TITLE DEFENDER AT SARAJEVO

STELLAN BENGTSSON

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**Time of Decision**

Next month will see the 32nd World Championship taking place in Yugoslavia and therefrom, in 1975 the scene will shift to the warmer climes of India.

England, to coincide with the E.T.T.A. Golden Jubilee — the Association was formed on April 24th 1927 — held the option for 1976, but at the Biennial General Meeting of the E.T.T.A. to be held in Sarajevo during the period of Championships, the question will be put as to whether the option is to be taken up or relinquished.

The time of decision is therefore near and the hoodlumps apprehensive over whether their option will be renewed or not, to an undertaking that could well be a gamble of the utmost magnitude.

Venues as far afield as Brighton, Brighton and Hove have mooted the possibility of being the setting for England's first ever World Championships, but the transportation would add further to the costs which already make a headline event a costly enterprise.

The issue will come to a head at the next meeting of the E.T.T.A. and all, without exception, will have to say yes, or no, to an undertaking which could well be a gamble of the utmost magnitude.

**REVISED WORLD RANKINGS**

*SWEDEN's current World and European men's singles champion, Stellan Bengtsson, together with Nobufumi Haegawa of Japan, who beat China's Ho En-tsing to win the men's crown in the Asian Championships in Peking last September, retain their leading positions in the revised world classification list.*

Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden, in common with those to be found on the Continent housing, as they do, seating across to his European counterpart and current world champion, Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden. Photo courtesy of Tannau Co., Japan.

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**Former world singles champions, Toshiko Kowada and Shigeo Itoh of Japan both subject to demotion in the new world rankings.**

Photo by Sports and General, London.
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EUROPEAN LEAGUE

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China's Cheng Min-chih passes on tactical advice which was well heed by world triple champion, Lin Hui-ching (second left), who her tutor in the women's singles final in Nagoya.

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Scotland 4 0 4 10 18 0
France 5 0 5 11 24 0
Sweden 5 4 1 23 12 4
Italy 4 3 1 15 13 3
FRance 2, Sweden 5
accounted for the Grand Duchy 7-0
Secretin lost to Kunz -12, -16.
Note:فأ perpetrators of the International Table Tennis Federation and participant in the first world championships, held in London in 1926. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

EUROPEAN TOP 12
Europe's top-twelve men and women gathered in Billingen, Federal Germany over the period Feb. 16/18 to participate in the second Classification Tournament promoted by the E.T.T.F.
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In her five defeats, Jill went down to Zoya Radberg (1-3), Kihlbad (0-3), Magnus (2-3), Maria Alexandra (2-3) and Hjortta Radberg (0-3).
Final lists were:- (Ranking in brackets).

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CALLING ALL LOCAL LEAGUE MAGAZINE EDITORS
Does your League run its own magazine? If so READ ON!!
There are many league magazines being published throughout the country and we would like to see them. Some we do see - considerable leagues hide their light under a bushel.
So - we are running a League Magazine Competition. There are no complicated rules - simply send FOUR COPIES of your latest magazine to Philip Reid, 7 New Fields Avenue, Brumnum, Leicester LE5 5EY by March 16.
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2. J. Magnus (Sweden) (3)
3. I. Vosteva (Czech.) (5)
4. Z. Rudnova (USSR) (7)
5. M. Alexandru (Rumania) (11)
6. J. Hamrersley (England) (10)
7. A. Grofova (Czech.) (9)
8. B. Radberg (Sweden) (6)
9. A. Simon (F. Germany) (8)
10. L. Andersen (Sweden) (11)
11. D. Scholer (F. Germany) (7)
12. M. Resler (Yugoslavia) (13)

MEN:
1. M. Karakasevic (Yugoslavia) (12)
2. J. Korpa (Yugoslavia) (8)
3. A. Stipancic (Yugoslavia) (4)
4. G. Magos (Hungary) (3)
5. M. Orlowski (Czech.) (11)
6. J. Secretin (France) (9)
7. E. Scholer (F. Germany) (7)
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MAJOR TITLE FOR DOUGLAS

From an entry 50% up on recent years and with six out of eight world, the King 2-Star Open, played at Folkston on Jan 27/28, came two double champions. Sue Howard and Deslond Douglas. Both won the men’s singles titles as well as the Eves cup.

With the three of the top women in ‘tough’ duty, and some of the others declining a weekend by the sea, Sue Howard was tipped-possibly in all women’s events open to her and daily reached all four finals.

In the 48, she was opposed by Janet Holliday who was under, as did all before her, in a straight. In the companion boys’ event, Douglas beat Andrew Barden, the Middlesex junior having played extremely well throughout the tournament and lifted himself in unexpected heights to beat Peter Taylor, the England No. 5 – not a bad achievement for a 14-year-old.

Sue Howard returned on court to contend the third of the final events and disposed of the host county’s Carl Cotton, Betty Bird, to achieve the double.

The men’s singles trophy had to be taken back to Watfordshire with that county providing both finalists – Douglas and Brian Burn. Deslond Douglas over Richard Yule in the final of the men’s singles event in the Chelmsford 2-Star Open.

Douglas played on the following weekend was full of interesting play with “Les” Haslam, the giant Jamaican-born Middlesex player missimulating, his own brand of awe-inspiring power.

Richard Yule, the Scottish international, was the only player to really extend him in a crackerjack semi that only got his nose in front in the third.

Brian Burn was his final opponent, Burn having defeated Deslond Douglas in the other semi, a surprise this for Deslond, the quicksilver junior international, who had beaten his county colleague in the final of the Kent Open the previous weekend.

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The mixed event provided another good win for Douglas and Sue Haslam’s surprising victory over favourites Mike Johns and Di Court in the final. Highlight to the weekend was the elimination of Peter and Lesley Radford by the very junior pair of Paul Day (14) and Angela Mitchell (14). Paul’s heroic lunchtime keeping being too hot to handle.

On the same day, in the North Yorkshire 8-Star Open at Sheffield, Lancashire’s Donald Parker was making his way by winning his first senior men’s singles title, beating Maurice Newman, And, for good measure, the young Lancastrian accounted for David Routler in the final of the boys’ event.

