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This month's Star Features

9th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS by George R. Yates
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**Ninth European Championships**

**ORLOWSKI THE GATECRASHER**

by GEORGE R. YATES

Concluding session of the 9th European Championships, began in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, on Saturday, April 13, proving to be almost a parody for the Hungarians who won three of the four titles at stake, the one to elude them being the blue riband men's singles event won, over five pulsating games, by Milan Orlovski—the first Czech to win the coveted Sweden Cup—from yet another Hungarian, Gabor Gergely.

Judit Magaz, apart from letting the third game slip away, powered her penholder way to a 3-1 victory over Ann Christin Heltman, of Sweden, in the women's singles final and, in partnership with Henriette Lotaller, retained the women's doubles title with final victory over the Czechoslovakian combine of Alica Grofova and Maria Alexandru.

Vying with the men's singles final, in its earlier stages, Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar triumphed in the men's doubles when they had cause to have raised the red, white and green flag of Hungary for the third time when successful over Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson, of Sweden, who, for once, figured not at all on the top step of the rostrum that afternoon.

Breaking away from tradition, the mixed doubles final was played earlier in the week, on the Thursday in fact, and resulted in Stamma's Jytte Gubert and Zoya Rudnova taking the title for the fourth successive time, beating Anton Segunec and Maria Alexandru in a 5-game final which, to say the least, would have protracted proceedings beyond endurance had it been added to the finals session.

**STANDARD BEARER**

Victories over Claude Bergeret (France), Carolina Norrested (Poland) and Birgitta Olsson (Sweden) carried Jill Hamersley of England's main standard bearer, to the quarter final of the women's singles at which stage, despite a courageous fight, the Dutch international took her leave.

It was Judit Magaz, the eventual winner who, in pulling out a third ace after having a 2-0 lead canceled, triumphed in the fifth and deciding game. Linda Howard was also involved in a similar encounter, in the first round, when she found herself trailing 0/2 to Leah Van Heybeck, of Belgium, and she too fought herself back to equal it only to lose the decider. England No. 3, Karenza Mathews was not allowed the luxury of such procrastination, going down straight to 'Elena Artemian, of the Soviet Union.

In the counterpart men's event, both Denis Neale and Douglas Douglas reached the third round (sett 32). In the professional, Neale had a comfortable straight...
Hungary's Judit Magos, winner of the Women's Singles title.

EYES AND FLOW

Johnson had disposed of Klumpr in majestic style and Orlofski had not an end to French ace Secretin, whose earlier conquests, other than Stipaucic, had been over Mirzoyan Schanz, the young Czeck and Felix Piloyan, of Russia.

The eb and flow of the final encounter between Orlofski and Georgy generated heat enough in itself, but when added to the existing lighting, supplemented by television arc lamps, it was Dante's inferno and it wasn't to telling that where needed but boosting paper, rain after rain of all Gill, with certain memories of the match played in Hong Kong, and India to come, adventurism is the thing!

Scotland, Fraser apart, had three other players in the men's event and all found passage into the second round. Eric Sutherland had a 3-2 success over Aleksei Torgay, of Turkey, but then went out in straight games to the host country's Bela Maros. Likewise, young Michael Thomson began his senior international career with a 3-2 win over Bert Exrow, of Switzerland, before "dropping the ball" to Piloyan. Richard Vine, in receipt of a first round bye, lost his opening engagement to Federal German's No. 1, Wilfried Lieck, who was subsequently hammered off by Sragat Burnazian, of the Soviet Union, who fell, in like fashion, to Bengtsson in the next round.

Wales, too, had a male quartet in the fray but only two, Michael Owen and Graham Davison, contested first round play-off. Brian Everson and Alan Griffiths failing in their qualifying matches, the former to Jose Felii, of Spain, and the latter to the veteran Hungarian, Laslo Foldy, still the leading light in Switzerland.

Owen succumbed to Peterlini and Davies to the Czech, Pavel Urcarik, Yorkshire's student immigrant, and Lee in the first round and Paul Conners, a former English junior, now back in his native Norway, fell to Federal Germany's Peter Stellwag, after beating Johnny Hansen, of Denmark, in his opening engagement.

OUTSTED

Alina Grofova, the No. 2 seed in straight games in the first of the semifinals. Famed for his comeback, this was one occasion when "The Hammer" failed to pick himself up from the floor as the Czech famously miled his opponent to the ground.

Refusing to be intimidated by a vociferous home crowd, Georgy eventually silenced the partisan Yugoslavs by beating their hero Dragutin Surbek, whose famed forehand thump was never allowed to function in the other half of the country, other than Georgy's outsting of Bengtsson. Surbek had beaten young Vikstrom, who had lost in his path David Fraser, of Scotland, of Britain. And the barrel-chested Czech, Jaroslav Kunz.

MAIN SHOCK

Main shock of this event was the defeat of title-holder Stefan Bengt-

son, in the quarter-finals, by Georgy d'Aragon, of Argentina, who, to the surprise of the local glitterati, "The Three Musketeers". And bow the "boys" could handle a 10, 11, 14, 17 win over Andre Hartmann, of Luxembourg, and such went the run of form in Round 3 that not one of the eight seeds went through to the final. As the sixth-ranked woman in Europe, it was a brave show that "The Hammer" put up against Miss Magos in the women's singles but, in partnership with England's Beatrix Kehl, to lose in straight games to the Frenchwoman, Anna Molnar, neither being European champions in the doubles. The No. 2 seeds just did not click on this occasion as well. 14 to 14 to the Soviet-Hungarian pair wouldlidate. Douglas and Linda Howard, the European Youth champions, put up

Another shot of the opening ceremony in Novi Sad.
A tremendous show in the mixed event before losing to the eventual winners, Gomozkov and Rudnova, after beating such formidable partnerships as Gergely/Lotaller, of Hungary, and Luck/Hendriksen, of Federal Germany—no mean feats.

