3, but a hard
struggle lie ahead;

The County 'B' team of Douglas,
Jadd, Glyn, Doreen Hazzard and
St. L. Stogler, opened their account
with a comfortable 9-1 win at
Gloucesterton. The Junior 'B' team
of Pilgrim, Jones, Shropshire, Miss
W. Williams and Miss C. Vines were
rather easier inside the Midlands. A
local charity will certainly benefit
from this and a full report will appear
on the tournament in next month's issue.

Wolverhampton, the town where
there are more juniors than chapels in
Cornwall, have been forced to withdraw
their youngsters from the Mid.
League because no official will look
after the team,

Never a dull moment at the High­
field course these days. After decid­
ing to give the schools' season a rest
and concentrate on Open
matches, the school will now be the venue for squad training in the
New Year. This means that none of the Midlands' top juniors will be
coming to Wolverhampton one fortnight to practice under the watch­
ful eye of Bryan Merritt and local
coach Jim Hayward. It was good to
see the Highfield girls playing in
the Midland open at Watford, no
success, but the experience was worth
a lot.

Dorothy Deeley, who has been
missed from the county scene this
season, is expecting an addition to the
family in April. Good luck Dot

In the first round of the Costa-Cola
competition West Bromwich drew a
by in both the Rose Bowl and the
Luton Cup, while the boot had
usable for the Nuneaton.

At the Potteries is very much part of
the county set up in Staffordshire.
Perhaps one of these events will
get me some news of events in the
north of the country to include
in next month's issue.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Ron Anson

NO MATCHES

This time it is the week when

"Midland", he thought my forecast
would be a little flat. "But workload
and sport cannot be replaced."

That was the year for Warwickshire
records. As he is the new veteran
champion of the Midlands, who am I
to argue.

The upside down story of the
month comes from West Bromwich
where Warwickshire's No. 1 Jenny
Corkern turned out for the home team
against Birmingham in the Midland
League. The result, an 8-2 win for
West Bromwich,
Kailty Chargeman (now Mrs. Khodaji) who performed a unique hat-trick of hat-tricks by winning the triple crown for the third year in a row at the Hyderabad Nationals. Kailty has also played the star role at the tri-annual standing women's team championship in the Mahrasthra's supremacy in the Khodaiji. Kailty and Khodaiji have stayed away from the conventional saree to over from the conventional saree to over from the conventional saree to...
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LIGHTING: No change in principle, but for more appreciation of the need for light over the whole arena, not just the table. Modern techniques demand much higher lighting fittings.

UNIFORMS: Greatly improved in many countries. International changes groups—great!

Balls: In 1935 the plain pimpled rubber bats held 95% sway, with a few low players still using plain wood, hardpuppy facing, cork facing, etc.

Today it is 90%, sponge rubber facing materials, with a few players using “pimpled” faced, etc. Cork and silk/paper are not allowed now. Despite passionate debate about the facing materials, which very nearly split the International Federation, the legal position has not been changed much.

Even in 1935, sponge or “sandwich” bats were permitted (and sometimes used), but today the thickness is limited.

Colours: Legally, no change—light, dark, dazles, etc., are still banned. There is a colour code but it appears to be operated by colour-blind judges. I am pleased about this; I still believe that white is an unfair colour (when using a white ball), but bright modern colours put new life into the whole game.

Dress: When I started, “real” T.T. players wore the proper dress—grey shirts, grey pullover, long grey trousers, or grey middi-skirts, grey socks and grey rubber shoes, with belts. The heels are coming back in a way, in the modern training shoe, but for the rest—look around you.

It is a pleasing change that now, Table Tennis is automatically linked with proper sports dress, yet still offers scope for levels of colour.

Juniors: Until 1939 the limit was under-18, now it Is under-17. But then, very few players entered the game until they were 16. Nowadays some of them start at 8 and consider retiring at 16!

Veterans: No change—80 was the age and 90 it remains, although the U.S.A. have discreetly named categories of “seniors”, over 35, and “Esquires” over 50. Worth looking into!

Change: Service may now start out-of-court.

