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The Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps
BY PETER HIRST
ETTA STAFF COACH

In the heart of the Shropshire countryside, between the picturesque Lilleshall Hall and the National Sports Centre, lies an oasis of calm and tranquility. The Hall stands majestically on the edge of the Shropshire Hills, surrounded by a vast expanse of green fields and rolling hills. It is a perfect location for the Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps, which are held to identify and develop young talent in the sport of squash.

Sixty-four juniors attended the four-week camp, chosen from an initial field of over 400 players. The camp was divided into two sections: boys and girls, chosen were present from various regions, all under the expert guidance of the camp's staff coaches.

The sessions comprised a range of exercises, including reaction work, footwork, marking, team play, and general stamina-building exercises. The camp's staff coaches included Bryan Merrett, Peter Simpson (North), Peter O'Hara (Midlands), and myself (South), each bringing their own unique insights and methodologies to the camp.

INTRODUCTION
On arrival on the Sunday afternoon, several players were undecided about whether to play or not. This was a common theme, with many players arriving not knowing what to expect. The coaches and staff worked tirelessly to ensure that every player felt welcome and included.

Everyone arriving were finally greeted in the Lower Common Room to be "introduced" to the coach and to the Director of Crystal Palace, Emlyn Jones. Everyone who welcomed us in the Centre was informed of each and every one of the rules. Les Greenwell succeeded Mr. Jones by informing us that the match play would be to organise and of the dual purpose of the camp, which was primarily the preparation of a National Ranking List and secondly the formation of a National Junior Squad to be run on the same basis as that of the Senior.

An hour later, after having dinner, the first matches were being played in the Cricket School. The conditions were very good, each Dunlop table being individually enclosed. Although the floor tended to be a little slippery it did not seem to have any effect during the matches and the special lighting for the cricket classes gave perfect illumination during the initial playing area.

The camp was arranged so everyone would usually play three or four matches daily, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Bryan Merrett prepared a schedule to complete the matches in the most economic way possible. An arrangement which was strictly adhered to as failure to report on time resulted in a walk-over for the other player.

Forty-five minutes was allocated for each 5-game set and often this was the only time you were required to play for three hours by which method it was hoped that the player would not be idle. It also gave plenty of time for any necessary practice and enabled them to prepare themselves mentally for the game.

DIFFERENT IDEAS
The sessions comprised totally of matches until Wednesday when the first lecture was introduced. Several of these were held throughout the week, each time different ideas and experiences were presented. For explanation slides were implemented and many films including several of the 1973 World Championships in Sarajevo were shown.

The main purpose of these was to compare the standard of play between British players and foreign opposition.

A relatively new introduction in the camp was that of discussion groups, each coach having a small number of players who could analyse their own and each other's game. These proved quite interesting, several points being inaccurate, but many helping the players realise their weaknesses. On one occasion it was decided that the players only should participate in the discussion and therefore two groups were formed, boys and girls, one person per group being chosen to lead the discussion.

The subject in question was that of how the training camps should be organised and presented several interesting comments. It was agreed that the camps definitely should run more frequently occurring every six weeks for a period of five to six days. They should be run on the same basis as the intermediate camps, comprising of physical training, set practice and match play.

However, a point was put forward that the majority of physical training should be done in the summer months, as it was thought that too much training in the winter months might be too much for the players. This detail was left undecided as to whether it was true or false. Other inclusions which were thought necessary were those of weight training, lecture and practice against semiprofessional players.

VIDEO TAPE
Possibly, the highlight of the week was on the Thursday morning when the video tape was watched up and the film of the players re-viewed. These were the matches played before during a match session and the purpose was to compare the play between the two matches and thus, of foreign opposition as well as to put on the film of the World Championships so that the players could see the standard of play being reached and the skills which were used.

The most noticeable difference was the running and footwork, a point which was stressed throughout the week. An incident at one of the player's test-match was also given but no real startling points were made among the film. It is not to be concluded from this that there were no such occasions but to just interview it, a credit to the players as none of the matches were extremely closely fought and one result being in the girls group where one match went to the full distance each game having to be decided at the final game.

More films were shown after the video tape, one being of the boys and girls playing with that of players of a different standard. It then became clear that this competition was probably too long after a short while. Some skill was lost as a result and it was the game which was being watched and not the particular points of play, perhaps this could be avoided in the future by having the sessions shorter but more frequent.

In addition to the free time available during the playing sessions several hours were provided throughout the week for any school work which may have been given to them. A welcome addition to any training camp was the presence of their teachers, and pupils to use as it was not the school's season and nothing to lose by coming.

The camp was a great success dampened only by the illness of a few players which was a result of some unknown reason. In conclusion, I am sure all the finalists would like to thank Les Greenwell, Bryan Merrett, Emlyn Jones and myself (South) for the work they put in at Crystal Palace and the staff in Shrewsbury.

Society Encore
Following England's European League match against Rome, at Stoke Mandeville on Dec. 4, the two countries will engage in a second international encounter at Cheltenham on Thursday, Dec 6 starting at 7.15 p.m. The enclosure prices will be £2.50, 75p, £1.50 and £1.25. Tickets are obtainable from Cheltenham Town Hall (Phone: 319-2950).
JUNIORS AT LILLESHALL

Attending Camp No. 3 (from L to R.)
Back Row—Kevin Hall (Leics.), Ian Smith (Lancs.), David Ranston (Yorks.), Nigel Hallowes (Lancs.), Dean Dine-Smith (Kern), John Kitchener (Staffford)
Middle Row—Colin Henderson, Susan Henderson (nee Howard), Chris Sewell (Glos.), Graham Hall (Leics.), Mark Mitchell (Middlesex), Bryan Merson, and Peter Han (Staff coaches)
Front Row—Angela Mitchell (Middlesex), Linda Wales (Sussex), Anne Wallis (Norantiss.), Karen Wilson (Yorks.), and Susan Holmes (Derbys.)

Photo by Roger Price, Newport, Salop.

JUNIOR TOUR OF SWEDEN

Under the charge of ITTF Staff Coach, Peter Hurst, an English Junior trio comprising David Alderson, Paul Stevenson, and Anita Stevenson visited Sweden for the period Oct 1-7/73.

Opening match of the short "tour" was against Gothenburg who triumphed 5-0 with the following scores:—

A. Gronlund lost to D. Alderson -16, -15; A Gronlund bt D. Alderson 18, 16, -21.
G. Sandstrom bt S. Stevenson -18, 16, 22; G. Sandstrom bt S. Stevenson 16, 14, 12.

The competition was extremely well organised with an entry of about 1,200 players and 160 full time players from the Swedish top and national circuits. The programme comprised U-11, U-13, U-15 and U-17 but no mixed events.

NEW MEMBERS

The Council of the ITTF has approved the acceptance into membership the following national associations:—Ireland, Madagascar, and Togo.

IN MEMORIAL OF BOB

Robert Broadmore who was dramatically struck by lightning on Sept 15 last and passed away just 14 days later was a contemporary of Nicky Jarvis, contemporary of Nicky Jarvis, Jimmy Walker, Ian Horsham, and Peter Hirst, whose slanty, dramatics are among the most highly regarded of his field attended by close on 120 people representing his Family, club, and friends. Bob was extremely popular throughout Birmingham and was greatly missed by all of the table tennis fraternity. Richard Halgood
by H. ROY EVANS, O.B.E.

It will be remembered that in Bulletin No. 135 I drew attention to the difficulties which have arisen between the World Lawn Tennis Federation and the World Professional Table Tennis Association, and National Associations should draw the attention of their players to this Regulation. Indeed the DTIB has already so advised its players.