Of the seven players to represent England in the championships, only three, Jill Hammer, Miss Howard, and Nola and Douglas, and to a lesser degree Linda Howard, can be said to have made any real impact, the brightest prospect being the young Warwickshire left-hander, Des Douglas, around who Lee Gresswell, the England Trainer/Coach was quoted as saying he will build his future team.

OPPORTUNITY

Jarvis, although afforded every opportunity to realise his potential failed to do so, his loss to Giurigjau in the preliminary round of the Men's Singles event.

There were happier tidings both for Miss Howard and Jarvis in the consolation singles. Linda progressed to the semi-final stage with wins over Maxine Miles (Bolton), Elaine Smith and Berthy Krier, of Luxembourg, before losing to the eventual winner, Erzabet Falalaku, of Yugoslavia.

Jarvis avenged his defeat by Giurigjau in the Consolation singles, this time at the top of the world, the Rumanian, 14. 17 and went on to account for Schoen (13). 15, 6 before falling to Wladislav Woznica, of Poland, Anders Johansson won the men's event with final victory over Zoran Kosa, Yugoslavia's seventh-ranked player.

Reaction to a winning point as the beaten Men's singles finalist, Gabor Gergely, of Hungary, throws up his arms.

Intent on winning their fourth successive Mixed Doubles title Russia's Zoya Rudnova goes into action with Stanislav Gomozkov waiting to come in.
Alexandru/Grofova bt Leszay/Semi-finals:
LOT ALLER/MAGOS bt Gedraitite/Rudnova

Alexandru/Grofova bt Hendriksten/Wetzel

Semi-finals:

Quarter-finals:
LOT ALLER/MAGOS bt Alexandru/Grofova

Mixed Doubles: Round 3:
Secretin/Alexandru bt Vikstrom/Hellman

Consolation Events

Douglas/Hydnes lost to V. Alexandridis (Gr)

H. Woznica (Pol) bt N. Jarvis (Eng)

J. Rangalova (Bulg) bt C. Boppe (Swi)

D. Neale bt B. Ghentchev (Bulg)

D. Neale bt J. C. Decret (France)

D. Neale bt J. Bauregger (Aust)

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A. Rangalova (Bulg) bt C. Boppe (Switzerland)

D. Neale bt B. Mesaros (Bulg)

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Also getting down to it is local hero, Dragutin Surbek, beaten in the semi's by Gergely, who triumphed 9, 14, 14.
**9th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Team Events**

**England climb the ladder — Sixth successive title for Sweden's Men**

**BY THE EDITOR**

Men's team event champions, Sweden, with their n.p.c., Christer Johansson, holding aloft the Hungary Cup. Participating players (1 to 5): Bo Persson, Ingemar Vikström, Kjell Johansson and Stellan Bengtsson.

Weathering the storm created by Istvan Jonyer and Gabor Gergely bringing off successive victories over Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson to put Hungary into a 3-2 lead, Sweden found a ready and immediate reply in beating Tibor Klampar to equate the match score and then Bengtsson to knock the heart out of the Hungarians who were subsequently beaten 3-2.

Firstly Johansson inflicted the evening's first defeat on Jonyer leaving the way for Bengtsson to finish off the match with a 6-1, 6-0, 6-2 straight win over a lickless Klampar and so retain the Hungary Cup. Sweden first laid their hands on this trophy back in 1964, in their straight win over a luckless Klampar.

Bengtsson began with a hard-won victory over Gergely with Jonyer making immediate reply in beating Vikström, thereafter Klampar suffered the first of his three defeats in losing to Johansson. Back came the Hungarians to take their 3-2 lead which failed to last much longer but the runners-up awards. It was just turned midnight when Bengtsson scraped home 25-20, 24-22 against Klampar to set the Swedes rejoicing once more.

Earlier in the evening the subsequent deposed European singles champion, Zoya Rudnova, carried Russia through to a 3-1 success over Hungary in the women's team final after her compatriot, Elmira Antonian, had lost in the opening set to Judit Magos. The Soviet penholder quickly put Russia in equal terms in sweeping the puny challenge of Beatriz Kishazi aside and again proved the dominant force in the doubles against Magos and Henriette Lotaller.

Hungary lost their hold on the Rumania Cup in the fourth set when Rudnova, somewhat tremulously, got home 21-12, 21-19 against Magos. It was a sad, sad night for the Hungarians.

**EXPECTATIONS**

England failed to realise their highest expectations in both team events when the women were beaten 3-1 by Czechoslovakia to finish fourth and the men, for the second time in the championships, were defeated 5-1 by Russia for a final sixth placing. Nonetheless the overall placings lifted the women two positions and the men one from being 6th and 7th respectively in Rotterdam two years previously.

Following 3-1 victories over Yugoslavia and Bulgaria in the women's competition on the opening day, when against Federal Germany—they defeated 5-1 in Hamburg—they came from behind to win 3-2 in a motorcycle encounter which lasted 3 hours and 5 minutes. It was a vintage display of hitting by Karenza Mathews that got England home after Jill Hammersley had laid the foundation in beating Wiebke Hendriksen, over three expedite games, and then avenging her defeat in the Federal German Open by accounting for Edit Wetzel in straight games.

