New Year Smiles from Merseyside

Photo by John O'Sullivan

This month's Star Feature

15th SCANDINAVIAN and 22nd FRENCH OPEN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Title retention for Johansson in Boras — Revenge for Jonyer in Paris

Competitors in the 15th Scandinavian Open played in Boras, Sweden over the period of Nov. 24-26, were welcomed by Toru T. Wiatrak, Chairman of the Common Council, as the town was celebrating its 350th Anniversary.

Attracting one of the strongest entries ever to assemble outside a World Championship, the tournament provided a veritable feast of exciting and spectacular table tennis. The only diminuendo was Japan's withdrawal of their former world championship, Chihgo Ichik, together with Misutira Kubota and Norio Takashita from the men's events and Sachiko Yokota and Ryoko Takeda from the women's formats which were obscure.

Czechoslovakia's Milan Olovko steadfast in the men's team event in Boras up to the final against Yugoslavia.

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Ailesa Lee won an excellent final over her compatriot but the big shock in this event was the defeat of Zoya Rudnova, of Russia, by Cha Kyoung-Mi of North Korea.

LITTLE BETTER

England's representatives faced a little better in the doubles when Neale and Haslam had a good win over the Swiss, Bo Persson and Einar Westin, but then lost an exciting second round match to Stanislaw/Barbek 1-3. The title went to France's Stanislav Gumov and Sarko Sarkhajian.

The mixed brought Haslam and Mrs. Hammersley up against Haigo/Donn-Alä of Japan who won 16-11, 13, 4, and Mrs. Mathews had an excellent opening set over Gergely/Basrucki Kissai (Hungary) but, without having any of the 'breaks', lost to Toiko Tanaka/Toriko Edano, of Japan, the eventual finalists, who were beaten by Ivar Jonnyer and Judith Magen of Hungary.

WHEELWIND ATTACK

Early shocks were the 3-0 defeat inflicted on Istvan Jonyer by China's Hua Shao-fu, Dingguin Surbeck cut out Gabor Gregory 3-1, and Neale going down 2-3 to the whirlwind attack of Kim Chang Ho, reigning world champion, Bengtsson, was ousted by French "jaco" Jacques Secretin, 24-22 in the fifth.

Japan's former world champion, Nobukazu Hasegawa, fought back from 0-2 to beat Tiao Wen-yuan, but 'blew up' in the semi against Johansson. Haslam lost to Sweden's Bengt Levin 1-3 in the first round.

Both English girls lost to the eventual finalists from South Korea, whose women have improved tremendously and must now rank amongst the world's best. Ailesa Lee had too much topspin for Jill Hammerton, while the cast-iron defence of Hyun Soo Chung did not give to Karenza Mathews.

Chang Li (China) losing finalist in the women's singles in the French Open.

In the women's doubles, the Anglo-Hungarian pairing of Hammerton/Kissai reached the final before losing to the event winners Ailesa Lee/Mi Ra Park, Korea's Mathews was paired with Yuki Os Im Sine of South Korea and performed creditably losing over four close games, to China's Chu Na-chien/Feng Meng-yuan.

Cover Photograph

The Liverpool and District Table Tennis League's glamorous girls who have all made representative appearances for their native Lancashire in the County Championships, from L. to R. Kathleen Baxendale, Suzanne Manning, Brenda Williams and Barbara Kirkman.
Last won by England's Peter TAYLOR, the junior boys' event was won, on this occasion, by the host country's PETER ALDERSON, who defeated Hong Kong's Ho Tsu-pin (18, 16, 21, 13, 9) to make the trip accompanied by his 19-year-old brother, Paul Day. Brian Wright was called on to replace Tony CLAYTON and Mike DUGLAS in the team.

**KEEPPING FAITH**

Coincident with the Middlesex & London Open, the 22nd French Open championships were staged in the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Paris from Dec. 3-5. The tournament was this year sponsored by the French Table Tennis Union, represented by Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson, the team's non-playing captains.

Alderson and Paul Day, the juniors, made their debut in the men's singles event when China, the holders, were defeated 3-0 by France. Secretin struck the first blow in defeating Ho Tsu-pin (18, 16, 21, 13) before beating Italy 3-1, were beaten by Hungary 3-0 by France. Secretin (18, 16, 21, 13) and the Hungarians took the doubles at 13 and 15.

Just as comfortably, however, Sweden disposed of England's duo in the quarters with Bengtsson beating Johns (19, 9), Johansson a 19, 13 winner over Clayton, and the doubles going to the Swedes (12, 12).

**EARLY SHOCKS**

As in the Scandinavian Open, early events started the proceedings and shock No. 1 occurred early in the men's event when Clayton, the holder, after beating Italy 1-3, were beaten 2-0 by France. Secretin struck the first blow in defeating Ho Tsu-pin (18, 16, 21, 13) and Jean-Denis Constant kept up the good work by accounting for Clayton (18, 11, 7, 15).

Only one more set was needed, the double, in which the home pair came out winners 16, 15, 14 and France were through to the semi-finals only to be beaten 3-0 by Hungary. In this latter engagement Jean-Paul WERTHEIM (France) beat Constant (18, 11, 7, 15) and the Hungarians took the doubles at 13 and 15.

England's second team, the juniors, began brightly with a 3-1 win over Nigeria 1 with the following scores—Alderson bt Obisanya 10, 15; Douglas bt Fenuyi 11, 9; Alderson/Douglas lost to Fenuyi/Obisanya 10, 15, 12; Anderson in Penney 10, 15.

The brightness continued in the opening set of the second round, an upset, as the men's doubles, in which the home pair came through in the lower half of the draw with the following scores—Fenuyi (Nigeria) (18, 17, -14, 13) and Yugoslavia (3-1) were beaten 3-0 by Hungary. In this engagement J onyer beat Clayton, and the doubles went to Hungary's Magnus and Anna Melchers 10, 19, 17, 15.

England had no representatives in the women's events, the doubles being won by China's Hu Yu-lan over her compatriot, Chang Li, and the doubles by Hungary's Magnus and Anna Melchers 20, 9, 15.

**BENEFIT**

England's first team of Tony CLAYTON and Mike JOHANSSON benefited from a first round bye before engaging Switzerland who had beaten Nigeria II 3-2. It was a match which England comfortably won with John beating Thomas Sudecky (10, 15), Clayton getting home (9, 23) against Erwin Hert, and the doubles taken two-straight (9, 7, 7).

In keeping faith with undertakings in respect of 3-Star opens, England called on Tony CLAYTON and Mike DUGLAS to make the trip accompanied by juniors PETER ALDERSON, DAVID ALDERSON and Paul DAY, Brian WERTHEIM being the non-playing captain.

**L0ST TO GOMOZKOV**

England's Johns, after failing to lead Canada's sole representative, Adolphe LaRUE (13, 15, 9) then (not to) Gomozkov (-19, -14, -9). Similarly Clayton, who opened with a win over Denmark's Claus BIEL (9, 13, 12) was next seen off by Kunz (-11, -12, -13).

Paul Day, the junior boys' junior, made his debut under the big lights against Jean-Paul WERTHEIM (France) who won (20, 9, 15).

Alderson had a Rd. 1 win over Penney (Nigeria) (18, 17, -14, 13) before losing to China's Kuo Chung-kung (-19, -18, -13). Again, in the first round, Douglas scored a win (18, 15, 15) over Marc Merlot (France) before losing to Persson, over five (12, -24, 17, -18, -9). It was a brave effort from the Warwickshire boy who only lost his hold in the fifth and deciding game.

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In the men's team event, the Soviet Union, represented by Constant and Vikström, suffered a shock 3-2 reverse when beaten by Sweden II. Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson came through in the lower half of the draw beating Polish (5-0), England (3-0) and Yugoslavia (3-1). In the final only one set needed a deciding game before Sweden triumphed 3-0 over Hungary.

Bengtsson bt Joray 14, 20, 12, Johansson bt Gregery 17, 22; Bengtsson/Johansson bt Gregory/Joray 10, 16.

The bright line-up in the individual events was almost as strong as in Boras. Bengtsson, the reigning world champion, defending his title in the men's singles from the No. 1 seeded position. Hungary's JANSER was seeded No. 2 and these were the two men to come through to a repeat of the European men's singles final in Rotterdam.

It was a repeat in name only for the result was an utter reversal with Hungarian's Necessi KISZTHALI winning 12, 15, 8, 8, 15 over the Ukrainian, who triumphed in Jarogniew, never in any difficulty.

In the lower half of the draw both Secretin and Surbik reached their needed targets in the semi-finals but not so Orlovskaiai and Gontzelev in the top half.

Orlovskaiai was beaten in Rd. 3 by China's Kuo Chung-kung and the Soviet's No. 1 went on to Gomozkov (-19, -14, -9).