Nevertheless, it is in our interests to maintain the high standard set by the Professional Organisation and I would, therefore, be glad if National Associations would kindly advise Mr. Vint of any communication, proposals, etc., received from it.

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ’75

Both Canada and Fiji have indicated that they will enter the 3rd Commonwealth Championships, to be played in Australia in 1973 so that, along with New Zealand and Australia there are now four definite teams. Government officials are likely and part of this may well be used to assist visiting countries.

L’affaire Customs Forces . . .

by TOP SPINNER

It is amazing how giants trip up in life; only the other day T. D. Ranga Ramanujan laid down his high office as the President of the Table Tennis Federation of India.

While accepting the story of a top official being nabbed by the Customs when the Indian team was travelling some three decades ago, and being subsequently set free on a heavy bribe paid to a Customs official, I have written about it here in a past issue of the ‘Sportsweek’ (published every Sunday by Inquilab Publications (Pvt) Ltd, Delhi) and was said that the matter was unlikely to rest there. Its echoes were heard at the Executive Committee meeting of the TTFI in Bombay on the evening of October 13/14. Ranga had to pay a heavy price for his slight indiscretion in taking out of the country more than the entitled currency.

“Actually I was carrying the laws,” lamented a pal and disclosed Ramanujan after the fateful meeting. “And of the amount 100 dollars belonged to a player”. The Executive, however, was in no mood to listen to his pleas. It demanded his head and got it. After two days of deliberations it passed a no-confidence motion against the president. It was withdrawn when Ramanujan finally offered to resign. The resignation was tendered the day after the meeting.

Thus there has been a most unexpected and dramatic end to Ranga’s record as a table tennis official spanning some three decades. Though it has been an ignominous end, even his bitterest critic would concede that he has made a significant contribution towards the game. The pity was he became so totalitarian in his methods.

While Ranga had slugged for Indian table tennis during his infancy, he had become so obsessed by power and high office in later years. As a result, he allowed his embattled to the cause either left on their own or were shown the door. The game suffered. Ranga’s exit thus will have served no real purpose unless it means a new era where the good of the game will be the sole criterion of every official. That may well be asking for too much.

POLICY RELATING TO JUNIORS

by Ron Grayden (Chairman of the Nat. Sel. Com.)

The conflicting reports I hear about the Selection Committee’s policy relating to Juniors is causing me much concern. I am therefore, detailing below the official policy that is being adopted for the forthcoming season (1974-75).

1. The National Selection Committee recognizes the important contribution Junior Tournaments make in the development of Table Tennis in the country. Accordingly, Juniors are expected to play in a number of these tournaments to gain National Recognition. Competition is a vital stimulant.

2. To improve standards of play, squad training, Round Robin Tournaments and Assessment Camps will be held during the course of the season. A privileged few will also be invited to attend the specialised Training Camps.

3. The demands on the Top Junior Players are obviously considerable but for those wishing to reach a high international standard we recommend that benefits can be gained by participation in senior events.

Obituary

ALFRED O. HILL

The Birmingham & Warwickshire Association suffered a heavy set-back when Alfred O. Hill collapsed and died whilst playing in the opening League match of the season — at the age of 63.

After a long spell as Deputy Chairman, Alf was Chairman for the last 3 years, and Hon. Treasurer of the County since its formation in 1946, and of course he was a member of so many Committees, all of which will miss his experience and advice.

A defensive player of no mean ability, he represented Warwickshire and Birmingham over a period of many years, and was one of the first qualified coaches in the country.

He was the guiding hand that kept his club, Bournville, at the top, and in fact his career stretched over a period of more than 40 years.

A first class cricketer — opening bat for Bournville and Hardstones, he retained his love of sports to the end.

It was typical of Alf, that although warned to ease up, and play in a lower standard — he persisted, and insisted on retaining his place in Bournville’s first team — and after two very lengthy sets, when Mr. A. was hit, the result was.

Our sincere condolences are sent to Mrs. Hill, and Peter his son.

We will miss Alf for a long time to come.

M.G.

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STIGA NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Derek R. Tremayne (General Secretary of the E.T.T.A.), Charles M. Wyles, O.B.E. (Chairman) and Mr. Brian Hearn (Export Marketing Manager) of Stiga AB as the Press Conference held to announce Stiga AB's £6,000 three year sponsorship of the E.T.T.A.'s National Club Championships as reported in late month's issue.

*Photo by Sidney Harrit, London.*

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by TONY ROSS

BRIAN KEEPS IT IN THE FAMILY

With a rare display of cultured shots and spirited aggression, Brian Alderson stepped out of the shadow of his younger brother David to win the Yorkshire Closed men's singles crown, his first ever senior title, at Bradford on 14th October. With Nicky Jarvis a non-starter and Denis Neale, Alan Hyde and Tony Clayton non-entries, Jimmy Walker must have fancied his chances after David Alderson, the holder of two seasons' mantle-piece. This time was himself the victim of the Alderson family again barring the way and an inspired Brian passed with distinction the examination set by coach Alan Ransome. David Alderson acquired his boys' singles title to become only the second post-war player to win this event 3 times in succession; Alan Ransome was the first, winning it 4 times between 1963 - 1967.

Alan Ransome acquired his 3 doubles titles, the men's with David Alderson, and the mixed with Carol Knight. There was a shock in the women's doubles when the seeded holders, Judith Walker and Sylvia Broadbent, fell in the final to unseeded Barnsley pair Joan Rose and Pat Waldron.

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2.—Nicky Jarvis (M'bro);
3.—Alan Hyde (Barley);
4.—Tony Clayton (Hull);
5.—Jimmy Walker (M'bro);
6.—David Alderson (M'bro);
7.—Alun Ransome (M'bro);
8.—Jean (John) Krier (Hull);
9.—John Kedge (Huddersfield);
10.—Tony Martin (M'bro);
11.—Robert Wiley (M'bro);
12.—Brian Alderson (M'bro);
13.—Philip Ward (M'bro).

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Women:

1.—Judith Walker (Sheffield);
2.—Carol Knight (M'bro);
3.—Sylvia Broadbent (Bradford);
4.—Linda Forbes (Leeds);
5.—Melody Ludi (Bradford);
6.—Jule McLean (Hull);
7.—Carole Grayson (Hull);
8.—Angela Tierney (M'bro).

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Boys:

1.—David Alderson;
2.—Robert Wiley;
3.—Andrew Kilburn (M'bro);
4.—Stevan Souter (M'bro);
5.—David Benton (Bradford);
6.—Philip Halmshaw (Bradford);
7.—Michael ThrifttIfill (Hull);
8.—Brian Baxter (Sheffield);
9.—David Robson (Hull);
10.—Kevin Bradley (Halifax);
11.—Steven Gray (Hull).

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Girls:

1.—Walker;
2.—Krier;
3.—Ludi;
4.—McLean;
5.—Grayson;
6.—Kedge;
7.—Norma Carter (M'bro);
8.—Jeanette Richardson (York).

Congratulations to David Alderson on his England No. 1 boys' ranking and belated congratulations to County Umpires Secretary Rea Balmford and Janet Greffin, who were married in Hull on 18th August Janet is the newly elected General Secretary of the English Schools T.T.A. Also amongst a number of E.T.T.A. officials resident in Yorkshire is the Chairman, Tom Mathews, a Leeds headmaster.
FOUR T'S ONE STAR OPEN

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by DAVID COSWAY

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The event was very efficient - as impressive as the title! Eighty-six Associations have had to cope with, and as one would expect, the Chinese did it with that outward efficiency which is never allowed to show signs of the feverish activity which must go on "below stairs".