The expedite role was also involved in the opening set between Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Wetzel at a stage when the German player led 6-4. It proved of no avail to the Middlesex international duo, under similar circumstances, Mrs. Ham- mersley turned matters to her advantage after losing the opening game to Miss Hendriksen.

Between times Mrs. Mathews, in partnership with Linda Howard, had gone down narrowly in the doubles set tie with that match the score standing at 2-2. It all depended on the diminutive Karenza opposed to the defensive German champion, Miss Hendriksen. All credit was due her in the manner victory was achieved as she continued to hit her way to personal and match victory with sustained fury.

**RELENTLESS**

All good things must come to an end and so it proved in the second and final match of the day, against the Soviet Union who, with 3-1 win over Bulgaria, Federal Germany and France, kept up their relentless pressure with a like victory over England. Only one of the three sets needed to give the Russians their victory required a deciding game and, surprisingly, it was the second between Miss Howard and Miss Antonian with Linda taking the first. In the opening encounter of the match Jill was hammered off the table by Miss Rudnova, who also dominated the doubles.

England's men met with mixed fortunes in their opening engagements losing to Russia 3-0—Dennis Neale, winning the one against Stanislav Gomozkov, having earlier taken a riding from Anatoly Lotaller.

England won 3-2 in a marathon encounter of the match Jill was victorious in the deciding game and, surprisingly, it was the second Anglo/French encounter played in this match as Neale (2), Douglas (2) and Jarvis, with a final win over Freddy Strokatov—and beating Holland 5-0 when Neale, Des Douglas and Nicky Jarvis had matters very much their own way.

A team change was affected for the first match of the second day, against Yugoslavia, with Alan Hyde taking over from Jarvis. The Yorkshire left-hander failed to make any impact on the host country's No. 1, Dragutin Surbek, who swept to a 7, 13 success assisted by thunderous applause which was not so much in evidence when Neale equated the match score with victory over Zlatko Cordas.

But that was the sum total of English success in this match against Stefan Stipancic who took care of Douglas and Hyde in the second set, England accounted for Denmark 5-1 in their final match of the day to record their second win in the championships.

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**NOTABLE**

Two notable victories over France on the Monday carried England into exacted positions whereby the women, despite subse- quently losing to Hungary, qualified for third or fourth position, and the men could finish no lower than sixth.

It was in the morning session that the first Anglo/French encounter took place when the Mesdames of France, despite winning the first set, when Claude Bergeret got the better of Linda Howard, were beaten 5-1. Jill Hammersley showed great respect for Mesdames of France, despite winning the first set, when Claude Bergeret lost to her at the 7th and deciding game.

Slipping only when a restored Jarvis—coming back in place of Hyde—lost to Czes Pedersen in the second set, England accounted for Denmark 5-1 in their final match of the day to record their second win in the championships.

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England's bronze medal winners in the women's team event. Behind (n.p.c.) is Karenza Mathews, Linda Howard and Jill Hammersley.
A doubles victory for Magos and from Czechoslovakia initial group encounter, the wins in the group won by Yugoslavia then an interim placing of fourth with Magos running out an easy powerfully-built Josef Dvoracek Jarvis opening up with an initial with Hungary second. 

was all that the men could extract other group Sweden finished first France going into a 4-2 lead despite win over Patrick Birocheau. whose final position in the counterpart Group A. It proved to England No.1, Jill Hammersley, in the day's first semi-final, the defending champion, Secretin, still having one losing to Secretin, and Douglas, J aroslav Kunz. One thing it proved three tense games.

match Stellan Bengtsson was twice winning the first. But with his steady but slow topspin Sweden, the defending champions, the boot was then dispatched of Birocheau 17, much too experienced for.

improvement in the young French whose forerunner, Christian Martin equated the match score at 4-4 with Orlowski winning all his three sets mortal and that Sweden have beaten, by Milan Orlowski and Sarkis Sarkhayan carried on down a second time without a fight. Strokatov overcoming a first game loss to Douglas, and Strokatov.

This was against Neale, but the Yorkshireman, stillsmarting from his defeat by Martin, was not going down a second time without a fight. This happened and should really have won in 2:3 straight, for he let slip a 20-16 lead in the second after winning the first. But there was no escape from the deciding.

Thus given fresh heart, Douglas equated the match score at 4-4 with 3-2. England took on France, whose for the Russians by disposing of Jarvis. Following a victory for Burna­sian, over Neale, the boot was then very much on the other foot with Sarkhayan equating the match score at 4-4 with Orlowski winning all his three sets mortal and that Sweden have beaten, by Milan Orlowski and Sarkis Sarkhayan carried on down a second time without a fight. Strokatov.

A word of advice from England's Trainer/Coach, Les Grensell, for Denis Neale.

Table Tennis News Editor, George Yates (I) and Dicky Rutnagur, T.T. Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," sample Yugoslavian hospitality at a Press Reception given by "Forum," a newspaper publishing firm. Also in the picture is Miss Zdenka Talijic, an interpreter from Dubrovnik.
HUNGARY CUP (MEN)

GROUP A

1 SWEDEN
2 HUNGARY
3 AUSTRIA
4 POLAND
5 SWITZERLAND
6 NETHERLAND

GROUP B

1 YUGOSLAVIA
2 GREECE
3 TURKEY
4 ITALY
5 DENMARK
6 NORWAY

GROUP C

1 POLAND
2 ITALY
3 BULGARIA
4 SWITZERLAND
5 FINLAND
6 TURKEY

GROUP D

1 YUGOSLAVIA
2 GREECE
3 TURKEY
4 ITALY
5 DENMARK
6 NETHERLAND

English Results:
1. USSR bt England 5-1.
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3. USSR bt Denmark 4-1.
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5. USSR bt Sweden 0-2.
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RUMANIA CUP (WOMEN)