Playing Style: Of course an enormous change has occurred; in 1935 you were on your own, life was itself very competitive and this suited most of us. Today in many countries, professionally organised and nationally-sponsored networks of teaching and training centres offer almost any youngster a good start. In the home countries, our tolerant philosophy dictates that all shall share the opportunities available from communal funds; most other countries spend their resources in re-inventing the cutesh tattoes of their Youth, arguing that this gives a “spin-off” to inspire the ordinary mortals.

In 1935, such a debate would have been purely theoretical!

PLAYING TECHNIQUE:

Believe me there are the same, only better. We now all techniques of spin service, half volley, looping, sidespin drives, and they were not so fast in flight, not so disruptive, but partly because the bats of the day gave only a small range of variation in their bounce and spin.

But today’s development is only possible due to the wide range of elasticity-ratios and rebound-ratios in the bats.

Along with this goes a wider range of elasticity and rebound in the players’ bodily movements.

Service: Change: Finger spinning banned (1937). But “No change”: the higher spinning-power of sponge bats now produces comparably difficult services!

Changes: Service may now start outside the side-lines.

Double: Change: It is now compulsory for the partners to reverse their playing sequence in successive games.

Time-limits: Change: The marathon type of game has been banned—a change nobody regrets.

PERSONALITIES:

Top men do not change. They always are the skilful men who do not kick against the odds of life and sport, but adopt their talents to them.

There is a change near the middle level, however. In 1935 no “apprentice” could hope to blast through the barrier of moderately talented experienced workmen. By the time he was 25, the fire might have gone from him.

With today’s technicians, youthful fire and speed can break through several of the lower ranks before having to pause for serious work.

ADMINISTRATION:

Change Professional administration at national level, financial sponsors, money prizes, etc.

But no change—still thousands of good hearted sportsmen in voluntary associations for both the fun and the social enjoyment of our great sport.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

KEITH WATT, a member of the ETTA’s Management Committee and an Honorary Life Member, has been presented with a silver tankard in recognition of his 18 years of activity. The presentation was made with a silver tankard in recognition of his 18 years of activity. The presentation was made at the recent ETTA Dinner in London, the London Evening News, 7.11.72.

TREVOR TAYLOR, England’s No. 1, a table tennis player who declined to accept the commission for the international training squad, is cited from the union to meet West Germany in the European League at Leeds on Nov. 21. But Taylor’s return is not expected now, he is still at his training. By the time he was 25, he is still at the top of his game. By the time he was 25, he is still at the top of his game.

CHESTER BARNES is back in training and racing up for the big prize money available in top table tennis. And that’s bad news for his tournament opponents!

I’ve always said Barnes, the Cockney player, could be world champion if his dedication matched his talent. Now 25, he is still at his best and has won more than £600 in a few weeks of this season. But he can’t be stopped now. He is still at his best and has won more than £600 in a few weeks of this season.

Barnes is also serving a 16-month suspension by his county, Essex. But though unlikely to represent his country or county this season, he remains the major threat to tournament opponents now he is back in serious training.

Dennis Neale, England’s No. 3 and Chester’s greatest rival over the years, had already won no less than 18 in tournament prize money in the first few weeks of this season. But he can’t test any more now he knows Chester is back on the warpath.

Johnny Lanch, News of the World, 5.11.72.

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BERKSHIRE NOTES
by Robin Lockwood

GIRLS BADLY MISSED

The Royal County has started its first season in Division 2 South with a draw against Sussex II, Berkshire II, in the Southern division, also picked up a point with a draw against Hertfordshire II, Berkshire juniors had missed the numbers 1 and 4 girls in their match against Surrey II and were well beaten by 2-1. Surrey had won the first eight sets before Paul Tran and Alan Hicks pulled a couple back for Berkshire Paul had won the first eight sets before

In the first half of the Berkshire Competition, played at the Bracknell Sports Centre on Sunday, Nov. 19, the towns finished as follows:

MEN'S DIVISION 1
1 - Maidenhead (4 wins)
2 - Didcot (4 wins)
3 - Bracknell (2 wins)
4 - Maidenhead (1 win)
5 - Reading (0 wins)

MEN'S DIVISION 2
1 - Didcot (6 wins)
2 - Didcot (5 wins)
3 - Didcot (4 wins)
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BOYS
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2 - Reading (B) (8 wins)
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Thursday, January 4th—
6:00 p.m. Qualifying Competition.