The Executive Committee Members of the CSSA visited as honoured guests, and although we four, so gratified with our respective wives, followed some different paths, we all got back safely at the latter - the Capital Gymnasium, with 22 tables at the latter venue. This over the Third World. Significant, the Chinese desire to please - an ever present background accompaniment. It was my fifth visit to China, and once again I was deeply impressed by the obvious wish to please whenever we went - to factories, schools, communities, art galleries, and in the hospitals, while we were privileged to see actual operations conducted under agreement methods.

We were honoured, too, in that, with the exception of Mao Tse-tung and Zhou En-lai, we were privileged to see actual operations conducted under agreement methods.

Three Sessions
We attended the three Sessions of the Congress as Observers, an unusual experience for us. In all this, we listened to fitting speeches, very much an event to the Chinese Table Tennis tradition in table tennis, but all of us found that the Chinese get their fantastic generosity in making possible the meeting of so many from all over the Third World. Significant, too, was the almost universal degree of solidarity against imperialism, as expressed in unison.

An important decision taken was that the next Championships under this "umbrella" were to be in Lagos, Nigeria in 1975. Dr. Elemba, President of the Nigerian Table Tennis Association made it clear that his Association would not be able to pay all the fees of the contestants, as the Chinese had done in all but about six cases, and one wonders if, in fact, any country other than the Chinese can host an event of this magnitude.

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In conclusion, many Associations present who are not affiliated to the ITTF took the opportunity to welcome them at a Reception given by the team leaders. As a result of that meeting, there was a feeling that it was ashamed by our own development - the 1973 Asian Tournament in Pakistan could not afford to match the 1961.

Replica
One of the pleasant functions during our visit was the formal presentation in Changchun of the replica of the St. Bride Vive. As a three-times winner of the World Singles Championships, Chang was entitled to receive this replica after Li Pengta in 1961, but because of the Chinese disagreement from the international event until 1973, no opportunity had existed to make the presentation. So the position was recited in Peking, and, in front of a large audience composed of all China's contemporaries in Chinese sport, I had the honour to present him with a magnificent replica made in China for us. It was a more than happy occasion for Chang, for only the day before it had been announced that he had been elected a representative of the Party, and is obviously destined for high places.

Any article appearing so fairly with a visit to China must of course tend to be a catalogue of interesting experiences and impressive visits, with Chinese desire to please an ever present background accompaniment. I am, therefore, in no mood for any longer a feature than this, so I shall content myself with giving the result, recounting the matches that sometimes the gospel of "Friendship before competition" was carried too far, so the statistics should not be taken too literally!

MEN'S SQUAD

The National Selection Committee announced, on October 4th, that the following players had been invited to join the Junior International Squad for the 1973/74 season. Major ambitions will be made from Squad numbers, but the membership will be kept constantly under review and players outside the Squad will be considered for selection.

Men: David Neville (York), Nicky Jarvis (York), Desmond Douglas (Warwick), Tony Clayton (York) and Donald Parker (Lancs.).

Women: Jill, Hazlewood (Burke), Karen Mathews (Middlesbrough), Simon Henderson (see Howard) (Sussex) and Suzanne Leslie (Cheshire).

The Committee agreed that Trevor Taylor should not be invited to become a member of the Squad at present.

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**Junior Rankings**

**TOPS FOR DAVID AND ANITA**

Previously ranked at No.3, behind now over-age Desmond Douglas and Donald Parker, Yorkshire's David Alderson becomes the country's No.1 Boy and from a similar position in the girls' list Leicestershire's Anita Stevenson rises to the top to dethrone Judith Walker who has been dropped to No.4.

The new list released on Oct 8 reads:

**Boys**

1. David Alderson (Yorks) (3)
2. John Kitchener (Suffolk) (8)
3. Mark Mitchell (Middx) (7)
4. Paul Day (Calnbs) (5)
5. Andrew Barden (Middx) (6)
6. Robert Wiley (Yorks) (10)
7. Chris Sewell (Gloucs) (-)
8. David Bangerter (Surrey) (-)
9. Steve Lyons (Surrey) (14)
10. David Iszatt (Essex) (-)
11. Chris Rogers (Leics) (16)
12. Nigel Hallows (Lanes) (-)
13. Michael Douglas (Sussex) (-)
14. Peter Edon (Durham) (-)
15. Andrew Kilburn (Yorks) (-)
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17. Martin Shuttle (Surrey) (-)
18. David Newman (Essex) (-)
19. Maxwell Crimmins (Surrey) (-)
20. Jana than Profitt (Herts) (-)

**Girls**

1. Anita Stevenson (Leics) (3)
2. Karen Rogers (Leics) (S)
3. Elaine Taten (Essex) (4)
4. Judith Walker (Yorksh) (1)
5. Carole Knight (Yorksh) (-)
6. Mandy Mellor (Derbys) (-)
7. Brenda Williams (Lanes) (9)
8. Angela Mitchell (Middx) (10)
9. Melody Ludi (Yorksh) (-)
10. Susan Tame (Surrey) (-)
11. Susan Holmes (Derbys) (-)
12. Caroline Reeves (Berk) (1-)
13. Linda Wales (Hants) (-)
14. Kara Mashford (Berk) (14)

Now over-age the following are departed from the previous list:

**Boys**
- D. Douglas (Warwks) (1), D. Parker (Lanes) (2), S. Heaps (Ches) (4), G. Walsh (Sussex) (13), D. Tan (Middx) (11), A. Mitchell (Kent) (12), G. Pugh (Sussex) (9) and P. Ward (Yorksh) (10). Girls — L. Howard (Sussex) (7) and D. N. Ledger (Warwks) (8).

Formerly ranked Nos. 6 and 11, Gillian Taylor and Cathy Somell (Essex), both still juniors, are not listed.

**Gloucestershire Win at Innsworth**

On Sunday, Sept 30, the WRAF opened their season with a match against Gloucestershire Junior Girls at RAF Innsworth which resulted in a 12-6 win for the visitors.

Gloucestershire included 12-year-old Vanessa Crowes of Cheltenham in their team and she acquitted herself well in beating SACW Jenny Miller and Sgt (W) “Ricky” Ricks as well as pairing with Mrs. L. Widerley of Stroud to account for WO (W) “Mo” Hughes and Sgt Ricks.

Miss D. Rees of Cheltenham was undefeated for the winners, the WRAF successes being obtained by “Mo” Hughes (3) Flt. Off. Sue Tanne (4) and Jenny Miller (1).

Miss J. Mortimore (Cheltenham) spearheaded the visiting quartet.

**Exhibitions and Demonstrations**

Given by
- **ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL SQUAD**
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  - Jill Hemmerrly
  - Nicky Jarvis
  - Karen Matthews
  - Desmond Douglas
  - Sean Henderson
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TOURNAMENT DIARY

Midland League Notes by Richard Habgood

In the Men's 1st Division there was a certain amount of repetition with the score lines amongst the first few matches, 7-3 being the common factor. Hickley "A" after a terribly disappointing season last year must surely be heartened by their victory at Chesterfield.

Roy Morley scored a fine maximum for the home side and was mimicked in Norman Price performed creditably, particularly against Hickley's Chris Brewer. Birmingham "A" got off to a good start with maximums from Tony Isaac and Bob Brown. Sadly Pat Glynn was far too late in arriving for the match resulting in his three sets being forfeited.

Brisol surprised everybody by their form last year and must have hoped for a better result than their 3-7 defeat at Chesterfield. John Wildroad was Clearedfield's star obtaining a maximum and inflicting the only defeat on Brighton's Colin Ireland. Nice to see the "retd " Roger Morris (M.A.)! in action again.

A maximum from "Fred" Truman saw Birmingham "B" home with a narrow 6-4 victory over Wolverhampton, in the 2nd Division. Good performance by Leicester's Graham Hall in this match. Phil Richardson got Coventry off to a good start against Nuneaton but Kevin Pilgrim became the hero in Coventry's 8-4 win.