The tournament was staged in the Borkahallen, a very large Sports Hall with fluorescent lighting and plastic floor covering. Stiga tables and Halex balls were used.
Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
Hsu Shao-fa bt Karakasevic 19, 10, 11;
Hasegawa bt Tia Wen-yuan -17, -18, 15,
AILES-A LEE bt Hyun Sook Chun.
JONOYER bt Surbek -14, 13, 19.
YU YI-TSE bt Hsu Shao-fa 21, 16.
PenH Meng-ya (Ch) bt In Sook Na.
Wang Wen-hua (Ch) bt Chong Yun Hong.
GOMOZKOV/SARKHOJAN bt Tiao.

Junior Boys': Singles: Final:
U. THORSELL (Sw) bt Chang Li-Wei.

Women's Team Final:
South Korea 3-0.

Specialists
French Open.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Junior Boys': Singles: Final:
B. EVERSON (Wales)/MUNT bt K. Bull/
HEAPS/J. LLOYD (Worcs.) bt Beer/

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has started in earnest. All the four
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morland. Central London, in the Rose
awarded a walk-over against West­
the Wilmott Cup competition, being
set lost between them. First round
results:

had comfortable wins with but one
set, Arthur Hartshorn completed a
triple to see Burnley into the next
round.

Three wins for Chester's Brian
Johns counted for nothing in the final
rounding as set against two wins each
for Liverpool's George Smith, Phil
Davies and Andy Allman. Bob
Kelly won the first set for Farnworth,
against Stockport, but the victim's
represented by Brian Keen, Nigel
Blackburn and Philip Mayman, took
the next five for victory.

Wiral, in their away tie against
Bury, won the first two sets but a
treble from Ted Foster plus two wins
for Alan Walford saw the Lancashire
side home and dry.

At Peterborough, the home team
let slip a 3-2 lead with H.
Stroukos in winning a maximum for
Leicesterton. For Birmingham, Paul
Judd and Derek Munt scored two wins
but Doug Psall, for Derby, obtained
a great win over Desmond Douglas.

Mike Munson, Chris Bentley and
Stan Hope were all on target for
Norton for Gr. York, whilst team-mates
Wesley, Haydock and Terry Dunle
both lost to Steve Basset. Mid
Palmer was unbeaten for Ely as were
David Henderson, Simon Balf and
Steven Howlett for Becals.

Walford's team could well have
been named "Seaehome" as this
family made up the entire team.
Stuart and Geoff went three each,
David managed one against
Bedford.

Harry White and Alan Lampard
were Cheshunt's star men, a tag that
could also be applied to Geoff Major,
Phil Norton and Lynn Jones of Dis-
stable. St. Neots got through 3-1
for the very first time, at the
expense of Northampton, with Alan
Allen in great form. Len Suttell had a
good win over John Goodall, whilst
John Cockratt's set with Dick Ingle
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Blackpool 1, Huddersfield 5.
Norwich 9, Kings Lynn 0.
Romford 9, Braintree 0.
N. Herts 5.

A brilliant maximum from 15-years-
old Karen Rogers with two supporting
sets from Anita Stevenson gave
Leicester their victory over Birming-
ham's DI St. Legder, "Andy" Jones
and doris Hazzard.

Sally Hirst had a great maximum
for Cambridge but it wasn't enough
in the final analysis against Peter-
borough. Nor are Edna Fletcher's
efforts for Gr. York, as with every
ever Ely.

Two wins each for Anita Copper-
what, Barbara Hammond and Gail
McCallagh got Bedford home against
Waterford whose Barbara Peters
took a treble in vain.

St. Albans won their first two sets
against North Hess, but that was it!
Finnis then on Susan Polstead recorded
a maximum and Sandra Harding and
Daphne Baines shared the other four
wins.

Bety Bianch was the player in form
for Acton, but it was a three-pronged
effort by London Civil Service whose
Marie Know, Doria Muers and Linda
Bulld disposed of gallant Brunistsre.

Also on the receiving end of a 9-0
result were Gravewell who stood little
chance against the holders, Central
London, represented by Judy
Williams, Shelagh Hession and Diane
Court.

In a wonderful match against Mald-
stone, Bromley averaged their last
tenant's defeat by winning 5-4 after
trailling 3-4. Betty Bird was great
for Maidstone but Joyce Reeves just
got home, 19 in the third game of the
last set, to give Bromley the spoils.

Linda Barrow (nee Hemwood)
and Fran Chaillis had maximums for
Southend as did Susanna Kavanouli
for Worthing who brought off a great
win over Eastbourne. Young Linda
Wales supplied the other two wins for
the victors.

Brighton and Hastings were level at
4-4 when 14-years-old Anita Gedge,
playing in her first representa-
tive match for Hastings, clinched the
match result.

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Linda and Susan Howard, together with Ruth Miles, had matters all their own way for Guildford. Brilliant play by Jane Tyler brought a maximum for Bracknell but two wins each for Carol Houghton, Avril Waters and Elizabeth Whitaker saw Basingstoke win.

The match between Maidenhead and Newbury could have gone either way, but Heather Masters with three wins and Caroline Reeves with two saw Newbury through.

North Yorkshire, the holders, meant to keep their trophy on the form displayed against Holmski. But they were sent to the Aldenham brothers, Steve and Brian, with Philip Ward completing the Terrace trio.

Preston's Donald Parker, Michael Seed and Ian Smith would appear to be the other strong northern teams, although Mr. George Gray, of Carlisle, says his lads were contained by a very strong Westindian side.

Graham Jackson and Trevor Burrows in good form for Stockport Cheshire's chief contenders. Despite a top set David Yatlop, Leicester just made it 5-4 in a ding-dong battle against Derby.

In East Anglia, Ot Yarmouth had three winners in John Fuller, Paul Durrant and Andrew titled as did Ipswich (John Kitchener), Kevin Rod and Kevin Savage and Norwich (Douglas Bennett, Trevor Hunn and Peter Burrow).

A match in doubt right up to the final set was that between Houghton Central and Northampton when Tim Speller beat B. Harradine 11-9 to give the home team victory.

The form of N. Her's Richard Jenman, Peter Rossbawy and Gary Harding was too much for Aylesbury. And, for Leighton/Linsdale, John McKean and Martin Harlow were invincible against Barnets whose Michael Gerrard had their sole win over Chris Harlow.

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by Peter Charters

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LIFE IN LA MANGA

The 100 Club in Spain

by ALBERT W. SHIPLEY
Hon. Sec. E.T.T.A. 100 Club

Early on the morning of Friday Dec. 7, a party of 47 friends and members of the E.T.T.A. 100 Club departed Gatwick Airport for a weekend in La Manga, Southern Spain. This was a repeat of the venture inaugurated last May when Majorca was the destination, but this time the group was headed by Johnny Leach, who was to provide at his last dinner as Chairman of the 100 Club.

Owing to the failure of his hire car to arrive, Johnny and his friends were delayed in reporting and, in the rush, misinformation ensued. As Chairman, he had to make his last speech as our 100 Club Chairman in which he did magnificently in spite of his own fears, and ended by omitting the new Chairman, Gordon Staggell, to say a few words. Those of you who know Gordon socially can imagine that his stories caused a roars and his "few words" had the tables rocking with laughter with Tom Blinn yet to speak! However, the comedian has yet to be born who can upstage Tom in humour and once again he delivered the goods.

The weather, and I know there are at least a few words of the weather, ended with a flying visit to a night club, every evening was due to be spent in a night club, to arrive, Johnny and his friends were delayed in reporting and, in the rush, misinformation ensued. As Chairman, he had to make his last speech as our 100 Club Chairman in which he did magnificently in spite of his own fears, and ended by omitting the new Chairman, Gordon Staggell, to say a few words. Those of you who know Gordon socially can imagine that his stories caused a roars and his "few words" had the tables rocking with laughter with Tom Blinn yet to speak! However, the comedian has yet to be born who can upstage Tom in humour and once again he delivered the goods.

So ended a marvellous weekend break from home routine and English weather, and I know there are at least two dozen of us who will be going again—or why not join us next time?

ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED

All titles changed hands in the 14th English Junior Closed Championships, played at the P.E. Centre, Loughborough College of Education on Dec. 18 with Warwickshire's Donald Parker (12, 19) in the boys' singles final and Linda Howard of Surrey winning the singles events.

Douglas accounted for Lancashire's Donald Parker (12, 19) in the boys' singles final and Linda had a final victory (14, 18) over Yorkshire's Judith Walker in the counterpart girls' event.

In the semi-finals Parker had ousted No. 2 seed David Alderson, a similar feat having been performed by Miss Walker who brought about the downfall of Anita Stevenson.