Friday, January 5th—
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Women's Singles 1st and 2nd Rounds.
2:00 p.m. Men's Doubles 1st, 2nd and 3rd Rounds.
Women's Doubles 1st and 2nd Rounds.
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TOUGH TASK AHEAD FOR TAYLOR

Trevor Taylor who will be defending his title at the Lancashire 2-Star Open at Bolton on Saturday, January 13th, 1973.

On January 14th, 1972, Trevor Taylor, the Essex left-hander, won the Men's Singles title at the 2-Star Lancashire Open Tournament against opposition that included, not only the top England players, but also the members of the Russian contingent who had played against England on the previous night in a European League match.

Taylor is expected to defend his hard-earned title at the next Lancashire Open on Saturday, January 13th in Bolton but this time the going may be even more difficult than before.

On the previous evening in Bolton's Institute of Technology some sixteen top players of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales plus the cream of the Continental countries that are at present members of the Common Market will be competing in the Government-sponsored "Fanfare for Europe" table tennis event and it is hoped that many of these players will be present at the Lancashire Open on the next day.

FUND RAISING FOR CLUBS

by Alan J. Cawell

The easiest way for a club to raise money is to increase subscriptions and, for special purposes such as a new table, to have a whip round among all the members. Other ways require a special effort by a few members, an effective organisation and usually the co-operation from people who are not members of the club.

As small clubs cannot derive advantages from supporters sections and social membership it is desirable to have a constant drive for new members. Every extra member is a family group gained. Parents of juniors, wives and husbands of playing members and friends of all will support the fund raising efforts of their club.

County Associations and town leagues can raise money quite easily by joining in with the E.T.T.A. Lincoln Handicap lottery. Local clubs wishing to raise a quick £50 - £100 can also run their own lottery occasionally. The provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act of 1963 must be complied with.

Of possible social events, dances are usually the easiest for a club to run. Hire a hall and a band and D.J. and then sell enough tickets to more than cover the expenses.

Stalls at fetes usually involve much work and little financial gain, i.e. organisers usually reserve the most profitable stalls for themselves. Jumble sales and the collection of specified commodities for subsequent sale involve the willing co-operation of very many people and may give rise to storage problems.

Some voluntary National organisations lend, and sometimes give, money to clubs. They ascribe more willingly those clubs which contribute to their national fund raising efforts e.g. by providing personnel for flag days. The National Playing Fields Association has raised and distributed over £23 million since it was formed in 1925.

Money is not "there" for the asking: people do not help people un-willing to help themselves. However, by the efforts of individual club members, money can be obtained to make their club an even better one; each club so improved makes itself more acceptable to those who require high standards of playing facilities and a pleasant social atmosphere and thereby improves its membership figures.
HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES
by R. Bridges

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MIDDLESEX NOTES
by Laurie Landry

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Every woman on the English ranking listishes an entry for the Junior Open at the Royal Horticultural Hall and was unselected the same again in respect of the men.

The entire prize fund of £600 in the form of gift vouchers for the Hertfordshire Junior Open to be played at Wallford Sports Hall.

On Oct 29 the senior trials were held. The closing date is Friday, Dec. 2, so don't forget to send off your entry form in good time. Remember it's Christmas posting and postings will be heavy.
CONTROVERSY

JOHN WOODFORD

looks at

THE MOBILE POT HUNTER

IT would seem that the E.T.T.A. rules experts have never quite got to grips with the problem of the mobile pot hunters. — perhaps this is a problem that is better dealt with at league and county levels. Most of us have heard of a recent happening where a Midlands player became the closed champion of three counties and many instances of players winning three or more town titles.

Taking the leagues first, there seems no difficulty for a league who wishes to make its "closed" tournament closed. The best and most popular formula is to make a condition that is a problem better dealt with happening where a Midlands player is that some genuine reserve players to grips with the problem of titles.

number of local league matches in a season in order to qualify. I understand that some genuine reserve players could find themselves excluded from their town tournament.

I believe that Kent and Midlands are two counties who have taken steps in the right direction by making some fairly stringent regulations. For the organisers of a county "closed" there is quite naturally a fairly strong temptation to make the event fairly open by allowing any player who is a member of a club in the county to appear, even though he or she maybe appearing for another county in the County Championships.

But of course this could lead to a force involving perhaps four very strong men, three of whom could be working or living in the county but whose allegiance in the County Championships is centred elsewhere.