Down in Division Thrus Birmingham "B" fielded a team of Juniors in their Women's League match against Birmingham "A" with Birmingham "A" gaining a 9-1 victory. The girls, aged 15 years, Karen Green, Beverley Green and Margaret Allen will be facing a very tough season ahead, but ably guided by Phil Burwell I'm sure they will go from strength to strength. Birmingham "A" secured their second 9-1 victory at Nottingham with Diane St Ledger being particularly impressive. It is a long time since Birmingham have won this title and possibly this could be the year they do it. Novice Leicester and West Bromwich will have something to say about that.

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In the Intermediate Division both Oxford and Loughborough have got off to good starts, but it is early days to predict a likely outcome. Nottingham "A" as always, are one of the best teams in the Vets/R3 Divisions and no doubt Gloucester will be giving this fact having been defeated 10-0 by Nottingham in their opening game of the season. Oxford "A" to be sure, will be determined to continue their winning ways following their 7-3 victory over Walsall "A". However the Walsall "B" trio of P. Canning, F. Dixon and P. Cullen managed to turn the tables and record a 7-3 victory over the Oxford "B" team.

In the 2nd Division (Vets) Cheltenham and West Bromwich both got off to good starts recording 7-3 victories over Derby "B" and Nuneaton respectively. Leicester must also be happy about their 8-4 win over Nottingham.

Finally can I reiterate a plea previously raised in this column. Could all team captains PLEASE insert CHRISTIAN names on the team sheets. It certainly makes life very difficult when all I have to refer to is the initial!

'The New Boy'

We would like to introduce to our readers Michael Lawless who, on October 1st, became the Association's first Development Officer and whose involvement was in the matches against West Bromwich in particular.

Michael, born in London's east end in 1935 (the tell us that was generally a bad year in Europe) has a French wife, Claudiane, and two children, a son Dominic aged 14 and a daughter Chantal who is 9.

Michael's occupational background is varied and includes operating a stall in a London street market, working for a scrap-metal merchant and for a quasi-governmental organisation. For many years he has been in Public Relations and feels that his wide experience in this field will be invaluable in his work for the Association. He is strongly opposed to the impressions of glamour, mystery and immorality which many practitioners purposely create. His simple definition of P.R. is "truthful communication at all levels, by all means".

Michael lived for a number of years in France during which time he travelled extensively throughout western Europe. He has also paid brief working visits to Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Borneo.

He has played most sports, in particular soccer, from which he only retired, say, when he no longer had the speed even to catch the shirts of younger players. Michael describes his present hobbies as "Lardic minimalist gardening, road running and low-key angling".

He has added us to say that he hopes to be meeting and talking with many of you in the coming months and that if any of you have ideas—or indeed complaints—he hopes that you will let him share them.
Whilst this trend would bring the tournament scene, it would almost certainly stop play on all other tables, and perhaps even distract the otherwise unflustered referee. I wonder if the referee would insist on a uniform ruling. I would therefore persuade the ITTF that no sets should be more than Best of Three. This especially applies to the World titles, when after Swaythling Cup matches, the prizes are £250 as some consolation for losing. But the first time winner, in the men's singles event, was Nicky Jarvis from his defensive game and一流 player held no terrors for him. Jarvis beat a young player with a defensive style and a fast serve. After the match in Julich, the English team will travel on to Budapest to participate in the Hungarian Open being played from November-14-16.

ONE CHANGE

England's team chosen to play against Federal Germany in a European League match at Julich, near Cologne, on November 12th shows one change from that beaten 7-0 by Hungary at Reading on October 10th.

Yorkshire's Tony Clayton, who lost in his third game with the defensive James Willmott in the subsequent friendly played at Crawley, replaces Desmond Douglas.

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

MIDDLESEX NOTES by LAURIE LANDRY

With the retirement from County play of O. B. "Les" Haslam and the impending retirement of Malcolm Sugden, the County Premier side has had to realign itself as regards personnel.

For the first match against Lancashire, Malcolm agreed to play and Andrew Barlow and Marc Mitchell finally made the move to Together with Kieran Mathews.

A wonderful victory was recorded with Burden's win over Donald and the highlight. Malcolm, with the making of a new team remembering that Middlesex are the only without Sugden, but this could be for the first time in the Premier Division!

There are some more young players coming up to follow in the steps of our three England-ranked Janes, Mitchell (No. 3), Barlow (No. 3) and Mark's sister Angela (No. 6) amongst the girls.

The E.T.T.A. regional centre at Hertfordshire won with places for the men's junior matches and in the Regional Squads, Harold (A Squad) Mitchell (Michael). O'Mahony (Robert) and Hurst (Michael) are included amongst the boys and Angela Mitchell (All), Jill Counsell (All), Mynally Bangert (All) and Susan Davie (All) amongst the girls.

LANCASHIRE NOTES by GEORGE YATES

ROLTON SSS League players Alan Bوث, Barry J. Shirley and Ron Doulton and Ross Bolton, number one player, is back from injury and is likely to face the first test of his singles records over the period.

Parkes did not have many of the season's top players to pick from but, against Manchester, playing his first match against Tom Bostock, he played the match to its conclusion.

Burden, Johnson with no surprise with the result that will be no follow-up to a new for the future. The fixture will be D. A. Young, a national standard, to help him as much as possible in his first season. With a few players from the Midlands, you might have double top players.

The chairman, Malcolm Scott, has been in poor health this season. The support of his friends inside and outside the county will be a matter of importance to him.

The S.G.S. for a new season has been confirmed with the new main partners in J. Chadwick, Shaun Cloth, and will be ready for the season.

Tony Bancroft is again ranked No. 1 in the country and he is followed by J. Pugh, R. Fellowes, S. Rowe, J. Ellis, R. Ward, R. Reeves, D. Davies and R. Dixon. Only the following players have been confirmed for the following shows.

With Kay Perry and Nilla Bee no longer playing for the county, there could be a new season. They will do them a lot of good.

Another player missing from the county and West Bromwich scene this season is Peter Keats, as a complete change from the Midlands, Pete is now working on a farm in Kent. His loop shot could be an advantage when playing the crowds.

Staying with West Bromwich and a mixed start, but in the Middlesex League, their girls had no trouble in beating Wolverhampton but, in their first season back in the first division, the men lost 6-4 to Chesterfield.

As the president of the Darlingston League, I fail to understand the backing behind some of the players there at times. After a very successful Summer League, which was in five divisions, Margaret Howard, the local secretary, was left struggling to get two divisions together for the junior members.

I am glad to report entries are coming in well for the Woodfield tournament later this month, and for those of you who will be in Wolverhampton that weekend, the entree will be D. A. Young, a national standard from Worcestershire.