Winners of the boys' doubles were Andrew Barden (Middlesex) and Paul Day (Cambridge) the latter, partnering Evaine Tarrant (Essex) to success in the mixed.

Miss Tarrant, partnered by her Essex colleague, Gillian Taylor, won the girls' doubles final by beating the singles finalists. A full report of the championships will appear in the February issue.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

by K. T. O Ponting

Another season brings, yet again, an encouraging increase in the junior who have entered their championship teams, male and female, for the English National Club Championships. 68 leagues, 13 more than last term, makes the increase, over the past two seasons, to 21 and I hope this trend will continue, particularly if the hope for sponsorship can be realised.

In the Men's event, now called the Umbersley Cup competition thanks to the generosity of the Umbersley Club, we have 64 teams competing including the holders, Umbersley themselves. So much has been said and written about this club, but it is important to recognise all the other teams who make up such an interesting competition each season.

The Women's entry seems to remain static on 11 and once again the Gallesford Club, now competing in Europe for the first time, supersedes this season's entries.

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Alan Hyde and Ian Horsham have been the English Table Tennis Association’s successful candidates in respect of Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship Awards to date.

Hydes (left), a member of the Dunlop Promotional team for Table Tennis, is now back in this country following a breakdown in health whilst training in China. His complaint has since been diagnosed as jaundice which means that he will have to take things just that little bit easier for a month or so.

Horsham, a former English junior international having completed two months training in China, is now in Japan.

It was back on Sept. 29 last that Ian arrived in China to be put up at the Peking Physical Culture Institute prior to visiting Tsientsin, Shanghai, Nanjing and Canton from which latter place he was due to leave for Japan, on Nov. 13.

On his arrival in China and before the hard work really began, Ian was allowed a couple of days to get used to the time change which was spent sightseeing.

He walked through Heavenly Square taking film with a cine-camera with everyone vídeosing him at all times. On Oct. 1, the 2nd Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution, he visited the Summer Palace and, in the evening, attended the Great Hall of the People and the Cultural Revolution, he visited the Summer Palace and, in the evening, attended the Cultural Revolution, he visited the Summer Palace and the Great Hall of the People and the Chinese Ambassador and attended a banquet in the Great Hall of the People.

Training then began in earnest and Ian visited the Ming Tombs and the Great Wall concluding the break with tea at the British Embassy.

Chasing Tung-tung, China’s 4 times former world champion visited the Peking Institute as did 3 times runner-up Li Fa-jung. The training, meanwhile, remained hard and it would appear that so much continuous training, day after day, for so many weeks, really does become a strain. This is understandable as the chance to carry out the same programme in this country does not present itself.

Ian was being taught short strokes and a variety of new services which he found difficult but was improving slowly. Quoting Ian from a letter written home: “While the facts of table tennis hit you, I don’t expect I’d be in the top 10 players, but my game is getting better because the players who beat me, under 10 points, when I first arrived, I am now able to beat”.

On Oct. 27, Ian met the British Ambassador and attended a banquet given to Sir Alec Douglas Home in Peking, the Chinese diplomat giving him the part of the duck and, in return, the British Ambassador gave him a Churchill Crown, a small present and one of his table tennis shirts.

Ian was due to leave China on Nov. 13 arriving in Japan on the following day to stay at the Chukyo University. Permission has been asked and granted by the E.T.T.A. for Ian to compete in the Japanese Championships which were due to take place last month.

The Editor is grateful to Mr. Horsham, Ian’s father, for the foregoing informative notes.

Coca-Cola Awards ’72-73

HOME RESULTS FAVOUR No. 2’s

by LAURIE LANDRY

Scheme Administrator

Based on the results obtained in the first sixteen home tournaments, the country’s No. 2 ranked players, Trevor Taylor and Karenza Mathews, are well shelled in pursuit of this season’s 4,500 Awards again to be provided by Coca-Cola Bottlers Ltd.

A similar amount, to be used in the form of points, will go to the leading juniors of both sexes, the current leaders being David Alderson and Linda Howard.

Positions:

Men

1. T. Taylor (Yorks.) 834
2. D. Nealie (Yorks.) 815
3. P. Taylor (Bed.) 803
4. M. John (Ches.) 770
5. A. Clayton (Yorks.) 700
6. J. Walker (Yorks.) 120
7. O. Haslam (Middles.) 96
8. H. Hydes (Yorks.) 80
9. M. Sugden (Middles.) 78
10. N. Jarvis (Yorks.) 77
11. D. Alderson (Yorks.) 60
12. D. Must (Warwks.) 60

Women

1. K. Mathews (Middles.) 83
2. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) 561
3. L. Radford (Essex) 214
4. S. Hession (Essex) 131
5. A. Clayton (Merseyside) 107
6. O. Haslam (Middx.) 98
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Bonuses points, based on English Ranking Lists, for wins over higher ranked players, are:

No. 1 50 pts.
No. 2 45 pts.
No. 3 40 pts.
No. 4 35 pts.
No. 5 30 pts.
No. 6 25 pts.
No. 7 20 pts.
No. 8 15 pts.
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Bournemouth 1* 1 5 5

Merseyside 2* 3 5

Hamersley 2* 2 1 25%

Cumberland 2* 3 5

Middlesbrough 2* 2 1 25%

North of England 2* 2 1 25%

Southend 2* 3 3

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**OPEN TOURNAMENT SURVEY**

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**Trevor Taylor who brought off his Yorkshire 3-Star Open at Harrogate.**

Continuing his winning ways, Trevor Taylor tucked the Southend 2-Star Open men's singles title into his bag as the result of his efforts over the weekend of Nov. 18-19. The tournament played at The Cecil Jones School, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea attracted 260 entries for the 8 events making up the championships.

Scotland had a two-pronged threat in the persons of Malcolm Sugden and Richard Yule but Sugden had to be content with the £15 award to the beaten men's singles finalist. Yule was ousted in the quarters by Jimmy Walker.

Cheshunt's Mike Johns was extremely hard-pressed to reach the semi's his hardest battle being against John Krier of Luxembourg who was only beaten 11-9 in the deciding game. Mike had to go to a deciding match when extended by Lancashire's Bir, mingham University student Brian Mitchell and, again it was a three-game against Sugden in the semi's but this time without success.

Lesley Radford won a comfortable winner of the women's singles final victory. Sue Howard, going down in two games. Earlier, in Rd. 2, sister Limas had been beaten 13-14 by Janet Holloway.

There was no success for the Surrey girl in the girls' singles event either for, in the final, Elaine Tarten beat her. Victory was also denied the English international in the women's doubles as she, and sister Sue, went down to Mrs. Radford and Diane Court.

A record entry for the Kent Junior Open resulted in a total of 24 hours play over the weekend of Nov. 25/26 at the Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.

Despite a number of the higher ranked players not entering (presumably in the benefit of a senior tournament at the opposite end of the Country) all events were most keenly contested and the Kent Junior Open really lived up to its title with no one being able to pick the winners. In the event a fair sprinkling of scratchings, plus arriving late, contributed to the common causes of the winners. In the event a fair number of the winners were of the men's doubles, only to lose to the Kent player in the final.

At a new venue, the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, the Middlesex 3-Star Open was held over the weekend of Dec. 3/4 with sponsorship shared by Halse Table Tennis Ltd. and Gillette Industries.

It was an excellent venue for the standard of players but with one or two fallings otherwise. The two finalists did not carry very well but only one of the two finals was caused by this which was much regretted.

All the titles went to new holders except for the men's doubles in which event Laurie Landry retained his hold of the title but with a new partner.

Peter Taylor again showed up well. Neville's inability to adapt his game whilst Nicky Jarvis showed up well in his first tournament since returning from Japan. Alan Hyde was unseen and did not take part whilst "Iam" Haslam was ousted by Jarrett.

In the same tournament, Karenza Matthews of the home county came through with all three titles and was well seen by the higher seeds. Marie Neu, as well as playing, especially in the women's doubles with Jill Harmerley as her partner, this in the absence of the Howard sisters for Linda should have played with Karenza and Susan with Jill.