Judith Walker’s shock exit in the third round of the women’s singles was executed by Beryl Shaw but it was Sandra Wallace who took the title, Mick Askham beat Marie Billington in the second round of the men’s

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Open Tournament Survey

Contributed by John Heritage, Cliff Darley, Geoff Newman, John Broomhead, Albert Shipley, B. Snook, Maurice Goldstein

Portmouth 1-Star played on Jan. 27, but there were no real complaints when he did. Except from Steve Radford that is – who pointed out that they were both from the same league, Hull, and didn’t quite meet in the first round.

This appeal was over-rulled on some day earned the No. 2 seed, Derek Schofield always has a good day at Pontefract and thrives on outmatched legs within the narrow confines of the hall yet never complains. Unseeded he came through from the preliminaries to meet Tony Clayton in the M.S. final having earlier averaged his Lanac, Open defeat by Brian Stankes in the veterans’ event.

Ting’s and Argus bail-out read “Bradford burns the midnight oil at Pontefract” – But it wasn’t quite so bad as that for, with the determinations to run the mixed event this year, the time of finish was 11:45 p.m., when Steve Worsman and Sylvia Broadbent wound up the proceedings.

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Burn! 

match involving Janet New had to pull out all the stops to take the U-13 GS against Karen Rogers! Diane St. Ledger was the losing girl's U-17 finalist but she, together with Dougall, restored the balance a little by taking the mixed title for Warwickshire with final victory over Chris and Karen Rogers of Leicester.

Kent 2 Star Open

Men's Singles: Semi-Finals

S. Bird (Kent) bt J. Hellaby (Essex)

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BIRD/COURT bt Howard/K. Mashford

Mixed Doubles: Final:

HYDES/JOHNS bt D. Brown (Essex)/HOWARD bt Bird 12. 16.

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HYDES/JOHNS bt Bird/Howard 15, 17, 20.

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CHAMBERLAIN/MITCHELL bt Lamb/New

Quarter-finals:

D. A. Proffitt bt N. Dines 8, 4,

Girls Singles:

Semi-finals:

M. Smith (Berks) bt A. Gordon (Berks)

Boys' Doubles:

Mixed Doubles:

Boys, Singles: Quarter-finals:

Final:
SMITH bt Heath 11, 16.

Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Final:
REEVES bt S. Souter (Yorks) 18, 16, 11.

U-17 EVENTS

Semi-finals:

B. Williams (Lanes) bt J. Skipr (Yorks) 23, 17, 19;

T. Newman (Gloucs) 15, 14;

U-13 EVENTS

Semi-finals:

B. Alderson (Yorks) bt K. Rogers (Leics) 16, 16, 16;

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LATEST ADDITION TO THE SALES DEPARTMENT

The Coca-Cola National Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

The inclusion of Dennis Collin's Scottish side (Rothwell) has produced a strong challenge for promotion from the North Midlands and he alone is still 100% in the mens section. His doubles partner is Walsall's Brian Harvey and they have the seniority to challenge for the championship.

Boys' Singles: Mixed Doubles:

Boys, Doubles: Semi-finals:

CHAMBERLAIN/MITCHELL bt Lamb/New bt J. Douglas/Wakely 15, 14

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Final:
CHAMBERLAIN bt Black 19, 19.

Girls' Singles: Mixed Doubles:

U-15 EVENTS

Semi-finals:

H. Hall in L. Chamberlain (Cakes) 15, 20, 10;
M. Darnell bt E. Lamb (Warks) 10, 6

Semi-finals:

Rogers bt G. Alden (Northants) 17, 9;

B. Williams 13, 16;

B. Williams bt M. Soutar 6, 17, 7;

M. Sangster 7, 15;

P. Vickers (Derbys) 15, 15.

B. Chamberlain (Hants) in E. Lamb (Warks) 9, 15

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

Final:
CHAMBERLAIN bt Lamb/New

Girls' Singles:

Semi-finals:

B. Williams bt J. Skipr (Yorks) 23, 17, 19;

J. Hinton (Staffs) bt S. Hemmings (Warwks)

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Final:
CHAMBERLAIN bt E. Lamb (Warks) 16, 16

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Decision Making in Table Tennis

Part 2
by Peter Simpson, E.T.T.A. Northern Staff Coach

PRAC TISE TRAINING BASED ON
REACTION AND MOVEMENT TIME

Many coaches and players are under the impression that PRACTISE MAKES PERFECT, but this is not true. To order that the player can carry out any skilled action, the coach should always ensure that the practice is set with a specific purpose in mind and both coach and player should know the end goal towards which they are working.

With the isolation of skills in a training programme, the important factor is to ensure that the player is able to read a situation and react accordingly — the player must not only practise the skill but also the skill of reading the situation.

There are three types of Reaction Time:

1. SINGLE REACTION.
2. NUMBER REACTION.
3. CHOICE REACTION.

A. SINGLE STIMULUS RESPONSE.

Player - S.S.
Controller - S.S.
Playing one type of ball
- S.R.
Response — to three points.

B. SINGLE RESPONSE.

Player - S.R.
Controller - C.R.
Playing one type of ball
- C.R.
Response — to three points.

C. SINGLE RESPONSE SEQUENCES.

Player - S.R.
Controller - C.R.
Playing a number of responses
- C.R.
Response — to three points.

D. NUMBER REACTION.

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The Table Tennis Association of Wales are to be represented by men only at the 32nd World Championships in Sarajevo. The team is:

Alan Griffiths, Graham Davies and Robert Hillsop (all Cardiff) and John Macneal (Abergavenny). Brian Eversen is the n.p.c. Griffiths, Davies and Sandra Fickett will represent Wales in the ETTU European Regional play-off in Norway.

PHOTOGRAPHS
Reg Biffen, Hon. Secretary of the Loughborough and District League, has a supply of photographs taken at the English Junior Closed. They feature action shots and presentations involving some of England's leading juniors i.e. Desmond Douglas, Paul Day, Linda Howard, Judith Walker and Karen Rogers.

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The Ormesby Cup for Men

In the first round of this season's competition, the Ormesby Club of Ormesby — both holders and donors of the men's team trophy — stood out in convincing fashion with a 6-2 win over Leeds Regional Hospital. Cunningham, both holders and donors of the Ormesby Cup, and Fairley Brothers, both of Stockton, both of whom put in a convincing fashion with a 6-2 win over Leeds Regional Hospital.

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COUNTRY DIARY
FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR MARCH, 1973

PREMIER
Mar. 10 Kent v Middlesex, Bowlers Clubhouse, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne. (7.00 p.m.)