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3. BULGARIA .......... 0-3 3-0 3-0
4. YUGOSLAVIA ......... 3-0 2-3 1-3
5. POLAND ............. 0-3 1-3 0-3
6. GREECE ............. 0-3 0-3 0-3

GROUP B
1. GERMANY F.R. ..... 3-2 3-3 4-6
2. USSE ............... 3-4 3-3 3-3
3. ENGLAND .......... 3-2 3-3 3-3
4. YUGOSLAVIA ..... 3-0 2-3 0-3
5. BULGARIA ......... 0-3 1-3 3-0
6. FRANCE ............ 0-3 3-3 1-3

GROUP C
1. ITALY ............... 3-0 3-0 3-0
2. SPAIN ....... 3-0 3-0 1-0
3. BELGIUM .......... 0-3 0-3 3-0
4. DENMARK .......... 3-2 3-1
5. POLAND ........... 0-3 1-1
6. FRANCE ............ 3-3 3-3

GROUP D
1. YUGOSLAVIA ......... 3-0 3-2 1-3
2. SPAIN .............. 3-1 3-1 0-3
3. BELGIUM .......... 0-3 0-3 0-3
4. DENMARK .......... 3-2 3-1
5. POLAND ............ 0-3 1-1
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GROUP E
1. HUNGARY .......... 3-2 3-0 3-0
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3. BULGARIA .......... 0-3 3-0 3-0
4. YUGOSLAVIA ......... 3-0 2-3 1-3
5. POLAND ............. 0-3 1-3 0-3
6. GREECE ............. 0-3 0-3 0-3

GROUP F
1. SWITZERLAND ....... 3-1
2. DENMARK .......... 1-5

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS — WOMEN

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A smiling Charles Wyles is flanked by the Exeter, League Chairman, Mike Lyon, and his wife, Pamela, on his right and the League Secretary, Keith Ponting and his wife, Rosemary, at the Dinner-Dance to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Exeter and District Table Tennis League.

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These are just some of the items quoted from the original notebook from a meeting to form the Exeter "Ping Pong" League on 28th August, 1923. These first items were written by Mr. R. C. Hurford who attended Exeter for 60 years ago and although now in his 81st year, Mr. Hurford, our Life President, still takes a great interest in our affairs and attends as many functions as his health permits.

The quotes from the book were made by Mr. Charles M. Wyles O.B.E., Chairman of the E.T.T.A., during the speech he made proposing the Exeter and District Table Tennis League at a dinner-dance to mark this historic occasion. The Exeter and District Table Tennis League was founded at the Exeter "League Table", only Plymouth (1906) and Sunderland (1910) being formed before them. The headquarters were the Exeter Y.M.C.A. and there was one division of eleven teams. Affiliation to the E.T.T.A. first came on 5th March, 1923, and the fee was 10/6d.

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Many memories came flooding back amongst old friends, some of whom travelled long distances to be at the dinner and the youngsters were kept amused at some of the "stories" being told.

The Guest of Honour at the Dinner was Charles Wyles, O.B.E., and during his speech he paid tribute to the work Exeter officials had contributed to the sphere of Table Tennis in England.

After the dinner Mr. Wyles was presented with an inscribed Salver to mark the occasion and then led the company to dancing to the Music of H.M. Royal Marines.

With North Middlesex being runners-up to England in 1923, it was decided to enter the European Championships. The team comprising Andrew Mellor, Mark Mitchell, Robert Aldrich and Graham Blondel, now play in the semi for the first time since just after the war.

Unfortunately the Junior side from North Middlesex, who were the holders of the Carter Cup, failed by the odd set in nine to prevent the Silverton side from going through. As usual, the Chief League are again in the semi of the J.M. Rose Bowl which they must soon be thinking of as their own property. Middlesex with all coasts a good rest and a happy summer.
Mr. B. Schorah, Sales Manager for Joshua Wilson and Bros. Ltd. (V.G. Foodstores) happily presents Mrs. Maureen Minto with her award as runner-up in the women’s doubles. Also in a very merry group are (I to r) Miss Cynthia Waite and Miss Brenda Murtagh to Mr. H. JeaI, President, for use towards the Durham County T.T. Coaching Scheme, making a total sponsorship of £500-plus over three years.

DURHAM NOTES

GRANDSTAND FINISH

One of the best seasons that our junior players have had for many years ended with a 7-1 win over Westmorland at Longlands School, Kendal, and with no less than five junior players participating in the senior finals of the County Closed Championships at Otter Manor Youth Club, Hartlepool.

At Kendal, Peter Eden and Steve Hosking, both from the Stockton League, and Shirley Jenkins (Murton) all had maximums, while Peter Masters (Philadelphia) won both his singles and Julie Inch (Murton) partnered Shirley to win the girls’ doubles. The only defeat sustained by Masters and Julie Inch in the mixed after they had won the first end at 10.

On behalf of the officials of the County I wish to thank Peter Eden and Steve Hosking for their services of distinction while they have been juniors and to express the hope that they will continue the good work now that henceforward they will join the senior ranks.

NEWBURY

2 STAR OPEN

by The Editor

A WIN FOR TREVOR

Trevor Taylor, the Commonwealth singles champion and England No. 4, came back out of the shadows to win the men’s singles title, previously held by Brian Burns, at the 13th Newbury Open played at the Base Gymnasium, R.A.F. Greenham, on Mar. 24.