BERKSHIRE NOTES by ROY COLE

As predicted last month the first Bucks red-shirted faces of the season make very interesting reading, particularly the men's list. Two factors combine to make a very different picture from those seasons. Firstly the loss of three regular faces and secondly the maturing of our junior boys so that they are now playing the same level. Of the few, one of the absentees, Dave Jahn, who played all the season in the Southern Division, has decided to move to Kettering and keep his weight down by other means rather than come in well for the Woodfield tournament later this month, and for those of you who will be in Wolverhampton that weekend, the entree will be D. A. Young, a national standard from Worcestershire.
HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by DAVID COSWAY

As in the past, trials for the County team were held prior to the start of the season and as usual they did nothing to help the selectors pick their team. I am setting out the ranking lists which has been published by the Hants Selection Committee. It reads as follows:

RANKING LISTS:

Women:

1. Mrs. C. Davies (Portsmouth)
2. Mrs. J. Wooding (Winchester)
3. M. M. J. Trotman (Southampton)
4. Mrs. M. A. F. F. Smith (Southampton)
5. Miss T. J. D. Davies (Bournemouth)
6. Miss C. Dilley (Bournemouth)
7. Miss G. Hooper (Southampton)
8. Miss A. Lenton (Portsmouth)
9. Miss K. McQuade (Portsmouth)
10. Mrs. A. Lenton (Portsmouth)

Men:

1. Mr. J. Morgan (Portsmouth)
2. Mr. R. Lush (Portsmouth)
3. Mr. R. Marchant (Portsmouth)
4. Stephen West
5. Mr. D. Hogg
6. Mr. C. Davies
7. Mr. S. Harding
8. Miss J. Reading (Wokingham)
9. Miss J. Hudson (Bournemouth)
10. Miss S. Tannahill (Southampton)

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CHESHIRE NOTES

by BRIAN KEAN

Premier team win opening County match. Nigel Eckersley won his first open title and Stockport men beat Chester and Cheshire League champions.

Before a good crowd at the I.C.T. County Hall, Hyde, Eckersley gained a narrow victory over newly-promoted Becks, Nigel "the Eck" Eckersley gained his first open tournament victory when he collected the Stockport Open men's singles title. The title had been lost to the expense of Scotland's No. 2, Eric Sutherland, in the quarters, Fred Beck in the semi and Stockport's new No. 1, Alan Morgan, in the final. Eckersley was a strong player who did well in the latter matches of the season.

On the indoor side it is pleasing to note the return of Pete Coyle to the Hampshire scene after representing Devon in the Outdoor Challenge and, like Christmas Davies he forms a consistent team with his partner. The team, although, was originally intended to be Pete and Chris, this policy has temporarily been put aside due to lack of suitable players to break through the senior ranks at this time.

Unfortunately the trials were not held in time for players to break through the senior ranks at this time.

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The honourable spotlight this month belongs to Stockport and Cheshire's table tennis men, Gatley YMCA, T.T. Club. This partnership is definitely on the up. The club's increasing popularity is due to its participation in the European Fairs Cities Cup competition with our women drawn away to Olympiada, Ljubljina in Yugoslavia.

DURHAM NOTES

by FRED J. INCH

The new season is well under way. County Trials have been held, and teams have been named, which shows that our players get a little better each year. Especially the juniors who seem to be getting a little better each year, especially in their capacity to take on the older men and women. Congratulations to Peter Bedford for his win against the No. 1 in England, the very strong pair with a great deal of promise. Clive Payne has made his County debut in the first match. Tony, a little Southdownhawk showing a bit of form, has dropped down to the No. 2 in Hampshire after being very strong in the second match. He has won twice by Addinson and Bros, as Queenery at No. 3 scored 9 to 4 in the win.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

CAMBRIDGESHIRE have won four of the six County Championships so far, but there is still a long way to go. In their last match, they defeated the East Anglia League in the final of the County Challenge Cup. The team consisted of: Tony Liddell, Mick Harper, Peter Drayard, and Paul Day. The match was won by five sets to two, with a score of 15-6, 15-9, 15-9, 15-9, 15-10.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. PENNY

Norfolk Junior Table Tennis is in a healthy state. Four of our young men attended the East Anglia Championships, and are looking forward to competing in the County Championships. The team consists of: Paul Day, Peter Drayard, and Paul Archer.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by WALTER REEVES

The anticipation of the new season was marked by the match between the Derbyshire League and the Midlands League. The match was won by the Midlands League with a score of 6-4.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by IAN R. CRICKMER

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LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by PHILIP REID

LEICESTERSHIRE Junior Girls have picked up the one and two places on the Junior Rankings List — that’s the good news to start off these notes with. Anita Sorvan takes the No. 1 spot, whilst Tonya Nunn moves into position No. 2.

One way and another, juniors seem to be very much in the picture and the county junior second team made a good start by holding Lincolnshire to a draw at Bourne in a Midland Junior Deaf singles event. On the other hand, the Leicestershire Academy has just been formed with the inclusion of Colin Rogers at number one as in the Boys list is also encouraging.

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LEISURE TIME

Small wonder then, with so much to see and so many places to visit, our leisure time in Hangchow was well and truly accounted for. Indeed it further included a visit to a silks reeling factory, the floral gardens and Dragon Well tea plantation where an impromptu match was staged in front of the workers.

There was also a visit to the local theatre, the highlight of which, for me, was provided by the playing of The Yellow River, a concert for piano and orchestra composed by the Chinese Philharmonic Society of China. What is more, I have the record, distributed by Guozi Shudian, P.O. Box 599, Peking and when I play it I am transported back to the scenic beauty of Hangchow and to memories of hand-steeling goldfish the air of which had to be seen to be believed.

One other pleasant feature of our sojourn in Hangchow was a daily visit to the open air baths wherein Chairman Charles Wylds once dosed himself in colourful underpants having mistakenly picked them up in the belief that they were his swimming trunks!

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VALUE FOR MONEY

Hangchow provided the opposition and in losing the men’s match 5-4 and the women’s 2-3 the audience were given full value for their money. The men’s match, particularly, built itself up to a climax, for we equated the match score at 3-3, with one set to play, after Hangchow had taken a 3-0 lead. Details:

MEN: A. Stroud lost to Wu Hsiu-ming 15, -17, 19, -19; B. Peters las to Hsiu Jung-hui 15, -15; C. Stroud lost to Lung Tao-chiang -15, -14; D. Douglas bt Liang Tao-chiang 15, -14, -14.


Our second and final match in Hangchow took place on Wednesday, June 15, when a team from Shanghai made the trip as did hundreds of their supporters!

That much sought-after victory again eluded us with Shanghai winning the men’s match 5-2 and their women’s involving home 3-2. Details results:

MEN: A. Stroud bt Chiung Lung 15, -12; B. Peters bt Yao Tso-chuan 15, -17; C. Stroud bt Wang To-chen -15, -17; D. Douglas bt Wang To-chen 15, -17.

WOMEN: A. Stevenson bt Hua Hao-ting 15, -19; B. Stevenson bt Cheng Chien-mei 15, -9; C. Stevenson bt Hsu Jo-wei -10, -15; D. Stevenson bt Li Sun-chi 15, -19.

The Editeur compliments the Chinese chef on the excellence of the banquet in Kwangchow.

The Pearl River flows in such majestic fashion.

Later that day we were taken to the zoo to behold a group of pandas taking of a picnic-style meal wholly composed of their favourite bamboo shoots. In complete contrast was the diet provided for a giant python which, every three or four days, un-wrapped itself from the branches of a tree in devised a puppy dog, a pack of which were happily snacking round the compound completely oblivious of their impending fate.

Swimming again featured in our daily programme and we again visited a theatre and there basking in our own perspiration despite a distribution of fans. The roaring heat of Kwangchow certainly had its effect, so much so that in our one and only table tennis tournament we had to content our hands by turning out a single mixed team such was our depletion of playing numbers. If one could stand, you played! It was as bad as that.

EASED OFF

Small wonder then that we soon found ourselves 0-4 down before, mercifully, the Cantonese players eased off the pressure to contain (continued on next page)

The Soo and Pai Causeways divide the lake into three parts, the Outer Lake to the east of the Soo Causeway, the Inner Lake to its west and the Back Lake north of the Pai Causeway.

In the Outer Lake there are three small man-made islands, the Three Towers Reflecting the Moon and two others. The big natural island closely linked with the Pai Causeway is the Solitary Hill. Round the lake are many parks, Orioles Singing in the Willows and Autumn Moon on a Calm Lake being but two.

There are many springs in these hills, of which the most prominent feature is the famous Dragon Well and the Jade Fountain.