SOUTH
Mar. 10 Leicestershire v Worcestershire, Regional Philatelic School, Redhill. (3.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Sussex v Cheshire, Haybridge School, Brickhouse Lane, South Gosport, Surrey. (7.00 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Cheshire v Yorkshire, P.R.O., Grove Lane, Chesham. (6.15 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Middlesex v Sussex, Surrey v Kent.

3 SOUTH
Mar. 10 Berkshire v Kent II, Wingraveshall v Surrey II, Hampshire v Sussex II, Trans E Brook School, Dean Drive, Millbrook, Bournemouth. (6.30 p.m.)

3 NORTH
Mar. 10 Cheshire v Durham, T.M.C.A., Gateshead. (6.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Yorkshire v Lancashire, York T.T.C., 17-5, St John's Road, York. (7.00 p.m.)

3 MIDLAND
Mar. 10 Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, Staffordshire v Herefordshire, Main Carreau, Dorton Diesels, Tideswell Road, Stafford. (7.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Worcestershire v Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Portwood. (3.00 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Staffordshire v Cheshire, Bootle T.T.C., Birkdale, Bootle. (6.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Cheshire v Warwickshire, Knole Park T.T.C., 168, Avenue Road, Great Yarmouth. (7.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Staffordshire v Warwickshire, Wingraveshall, 17-5, St John's Road, York. (7.00 p.m.)

3 EAST
Mar. 10 Essex II v Middlesex II, Hampshire v Sussex II, Thames Ditton School, High Street, Waltham Cross. (6.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Northumberland v Berkshire.

3 WEST
Mar. 10 Devon v Cornwall, Devonport Guildhall, Ken Street, Plymouth. (7.15 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Gloucestershire v Somerset, Wilts T.T.C., Bovey Tracey. (6.30 p.m.)

SOUTHERN
Mar. 10 Oxfordshire v Essex II, West Pier Park School, The Grove, Slough. (6.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Kent v Middlesex II.

NORTHERN
Mar. 10 Cumbria v Lancashire, Hilltop School, Hillside, Hilltop. (6.00 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Lancashire v Derbyshire, Northop T.T.C., 102, Ullet Road, Liverpool. (3.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SOUTHERN
Mar. 10 Berks & Bucks v Kent, Berkshire College of Education, Buresham Court, Woodlands Road, Wokingham, Reading. (3.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Hampshire v Lancashire, Langley Sports Club, East Park, Crewe. (3.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Hertfordshire v London, Hertford T.T.C., Borehamwood. (2.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Berkshire v Hertfordshire II.

Mar. 10 Oxfordshire v Hampshire, Oxfordshire T.T.C., Headington. (2.30 p.m.)

JUNIOR NORTH
Mar. 10 Durham v Lancashire, Torksey, Peterborough. (6.00 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Durham v Yorkshire, Torksey, Peterborough. (7.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR MIDLAND
Mar. 10 Leicestershire v Northamptonshire, St. Paul's Church Hall, Peterborough. (7.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Northamptonshire v Staffordshire, Northampton T.T.C., 168, Avenue Road, Northampton. (7.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR EAST
Mar. 10 Bedfordshire v Norfolk, Brooklands Residents Hall, Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard. (2.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Essex II v Hertfordshire II, Weston Park School, The Grove, Sholing, Southampton. (6.30 p.m.)

Mar. 10 Hertfordshire II v Buckinghamshire, Brookside Boys' Club, Borehamwood. (2.30 p.m.)

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With Lincolnshire trailing 3-5 we looked to our last two players to make a fight of it, but an out-of-touch Clare Judson was easily beaten by Kedge, and Nick East offered no serious challenge to Martin. So it was Lincolnshire, 3-3.

Our juniors, against Warwickshire, gave a great display with such confidence and ability as to cause nerves and indecision among the opposition.

John Smith (Lincoln), ranked No. 5 in the County, was the outstanding player accounting for K. Pilgrim and, paired with Colin Boyd (Scunthorpe) further ‘progressed’ against Pilgrim and A. Cotton with scores of 21 -3, 20 -12.

After Lincolnshire had built up a lead of 3-1, we all thought this was going to be our first win but the opposition lifted their game to narrow the gap to 5-4. The final set was between Smith and D. Shropshire and what a cracker it was with Shropshire winning 12-10, 21 21.

I am pleased to report that the appeal lodged by Northants, was not upheld and the 5-3 result stands.

It was a thoroughly deserved draw. J. Bxerster has now submitted a letter of explanation regarding his absence from the Northants, match which the selectors have accepted and he will, of course, he considered for future selection.

Clive Judson of Lincoln, who also plays in the Grimsby League won the men’s singles in the Grimsby Closed. Deducted finalist was Peter Taylor, a greatly improved player who beat Matt Bradley in a thrilling semi.

Connie Moran won the women’s singles title, for the 16th time, beating Pauline Hall.

Halex E.T.T.A Under-13’s Championships
NOTIFICATIONS will be sent out shortly to all entrants for this season’s Under-13 singles events. Details for some Regional venues have still to be finalised, but arrangements confirmed to date are:

REGION 1: Cockfosters, Herfordshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 2: Skipton, Yorkshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 3: Leeds, Yorkshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 4: Grimsby, Lincolnshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 5: Grimsby, Lincolnshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 6: Rugby, Warwickshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 7: York, Yorkshire, Thursday, April 6.
REGION 8: Shrewsbury, Shropshire, Thursday, April 6.

The National Finals will be played on Saturday, May 7th at the Abbey Sports Stadium, Birmingham Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire. Play will commence at 12.30 p.m. (Finals only).

TREBLE CHANCE
Former Sutton international Mary Wright (nee Shannon), wife of England selector Brian, is expecting a third child on July 4. When asked what she would like this time, she replied, with typical candour — "I don’t mind."
Another season, having obtained 3 points from 3 matches. Chapman reached their first Open this year. Not surprisingly the leading places in the Middlesex junior. Ruth Newman won the Girls' Doubles. But realy, in a vets match, you surely surely would be content to affect the positions at the top of the K.E.T.A. A achievement. "B" playing promptly, Kent beat to relieve their fears and doubts regarding the wisdom of play. 10 months. KentI Broad with Soham I, who came back to beat Bedford 7-3. The match was more even than the last two matches. The Junior Section, Canterbury "B" 6-4, but from their standpoint, should be handed out to the following players. Boquetts: I feel that bouquets should be handed out to the following Cambs officials, who have worked tirelessly for the better of the tennis. Martin Jordan - for tireless work, only had two players in the Veteran category and who are now coming up tennis in Cambridgeshire. Margaret Cornewall - for tireless work, for many years, in Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Tournament Secretary of the Cambs. Association. Tony Burchell - for his tireless work in League Secretary and Treasurer. Geoff Waters - for his tireless energy in keeping Match Secretary and especially his work with the Juniors. John Cameron - for his coaching activities and as a National Commissioner. Bill Rogers - for his duties as Chairman and willingness to help and advise wherever he can. Peter Stock - for his work as Empire Secretary and Chairman of the Association.