Taylor is reported to be hopeful of emigrating to Australia, feeling the game holds no future for him in England and has applied for a job as a playing coach in Sydney. His future at Newbury seemed quite destined to be capped with success as he proceeded to cut down to size such high ranking juniors as Paul Day (semi) and Andy Barden in the final. His reward financially was £25 and twelve months holding of the Tutty Cup.

M.S.: Semi-finals
A. Barden (Middx) bt G. Chapman (Surrey) 18, 10.
T. Taylor (Essex) bt P. Day (Cambs) 17, 11.
Final: TAYLOR bt Barden 9, 12.

W.S.: Semi-finals
J. Williams (Sussex) bt A. Mitchell (Middx) 6, 17.
S. Hession (Essex) bt B. Fuchs (Canada) 13, 12.
Final: WILLIAMS bt Hession 12, 18.

M.D.: Semi-finals
L. Williams (Sussex) bt M. Ogundipe (Surrey) 15, 16.
I. Tarten (Essex) bt J. Shepherd 20, 14.
Final: WILLIAMS bt Tarten 18, 16.

ESSEX NOTES

by ALAN SHEPHERD

MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT

The County teams ended the season in a blaze of glory, pride of place undoubtedly going to the Seniors, who “stuffed” Yorkshire at Harrogate by 6-3 and caused great concern up there as to whether they might incredibly lose the Premier Division title they were odds-on certainties to win. If Warwick’s had beaten Yorks a day later, Essex would have been champions! In the event they did not but the runners-up position for our team of Ian Horsham, David Brown, Ian Roberts and Lesley Radford was a magnificent achievement.

The Second team were the moral champions of Second Division East since they played their final match without regulars David Bowler and Graham Blomfield and needing a 6-4 win for the title could only draw 2-2 with Horsh. David Randell, Elaine Tarten and Linda Barrow were the other stalwarts in this team.

Our Veterans are once again National Champions! The team of Ken Beamish, Percy Curtis, Vic Ireland and Marie Know retained their unbeaten record this season by beating Cheshire 6-3 in the Challenge Match. Well done, Vic, and Phyllis Lauder, their captain!

The Junior first team ended a punishing three-day stint at Easter by taking third place in the Junior Premier Division, and losing only to Yorkshire.

The Junior Second team completed the Roll of Honour by retaining their title in Junior Division East. Kirkdale here were Alan Abbott, David Moss, David Reynolds, Devinder Selunshi, Penny Abbott, Janet Boulter and Carol Taylor.

National Competition news is that the Silverton League junior team of Eadie, Potton and Steven Webbs has reached the semi-final of the Carter Cup, following an unbelievable win over the holders, North Middlesex (Marc Mitchell, Andrew Barden and David Iszatt).

Mainly responsible for their 5-4 win was Potton, who reached heights of brilliance even he had not previously shown and was so inspired that he beat David, Andrew and Mark one after the other. Eadie weighted in with two wins which were equally vital as the stunned North Middlesex team went out of the composition. As Essex and North Middlesex N.P.C. my feelings can be imagined.

In the Bromfield Trophy the Dagenham girls’ team of Elaine Tarten, Sandra Suttin and Penny Abbott has also reached the semi-final. Both Silvertown and Dagenham should win through to the Finals on June 2nd.

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Yorkshire Junior Open

by REA BALMFORD


JUNIOR OPEN

Kilburn/Souter bt R. Hazelwood/S. SOUTER bt Kilburn 12, 29.


Girls’ Doubles: Semi-finals: Reed bt Harrison/J. Tierney bt C. Haworth (Yks) 9, 6; Metcalfe 17, 15.

Final: Baxter (Yks)/J. Cooper (Derbys) 19, -20, 12.


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IRISH SUCCESS IN JERSEY

The play-off for the European League (Western Divisional Group) took place in Jersey on Apr. 26-27. Sponsored by Le Maurier's, the Jersey wine merchants, with tables and equipment provided by John Jaques & Son, the event can only be considered a complete success if one discounts the weather aspect.

Only Ireland of the main contenders were at full strength. Wales were without their top players due to an unfortunate clash with Glamorgan's participation in the Premier Division Senior Promotion Challenge of the County Championships, and Scotland were without Eric Sutherland.

The results up to the final series were mostly predictable with Scotland and Ireland winning three matches with the loss of only two sets each. Most interesting clash in the opening sessions was between the host country, Jersey, and their traditional rivals from nearby Guernsey.

In the recent European Championships, in Yugoslavia, Guernsey had beaten their island rivals for the first time in many years and Jersey went out for revenge. It was not to be, however, and Guernsey won a very nervy battle 4-3 with Joe Clancy beating Frank Bougeard 10-18, 19-17, 9-19 in the final set. Clancy won both his singles, Gary Williams and Mandy Smith, and combined with Pauline Soper to take the mixed. Pauline also won her singles.

In the final session the two unbeaten teams, Scotland and Ireland, were in opposition. At 2-2 it was anyone's match when the two mixed doubles pairs took the table. With Jim Langan and Karen Senior trailing 12-17 in the third to Richard Yule and Elaine Smith, who would have given them a chance. But they fought back to win the deciding set 21-19 to virtually clinch the tie. Tommy Caffrey beat David Frasier in straight games and Langan rubbed salt into the wounds by winning the final set, 19-17, 19-17, 2-19, 22-19, to virtually clinch the issue. Tommy Caffrey would have given them a real chance. But they fought back to win the deciding set 21-19 to virtually clinch the tie.