I know of a county where moves are currently being made to rectify this situation. The surprising factor so far, is that most leagues in that county seem to have voted strongly in favour of sanctions and I have it on good authority that one of the star players who would be excluded from this forthcoming county "closed" has declared that he is in favour of the ban.

It may well be that the player has smelt the wind of change but it now seems to me a lot easier to introduce legislation on this controversial issue than I believed it was a year ago.

The recommendation is for leagues and counties who believe that the word "closed" should mean what it says to go ahead with confidence. There is bound to be opposition but it does seem that the day can be won on a majority vote. After all, there are plenty of "open" tournaments for those travellers to go to although we all know their chances of success on the open circuit are very considerably less — tough luck — but let's to these "closed" events up tighter for the sake of the lesser players.

QUESTIONS

1. When was the first table tennis championships held ?
2. Can naturalised players represent England ?
3. When was the E.T.T.A. formed ?
4. Has table tennis ever been included in the Olympic Games ?
5. Who was the only man to have been both president and chairman of the E.T.T.A. at the same time ?
6. Can a player who has dropped his bat, return the ball with an empty hand ?
7. Which player won a world singles championship at table tennis and then later in his career, won the men's singles trophy for tennis at Wimbledon ?
8. How old was Ann Haydon when she first started playing table tennis for England ?
9. The 2nd Commonwealth Championships were held next March. Where ?
10. Name two teams that will meet Scotland this season in the second division of the European League ?

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As Basingstoke is a little far for me, just to pop in, could I call on Mr. Cundey, or Mr. Bevan, to afford me some details for subsequent publica-

tion? But, in the meantime, I am open to invitations to visit schools anywhere in the country and if two or three links can be killed with one stone so much the better.

Recently, with Brian Keen of Coaching, I gave a helping hand with a coaching session at Milton School, Camberley. This school has a table tennis club which can boast over 20 members, and is organised by Diploma Coach, John Reed.

There are many school clubs throughout the country and I have visited some excellent groups. But Milton is not just a school club, they cannot play a school's league for the next school is more than 20 miles away and, in fact, a schools' league within themselves.

To prevent such with such a large number of members, each pupil signs a form stating exactly how involved they wish to become and how often they would like to play.

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During the weekend Brian and I were there, we were using 8 tables - quite a few for a small school and incidentally, and I gave an insight into what other clubs and the area.

Although the inhabitants of Milton have a great deal of the old calendar attached to them and some of the old pieces to add in the job of a table tennis coach so much harder.

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LANCASHIRE NOTES
by George R. Yates

EARTHQUAKE AT Bamber Bridge
BEATING Chester 9-1 on Deeside kept defending champions Farnworth at the head of affairs in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League. But their tenure as title holders would appear precarious having subsequently been beaten 5-4 by second division Barrow in the first round of the Coca-Cola Walmsley Cup competition.

Both Derek Schofield and Colin Long recorded treble trophies against Chester whose Ian Johns saved the 'whitewash' as title holders would have been beaten.

Barrow (4) v Blackpool.
Manchester v Urmston (8).
Narrow-in-Furness v Barrow.
Liverpool v Masfield (9).

Farnworth, the holders, have a first round tie away to the winners of the Manchester v Urmston match.

DURHAM NOTES
by Fred Inch

BACK IN HARNESS

Some weeks ago Charles Feeneman had a very serious motor car accident but, I am pleased to be able to inform all his many friends that he is on the way to a complete recovery. Indeed he is already bounding League aerobics to keep his inter-league fixtures up to date. His job as County Registrar is just one of the many posts he holds in local affairs.

On Thursday, Nov. 23, at the Red Hills Hotel, Durham, Mr. Benny Long, who retired as President of the Durham County T.T.A., at the last A.G.M., was the recipient of numerous presentations. Tributes were also voiced by representatives of County Leagues, Clubs and individuals who had gathered to associate themselves with sincere thanks to a man who was a founder member of the Stanley League and who had served the County exceptionally well over many years.

He had been Father and Friend to many players who had sought his advice. The occasion was further marked by Brian being made a Life Member as were Edgar and Jean Ray, together with Harry Senior of Darlington. These were the first Hon. Life Memberships, to be bestowed in the history of the County, the citations being for long and distinguished service, and very well deserved.