Hampshire Notes by David Cosway

Cambridge are still unbeaten in the East Anglian League and a recent 4-0 victory over Wymondham. A "leader" of this match was the defeat of Veteran Newman in both his singles.

The new girls' section has been something of a disappointment, with much too big a difference in the standard to play to provide enough competition. There must also be doubts regarding the wisdom of playing matches on set dates. The Kent League was in a similar position. Without doubt, the Kent League has a great tradition, but there is a need for a rethink of the tournament format to provide a more suitable league structure.

The Women's Section, however, have been very successful in the recent matches. With Beckenham "B" and N.W. Kent, they have been clear favourites for the First Division title, this after wins over N.W. Kent into a fine attacking player. Our starting time cannot be met. "B" and Thanet "A". After trailing in the third set, Ruth Newman won the Girls' Doubles. But realy, in a vets match, you surely surely would be content to affect the positions at the top of the K.E.T.A. A achievement. "B" playing promptly, Kent beat to relieve their fears and doubts regarding the wisdom of play. 10 months. KentI Broad with Soham I, who came back to beat Bedford 7-3. The match was more even than the last two matches. The Junior Section, Canterbury "B" 6-4, but from their standpoint, should be handed out to the following players. Boquetts: I feel that bouquets should be handed out to the following Cambs officials, who have worked tirelessly for the better of the tennis. Martin Jordan - for tireless work, only had two players in the Veteran category and who are now coming up tennis in Cambridgeshire. Margaret Cornewall - for tireless work, for many years, in Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Tournament Secretary of the Cambs. Association. Tony Burchell - for his tireless work in League Secretary and Treasurer. Geoff Waters - for his tireless energy in keeping Match Secretary and especially his work with the Juniors. John Cameron - for his coaching activities and as a National Commissioner. Bill Rogers - for his duties as Chairman and willingness to help and advise wherever he can. Peter Stock - for his work as Empire Secretary and Chairman of the Association.

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CHAOCTIC AFFAIR

Once again a nail-bitting contest to a Hampshńre first team match with a draw the result, this time against Kent II. Keith Sommfield was undoubtedly the "star" with two singles wins and a double, with Chris Sherlock, Chris Pickard cannot produce his best form for the County this season and his two defeats, in solo combat, was far from a Hampshńre A performance. The junior team kept alive their championship hopes with a 10-0 win over Oxford and as a result, with a draw, which keeps them above of the 10 divisions of the Kelll League. of this division.

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through Basingstoke "A" to approximate, Portsmouth, with the result

being no more than a draw for the first championship victory in recent years. The seeding side, all of whom are still under the age limit for next season, has now

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The Gloucestershire "Closed" is to be held on Mar 24 at Gloucester School, Churchdown, near Gloucester and is to be run by Cheltenham year. There will be 3 tables in use and the event will be run by MD. V.S. (Giles, S), G.S. (Giles, S), V.S. (Giles, S), V.S. (Giles, V.S. +) and MD. V.S. (Giles, V.S. +)

Portsmouth on Sunday, Apr 8. Entry

forms, to be returned by Mar. 31, can be obtained from

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NECK AND NECK

There is certainly a stern struggle for the Men's title and this event as can be seen from the League tables.

Both Salisbury and Plymouth are undefeated and have the same number of points and sets average. When they meet each other, at Salisbury, a match of excellence should ensue.

Plymouth head the Women's division and now seem reasonably certain of winning the title following their recent success over Exeter 5-4.

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Western League Notes

Campbell had a similar experience with Paul Drew as did Schilder with Joe Garland.

Plymouth women just managed to rescue their unbeaten record when they visited Exeter and won 5-4.

Once again Pam Mortimer proved she No. 1 position for Devon when she beat Nancy Petterson and Mavis Scott but the seriously had to fight all the way against Nancy and Barbara who took her in a thrilling game.

The point that mattered was won by Mavis Scott, against Val Adderson who she beat 3-0 in the third. Mort was losing 19-15 but Val pulled back to smell. 

Away to Bristol, Pam Mortimer carried the day for Exeter who won 5-0.

Back in the Men's division. Salisbury had a very good win over Bury 7-0. The victory quickly went into the 3-2 head by young Chris Catt. Seoul beat Clark-Shorter and Richard Ayme. Terry Burrell had a triple for Salisbury.

Newport women a surprise at home to Bristol by winning 5-4 thanks to a maximum by Betty Jones who beat Jean Collier, Pat Rowe and Janet Ashwood.

Southern Counties: 3rd Round

NORTHAMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

POPEY HELS THE TERROR

At last Northumberland's first team won their first point. In a hard-fought battle at Cheshire II at North Shields V.M.C., Peter Helsey took the title by winning both his singles against Brian Ken and Nigel Eckersley. Terry Hart also beat Eckersley, while Barbara Kearney and Lucille Clarke won the women's doubles. This win meant that North Shields were not only unbeaten in this round, but that they had both points, as Alan Jones narrowly beat his singles against Kevin and Paul Myatt, which had been lost by 1-1, but Jannete Green in the women's singles.

Northumberland's second team, however, never seemed to get going against Cheshire III after a long and tiring journey to Chester. V.M.C., in atrocious conditions, and were well beaten. Both Kevin and Malcolm McIntyre both beat Ian Waterson. I can only say that their journey was even worse, as we did not arrive in Newcastle until 3 a.m., which speaks for itself.

The Juniors, meanwhile, has entered Cheshire E doubles earlier in the day at North Shields (V.M.C.) and won by 7-2, which should keep them in Second place in the junior North Division. Andrew Clark won both his singles, and Peter Clark and Glenn McCadle one each, still being Glenn's first singles win. Barbara Kearney won her girls singles match, and together with Lucille Clarke, the girls doubles. Glenn and Lucille also won a good day by only using the mixed doubles.