Afar embody the wisdom of the nature and the West Lake, originally a bay of Chang Chia - birthplace of Chairman Mao - is today a lake with so much water around the West Lake, originally a bay with a history going back 1,400 years, the most prominent feature.

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The group reassemble on Shih Fong Hill where the Dragon Well is situated the home of Lung Ching green tea.

Modern Hong Kong in the Central District.

The Ren Min Hotel, Kwangchow with the Pearl River in the foreground.

Sampans moored at Causeway Bay Shelter, Hong Kong.

Open market in Hong Kong.

A ship that doesn’t float is this Marble Boat in the Summer Palace, Peking.
Douglas lost to Yu Shu-ping -15, -16.

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BACK TO SINGAPORE

It was on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 19, that we left Singapore for a floating restaurant on the South China Sea side of Hong Kong Island at Aberdeen, the main fishing village which has less than 4,000 junks and sampans.

It had been the trip of a lifetime for those few days spent in Kwangchow - Colombo, Bahrain, Athens and Rio de Janeiro. It is more than true that one half of the world doesn't know how the other half live! And there, we sat in silence, for an unbroken sequence of wins followed a loss at Hong Kong, having enlivened by the airport lounge was enlivened by the bored female who had charged us $10 to sit and watch the other Tables. She had no interest in what was going on.

Douglas who throughout the whole tournament was to prove his worth by disposing of Tong Wai Hau in whitewash fashion. This success, which again equated the match score, proved the turning point for an unbeaten sequence of wins followed with Dou Fraser, the most determined of our players on the right, in his taking a singles advantage over Wai Ting,Sing.

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Le Conquérant

by GILBERT POOL

William the Conqueror died in 1087, but his head has been crossing the Channel between Hastings, and Caen for the past five years. When it is in the Normandy; town and happens to be there - it is prominently displayed in the town square. The Caen Table Tennis team will bring it to Hastings in May next year, determined to take it back again.

William's beheaded head is a wooden trophy splendidly named 'Le Conquérant', which Hastings and Caen table tennis compete for twice a year (in May at Hastings; in September at Caen).

But this sculpture, made in 1968 by Roger Gilbert who plays against Caen every year, is a fine and dignified excuse for a week-end's reveling among players and friends of the two towns.

It all started in May 1966, when Hastings and District Table Tennis Association invited Caen to send a
ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

Champions Crash

From leading Czechoslovakia 3-1 in Moscow on October 10th, Russia slumped to a 4-1 defeat in their opening European League, Premier Division match.

It was a bitter pill for last season's champions to swallow, especially as one of the last three sets their players won the first game.

A lid began when Stanislaw Gomozkov and Zoya Kudrieva lost to Milan Ormesby and Alan Cheadle in the mixed, and continued when Ormesby remained at the table to account for Sarkis Sarkisian.

At Tallinn, Gomozkov faced up to Jaroslav Kenz and although winning the opening game 11-9 lost the second 2-9 and slid away in chagrin in the deciding set.

DETAILED RESULTS—

No less successful than England at Reading (against Hungary) Federal Germany were disposed of by the same manner by Sweden at Borlange. Here Bengtsson bt Leiss 11, 13; only two of the seven sets demanded.

ONE HUNDRED SHOTS

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Seeded No. 2 in the men's singles Nicky Jarvis fell to Peter Taylor but two other seeds fell by the wayside in the earlier stages when Laurence Landry disposed of Alan Hyde and Ian Horsman had a 3rd game 29-27 win over Tony Clayton in the second round. Horsman fell to Jean Krier in the next round.

David Alderson was the winner of the boys singles with a comfortable win over Mark Mitchell in the final. Carol Knight was the winner of the girls singles but showed ill temper before cruising home in the third game of her final set against Liverpool's Brenda Williams.

On the following weekend at Car­lisle, in the Cumberland 2-Star Open, top seed Alan Hyde had matters very much his own way in winning the £25 top prize with Mike Johns finishing in second place. Mike Alderson played the semis in both events and is a very promising young player. This display, Miss Holmes is one of the top seeds but was unable to take the initiative against Miss Mitchell and consistently sent the ball back down the opposite side to the服 of her opponent. She is not out of position at this level.

In the younger events, Andrew Clark won the U-15 BS beating Eamon Wylde of Leeds in a good final, whilst Melody Laid was made up to the final in the U-13 BS, particularly in the semi-final match with Debbie Reid (Derbys) in the final against Norma Caizzi, both local girls.

Geoff Inch won the boys’ U-11 singles after a hard-tackle with the youthful Jean Lowery in a good final, and in the all-Teesside U-13 BS final, Angel Ayton emerged the winner of the pair.

Deane Nisbet, top seed in the men’s singles, was at full stretch to dispose of David Darlow in the final and it was a similar medley in the doubles before the Yorkshiremen pulled away from being held to 16-all.

**NORTH MIDLANDS 2 STAR**

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**Open Tournament Survey**

**by ALAN RANSOME and GEORGE R. YATES**
County Administration

by ALAN J. CAVEIL
National Councillor, Shropshire TTA

THE first reaction of a member attending a county management committee meeting for the first time is probably one of surprise that so much is being done by such a small group of people. The new member, even if he serves on a league's management committee, will find that the county's role as part of the E.T.T.A.'s organised structure throughout the country opens new avenues of interest and stimulates activity.

Although the E.T.T.A. has delegated its responsibility for organised table tennis in each county to the county association it continues to ensure that a uniform national policy is adhered to by overseeing the right to approve or veto the rules of all county associations. A model set of rules, some of which must be adapted unchangeable whilst others can be modified to suit the requirements of individual counties, has been prepared by the E.T.T.A.

The county committee has to do more than keep itself informed of current E.T.T.A. proposals and comply with E.T.T.A. requirements; it has to promote inter-league activities and foster table tennis at all levels throughout the country. To do this effectively each county usually consists of officers (chairman, secretary and treasurer), various officials, such as inter-league and coaching secretaries, and members representing each league in the county.

Full and active representation of all leagues on the county committee is essential if effective communication between county and league is to take place. Different committees are working to do this: one is the Sports Council consisting of one representative from each league. Communication between the county schools T.T.A. and with the Sports Council is usually maintained.

The E.T.T.A. policies which are derived from the county associations. All E.T.T.A. policy decisions have to be approved by the National Council of the E.T.T.A.; the Council consists of one representative, nominated by the appropriate county committee, from each country.

The Council meets three or four times a year and considers all recommendations of the various committees, it has set up to deal with most aspects of table tennis activity. Each National Councillor is thereby kept informed of current E.T.T.A. thoughts and the country opens new avenues of interest and stimulates activity.
3rd West Yorkshire Closed

Man's singles winner John Kedge and Lumb Cup, to Bradford's Lord Mayor and the Acting Chief Constable. Townsman Organizer Steve Nunn completes the group on the far left.

Photo by courtesy of Bradford Telegraph and Argus.

KEDGE, THIRD TIME WINNER
by Steve Nutt
Hull Organiser.

Staged at Parkside sports centre, Bradford, on Sept. 30, the third West Yorkshire closed championships proved every bit as successful as the two that had gone before. Indeed entries were 34 up on last season, the only event failing to show an increase being the veteran singles.

Just over 200 people witnessed the finals among those present being the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayors of Bradford (Ald. and Mrs. Derek Smith), who made the presentations, the Acting Chief Constable (Mr. H. A. Kitching) and his wife, and Mrs. Doreen Browning, chairman of the Bradford Education Committee.

The finals proved to be the best of the three championships but did not stop John Kedge from once again taking home the giant Bulb and Lamb cup, for the third time.