Simon Heaps took the place of Hyde to partner Neville to the final of the men's doubles, only to lose to the
## SOUTHWEST 2 STAR

**Men's Singles Quarters-Finals:**
- B. Taylor (Clayton) (Scotland)
- J. Walker (York) vs. R. V. Smith (Scotland)
- M. H. Scott (Scotland) vs. D. Brown (Essex)
- M. Searle (Kent) vs. S. Mitchell (Lancs)

**Semi-Finals:**
- Taylor
- Walker 15, 12

**Final:**
- Taylor
- Walker 15, 12

**Women's Singles Quarters-Finals:**
- C. V. Howard (Sussex)
- J. A. Wilson (Kent)
- M. E. White (Lancs)
- J. M. Wilson (Sussex)

**Semi-Finals:**
- Howard
- White 15, 10

**Final:**
- Howard
- White 15, 10

**Mixed Doubles Quarters-Finals:**
- A. Mitchell (Kent) vs. D. Brown (Essex)
- E. Tarten (Essex) vs. D. Bowles (Worcs)

**Semi-Finals:**
- Mitchell
- Tarten 15, 10

**Final:**
- Mitchell
- Tarten 15, 10

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## YORKSHIRE 2 STAR OPEN

**Singles:**
- Suzanna Kavallierou came through to the Yorkshire 2-Star Open's 15-20 in the first game of the final, and recovered from being 4-1 down, to claim the match 7-1.

**Doubles:**
- B. Taylor vs. J. Wilson

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## Cumberland Open

**Singles:**
- Judy Walker. This was the combination of the top-seeded winners.

**Doubles:**
- Sammy Ogundipe and Judy Williams.

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**Mixed Doubles:**
- Haslam and Jill Taylor reached their seventh consecutive quarter only to find Hydes his bogey player.

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## RESULTS

**Boys' Singles:**
- A. Mitchell (Kent) bt. C. Rogers (Leics) 17, 21.
- A. Mitchell (Kent) bt. S. Souter (Yorks) 18, 24.
- A. Abbott (Essex) bt. C. Wilson (Kent) 18, 24.

**Girls' Singles:**
- M. Mitchell/Wales bt. A. Reed (Essex) 18, 24.

**Veteran Singles:**
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**Mixed Doubles:**
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## MIDDLESEX 3 STAR

**Men's Singles Quarter-Finals:**
- J. Eadie (Essex) vs. R. Kean (Ches) 21, 20.
- J. Hammersley (Bucks) vs. S. Kavallierou (York) 17, 19.

**Mixed Doubles:**
- K. Holtam (Kent) vs. M. Mitchell/Wales 17, 19.
ENGLAND AGAIN IN PERIL

BRITAIN 5-2 by Sweden, at Guildford on Dec 7, and 7-0 by the Soviet Union in Moscow on Dec 16, has anchored England at the bottom of the Premier Division of the European League without a point from four matches.

Only Czechoslovakia, away on Jan 31, and France, on Mar 5 at Aylesbury, remain of the six fixtures and the pressure is most definitely on.

Before a capacity crowd at the University of Surrey Sports Hall, Guildford, the pre-match odds turned in England's favour when world champion, Stefan Bengtsson -required for national service duties - was replaced by Ingemar Vlsterman.

But what a sicker the first set turned out to be with the young blonde Swede showing Denis Neale the way home in two straight games to put a real dampener on the proceedings.

Hardly surprising was the loss of Nicky Jarvis to Erjil Johansson in the second set but, as against Agnes Simon in the Federal German match at Leeds, Jill Hammerson put the crowd in better humour by disposing of Birgetta Radberg in first style.

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Orlowski, Georgy beat Kuna in the final set when the match score was poised at 3-all, and Jonyer, partnered by Tibor Klampar, triumphed in the men’s doubles over Orlowski and Jiri Tural. Scores:—

Jonyer J. Kuna 15, 19; G. Georgy lost to M. Orlowski 20, 13.

B. Kishalov lost to L. Vostova -13, -20; Jonyer T. Klmpar bt Orlowski/J. Tural 19, 11; Jonyer J. Magee lost to Orlowski/Vostova -16, 18, -17.

Jonyer bt Kuna 15, 12, 17.

Federal Germany also maintained their 100 per cent record at Hatzatt with Maxime Geneve, who, with Bergeret, accounted for the Scholer, Ebby and D. Some 1,000 spectators saw this match in which Christian Martin, playing for France, without success, as was Philippe Molodzoff with P. Birocheau in the men’s doubles.

Scholer lost to Secretin -19, -14; W. Lieck lost to J. Secretin -19, -14; W. Hendriksen bt C. Bergeret 15, 6; J. Leus, B. Schuettling lost to P. Brocheau in the men’s doubles.

E. Scholer bt C. Martin 9, 12; W. Lieck lost to J. Secretin -16, 12, 16.

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In DIVISION 2 of the European League, Belgium are the pace setters with maximum points from three engagements, and Norbert van de Walle, going great guns. Their most recent match, against Scotland in Glasgow Dec 14, but not until the last set was concluded did victory materialise.

D. Lloyd, champion club of the Netherlands, were successful by a similar score at home to Olympiacos of Greece. The two outstanding results involve Moldecredit (Federal Germany) v. GSK Vipes (Yugoslavia) and By. Sparticus (Hungary) v. T. Banik Havrov (Czechoslovakia).

In the counterpart women’s competition, English champions, Galten, conceded their away tie to “Violett” Ared of Turin who join Statistatika (Hungary) for a semi-final meeting. Awaited results involve 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th in the last competition, with the two exceptions of England and France, who are the holders.

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Devon Schools Championships by Brian Snook

The schools championships event at Exmouth recently provided a lot of good table tennis and a number of surprises.

Over-all the girls side the highlight and the meeting of the top Devon girls on the Sunday provided the biggest shocks, but first of all the all South-West events on the Saturday.

Jill Jems (Wigmore Grammar) took the U-15 and U-13 South West singles events. In the first, she had to go to a third game against Devon's new-found star from Southway School, Plymouth, Elaine Lamb. Jill's experience told in the end, in winning the U-13 singles she retained her title. Barbara Reever, Exmouth School, pushed her close in the first game but offered only token resistance in the semi-final. In the end, Jill won.

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FLOORING

TWO-PART COACHING PLAN

At last a coaching plan for Lancashire with a newly-formed Coaching and Development sub-committee under the chairmanship of John O'Sullivan with newcomer to the County Executive, Jim Hoy, of Euxy, as Hon. Secretary. Members of this committee now consist of Gordon Lomas (Bury), Denis Smith (Blackburn) and E. Bristow (Wigan).

Harold Myers, the County Coaching Secretary, has formally concen­trated his activities on the County backhand with a newly-formed Coaching Squad, incorporating both senior and junior players, and coaching in this respect will be compulsory.

The following dates and venues have been arranged:

Jan. 7—Darwen Sports Centre, 1 p.m. Seniors.
   21—Darwen Sports Centre, 1 p.m. Judgers.
   27—Darwen Sports Centre, 1 p.m. Seniors.
Feb. 3—Bolton Tech, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Juniors.
   10—Bolton Tech, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Juniors.
   17—Bolton Tech, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Juniors.
Mar. 3—Darwen Sports Centre, 1-30 p.m. Seniors.
   10—Blackburn YMCA, 10 a.m. Seniors and Juniors.
   24—Darwen Sports Centre, 1-30 p.m. Juniors.
Apr. 21—Darwen Sports Centre.
   28—Darwen Sports Centre.
May 12—Darwen Sports Centre.

In Div. I of the Lancashire and Chesire League, Bolton dropped their first point of the season when held to a 5-all draw by Preston who, at one stage of the game, led 5-0. Another disappointing result was Brian Mitchell, a treble winner, who also figured in a doubles success for Farnworth, 14, 12, to climax a good fight-back. Parkinson had wins over Jim Clegg. Stockport went under in their opening match 0-3, 5, 10, 7, 13, 16, 13 when they met Bury 7-3. Blackburn and the pace setters in this division, however, with 4 wins out of 6.

Undoubtedly in Div. II (South) are Sale and Ashton whilst in Div. III (North) Lancaster and Morecambe and Blackburn "C" boasts 100% records, as do Manchester and Nottingham Schools in Div. II (E). Manchester and Liverpool lead the Divisional Sections. The vital date in this division being Feb. 16 when the Manchester entertain the Manchesters.

Part-sitters in the Junior First division are Lancaster and Horncastle with four wins in four engagements and are早已 100% return. Leading positions:—

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In the Individual Divisional Championships of the Bolton League, Derek Sadofield avenged his loss to E. C. Gately when, in the Div. I semi-final, he beat Bob Kelly before accounting for Blackburn champion, David Cotrell, in the final. Cotrell had a walk-over into the final when Clive Heap had to be declared the 26-22, 21-19, 15-21, 22-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

With a considerable period minus Championship fixtures because of the national referral of the Worcs' second team, Worcestershire's minor side was fortunate to negotiate a friendly match against its Gloucestershire counterparts to supplement a marred programme. With a depleted front rank, captain Daim L. Whiteley, and in partnership with Derek Schofield, The County's County veteran was beaten both by Bob Kelly and Clive Heap but held up the top in the semi-final and was outscored 18-20, 13-6, 21-20, 0-21.