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by Walter Reeves

ANOTHER YOUNG HOPING

Yet another young Derbyshire girl doing well in tournaments is Susan Newbury (Leicester), on the way.

Although losing in the final she took her place in the runners-up position to Loughborough in Div. 1. Derby's women recently held their successful doubles partnership in Div. 3.

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HOW many people get the chance to go to China even once in their lifetime? Very, very few! But my luck was to go to a second time when, in September of last year, I took a further part in Winton Churchill Fellowship Award (the first part having been to Japan twelve months earlier).

Visits to China, in pursuit of table tennis, usually take the form of competitive play. Mine was the fortune to have had the experience of a man so simply to allow me to learn the subtleties and complexities of the secret of 24 hours in Peking.

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These variations of service enable the server to write the initiative and once in this position he or she is trained to take full advantage of it.

We in England are fundamentally weak in this area of the game and, as a result of this incompetence, we rarely find ourselves in a position to win the point outright with one first stroke after service, when playing stronger opponents.

Whilst I am aware of the many height/weight variances which exist from player to player, it is the development of effective thinking from an early age which I find similarly fundamental.

When the situation is far from the norm, at times of extreme pressure.

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LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Phil Reid

A different story in the Junior (Midland) Division. Even without Karen Rogers, the title was retained by Henry Willetts and Peter Summerfield, the former two players having won all but one match throughout the season.

In the Championship matches, however, there were some exciting matches against world class opposition.

This was possible without the stress of match play, and I could get down to learning what my coaches Richard Furniss had three times winners of the World title, singles titles—Hu Ho, 2-1, and Hu Hua, 4-1.

Chiang Tsue-tung and the current Chinese team captains, Li Fu-jung, had to say.

With the help of my interpreter I was able to go into their training sessions and seek their opinions of players and tactics. They were very frank, and prepared to advise how best to overcome the many and varied techniques of the foremost Asiatic and European players.

TRAINING STRUCTURE

So how is it done? At the risk of over-simplifying the training structure of Chinese table tennis, it goes like this—

Informative years, the young players are trained in groups of six by coaches who have a sound knowledge of world class tennis. It is from these groups that the Chinese young men generally come. Those who do not appear likely to make the top national team will return to their home province and pass on the knowledge they have gained in Peking.

From the top team we get the best results. These are the vital important CHINA'S NEW HONEYSUCKLE

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**HASTINGS HONOURED**

Hastings was honoured on Jan. 24/73 with a visit from Mr. Sung Chung, President of the People's Republic of China Table Tennis Association and Secretary of the All China Sports Federation. While in London on his way back to Peking from Nigeria where the all Africa Games were being held, Mr. Sung Chung decided that he would like to come to Hastings to look over the offices of the I.T.T.F. in Havelock Road and the E.T.T.A. in Clifton.

With him were Chia Chang-Hui, world women's champion in 1961 and who was last in Hastings in 1953, Mr. Ho Chen-Liang and Mr. Tu Ming-Teh, members of the Sports Federation in China and Mr. and Mrs. Hu Ting-Yi from the Chinese Embassy.

Mr. H. Roy Evans, O.B.E., President of the International Table Tennis Federation, travelled up from Cardiff to meet Mr. Sung Chung in London.

Hastings was also the Chinese visitors by Mr. A. K. “Bill” Vint, O.B.E. (E.T.T.A. President and I.T.T.A. Secretary), Mr. Charles M. Wyles (E.T.T.A. Chairman) and Mr. Derek Transy (E.T.T.A. Secretary).

During the course of the day, the Chinese visitors were fascinated by the activity at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Falaise Road, and amused at the excellence of the outdoor greens at the White Rock Gardens.

Picture (by George E. Gregory of St. Leonards-on-Sea) shows Mr. Sung Chung with Mr. Wyles (left) and Mr. Vint, Feature by courtesy of Hastings and St. Leonards Observer, Ed.

**MILTON KEYNES 1-STAR**

The Bletchley District TTL regret to announce that they will be unable to run the Milton Keynes 1-Star Open scheduled for Apr 7.

Reason for the cancellation is that the Bletchley Leisure Centre was behind on its building schedule and did not open until Feb. 10 instead of the original proposed date in Dec ’72.

This did not allow enough time for the Committee to make their expected first rate job of organisation. It is hoped that it will run next year and that the conditions will render it eligible to be classed as a 3-Star Open.

**JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SQUAD**

The National Selection Committee have selected a junior squad of players to operate on similar lines as the senior squad. The major target for these players will be selection for the teams in participation in the European Youth Championships in Greece during early August. Squad —:

BOYS:
- Desmond Douglas (Warwickshire)
- David Ashdown (Yorkshire)
- Richard Horne (Cheshire)
- Paul Day (Cambridge)
- Donald Parker (Lancashire)
- John Ricketson (Suffolk)
- Andrew Barden (Middlesex)
- Linda Howard (Surrey)
- Amanda Stevens (Leicestershire)
- Elaine Farren (Avon)
- Gillian Taylor (Iswan)
- Jodlifi Walker (Yorkshire)

**COCOA-COLA AWARDS 72-73**

Due to the recent ill-health of Scheme Administrator, Laurie Landey—happily now making good his recovery—it has not been possible to produce an up-to-date points table for this issue of the magazine.

Latest positions, inclusive of points won in the Norwich Union International Championships, will appear in the April edition.
IAN samples Life in Japan

Leaving China on Nov 1972, Ian D Horsham, the former Essex Junior international and Winston Churchill Fellowship Award winner, is now in residence at Nagoya University, Nagoya – scene of the 1971 world championships. He has been registered as a student and is taking a course in the Japanese language. Although the students are older than him (average age 19-23 years) he says he has been accepted as one of them. He is staying in a good apartment with an English speaking Japanese student.

He thought the training in China hard but is now finding it much harder although generally he is able to cope. Every day consists of a mile run plus the usual training and table tennis practice and often finishes up with a session of playing from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The discipline is very strict indeed. Before commencing playing they have to wash the floor and set up their own tables. It is very vocal in the hall as ‘ooosh’ as they play their strokes.

The training since the New Year has been increased and much harder. Training runs are getting longer and one day it was a 15-mile stint!

A typical day’s schedule goes something like this: 10.30 am to 11 noon General Fencing, 11 to 1 p.m. Fencing followed by weight training, 1 to 6 p.m. over 12 kilometers, Ian finished 11th in 13 minutes.