Best set of the day came in the quarter-final of the men's singles between York's Neville Grauer and No. 2 seed, David Hirst of Huddersfield, won 22-20 in the decider, All was ready, just a matter of brightening up and after the ETTA cadet camp we would be off.

It was then that tragedy struck. The caravan was burnt to a cinder and cancellation letters seemed to be the order of the day. But what had we to say to those boys about being 10-15 down in the third? Three days later a new caravan was standing next to the wreckage. But what a week that was—new kit, crockery, sleeping bags, t.t. kit, phone calls, letters, the men from Pro, and all that. Fortunately we were as a convoy field and the units didn't hesitate in casting off for us for two whole days, until we had sorted ourselves out.

Then we were on our way having a 7 p.m. rendezvous with the Kent contingent on the motorway. They too had had their problems. A minibus was stolen but less minute repairs dragged on and alternative arrangements had to be made and another vehicle sought. What was it that policeman said about having a little round disc?

Even then matters did not go exactly to plan for our route round the North Ely Green Road seemed a good idea to many besides ourselves, not to mention a multitude of road men, a large mobile crane and numerous diversions. Finally both groups met up, had and bothered and more than a little truce, late.

Support was consumed, petrol tanks replenished, and the caravan set forth with the caravan in the lead destined for the most unbelievably out of the way site. All was going well, another had the vanished? Nothing for it but to press on to the site, settle the van and get some sleep.

The time was now 3 a.m. and John Patrick, on his first table tennis outing, was beginning to wonder what was all about for when the idea was first mooted back in January he had never played! Richard "Lightning" Jarvis belied his nickname in getting into his sleeping bag, not that Keith Evers was big on after him.

Meanwhile the Kent contingent had really caught on to this touring lark going up and down the motorways, round and round the country lanes before finally receiving help from a suspicious constable to again meet up with us at 6 a.m. in a very bedraggled state. Must get it into the coaching manuals about putting times up at 6 a.m. after so many hours driving!

If that was the start, what was to come in matches to be fixed into 6 days? We began to wonder when the venue for our first match had to be changed as no official was present to open up the needed venue.

However the tour had got off the ground but still the problems remained. What did we tell him was to watch out for plastic pipes sticking out of holes, so that the next thing we knew was being confronted by a very rsumtive officer telling us, in what can only be described as the local dialect, that every van on the site would now be without water.

But, within a day or two, we became the best of friends again and, before we knew, we were toying with the idea of building a sofa table venue on the site. Never hired and David DeWinter had a problem in store for their Kent colleague Ray Taylor, who was to be tasked in the local stream. The plan backfired a bit on them because Ray had the foresight to dress for the occasion. He therefore went willingly, as a duck to water, then proceeded to splash as much water on his beneficiaries as to drench them, and even managed to get an unprepared Gerald Pugh in as well.

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Late Letter

IMAGE PERSISTS

A PHENOMENON which all of us table tennis enthusiasts have to bear with is the public attitude and misconceptions about our sport. The parlour game, 'ping pong' image persists.

I have been as aware as anybody about this, but recent experience has doubly impressed this on me. I suffered a leg ligament injury in a Willesden League match and have since had a very pronounced limp. On seeing me hobbling around, numerous people have stopped to offer their sympathies - for which I thank them. But on finding out how I acquired my affliction their reactions have ranged from a discreet grin, to loud mirth, to mild astonishment.

After a short reflection, one or two did remark that they supposed table tennis could be 'quite fast' and flourished their wrists, but most people remained baffled as to how it was possible to suffer a ligament injury from 'ping pong'.

I am a student at Borough Road College of Education, in Ilesworth, Middlesex, which has a very good reputation for sport, and one of the disturbing things I find is that the P.E. students there share identical ideas regarding table tennis as everybody else!

Some players are partly responsible for sustaining the public's false impressions of the game. Perhaps because they have an inferiority complex about table tennis they don't like to tell their friends that they are keen, or won't be seen playing seriously, or in the proper kit.

This is a pity. The ETTA's newly-appointed Public Relations Officer is going to have a very hard time persuading the population at large that table tennis is a good, fast, healthy athletic sport that really is worth playing, while the players themselves are often not convinced.

Finally, changing the subject, I should like to say that I am in full agreement with the sentiments expressed by Alan Ramsme and Alan Shepherd in the October edition, concerning the devaluation of junior tournaments. I feel that the standards at senior open tournaments are also beginning to decline. In order to help reverse this trend, the ETTA should officially, and more importantly, actively encourage the better players to attend these championships.

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SUSTAINED pressure exerted by Nicky Jarvis earned him an unexpected victory, worth £70 over his Ormesby club mate, top-seeded Denis Neale, in the men's singles event of the Humberside 3-Star Open played over the weekend of Oct 27/28 and jointly sponsored by Halex Table Tennis Ltd. and Hull Brewery to the extent of £300.

In the semi-finals Jarvis had avenged his defeat by Desmond Douglas in the Sussex Open of the previous weekend and Neale had disposed of yet another player from the Ormesby stable, Jimmy Walker.

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Methods of coaching have improved internationally with courses wording their own officials to study methods in the more successful countries. These interchanges have brought into prominence the best of all the varied methods differing only in interpretation.

Study and analysis of play during the world championships always brings out some aspect of the game which is then introduced into the national coaching scheme. To help coaches to find out about such changes, and maybe, improve their own coaching activities, there are no fewer courses arranged by the ETCA at Lillibrooke from Jan 1 to 4, 1973, at g.65, which includes full board and VAT. Forms for this course are available from Jack Carrington at St. Hermegate, London, E18 2EP. Phone: 01-989 9121.

In the past I have found this particular course is usually oversubscribed, and some people have had their applications refused. It is therefore advisable to return your form early. By now, at the latest, when the full fee must be paid.

At Lillibrooke, from July 15–20, there is to be a personal performance course as there is at Essen from July 1977.

It has been interesting to see the new films taken by Peter Simpson at the last world championships in Sarajevo. The study of these films, with the help of a spectro analyzer, makes it possible to witness the heights reached by the world's top players and, especially, a close look at strike production, mobility and balance, for interesting study at the coaching courses held by the Staff coaches.

From Oct 1–8, Peter Simpson will have been running his annual coaching course for the R.A.F. in Norfolk which he has been doing for the last four years. I doubt that when the Army and Navy find out about these courses, Peter could land up as official advisor to the Armed Forces, and maybe have "By Appointment" on his track suit.

I have had various bits of information regarding the ETCA Coaching Centre at St. Neots. I was not even aware that St. Neots was ever the Southern East for, for it came in Peter Hirst territory.

Now in a letter I have received from Coach Len Saywell quite a number of gaps have been filled in. The Centre is based at Longsands School, St. Neots, Hunts. Four years ago Jack Carrington held a Proficiency Rally at the school, and at this rally discussion was held as to the possibility of a training centre at St. Neots.

With the help of John Cornwell, Coaching Advisor, the centre became a reality and was soon self-supporting, having six tables — supplied by the centre and by the ETCA — the St. Neots Regional Centre was born. It is now used on a Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and has a further three tables. Junior players from the St. Neots league and members of the local youth centre are catered for each week.

The local Youth Centre has been a great help in the formation of the centre and without them the whole venture would have never been possible. Such many services deserve the gratitude of table tennis players for the existence of training centres.

One Sunday each month the centre is used for ETTA coaching and another Sunday by the Army Squad. Any organised function requires some body to do the "behind the scene" work, and in this case it is the chairman of St. Neots T.T Club, Cliff Oliver. Now, I believe, through a loan made by the Club a Silga Robot machine has been purchased. With correct supervision this could prove quite an asset to all juniors using the centre.