Individuals, Langan and Karen Senior were outstanding, with unbroken records. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior champion.
Table Tennis on Stamps

by IAN R. CRICKMER

Part I : 1962—1965


1962— Egypt : United Arab Republic. 3 stamps, 5 mls, 10 mls and 35 mls values for the First African Tournament played in Alexandria. Triangle stamps each issued setanted (joined) with similar values for the Thirty-eighth World Shooting Championships in Cairo. (S.G. 742, 744 and 746).

1962— Macao. 20 avos value of a set of six stamps showing various sports. In all, eight Portuguese colonies issued sets of six stamps showing forty-eight different sports altogether. (S.G. 559).


1963— China (People's Republic). Two values each 8 fen, for the Twentieth World Championships played in Prague. One of a set of sixteen stamps for Czech sports events of 1963. (S.G. 1332).

1963— Nicaragua. 1 coro oblong value of a set of thirteen Airmail stamps showing various sports. (S.G. 1495).

1963— Jordan. 4 fils value of the third issue for the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo; eight stamps showing various sports. (As previously, table tennis is not an Olympic sport). This set is not catalogued by Gibbons, who are not entitled as to its status as an official Jordanian Post Office issue.


1964— Yemen Arab Republic. 1 benign value of a set of eight values depicting local Yemeni sports. (S.G. 248).

1965— Korea : North Korea. One value, 10 chon, of a set of three stamps for the Ganzo Games, Phnom-Penh. The stamps were issued in vertical triplets throughout the sheet, showing 5 different scenes, 10 chon (basketball) and 10 chon (pentathlon table tennis player). (S.G. NK 721).

1967— Korea : North Korea. Three stamps, 5 chon, 10 chon, 40 chon, for the Twenty-ninth International National Championships played in Pyongyang. (S.G. NK 771 to NK 773: four stamps, three each of 8 fen and one of 22 fen, to commemorate the Asian, African and Latin-American Invitation Championships played in Peking in 1972. (S.G. numbers not yet allocated).

Catalogue Review

by IAN R. CRICKMER

The long-awaited publication of Rex Haggett’s authoritative work on postal cancellations used for comprehensive listing, which should find not only a place on every enthusiast’s bookshelf but a regular spot on the working desk in the quest for these interesting and often elusive issues. The author can be excused his choice of title, “Ping Pong Postmarks,” in seeking an alliterative name—his catalogue lists over 160 postmarks, including the results of extensive research into the wealth of Japanese town cancels of the 1950s. Described and illustrated are postmarks from 1937 to 1973, and the catalogue has been produced, duplicated and photo-copied on a loose-leaf system to allow for the addition of subsequent supplements. It is available from the author, Rex Haggett, at 27 Meadow Close, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 5PJ.

The charge is £1: inclusive of postage costs. For overseas subscribers this would mean mailing at the printed paper rate—additional charges for quicker delivery must be prepaid.

One cancellation used less than a year ago is already proving hard to locate. This was the triangular cancel used during the August, 1973, European Youth Championships at Piraeus, Greece. The cancel is known used both on an official Greek T.T.A. cover and on a pictorial cover issued by Greek stamp dealers. On the latter design, a few copies are available at £1 each from Troves Stamp Shop, 31 Spring Street, Western Road, Brighton.

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In the Coaching Field

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

Over the last few months I have been insinuating off what is the new Hales Proficiency Scheme, but, well, I've never seemed to light up. Well, at last I can give some definite information about it.

The new badges are now available and good looking badges they are, too, especially the Silver badge. A combination on this badge is excellent. I could even take the Award myself just to get one.

As the scheme also, sponsors, for the scheme has been taken on by the York Hales, a very apt Company considering their long connections with table tennis. Students. Students qualifying for the various awards will automatically receive the new badges at a cost of 60p, which includes both badge and certificate.

It is an increase over the cost of the previous badges but, as with everything else, cost of manufacture is escalating and it is also a more ambitious design. By the time this magazine is in print the new forms for the Proficiency Award Scheme should be available, and a letter to Jack Carrington. At Hermitage Court, London, E18 2EP, should bring a supply.

At one time, to be eligible to participate in the scheme it was necessary to be under 21. This has now been altered, showing that it no longer thought that your table tennis career is over if you are 17 plus. In fact in many cases it may not have even started. I was interested to learn that Jack Carrington himself did not start playing until he was 23, which must be over 10 years ago now!

I was once told how old John Louchie was at the start of his career. I have forgotten the exact age, but I do know he was a late starter, compared with today's youngsters, and he did not do too badly either.

This brings me to the welcome news that some of the Panels are starting squads for the under 21 age group. In the past they have been concentrating on juniors, and once you were over 17 it was difficult to be included in a panel squad. It can be hoped that in future coaching for the under-21 group may be undertaken with the idea of making them into top players, rather than just operating a service for the social player.

Many of the top juniors attending the panel squads and, eventually, the assessment camps, aim for the national ranking or seeding list will be formed. The information gained from these trials, plus performances at tournaments and in county matches, can decide the fate of the top boys and girls in the country.

I must add that the national ranking lists are not compiled by the National Coaching and Schools' Committee, but by the National Selection Committee.

I say this because the only people that the juniors attending these training and assessment camps come into contact with are the County, Panel and National Coaches. They therefore think that the ranking is carried out by the E.T.T.A., national coaches, or by the Coaching Committee.

From County level to Panel level can amount to about 100 juniors involved in squad training. Throughout the 10 panels there are around 3,000 juniors, of which about 10 will make the final national list—10 of each sex that is.