The training for the World Senior Championships in Nagoya and being with his many friends.

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He has been selected as a trainer and was due to practice with players of world class. The university team has started their preparations for the second. The word “trainer” in Japan means one who trains as soon as possible.

Further 7-day camps will be held in Newburry and Federal Germany before arriving in Yugoslavia 2 days before the championships begin.


Photo by Dennis A. Rodd, Middlesex.

TOKYO

As a break, Ian visited Tokyo and stayed with Mr. Micky Harada who is the President of the Armstrong Trading Corporation, suppliers of sports rubber to bat manufacturers in the country.

Although in Tokyo for only a week, arrangements were made for Ian to play table tennis every day but he began to look forward to returning to Nagoya and being with his many friends.

Ian’s reflections on the high standard of play he observed during the training in China was that he still had a long way to go and would have to redouble his efforts on his return to the University.

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SURREY NOTES

by Geoff Ryan

SEVENTEEN EVENTS

This season’s “Closed” was held on Jan. 15/14 at the superb Surrey University Sports Centre where a total of 17 events were staged during the weekend.

The finals, held on Sunday evening, were on the whole uninteresting but the men’s singles final proved to be a cracker. 16-year-old Gerry Walsh stormed through his half of the draw to oppose the holder, Paul Bishop, who was unseeded, being a late entry (this caused some controversy).

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TABLE-tennis star signs contract with Dunlop

Alan Hayles, the English International player, recently signed a contract with Dunlop Sports Company to join the Company’s promotional team for table-tennis.

In the course of his career, Alan, who is twenty-three years old and comes from Barnsley, has played 21 times for England as a junior, making his debut in 1964. He joined the senior ranks in 1967 and has since

been a consistent performer, making his reputation as a table-tennis star.

Picture shows the contract signing with (left) Bill Evans, Dunlop’s table-tennis specialist, and (right) Michael Thorndill, export sales manager.

(Former English International).

Photo by Tony Kirby, East Sheen, S.W.14.

By courtesy of Dunlop Ltd.

From the Editor’s Postbag

CONSTERNATION

I read with great interest both John Woodford’s “Controversy” column and also Geoff Ryan’s Survey notes, the first of which referred to the quandry on such occasions, who

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Vic ATTENDANO

Kent Vets’ Captain.

3. Hillview Drive,

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Dear Sir,

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In considering some point of dispute, Mr. Woodford, a tournament referee or his committee decides on the basis of the facts available and in the context of the rules of the tournament and the E.T.T.A. or E.T.T.A. tournament regulations, the possibility that some persons might consider the referee’s decision “wrong” has no influence whatever for any referee worth his salt. Mr. Woodford’s comments on playing tournaments without young judges is fantastic. In itself, does he suggest one rule for the top players and another for those who are not promoted to the top, and make it quite clear that the referee or organiser of an important tournament should require why a top

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JOHN REED

Moor View,
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After this fiasco I shall fulfil my obligations to the Kent Vets. Captain, to the season through, and then resign my Captaincy. In conclusion, so that in no way is Kent responsible for this letter. Whatever the outcome, I take full responsibility. A dis-

enoughed, but who’s next?

Vic ATTENDANO

Kent Vets’ Captain.

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Chester Barnes' most useful talent has been copy for them and good publicity for national pressmen are concerned, Chester Barnes. Are Denis Neale and Trevor Taylor to be criticized because Essex's previous statements on the player has not entered is something that can be proved. The performances for England, particularly abroad, are hardly legendary. Considering one's personality aspect of players may produce a clue to success, together with a study of other sports, for they may hold a secret appropriate to the advancement of table tennis.

The point was well made that followers of a method rarely ever lead the field. It is those who find a new or different technique who stand the best chance of progression. Perhaps these new areas of investigation may result in the discovery of new roads to success.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS—SARAJEVO

The Yugoslav Tourist Board have only recently released information on accommodation available in Sarajevo and as a result of passing this information to a travel agent we have obtained the following quotations, per person.

1. Travel—London to Sarajevo on 9th April, returning on 16th April, full board, including admission to the Championships and local transport.

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   (This is likely to be in private accommodation).

   In view of the short notice, applications must be sent to Hunting Lumsden Sports Services Ltd., 67 Soane Street, London, S.W.1., enclosing a deposit of £3 per person by 12th March, 1973.

   Any queries direct to Mr. E. Sturrow on 01-253 2611.

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UMPRIING BACKWATER

Without necessarily agreeing with the whole of Alan Shepherd's article in February's issue, I would certainly endorse his remark that qualified umpires should have been provided for all the Junior Premier matches in Leicestershire.

Although not qualified myself, I umpired 13 sets on the Sunday in order to help the organizers. Presuming that the absence of County Umpires was due to a shortage in Leicestershire, rather than to any failure to turn up, I wrote the following day to the County Umpires Secretary of Leicestershire T.T.A., who incidentally was not present himself on the Sunday, expressing my interest in qualifying.

I have not received any reply, and if this is indicative of the interest in the County Umpire scheme in Leicestershire I feel Alan Shepherd's next visit to this country will find no more satisfactory situation.

On a lighter note, I would point out that there were 16 matches and as these were of 10 and 9 sets each there were 54 sets to be umpired, not 144! I hope that Essex's lack of success was not due to Alan Shepherd's misleading a set in each of their matches!

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NEW TECHNIQUE DEMANDED

The recent course at Lea Green was a successful demonstration of how a group of intelligent junior coaches can organize a thought-provoking session for their colleagues, Peter Simpson and Harry Dignan produced a stimulating weekend's table tennis activity. They and the other speakers pointed out that if a thoughtful approach to the coaching of the game is used, then a new way to produce players of world class just may be found.

They maintained that to restrict oneself to the narrow view, the only important factor was a body holding a bat and hitting a ball across a table. Limited to say the least. As far as the wider view was needed and other areas of activity demanded exploration. A look at the psychological and personality aspect of players may produce a clue to success, together with a study of other sports, for they may hold a secret appropriate to the advancement of table tennis.

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Czechoslovakian Open

Second title for Jill, Bengtsson back on beam

Collated by The Editor

England's Jill Hammerson, in partnership with Beatrix Kishazi of Hungariy, won their second women's doubles title when they added the Czech Open to that won at Andechs in the Belgian Open last October.