Preston, 6—2 conquerors of Blackburn, go top of the Juniors with a 3-1 victory over Burscough who, in the previous round, went under 3-2 to the Lancashire champions. Doncaster Parker and Tony Rigger were both outstanding, the former winning his singles with Gordon Loughhead and Derek Baxendale in the first and second doubles, and the latter winning his singles with Gordon Loughhead and Derek Baxendale in the first and second doubles.

Manchester came back from their meeting at Burscough Bridge by beating Blackpool 7-3. Kevin Foskate re-inforced the Lancashire's side in this match and accounted for the two Lancashire's. Euxy and Brian Khan but fail to pull off a repeat of their performance against the Venus trio. Foskate, who had beaten Euxy Karen and Baxendale, was once more in the third, against Tony Bousman. Liverpool maintained their unbeaten record by beating Chester 7-3. Tony Clayton had a formidable outing in the third seat which was won by Wally Allanson and Peter D'Arcy as well as sharing a double success with brother Ian. Positions:—

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SPOTLIGHT BACKSTAGE

WITH Cheshire's first team smiling comfortably in the Premier Division of the County Championship, this is an opportune moment to turn the spotlight backstage and focus on our other first team, the young heroes of our officiating. The only date official voices are seen is when there are criticisms being blunted by their way. I find a greater degree of appreciation should be levelled in their direction because during players' opinions these

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

COST PROHIBITIVE?

A very successful Open at the London West Hampstead Hall from the players' point of view, but unfortunately it could be a costly venture if the bill for heating is taken into account. This being so yet another venue will be sought next year for the Middlesex Open.

On the inter-League front, it seems to be a fight between North Middlesex and Acton in the Premier Division for league's like Willesden and Wembley are not now the force they once were.

The Schools' recently had their championships and Mark (Edmonton) took the U-15 boys' singles whilst Marilyn (Northolt) and Michael (Hampstead) won the U-13 girls' singles event. Young Angela Mitchell (Edmonton) jointed her brother amongst the winners with successes in both the U-13 and U-15 titles and another youngster to show up well were Susan Dove and Angela Palmer (both Edmonton) for winning the U-2 Star Open and partnered her victor, Susan Dove, to win the women's doubles.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Keane

RECENT PERFORMANCE

With Cheshire's first team smiling comfortably in the Premier Division of the County Championship, this is an opportune moment to turn the spotlight backstage and focus on our other first team, the young heroes of our officiating. The only date official voices are seen is when there are criticisms being blunted by their way. I find a greater degree of appreciation should be levelled in their direction because during players' opinions these...
HAMPSHIRE NOTES
by David Coweay

MAIN event in Hampshire during November was the club knock-out competition, open to the clubs with no less than five teams. Unfortunately, only one club, Basingstoke, has entered. Results were very predictable, it being the last match of the season. Basingstoke played Hampshire in the final and won 3–0, and the experience of the Hampshire team should prove invaluable. Unfortunately, they were not up to the standards of their opponents, and the result was a foregone conclusion.

Westminster may have been held to a draw, but the result did not affect the outcome of the competition. This season, the club has shown great improvement, and the team is now in the final. The other teams that have reached the final are Portsmouth and Basingstoke. Portsmouth have won all their matches, while Basingstoke have won five and lost one.

Twice recently Doug Foulds has taken England's top junior, Rodmond Bishell. The first occasion was in Derby's match against Birmingham in the Coca-Cola Wilmot Cup competition, and the second in the County match against Warwickshire. On both occasions Doug was the only winner on behalf of Derby and Bishell.

INTERLESIERSHIRE NOTES
by Philip Reid

HINCKLEY DUE FOR STRUGGLE

WHILST there has been a great deal of preparation in advance of the No. 1 table tennis, there has been plenty of excitement and plenty of talk, tennis.

First a quick run down the Midland League, finals, Leiceter Men's XI beat a strong friend team and a rather weak Glenfield side, both by 9–11 margin, and should finish well up the chart, possibly in as high as 4th. Hinckley, in the same division, caught a draw from Nottingham, to obtain their first point of the season. Finally they have a bit of a struggle to stay up, but for the sake of table tennis and Leicestershire, I hope they are able to do so.

Perhaps the less said about the remaining team, Bicester, the better. In the senior ranks, a second class team are being held on the following two points: Hornby E, with 3 points, and Stourbridge, with 3 points.

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WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Ron Anson

CART PULLING THE HORSE?

WARWICKSHIRE Junior singles champions celebrated their 1972/73 programme at Darwen with a team weakened by any other calls. Whatever the rights or wrongs of this situation a study of the horse?shire after which he demolished Davlin.

a game to Donald Parker of Lancashire but after 2 wins against Cheshire, including a fine form of Di St. Ledger and Karen, in 5 doubles, was on the ought hard and well found but lost the occasion a little too much.

The County Senior "B" continued their winning ways with a second 9-3 victory this time over a very useful Derbyshire side. Andy Clark went out Douglas bowing to D. Forth for the first time and his doubles partner Edwarl cheer from Pat Glynn, Paul Judd (finally getting good form) jointed D. St. Leger and Desmier Harrat. Desmin continued his good form with a victory over the formidable Sandra Waters but bad form continued to count on as the player of the day.

Incidentally there is no truth in the rumour that the local table tennis team has recruited the Desmond Douglas story.

At the Golden Jubilee Bonn of the Warwickshire and Aston, a fine trophy was presented by the Warwickshire County Association to the Secretary of the Junior Section for his services over the years. He was expected that this would include members who had given outstanding service not necessarily on the playing side.

Disappointment was again expressed by Pauline Jackson of the President but this time it was directed towards the County Secretary who had not come forward with the usual handout of sandwiches and mixed doubles (with Peter Hoyles) for good measure. This is a remarkable achievement for a girl who has been playing table tennis for less than two seasons. Once again, however, this event was raised through lack of entries, and in fact only three rankers participated, the rest not being included in the rankings which caused the cancellation of the women's doubles event for the second year in succession.

Andrew Clark dominated both the men's and the local events in his 17 singles, the only real opposition coming from his brother Peter in the boys' final. Peter, who was expected to go all the way, completely impressed in the final, but Andrew had the ideal temperament and ability to cope with the situation. The Warwickshire Junior internationals Brian Thorn and Ian Robertson, with four more boys' final. Andrew is another player to emulate former Northumberland player, and Ray Neal, whom I would like to thank, as well as all those who helped, for doing such a good job with limited experience of such matters. Results:

Men's Singles- A. Jones bt. J Hart 16, 17
Desmond Douglas bt. J Jones 16, 17, 16
Poulie Hoyles bt. D. Armstrong 16, 11, 19
Desmond Douglas bt. T. Dietz 7, 5, 11.
Vine's Singles- D. Kettlewell bt. J. Jackson 14, 18.
Individual Handicap- S. Hanson (+9) bt. W. McCabe (+9) 19, 19.
Women's Handicap- Terry Clark bt. P. Hobbs 10, 13.

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

by Leslie Constable

CAMBRIDGE SLIP UP

In the Men's Section, Ely (last year's champions) and North Herts are in strong positions. In recent matches Ely defeated Northampton and Peterborough, 6-4 and 10-0 respectively, and North Herts vanquished Peterborough and Kettering by 8-2 and 7-3. Cambridge (last year's runners-up) slumped up badly, as they lost to Hunts Central 4-6, after beating Peterborough and Welwyn by wide margins. Northampton and Victoria over Dunstable and Kettering and are still in a good position. At the moment Kettering and Dunstable are without a victory, as are Peterborough, but Dunstable have obtained enough sets to lift them to a respectable position.

North Herts are marching ahead in the Junior Section, without defeat, and Leighton Buzzard too are in a strong position, having won all their matches. Peterborough did well in holding North Herts to a draw and they also beat Ely convincingly by 9 wins to 3.

The Women's Section makes interesting reading and here, again, North Herts are the main threat, with a clean sheet, although Northampton and Bedford are going well. In recent matches Bedford beat St. Neots 5-1 and also accounted for Kettering and Peterborough by 7-3 in both cases. North Herts defeated Peterborough 4-1 and Kettering 6-4 and Northampton beat Ely, Kettering and Dunstable by 8-2, 10-0, and 6-4 respectively.

Bedford at present head the Veterans' Section. But Cambridge, North Herts and Northampton are also in good positions, all being undefeated.

North Herts lead the Reserve Section at the end of the season, the bowls having been won, and they will be appreciated at all these Sectional competitions.

The match card is drawn up, with the League Secretary immediately the match has been played, as at the time of writing these notes five matches are still unaccounted for - two going back to October!