Disqualification at failure of accusations of downright robbery are usually levied at the National Coaches or at the Coaching Committee as a whole. So again I say, all ranking and national team selection is carried out by the Selection Committee.

One of the recurring problems the Coaching Committee are called upon to contend with is the increasing demand for tables to equip the centres carried around in the country. Requests are frequently received from regional centres endeavouring to expand, or new centres trying to get off the ground and the same problem is always apparent, insufficient tables.

The Coaching Committee do receive a few tables for such allocation, but they only come in ones and twos and the requests are registered by the sizes. As everyone is aware, there is no universal size, and it is therefore not the reluctance on the part of the Committee to grant such aid but sheer inability to do so.

If your regional centre has made a request which, for any reason, has not been granted, be sure it will be dealt with in strict order of priority. The Panels have experienced many problems but are finally making progress. It was originally thought that it would take three years before the system started to produce results, so we are running well within that estimate.

As mentioned earlier, more attention is to be paid to the older teenagers, i.e., under-21. This could mean that the emphasis could shift from the present 12-17 year old age group to say 15-21. And this gives food for thought in many aspects.

I think it is fair to say that the majority of coaching is carried out in schools or in centres catering for school children. This means that unless there are members of local league clubs there is a great gap, not that the bulk of the coaches are spending their time on students who are not members of the E.T.T.A.

I know that the E.S.T.T.A. are accepting under-21's for their Good Standing but this does not mean they are affiliated members, it is this is not stated in the form of a complaint, but may, however, raise the point of observation that the older junior is more likely to belong to an affiliated club and this may give a greater impetus to the formation of the older age group squads.

I saw an invitation in Table Tennis News, from Reading for the U14 boys' and girls' teams to accept a challenge match. Reading appears to be very confident of their girls' team unchallenged, as I have previously been stressing how disappointed I was about the standard of girls nationally, I would be most interested to learn of such results.

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WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES
by IAN R. CRICKMER

BEST-PLACING
The County season closed with the aggregate in the Gloucestershire Trophy, to the delight of the Home Counties, and the number of titles that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. The results of the match were published in the Gloucestershire Trophy, and the number of teams that could be won. 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Entry forms may be obtained Reading and lane Harvey. Their semi-final with the excellent All-
Open will be held a week later the Rose Bowl ended with a 3-5
victory over Christine Davies and round team of Janet New, Julie
strange that Winchester does not
Guildford team relied on three
defeat by Worthing. Linda Wales
Hampshire Association, who are
mittee Members will be hard to
who in turn was beaten by "Bunny"
journey has also served on the Com·
to formalise Oldman 21-17, 13-21, 21-7 in
of the Men's Singles Title was
In Portsmouth the surprise winner
of the Men's Singles Title was
Steve Kitcher. who I thought

time retained their


HERALDING HEREFORDSHIRE
by JAN R. CRICKMER
CLOSED CHAMP.

Though both living dangerously at
time, the two players had
led Herefordshire's County Chami·
ionship challenge. Russell Joyce
and Mike Prosser, survived to
central, the final of the County
Closed tournament played on April
6th, at Wiggins Camden.
Prosser had his usual struggle
with Ledbury's Neville Meredith,
whose opponent in the quarter-
finals 21-16, 20-22, 21-15, only
by saving several match points held
on the other hand, had a door
struggle at this stage with the
exposed rule applied at 7-6 in the
tenth game versus Graham Rowe
Prosser then took full control
to win 21-13, 21-10.
The other "quarters" saw
Nick Hodges beat unseeded Andrew
Davies 21-14, 21-13 and John Old
man upset Richard Owens 21-21,
22-20, 21-13. Prosser then elimin·
ated Oldmans 21-17, 12-21, 21-7 in
the first semi-final, but Prosser
found himself 17-9 down in the
third against Hodges before
courageously hitting four winners
to go through 21-12, 21-12, 21-19.
He then continued in the same
waste to take the title with surpris·
example Case-Prosser contributed
a number of unforced errors, for
Prosser to romp home 21-13, 21-10.
The same leading players con·
tested the later stage of the doubles—Prosser and Prosser beat
Farnborough's Graham Brownley
Brownley, 21-12, 21-15 in the first
in the final of City's opponent
Prosser and Prosser confirmed
their supremacy with a 21-13, 21-13
by winning the final 21-16, 21-14.


These trophies and those for the
leagues will not now be
League tables for this season are
wed, it was
to the last week in April. Several
promotions have been confirmed that Northumber·
ment, Andrew Clark, and Alan
appointments for Northumberland, as
match 8-2 to Yorkshire II. The

NORTHERNLAND NOTES
by PAULINE JACKSON
LOW NOTE FINISH
Northumberland's first team
teed their season on a low note
when they lost their last County match 8-2 to Yorkshire II. The
margin of this defeat was a disappoint·
ment for Northumberland, as Yorkshire defied a weaker team
than expected, and it was felt that
might have been turned up.
Competition for Northumberland
ie was very strong, and in fact was played
Table tennis regularly, up to the
the season at the beginning of the year. He
had been working hard for
his own club and County
i, and was determined to help other
Committees.
He also found time to be Editor of the
Northumberland County Times, "The Bulletin," and his death has
a great loss to all sports in the North of

On behalf of the N.T.T.A., his
comrades-in-arms, and his many friends throughout the
North of England, I convey my deepest sympathy to his

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The latest Junior rankings are:-

1. U-13: Steve Lyon, David Alden
2. U-15: Martin Shuttle, Andy Martin
3. U-16: Robert Viner, Dave Critchley
4. U-19: Terry Sutton, Marty Ingle
5. Girls U-19: Claire Delf

The Wellingborough Tourna­
ment was won by David Lenton, with Simon Viner, Paul Smith, Kevin Marrable and Chris Bennett.