Sweden's Stefan Bengtsson and Alicia Grofova (Czechoslovakia) won the men's doubles title, the latter's compatriots, Milan Dragutin and Iolanda Costache, managed to win the mixed.

Winners of the men's doubles were Stanislav Gomozkov (USSR) and Dragutin Surbec.

Delivered by adverse flying conditions, Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson had to qualify to reach the Fed Cup final, and the quarter-finals, Kishazi and Magos tested the temperature at the shallow finalists.

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But the major shock occurred in Round 2 when the holder, Johansson, was treated to similar dismissal by Ronald Stankovic and yet another booking for the Czech, Benda.

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IN THE COACHING FIELD
with John O’Sullivan

Coaching associations backed by local or county leagues, appear to be becoming more popular, and I have just heard of one such association from Bournemouth.

Started in November 1975, with the intention of improving the standard of play of juniors and increasing the number of coaches in the area, it is run today under the leadership of John Dugan, a two star dangles coach. They have kept in close contact with Paul in Devon, using an exchange of players to improve the standard of play.

The juniors showed great enthusiasm after visits from Jack Cunliffe and Bryan Moxon (Staff Coach) to the Amable Centre and also Bryan’s further visits to the Winton Centres.

Although only four juniors, who are encouraged to play in the league, all coaches are keen to improve. Local leagues have been operated by accepting juniors as members. Three U9 juniors have been entering tournaments, and at recent tournaments at Exeter, Janet New won the U13 girls’ championship.

These associations take a little time to get off the ground, but their value is shown in the results.

Student coaches have always had serious within reasonable distances of their homes. Not only were sessions difficult to find, but chances where, that having travelled to a training centre, it would have to be a repeat of a previous session.

I think that the danger now is that not only student coaches but some coaches will have to rethink the whole concept of coaching. The last two years have seen a difference in approach, but coaches should have to rethink the whole concept of coaching.

The information was new to all the students, but this did not mean that new ideas and long names were put in front of the coaches for them to slave their own conclusions. The information had been gathered from the findings of highly qualified people in their own fields. Titles of books, authors and references were given, for the coaches who wished to continue further studies at home.

On Saturday morning, after the introduction of the speakers and a programme outline, the first lecture was given by Peter Simpson.

There were 93 coaches present and they were split into four groups, each under a chairman. The idea being, that during the weekend they would divide up to discuss what they had heard during the lectures. On the Sunday afternoon the chairman had to report to the meeting the views of his group.

After the first lecture, one hour was allowed for group discussion, and in any group, views were readily put forward, especially on interpretation of the terminology used during the talk.


There were not all the subjects dealt with, but I think that it is essential that the reader has an idea of the sort of terminology that was used and whether discussion was necessary to avoid confusion.

A session was given to each coach on arrival, with all the headings followed by the notes given by the chairman of his group when listening to the lecturer.

Although an hour was allowed for discussion, most of us were late for lunch, which was the interest generated by the first lecture.

Lunch was gathered in the gym for a further lecture by John Mers. He under the heading of “Co-ordination.” Continuing us in the gym was a large diagram of the human body, showing muscles and nerve centres.

Then we were introduced to more new ideas, at least, as far as table tennis was concerned, with such things as: perception, effects of mental and physical fatigue on co-ordination, and co-ordination and flexibility.

This session was down on the program to last for two hours, but I think that it could have lasted for two weeks.

We all took part in exercises to prove co-ordination, or lack of it, and broke down because of fatigue.

At this point Mr. and Mrs. George Yates arrived, and when a coaching course arrives at a dinner from the Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A. then it can be said to have made the big time. I did notice that neither George nor Mrs. George joined in the exercises, but I am sure there was plenty of Dynamic Visual Acuity taking place.

After dinner, the day ended with a private talk, which was a nice way to finish.

Sunday began with a session on the effects of nervousness and restlessness on the player, and the improvement shown by the correct definitions to give an understanding when listening to the lectures.

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Yorkshire Notes
by Tony Ross
A hat of four county championship titles is definitely on the cards for Yorkshire this season. A 9-1 win over much-improved Westmorland in the Junior Division North, with only Cumberland to play, makes the white rose county almost certain favorites to retain their title in this division, whilst the junior first team have already, of course, won the Junior Premier Division title.

In the senior Premier Division, the 4-3 destruction of Surrey’s hopes and 7-2 defeat of Sussex and Kent has the first team looking good, with Cheshire and Essex to play. A turbine this season has been Denis Nash’s superb form for Yorkshire and the improvement shown by 10-year-old Judith Walker. Denis’s last defeat in the Premier Division was in to “Lee” Hardin in the match against Middlesex at Southall in February, 1970.

In the Second Division North, all now depends on the clash with Leicestershire at Doncaster on 10th March, but the England selectors have already won the Junior Championship with a 9-1 win over the Oxfordshire team, and a 7-1 win over the Cheshires to play. A turbine this season has been Denis Nash’s superb form for Yorkshire and the improvement shown by 10-year-old Judith Walker. Denis’s last defeat in the Premier Division was in to “Lee” Hardin in the match against Middlesex at Southall in February, 1970.

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V.A.T. and TABLE TENNIS

by Tom Blunn
Hon. Treasurer E.T.T.A.

With the approach of V. Day on April 1st, it is necessary that Clubs and Counties should know the position of how V.A.T. will affect the game of table tennis.

Clubs - It is not expected that any club will have to register. The requirements for registration are a turnover of £3,000 per annum and clubs that are run for profit. Leagues that are run for profit may also have to register.

Leagues - The minimum turnover of £6,000 per annum will exclude most leagues but there may be the isolated case where the league will have to register. Turnover consists of all income from whatever source and includes sale of match tickets, sponsorship and gate receipts.

Leagues will pay V.A.T. on their requirements just like the clubs but if they have had no turnover then they will recover what they have paid for advertising and so forth. If a league has to register then it will have to charge V.A.T. on its annual subscriptions from its member clubs (or stand the charge by a nominal reduction in subscriptions).

Costs - Here again it is only the counties with an annual turnover in excess of £5,000 that will be required to register. It is not expected that any counties will be affected but the position must be watched very closely. Counties will pay V.A.T. on their requirements just like all leagues and clubs but there may be some relief due to the withdrawal of purchase tax.

E.T.T.A. - The E.T.T.A. has had to register as the income is well in excess of £5,000 per annum. There are no exemptions for sport. This means that V.A.T. will have to be paid on annual affiliation fees from the leagues and other members. The annual cost of the magazine Table Tennis News will not be affected.