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE MEN'S SECTION

Bedford 5 3 1 5
Ely 5 4 1 5
North Herts 6 4 0 5
Northampton 6 5 0 5
Hunts Central 5 5 0 5
St. Neots 5 0 0 5
Bletchley 3 1 0 6
Dunstable 2 0 0 7
Cambridge 2 1 0 5
Wellingborough 2 0 1 4
Kettering 0 0 0 5
Peterborough 0 0 0 5

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

In the men's section, Weymouth played well at home to Plymouth who just made 3-4. GydPrice was the visitors' star man winning three in accounting for Bob Parkins, Keith and David James. Six of the sets went to a deciding game.

Wessex, strengthened by the inclusion of Tony Kirby, beat Bristol, at Weston Y.M.C.A., 7-5, with both Tony and John Harley taking 'maxes'. Geoff Douglas, playing his first match on New Year's Day, Vernon Adams found the aforementioned pair well in form.

Exeter, at home to Weymouth, just got home 5-4 as a result of Paul Shepherd winning the final set. For the victors, Bruce Lea took his 'max' day with his anti-loop but beating Mike Valentine, Tony and John Mearns taking maximums. Dr. A. D. D. Findlay, Peter Fox and David Johnson.

Salisbury was going well this season and excelled in reinstating their 100% record when beating Bournemouth 2-1. As one period they trailed 2-4 but fought back well with Bill Midlington getting wins over Cyril Booth and Brian Pickard to team. Dick Armytage with the task of beating Bath in the final set, which he did 2-1, for match victory.

Maximines by Parkins and Keith Jones passed the way for Plymouth to beat Exeter, at home, 7-2. At similar result was obtained by Newport for Exeter's 'star' man winning three in accounting for Bob Parkins, Keith and David James. Six of the sets went to a deciding game.

In the women's section, Exeter best Weymouth 6-3 after the match which had stood poised at 3-3. Tony and John Mearns taking 'maxes'. Geoff Douglas, playing his first match on New Year's Day, Vernon Adams found the aforementioned pair well in form.
SURREY NOTES
by Geoff Ryan

MATCH POSTPONED
The eagerly awaited match with Walton was postponed owing to a clash with the European League game v. inline result last ten years, an X-Up School of the Secretary and Treasurer, John M. G. Haywood, who played for many years in the London Insurances Cohen League and a playing league since 1969 and was replaced in the women’s singles in 1963 and 1964. The game taking the league could come from surrounding villages, as well as business firms in the town including such nationally known concerns as HealcoLtd, British Rail and Electricity Board. Besides league fixtures, a knock-out tournament is run together with individual events for Veterans 1, 2 & 3. Two memorial trophies are awarded annually, one for the most improved league player and the other for the team with the most “sportsmanship”.

Croydon fared better at the hands of Brighton in the Colin Willett Cup 3-6, despite victories by Emile Batiste, Peter Stroom and Chris Streakhorn over Price, the Brighton No. 3.

A date for your diary – Croydon Business Houses League ‘closes’ will be held on Sunday, April 15th at the Montalbetti Sports Centre, South Croydon.

HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES
by R. Bridges

HERTFORDSHIRE Junior ‘blandding’ policy continued last month with the selection of ten-year-old Adam Proffitt to the Junior squad in their match against Hampstead, Winton, near Bourneemouth. We’re hoping to have a couple of partnerships with Adam and his ‘big brother’ (four-year-old) producing something like the ‘dynamic duo’. Other members of that team were Colin Williams, Linda Towler and Denise Norris.

In the senior side, the first team were Unsupported. It was against Norfolk with Richard Jerome, Peter Beaney, Michael Pursley, Christine Hart and Chris Harper.

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Chester Barnes will not be playing in the English table tennis championships at Crystal Palace on Jan. 4 to 6. Barnes, currently under suspension by Essex, has not played in a tournament since September. He still ranks No. 3 in the country and is the best known player in England but, although he is eligible to play, he has not sent in an entry.


A Table Tennis team will tour out for a league match tonight ... with who play for the dockyard at played together for 25 years. Chatham, Kent have never split up.


Heats are now under way in a sponsored table tennis tournament which hopes to raise £55,000. The tournament is being organised by the Royal Albert Hall, including ramps and a lift for wheelchairs.


Automatic and replacement do not seem to have lost their chance of the Men’s Division title by losing to Leicester. Birmingham have called on eight players in three matches, which gives some idea of their depth and they look better there. Paul Judd is now playing with all his old assurance. The possibility of him making the Warwickshire five team should be within his grasp if the present trend continues. My guess is that there will be a battle royal to avoid the relegation spots but the real truth is there are NO weak teams in the 1st division.

Derby must have cruised some sort of record by drawing each of the four matches they have played in the Division 2B, Worcester have so much depth they look as though they must win the title unless Walsall can halt them. When Worcester’s top three juniors went to a training course, they still had those three more good enough to register a 9—1 win — how about that for strength in depth?

Longborough’s good start in the Intermediate Section encourages me to back them for the title but I can anticipate either Coventry or Nuneaton to be in one of his rare appearances. Well done Harry, it made my day. And what odds must be placed on Walsall winning BOTH the Veterans Divisions — it could easily happen.

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Torch Trophy Trust

AWARD FOR ‘POP’ RILEY

At a ceremony in London, Mr. Francis Albert ‘Pop’ Riley, aged 60, was presented with an Olympic torch replica by former Kent and England cricket captain, Colin Cowdrey, a Trustee of the Torch Trophy Trust.

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REGULAR FEATURE?

I was interested to read “What The Papers Say” on Page 17 of the December issue — it’s a pity they don’t say a lot more — and I hope you will make this a regular feature.

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MEMORIES REVIVED

(December 1972 Issue)

1935 World Championships. I was most interested to read the letter from Mr. C. F. Joyce, Chairman of the Surrey T.T.A., and there can be very few people in this country who can surpass Mr. Joyce’s record of 44 years service to the game.

Mr. Joyce pondered how many people were still trying to do their bit for tennis and lawn tennis player, Eric Filby, who went on to represent England in the Swytling Cup matches at the 1938 World’s. I am glad to say I managed to squeeze into the singles and doubles events.

There were some marvellous games in 1935 and I still remember the Swytling Cup final between Hungary, the winners, and Czechoslovakia. Hungary’s team on the night was, I believe, Barus, Saus and Beltrak. Austria’s team included a very young Richard Bergmann, playing in shorts, men players were long trousers in those days, of course.

The Cotlton Cup won by Czechoslovakia, led by Marie Kertesnova, and this lady who had a very strong forehand drive also gained the women’s singles over Magdá Gal (Hungary). Barna, who was quite superb then, gained the men’s doubles with Szabados and mixed doubles with another Hungarain, Anna Suso. The men’s competition singles was taken by Syl Schifff, U.S.A. who produced a string of unbeatable spin services (were they called “knuckle-spin” services?), and these services were subsequently barred from the game.

Mr. Joyce and I seem to have quite a lot in common. He started as an official in the London League in 1928. I started as treasurer for the Enfield and District League (later to become the North Middlesex League) in 1932. It is interesting to note that in 1932 there were 6 teams in North Middlesex, and after I was instrumental in re-forming the league after the 1939-45 war this went up to 160 teams. Mr. Joyce worked for the famous manufacturers, A. G. Spalding & Bros. Ltd., and from 1936 to 1939 I worked for the famous manufacturer of tennis equipment, P. F. Ayres Ltd.

Mr. Joyce, with whom I am acquainted, and I must get together one evening and compare our scrap books!

LESLIE M. BROMFIELD,
Vice-President, Sussex County T.T.A. Donor, Broadfield Trophy (Girls’ Team Championship of England).

I was interested to read “What The Table Tennis News”, I think a few words from me were needed for the benefit of those people who know how I usually get the material for my “Roundup”.

Normally, the home County sends me brief notes on a match, and I collate these when preparing my page (does this explain why some Counties never get match reports in “Roundup”?). On this occasion I was at the match and the comments I made were from my own. I would respectfully dispute the only reason ... , particularly as I have a great deal of respect for Roger’s ability.

Although on the Middlesex Committee, I was unaware that to quote Roger again ... Midlows are rather famous for their blatantly un sporting comments ... and confirm

that the comments were both my own, and in my opinion valid.

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Hastings Tiger

Wembley Winner

Richard Philps was the 2-straight winner of the men’s singles title at Hastings on Nov. 19 his final victim being John Lawson of Folkstone.