At the end of last season I took some photographs at a match at the centre which are to be mailed to you. The pictures have not even started at 10:30 p.m. and I still had to drive at 7:30 a.m. to get home. My faith in tournament organisations was rewarded at this season's Cumberland 8-star at Carlisle which was run smoothly, with the match starting at 7:30 p.m. It was a delight to have entered.

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NO RHAPSODY FOR ENGLAND

Having narrowly escaped relegation in the past two seasons from the Premier Division of the European League, England's prospects of
remaining with the elite must have seemed pretty slight to the onlookers at Reading's Meadway Sports Centre, on Oct. 15, when they were 'white-washed' in this season's first engagement against Hungary.

Without the services of Tibor Klupsar, reprented by the Hungarian Army, such a result was never really on, but Denis Neale disappointingly failing to open the scoring set to Gabor Gergely. The Yugoslav had a commanding 18-12 lead eroded away in the second game by a player he had beaten in straight games in the Sarajevo world championships last April.

Disappearing too, was the defeat of Jill Hammerson by Judith Magos, who the Magyars preferred on the right, to their No. 1 European ranked Beatrix Kishazi.

The visitors clinched the issue in the men's doubles by a thrown-together Ivan Jonyer and Gergely who just got the better of Neale and Desmond Douglas despite the home pair having six match points and holding set point at 24-23! It was altogether a most unhappy night for England the detailed scores (in match order) being:


The class and determination which sunk England 7-0 in their European League match with Hungary at Reading, was again evident in the visitor's play, when the two teams met again in a friendly match the following night at Coventry (writes John Pike).

With their entire squad all ranked at Number One in Europe another defeat for England was on the cards, and so it was to the issue of 7-1. With ticket sales going on the day of the match, the Matrix Ballroom at Coventry was full to capacity when James Börszönyi beat Nicky Jarvis to give the visitors first blood.

Douglas, playing in front of his own Warrichesfield supporters for the first time in an international match, then narrowly lost to Gergely. With the score 2-0, Beatrix Kishazi quickly showed why she is ranked No. 1 in Europe when completely outplaying Karenza Mathews.

Next the men's doubles and a close one this between Jonyer and Gergely got the better of Jarvis and Douglas. With the half way stage reached, England picked up their only win of the evening with Douglas and Linda Howard taking the mixed, the European Youth champions richly deserving the applause as they left the table.

Any hopes of an England revival were soon dashed when Beatrix Kishazi put the result beyond doubt with a comfortable win over Miss

HENDERSON - HOWARD

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SOMERSET NOTES by MIKE HAWKINS

In their first Senior County match of the new season, Somerset started their programme with a bang, then defeated visitors to the Western-Super-Mare YMCA, Dorset, by a margin of 8-2. The Somerset line-up was as follows: Roger Morris, Brian Bevins, John Harris, Miss J. Wilson and Mrs. Patricia Rouey. The Somerset Champion, and No. 1, Tony Kinney was not available, and schoolgirl J. Wilson made her debut for the Somerset side.

The Juniors v. Dorset match scheduled to have been played away on the same day, Oct. 15, had to be cancelled, owing to a car transporting the Somerset side, breaking down on route.

A Summer League in the Bath and District TTA was a great success, and plans are already going ahead for next summer, the main object being to keep the interest going.

Great news on the coaching side from Coaching Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Henderson, who works tremendously hard for the youngsters in Somerset County areas, and I hear a large crowd of youngsters are coming on well in the North-East area, at Mid-Devon, Norton.

Somerset County table-tennis has thus far been left off the England table-tennis map, but I feel more than in the next one distant future they will be able to produce something useful at National level.

FOR ENGLAND

Although defeated by Hungary in the opening match of the European League at Reading, England is unchallenged for their first away match, against Austria in Vienna on Oct. 30. In the line-up, Mrs. Mathews lost to Gergely -9, -7; Neale/D. Parker lost to Jonyer/ Gergely -17, -18; Neale/Mrs. S. Henderson lost to Börszönyi/Hobza -13, -13; Mrs. Henderson lost to Kishazi -6, -3; Neale bt Jonyer 10, -15, 14; Clayton lost to Börszönyi -20, -18, -14.

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#### JOHN WOODFORD predicts a players’ national grading system

**CONTROVERSY**

**TONY Ross and I have crossed swords, or perhaps I should say pens on one occasion last season but I would like to congratulate him on his coverage of the European Youth Championships in the last issue of this magazine and to support most of his thoughts in his article “After Athens What Next?”**

Be that as it will, we have gathered that the boys are back in a familiar subject — how are England going to produce world champions in time for the 1977 World Championships? whilst the principal young contenders are waiting with considerable patience in the evenings and the week-ends playing against people they would stand a good chance of beating left-handed, assuming they are right-handed.

Dissatisfaction amongst junior tournament organizers is increasing more rapidly.

Having done a great deal of work in preparation for their two events, we find that only a sprinkling of the best boys and girls have entered and their No. 1 seed, currently playing for England cannot come.

The most recent example of this was at Alan Shepherd’s Essex Junior Open. Had Paul Day appeared, I think I would have been killing time for most of the day until he reached the last two rounds. The “killing” of a dour or no junior tournament would be a painful operation and would lead to casualties from the hard-driven organizers and their committees.

I feel that it is possible that a large number of the more junior officials that they might be lost to the game.

**This would be a pity, but in all walks of life, business or sport or leisure there are always changes just as new buildings grow up all around us and old ones disappear. There must therefore be vast changes in the structure of table tennis, if we are to pursue the declared E.T.T.A. policy of producing an English world champion.**

I’ll go a stage further with Tony Ross and agree that my suggestion some while back of “throwing the blame on the top juniors at the deep end” can be substituted for a national players’ grading system successfully operated by West Germany, Sweden and others.

If the new system became operative there are still officials who wish to run junior events. I reckon to argue to them providing their events could be fitted into the calendar and they accept the fact that they would be unlikely to receive many rankings from the top juniors who would be too busy working their way through the graduings.

One of the counter arguments is that we are paying too much attention to creating world champions and not doing enough for the rank and file. It’s a valid point because there still is a large market for junior tournaments for the 95.0 per cent. who will never make the national rankings.

But of course, the stalwart band of organizers cannot have the best of both worlds — the potential "élite" must play in competition against the junior "élite" as often as possible to accelerate their improvement. The "élite" will have to play amongst themselves with the big boys. It sounds like class distinction, but as this is a "working-class" column, I will now predict that this season, or one very much like it, will come into being before we are all very older!

#### NORTHERN NOTTS

**NOTES by PAULINE JACKSON**

The Junior County trials were recently held at North Shields YMCA and those resulted in the following rankings from the top juniors who went on to the main events.


By that you will have gathered we think our hectic listers are wasting SO much time playing against people they will never make the national team in any case, but there is no excuse for their present lack of it. Without Barbara Kearney and Lucille Clark also no longer available as they are over age, the junior team look to have a long hard struggle ahead of them this season.

This year’s first match, against the powerful Yorkshire II team, they suffered a 9-1 reverse, the only set being won by Andrew Clark, who easily accounted for Michael Thirkettle. Eddie Thomas, Valerie Smith and Ann Henderson all made their début in this match, but apart from Thomas taking Thirkettle very close, most of the other sets were very one-sided. However, one can take comfort from the fact that Yorkshire are the smallest side they are likely to face, and they can only learn and improve from the experience.

The two junior teams do not open their account until this month when the first team travel to play Cheshire II in a Div. 2 (North) fixture, and the second team to have a long hard struggle ahead of them this season.

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FEW SURPRISES

FVE if any surprises in this round's 34 matches lie in the knowledge that out of the ten of the division involved, already through these we have the playing of an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; an ineligible player; an unregistered player; 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