A possible 10% increase in affiliation fees next season following the increase of 60% during the current assent is particularly hard on leagues and the National Council is prepared to suggest to the A.G.M. in July that, for the first year at least, this additional burden created by V.A.T. should be borne by the E.T.T.A.

The amount involved is between £1,000 and £1,500 according to how the county relate is treated. There will be some adjustment in the E.T.T.A. sales items but there will not be material. Those clubs that have Jacques tables on hire will be required to pay V.A.T. on the annual payment of $500. The changes made in members through the E.T.T.A. coaching scheme will also be subject to V.A.T., as also will the charges made for assessment or training camps.

The E.T.T.A. has asked the Sports Council to take up the question of V.A.T. being charged on sponsorship money and on television fees but it is doubtful if any concession will be made. The sponsors of course will be able to recover the element of V.A.T. from what they have collected on the sales of their own products but there will be some difficulty with sponsorship from Insurance Companies and Banks who are exempt traders and cannot recover.

There will be other problems for the E.T.T.A. but these will be dealt with as they arise and will not affect the members directly.

General - It is in order for any club, league or county to register even though the annual turnover is less than £2,000 and this should be considered if the V.A.T. being paid on purchases and supplies is sufficient to warrant the additional administrative work involved. The regional V.A.T. office will always advise but it is doubtful if such a step will really be worthwhile.

If any club, league or county has a problem then write to the office and the matter will be considered by me and dealt with individually or collectively according to the circumstances.

TEESIDE OPEN

Denis Neads, with final victory over Nicky Jarvis, was the winner of £300 and the men’s singles title in the Teesside J-Series Open, played at Thirsk pavilion on the weekend of Feb. 24/25.

Top seed Trevor Taylor was beaten by Jarvis in the quarter-finals, as was Alan Richardson. By Paul Day, the Henley-on-thames Classic, boy having ousted No. 4 seed Peter Taylor.

Katherine Mathews was the winner of the counterpart women’s event, beating Susan Howard. No. 1 seed, Jill Hammersley, was a non-starter because she was suffering from blurred eyes—perhaps that she was wearing contact lenses!

A full report of the Championships will appear in the April magazine.

NORTH HERTS CANCELLED

THE North Herts Table Tennis Association regret that they are unable to stage the North Herts 2-Star Open scheduled to have been played at R.A.F. Hendlow Gymnasium over the weekend of May 7/9, 1973.

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JUNIOR MIDLAND

Debuts for three home players. Towell did even better by defeating No. 1 Brian Towell -19, 19, 11, but Durham, but P. McQueen and N. Yorkshire II 9, Westmorland 1.

Hunt showed promise with a BS win.

The boys were evenly with the best. Brooks trailed Kevin McQuade by a set—this time they lost them all.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Kent 3, Hampshire 7

100k XL with Huth Puddick. A draw for any of the home team.

Heath led by the C.R.C. Referee. These, however, were called Leic, North Newark, and then just scraped home -13, 20, 21, 22, 19, 17, 21.

JUNIOR EAST

Bedfordshire II 9, Cambridge II 1

Improved performance by Cambridge with the girls in particular showing. One of the home team found a Northants. protest, but as yet, the match. was tight. Westmorland 3 o 2 1 11 19

JUNIOR NORTH

Cheshire I 1, Cheshire II 1

Wiltshire 7, Monmouthshire 3

Some set Maurice at 11, 13, 10, 30, 24.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Norfolk II 3, Norfolk 1

Two MS wins for Nick Houghton, who once, he could have won a qualifier.

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Surrey are also riding high and should achieve 2nd place in the Premier to merit their Junior Premier position. I hope their 2nds do not lose 4-0 to Bucks, which would place those two Counties level on points and sets at the top of 2nd South and need a game-count.

Sussex II are hoping for a Surrey win to give them a chance of passing Bucks and the place in the Challenge should their Premier team (as seems likely) need salvation.

Surrey must beat Glamorgan to qualify in 2nd West, while 2nd Midland should be either Notts or Leics, with the latter my choice. Bedfordshire have a fine chance of coming through from the new 2nd East as they must expect to finish with 8 points.

Hampshire continue well in Junior South but must draw attention to what South although two tough matches D. Neale bt A. Piddock 7, 9; bt C. Warren, 15, 16. match win. The £20,000 prize could be a big man's match. The Glamorgan men streets ahead. Miss J. Heaps lost to Miss L. Howard 7, 12; followed by USD (with Mick East) Chester Barnes near his best. David STIGA Haslam/Lindsay lost to Brown/Gibbs Mrs. L. Radford bt Miss J. Cornock Cheshire III 2, Lancashire II 8. 2nd NORTH-12 -12 21, 20. Mrs. K. Mathews bt Mrs. L. Radford Barnes/Radford bt P. Judd/Cornock Peter Hoyles outstanding for the 19, 22. to beat David Brown. Les" Haslam/David Morris played two comparatively easy ones.

Shirley's not unexpected 2nd EAST should achieve 2nd place. Their play belied their results. Peter Williams and John Neale seem to be a fine win for Judy Williams. Sussex need to beat Glamorgan to keep them lowly position. The highlight of a well-staged services. A great set.

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2nd EAST

Cambridge II, Middlesex II 9

Minister of Sport Eldon Griffiths-S. Ogundipe -10, -19. same spot for his County. Lots of not lose, but need a game-count. Paul D'ay came home empty-handed, bt Clarke 15, 12. C. Warren lost to D. Neale -11, -16; Sussex high 14 8. and Anita Copperwheat combined well. Walker and Roger Chandler played two comparatively easy ones.

S. Ogundipe lost to Neil 15, -15; bt L. Clayton 16, 13. J. Clarke lost to Jarvis -13, -18; lost to Clayton -13, -10. Williams lost to Clayton/Neal -10, -9. Miss J. Williams bt Miss J. Walker 7, 12. Yorkshire stronger in all departments than Sussex with exception of the West where Judy Weller was quite overwhelmed by two more experienced (and better) Judy Williams. Sussex had hoped for XIV, and Wors well pleased with their win but the only other success for the hosts was Sammy Ogundipe's not unexpected victory over Toby Clayton. (When last did an England No. 3 occupy that same spot for his County?) Lots of effort from Peter Williams and John Neale.

Surrey I, Yorkshire 8

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