In an all-Sussex final for the women’s singles crown, Diane Gard of Eastbourne had a comfortable win over Linda Woodcock. Results —

M.S. Semi-finals
R. Johns (Middx.) bt B. Hornin (Sussex) 15, 14.
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L. Gard (Sussex) bt Miss Franklin (Sussex) 6, 17.
L. Woodcock (Sussex) bt M. Mould (Sussex) 13, 12.
Final: Gard bt Woodcock 12, 11.
M.D. Final
R. Hurnon/G. Pugh (Sussex) bt J. Heaney/A. Rowden (Sussex) 10, 14.
W.D. Final
Gard/Woodcock bt A. Murray/C. Rainfall (Sussex) 17, 15.
X.D. Final
A. Mouldsen (Sussex)/Woodcock bt J. Barry (Sussex)/Franklin 14, 13.

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CUMBERLAND NOTES

By Ron Rigg

SECOND WIN IN EIGHT YEARS!

FIRST of all - congratulations to the Cumberland Junior team who recorded only their second victory in eight years of campaigning, by beating Durham junior 5-4 at Whickham on Dec. 9. The whole team of Peter Edwards, Ian Smith, Steven O'Neal, Yvonne Brockbank and Jennifer Polczynski deserve special credit for a fine effort, particularly pleasing is the fact that this team, in its entirety, is available for junior matches again next season.

There were successes by Mr. C. W. Britton, Edgar and myself, Mr. Long, Mr. Harry Senior, one of our vice-presidents from Darlington and now a Hon. Life Member of the Durham C.T.A., and by Mr. E. W. Fox, also a v.p. and Hon. Life Member who, with Edgar, was one of the founder members of the Durham County T.T.A.

He was a Cumberland official for years but was moved, by his firm, to Uxbridge Middlesex where he held an official position. I believe, in that county, and became a friend of Harry Edwards.

CUMBERLAND NOTES

by Albert W. Shipley

VALUE ADDED TAX

From a first reading of the new V.A.T. proposals, it does seem that when this tax comes into force, our affiliation fees will be subject to a 10% levy. The exact position is being fully investigated and when final details are known all leagues will be fully informed.

TOURNAMENT DATE

One tournament which escaped being entered in the Tournament Diary was the Northumberland 1st Open on Saturday, Mar. 24, the organiser being Mr. T. A. Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields, Northumberland.

EUROPEAN EXCHANGES

Following on the Common Market theme, there is an increasing tendency for Clubs in Europe wishing to arrange exchanges visits with Clubs in England and for junior events to which English players are invited.

We would be pleased to hear from any Clubs who are interested in such matches, stating country preferred.

Recently, we publicised in the magazine the details of an Austrian Club who wished to visit a club in London and much to our embarrassment, no replies were forthcoming. So please help us to avoid this happening in the future.

On the junior aspect, we now know three opportunities for a party of youngsters accompanied by adults to visit European countries and I would welcome enquires for further details.

FRANCE

April 20-24 in Bruxelles, for 10 juniors plus 2 adults, with free hospitality.

HOLLAND

April 27-30 in Utrecht for 6 players.

GERMANY

July 2-8 at Langersee, near Darmstadt for 3 boys 3 girls plus 2 adults. Charge 80 DM per person.

SWEDEN

A party of 6 boys, 6 girls and 3 adults will be coming to England, the week commencing March 6, and they will probably play in the Lancaster Junior Open on Mar. 11. Prior to this they wish to play in the Cumberland League. Cheap accommodation is required either paid for by the club or arranged on a reciprocal basis.

LEAGUE MAGAZINES

A competition which will be of interest to Magazine editors will be introduced shortly, in look out for further details. In the meantime, please continue to send a copy of your League magazine or newsletter.
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DUNLOP Barna Super 3 Crown – it plays better and lasts longer
Principal guests at the Birmingham 50th Anniversary Dinner (from l. to r.) Adrian Haydon, Mrs. D. Haydon, Mr. C. C. Hamee (President, Birmingham and District TTA), Mrs. Hames, Ald. Vic Turton (Deputy Lord Mayor), Mrs. Gladys Goldstein, Maurice Goldstein (Hon. Sec. B. & D. TTA) and Charles Wyke (Chairman E.T.T.A.).

The 50th Birmingham Anniversary Dinner

Event to Savour and Remember

By Philip Reid

When Maurice Goldstein invited me to attend the 50th Anniversary Dinner there could be only one answer and that was in the affirmative.

Table tennis is a young sport, a latecomer to the scene as it were, but it has of course made big strides, even so it came as a surprise to me to learn that the Birmingham Association had been in existence for fifty years.

The site for the great occasion was the Penns Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. Maurice wisely decided to restrict the numbers to 200, a figure which was attained without difficulty. I was met at Birmingham's New Street station by the indefatigable Richard Habgood and driven to New Street station by the indefatigable Richard Habgood and driven to Penns Hall. No one could fail to be impressed with the place. As we were early we decided to have a peep inside, and there was Maurice Goldstein, arranging the seating plan, putting out the menu — it was "business as usual" for Maurice.

The guests started to arrive! Geoff Alderton, representative in handle-bar moustache looked exactly as he did when I first saw him 20 years ago — the first representative player I ever saw. Bill Gallagher, one of the great stylists of all time, made the trip from Darlington to be present. Bobby Marrell, as full of life and energy off the table as he used to have on it — he was there. John Harrison, Ron Vickers, Derek Baddeley — all useful players still — were there. It was a wonderful start.

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Maurice is a marvel and this was a masterpiece.

He said "Why have I stayed in the game so long? I suppose I could have made some money. But I've been enjoying seeing all those men and women I've played against. It's been a joy to see the growth and development of the game."

Here is a man who has always been in the forefront of developments in the sport. He has been a driving force in the Birmingham Association and has been a driving force in the development of table tennis in the Midlands. He has been a driving force in the development of table tennis in the Midlands. He has been a driving force in the development of table tennis in the Midlands.

But had it all finished? Not quite. The following morning Roy Chilton's M.H.E., table tennis enthusiasm extraordinaire gave a reception at his Solihull home. There were a number of invited guests and all thoroughly enjoyed this delightful informal extra.

The highlight of the evening was indeed well-earned Maurice. He said "I've been in Birmingham for 40 years and the Birmingham Association has been a big part of my life."

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It was a night to savour and remember — the 50th Birmingham Anniversary Dinner.

Halex Golden Rackets

With 32 points the maximum earning from any one particular tournament. Dene Nials and Rosamund Mathews have placed themselves in the role of "untouchables" following their successes in the Hales-Middlesbrough 3-Star Open.

They both new quality for a perpetual trophy in the form of a Golden Racket to be presented by Halex Table Tennis Ltd., whose points system is operated in all five 3-Star open championships this season.

Second-placed Trevor Taylor and Jill Hammelesby could only attain 83 and 165 points respectively were they to become triple champions at the Hales Twindele 3-Star Open to be played at Thornaby Pavilion on Feb. 24/25.

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Obituary

Jack Patcson

The frequency with which familiar faces depart from the scene of Liverpool Table Tennis occurs far too often and it is with profound regret that we record the death of one of our most esteemed associates, Mr. Jack Patcson.

Jack had been connected with the Liverpool and District Table Tennis League over a period of very many years and his valued contribution as a former Editor of the "Digest" played a prominent role in the League's success.

It was, however, in the pursuance of his journalistic profession that he will be best remembered and his regular feature of "Dunbar" published in the local press under the nom de plume of "Dunbar" took the place of his previous column that was critical or containing words of a controversial nature.

Up to the time of his death, Jack was one of the League's respected Vice-Presidents, an acknowledgement which he had deservedly earned for long and devoted service, but above all he was held in affection by the countless circle of friends with whom he mixed during his lengthy association with the Table Tennis fraternity throughout Merseyside.

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SESPRO TABLE TENNIS BAT RUBBERS

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GEORGE CARR RETIRES

A well-known figure in the British sports arena, Mr. George Carr, director and general manager of the International Sports Company Limited, has retired after 42 years in the Dunlop group of companies. His successor is Mr. Fidley Picken, previously managing director of National Tyre Service Limited, another Dunlop subsidiary.

Born sixty years ago in Alberta, Canada, of English parents, George Carr came to Britain at the age of seven and grew up in Saltford, Lancashire. At eighteen he joined Dunlop, starting out in the postal department of the Cambridge Street factory in Manchester. After gaining useful sales experience in the export department, he became the Dunlopilo sales representative of the Midlands and Eastern counties just at the time when the unique foam rubber development was cobbling a new word into comfort. He was mobilised with the Leicester TA as a private in 1939 and it was during the final stages of hostilities when Major George Carr led in to the Trondheim landings that developed his subsequent interest in Norway.

When he returned to Dunlop in 1946, he was appointed the export sales manager of the newly formed Dunlopilo Division based at Walton, Liverpool. He later became responsible for all the upholstery side and then general sales manager for Dunlopilo and assistant general manager of the division's new headquarters near Harrogate. He was appointed to the Dunlop Sports operations in 1962 as general manager.