Also at the gathering were representatives of Joshua Wilson and Bros. Ltd., the V.G. Foodstore wholesalers, who presented the County with a cheque for £50 to sponsor a friendly match against the Poles at the Bernard Houghton Hotel, Houghton-le-Spring. This match was watched by over 300 spectators.

The finest range of Table Tennis Bats in the world in styles to suit all types of players. The range features eight different styles of bats, and rubbers include ALLROUND, TEMPEST, PLOUS and SRIVER.
Ping-Pong parties are all the go, though I am thankful to say I have, so far, escaped the ordeal and at several Homes, notably at the Mount Ephraim, some brilliant rallies may be witnessed of an evening. Candidly, I confess when on my way to witness my first game of ping-pong, I went forth with some, like Balaam. If I did not return blessing, I was certainly impressed with the necessity for a quick eye and a nimble wrist, which the game demands from its votaries. There is something in it. It don’t help you to put on much muscle and one should say, in the middle of August, it would be quite possible to put oneself in a mild perspiration but as an indoor recreation, it has undoubtedly its merits.

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Fordbridge, 536, Tunbridge Wells 549 was the result of a match at ping-pong, played at the Angel Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. Lord those Fordbridge chaps!”
for mid-December and it is hoped fortunately the delegates present the County Association wishes to make recently asked the County to consider it abundantly clear that under no circumstances will they re-instate any specific course of action. As a result a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee was held. Unfortunately the delegates could not reach a decision, there being no authority they have for the game foremost, the County Association feels that the relegation issue is completely irrelevant to the County преимущества и будет продолжаться без ревизии. База данных также будет использоваться, чтобы следить за изменениями в этой области.
**County Championships Round-up**

by JOHN WRIGHT

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**QUIET MONTH**

This is a quiet month, with what activity there has been noticed at junior level. The few sessions of the "new-style" Premier Division were played at the Monty Hill and Darwin Sports Centre and went reasonably well, it is far too early to say with any certainty what the likelihood is of this system becoming a permanent fixture of the season, but the saving in cost, travel and time may well (in this particular division at least) be thought to outweigh the loss of match atmosphere and the gradual development of a competition throughout the season.

The matches will be played at Loughborough, at the end of the month. A really busy time for Reg Belson, who is regainfully involved with the English Junior Closed as well as the organisation of this series of matches.

Finally a reminder on the Leicester Forest Memorial Trophy, where nominations must reach me by the end of the month.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Warwickshire 4, Lancashire 6**

Lasek lost to Parker -12, -13; bt Hoy -19, -21, -20.

**Douglas bt Hallows 8, 11; lost to Parker 14, -17, -14.**

-19, 14, 14.

by JOHN WRIGHT

Shropshire lost to Hoy -10, -13; lost to Hallows -19, -13.

Lasek/Shropshire lost to Hallows/Parker -12, -12.

weekend — unbeaten in singles or doubles, with Walsh the only player to take him really close. Surrey for the first time to take both points as the opening singles and BID could both have gone the other way.

Middlesex 6, Cambridgehire 4

A. Middlesex lost to Barry -9, -13, -15; bt Hoy -12, -13.

Richardson lost to Barry -11, -12; bt Hoy -12, -13.

Douglas/Shropshire lost to Hallows/Parker -12, -12.

Middlesex made to look a fairly ordinary side, with Andrew Batch cues unable to keep Paul Day quiet in XD where Middlesex ended up with a nice lead.

Cambridgeshire 3, Essex 7

Day bt Boulter 8, 11; bt Hoy -18, -19.

Douglas lost to Barry -11, -12; bt Hoy -12, -13.

Gerald Walsh and Steve Lyons did

Burrows the "mighty mouse" in good form.

M. Hoy/Miss S. Thompson lost to Miss B. Williams bt Rose/St. Ledger -19, -12.

St. Ledger bt Williams -18, 14, -10.

S. Lyons bt Barry -14, -19.

Surrey proud here, with Lyons crash-landing forehands through Mark Mitchell.

Douglas/Groves lost to Wiley /by bt Lyons 13, 16, -10.

M. Hoy/Miss S. Thompson lost to Wiley/Miss F. Clements -13, -10, -18.

Allen/Truman lost to Thompson/Williams -15, -14, -10.

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