Over the next ten years, George Carr, was to see the sports interests grow from strength to strength with repeated record sales at home and exports increasing by nearly three times as much. The Company's endeavours were further recognised when in 1971 the Queen's Award was granted for export achievement. In 1972, Dunlop's own highest award, The Balliol Trophy, went to the Sports Group for its outstanding performance.

It was no hollow compliment that George Carr became known affectionately as Dunlop's 'Mr. Sport' for in addition to his close association with the industry, his own sporting interests began early — he once had a trial as a slow bowler for Lancashire and has broadcasted on many sporting events, particularly commentaries on rugby and the Isle of Man TT motorcycle races. He was also anchor-man for the Northern radio programme 'Sports Spotlight' for five years. He has represented the interests of equipment manufacturers and players alike on many committees including the Golf Ball Manufacturers Association of which he was past president and in a similar capacity in the Federation of British Manufacturers of Sports and Games. He is chairman of the Sports Trade Benevolent Fund and the Golf Foundation; a vice-chairman of the British Professional Golfers Association; and is currently chairman of the Joint Consultative Council of the Federation of British Manufacturers of Sports and Games.

All his many friends will wish George Carr and his wife Gwen, a happy retirement which in its own words will be "no less active, and if anything more so, as I intend to develop to the full my special interests in sport".

ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

BARNES RE-INSTATED

AFTER much careful deliberation the committee decided on its December meeting to readmit Chester Barnes. Accordingly he is now available for County matches in January and beyond.

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THE GIRL WHO PLAYS 13 SPORTS - WELL!

by John Woodford

HERE can be very few sports­women in England who excel as over a dozen sports. Sussex sports jour­nalists had a windfall recently on the out­stand­ingly able LINDA WOODCOCK, a player well known in East­Anglia and Sussex table tennis circles, and found she participated in a high standard in no less than thirteen sports!

Linda will finish her three-year stint at the Chelsea College of Physical Education, Eastbourne in July and then seek a P.E. teaching post in the South.

At table tennis she is an attacking player who has played for Suffolk and Sussex. Highlight of her career was last season in the Coca-Cola Rose Bowl at Guildford when she beat Bob Mitcham and Betty Cassell retained their title in the Mixed. Betty was awarded the Victor Loderum. Results—

W.S.: J. Fuller (Y) bt J. Turner (N) 17, 19.
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V.S.: R. Cooper (N) bt L. Holdon (N) 19, 17.
M.D.: M. Broughton/C. Bensley (N) 15, 21.
W.D.: Mrs. B. Cassell/Mrs. J. Rodwell (Y) bt Mrs. E. Fletcher/Mrs. B. Cassell (N) 19, 19.
X.D.: R. Mitchell (N)/Mrs. B. Cassell bt J. Fuller/Mrs. E. Fletcher 19, 19.

The Unby Mouse Cup at Yarmouth was won by Mick Broughton, who beat Terry Darly 21—17, 21—17.

There is going to be a Norwich "A" Schools' Table Tennis Association. A division of eight teams on a 3-a-side basis started play on Nov. 20. Founders members of the league are—

Blyth, Heworth: Eorldum "A" and "B"; Hewitt, Middle, High School Girls, Lenwade and St. Andrew's. Harry, Levine, Norwich League Schools' Organiser, and also a vice­president of the English Schools T.T. Association, has been the man who did much of the spadework.

As the half-way mark approaches, Inque tablets at Yarmouth show the following divisional leaders—


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WALES

Mrs. S. Sturgess, 10 Turnham Green, Pwyla, Cardiff.

Note: Closing date approximately 14 days prior to event.
DEFEAT NO DISGRACE

In the only two matches played during the last month at county level, the senior and veterans' sides suffered mixed fortunes.

At Eaton Socon, the veterans found visitors Oxfordshire too strong and went down 2–1. Since the Oxon side included players regularly turning out in the city Midland League team, this defeat was no disgrace. Scorers for the County were Gordon Cockram and Colin Dale each with a singles win.

At Peterborough, the senior side chalked up a 1–0 against Norfolk II. This, following on the draw with Cambs II, was a fine performance, well deserved despite the closeness of the scores in several of the sets.

Scoring for the County were Alan Albon, who took both singles in real 'cliff-hangers', and Barbara Webb, who, as well as winning her singles, teamed up with Brian Burn to take the women's doubles.

Albon himself was selected, partnering Albon in the mixed to provide the experience of a Norfolk player with his third success.

Also played on the same day was the Coca-Cola Brownefield Trophy match between St. Neots and the Herts II. A very successful match was played for within the Cheshunt area. All three wins for the home side.

Bournemouth to the Fore

by Marjorie L. East

Hon. Secretary, Bournemouth and District T.T. Coaching Association.

Bournemouth Schools were well represented at the Hampshire Schools' Table Tennis Championships (Individual) which were held at Southamp­ton on 3rd December, 1972. Their representatives took part in five of the six Finals and all have received Coaching and/or Training at the Winton Centre. Jane Harvey-Talbot Heath School for Girls, Miss Janet New-Glenmoor School; Miss Jane Bergemann-Highcliffe Comprehensive School; Miss Jane Harvey-Talbot Heath School for Girls, Colin Wilson and Richard Bergemann-Highcliffe County Junior School; Stephen Wilson — Highcliffe Comprehensive School.

It was that between Colin and Richard Bergemann in the Semi-Final of the same event. Neither gave, nor expected, any quarter and their play and behaviour would have done credit to players twice their age. Over the three games there was the very slight difference of 2 points in Colin's favour. His consistent hitting was just too accurate and it was unfortunate that one had to win.

Schools which were represented— Miss Janet New—Glenmoor School for Girls; Miss Julie Reading-Highcliffe Comprehensive School; Miss Jane Harvey-Talbot Heath School for Girls; Colin Wilson and Richard Bergemann—Highcliffe County Junior School; Stephen Wilson — Highcliffe Comprehensive School.
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES**  
*by Leslie Constable*

**EARLY CUP EXITS**

CAMBRIDGE made an early exit from the Wiltshire Cup when they were beaten 5–2 by Caldecott in the first round. Cambridge were represented by rather a weak team and Derek Fuller was the only successful Cambridge player. This was the earliest exit for a Cambridge team for a number of years and as this season is mainly concerned with team building perhaps we shall see an improvement in 1973.

Cambridge women also made a first round exit from the Rose Bowl, when they were defeated 5–3 by Peterborough (the identical score of last season). Previously in the South East Midlands League, when the teams met, Cambridge forced a 5–5 draw when playing with an under-fourteen team! This shows that the Cambridge Junior Girls are a force to be reckoned with.

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Although Goffs Juniors lost all three of their premier division matches against Midlimes, Surrey and Eves, they were by no means disgraced and Day, unbeaten in six singles and three doubles sets, always kept Cambridge alive in with a chance, but apart from two singles wins from Keith Richardson, he lacked support. A little more concentration and consistency will be required at Longthorpe when they meet the Northern counties, who are reckoned with. Cambridge Juniors were only able to draw 3–3 with Wisbech, who are a moderate side and low again their form will have to improve if they are to remain in the top half of the League.

Although Goffs Junior was the only top Junior that day, they were defeated 7–2 by Colchester in the first round. Cambridge were represented by rather a weak team and Derek Fuller was the only successful Cambridge player. This was the earliest exit for a Cambridge team for a number of years and as this season is mainly concerned with team building perhaps we shall see an improvement in 1973.

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The situation in the South East Midlands League is not so encouraging and a recent fixture saw Cambridge lose to Horton Junior 3–5, although it was not a strong Cambridge side, and players like Thurston, Alan Porter and Tony Littlechild (who have gone to Bath) are now being sorely missed. I am sure that the title this season will again be sought by Ely who, with the services of Paul Day at times, are a force to be reckoned with.

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Both Percy Curtis and Stan Osborne were unable to get going v. John Clarke, Howard too experienced in WS, but he came so close to beating Clive Heap 18, 13.

The result was in doubt, Dennis Whitaker has made Kent a strong team and their forthcoming clash with Hants should be very interesting. Both Percy Curtis and Stan Osborne successive over Ron Etheridge in MS.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Magnum 10, Monmouthshire 0

Somerset 10, Wiltshire 0

Warwickshire 2, Gloucestershire 8

Some close finishes, but the improved Glouc. team in command and could revive some of their County's past Junior glories. Closest set C/S, when C. Wood only went under to Julie McCormick -15, -20. Julie and Chris Sewell the only unbeaten players. Jillee Watts, on debut, won X/D with Jan Schofield who picked up a BIS for Woes, only success.

VETERAN SOUTH

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