The latest Junior championships include:-

March 19: Wellingborough's Challenge Cup and Tournament. The Wellingborough team, comprising Steve Lyon, David Alden, and Terry Sutton, beat Wellingborough 3-1.

April 19: Northampton's Smith and Webster won the Men's Doubles title against a team from Birmingham.

July 11: Senior Division Two following their 2-1 victory over Coventry.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

In early April, more than half of the table tennis Associations of the world were engaged in major competitions—27 in the 9th European Championships in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and 30 in the 2nd Asian Championships played in the 6,000-seater Yokohama Culture Centre Gymnasium, Japan.

This latter event had the backing of the Yokohama City Council who provided a staff of 1,000 to organise the Championships (this included all the staff in the playing hall—cleaners and the such like). They also provided executive personnel to organise the sections other than on the playing side (120 umpires). The Chairman of the Organising Committee was the Mayor of Yokohama (Ichio Asukata), a most dynamic personality.

The Championships themselves provided clear evidence of the improvement being shown by some of the less well developed Asian Associations, although non-provided any real threat to the undoubted leadership of China and Japan. It was pleasant to note (writes H. Roy Evans, I.T.T.F. President) that Australia and New Zealand, attached to Asia for just this opportunity for competition, more than justified their journeys.

The I.T.T.F. Executive Committee—H. Roy Evans, Hisao Kido (Deputy President), A. K. "Bill" Vint (Hon. Gen. Secretary) and Jean Mercier (Hon. Treasurer)—met during the period of the Championships in Yokohama. Roy Evans and "Bill" Vint will represent the I.T.T.F. at the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (G.A.I.F.) in Lucerne, Switzerland, from May 30-June 2.

Results of the 2nd Asian Championships in Japan were:

Men's Team—China bt Japan 5-3
Hsi En-ting lost to N. Hasegawa 17, -12, -18; bt T. Tasaka 18, 16.
Hsu Shao-fa bt Tasaka 16, 17; bt M. Kohno 9, 19; bt Hasegawa -14, 16, 16.
Li Chen-shin lost to Kohno 21, -17, -18; bt Hasegawa 8, -15, 13; lost to Tasaka -12, 18, -24.

Women's Team—Japan bt China 3-1
Y. Ohzeki bt Huang Hsi-ping -16, 15, 17; bt Chang Li 20, 20.
S. Yokota lost to Chang Li -17, -21.
Ohzeki/Yokota bt Chang Li/Cheng Huai-ying 16, 18.

Leading placings (previous positions in brackets) were:

Men
1. China (2)
2. Japan (1)
3. Hong Kong (6)
4. Australia
5. Vietnam D.R. (4)
6. Malaysia (5)
7. India
8. Singapore
9. South Vietnam R.
10. Macao
11. Thailand
12. Philippines (8)

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Men's Singles: Semi-finals
N. Hasegawa (Ch) bt Li Chen-shih (Ch) 17, 18, 15.
Hsi En-ting (Ch) bt M. Kohno (Ja) 14, 13, 14.
Final: HASEGAWA bt Hsi En-ting 15, 14, 13.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals
T. Edano (Ja) bt S. Yokota (Ja) -13, 18, 19.
Y. Ohzeki (Ja) bt T. Abe (Ja) 9, -19, 23, 14.
Final: EDANO bt Ohzeki 15, 14, 18.

Men's Doubles
Honggawa/Kohno bt Li Chen-shih/Tiao Wen-yuan (Ch) 16, 13, 18, 20, 17.

Women's Doubles
Chang Li/Cheng Huai-ying (Ch) bt Ohzeki/Yokota 17, 19.

Mixed Doubles
Kohno/Edano bt Li Chen-shih/Chang Li 14, 16, 18.

Boys' Singles
T. Yamaguchi (Ja) bt A. Kumar (India) 11, 18, 20, -11, 19.

Girls' Singles
Yang Yen-chun (Ch) bt K. Kawa-higashi (Ja) 17, 14, 22.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret I record the death of Mr. Ake Eldh in Sweden recently. Mr. Eldh, born on March 3rd, 1912, in Goteborg, was the Deputy President of the I.T.T.F. from 1959 to 1971. He had been a member of the Advisory Committee from 1954 and in turn was the Chairman of the Equipment Committee, the Chairman of the Classification Committee and a member of the Standing Orders Committee. Mr. Eldh, born in France, and later, in 1957, and remained a member of the Committee until 1982. In the Swedish Association he was Treasurer from 1952 to 1959 and President from 1959 to 1970. In 1971 the L.T.T.F. bestowed the highest honour that they are able to confer by electing him a Personal Honorary Member. Mr. Eldh was a loyal colleague who served the game well and will long be remembered for his integrity and sense of justice.

H. ROY EVANS.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1975

The recent journeyings of I.T.T.F. President, H. Roy Evans,
took him to India from Mar. 12-20 to inspect a possible venue in New Delhi. He subsequently travelled to Calcutta, inspected available facilities and met the Principal Minister of the State of West Bengal. At a meeting of the Executive of the T.T. Federation of India, attended by the President, the decision was taken to award the Championships to Calcutta from Feb. 5-10, 1975. These dates were announced worldwide, but it has subsequently been found necessary to postpone them to 6-16 February, 1975.

LOTTERY OR LEVY

by TOM BLUNN, Hon. Treasurer, E.T.T.A.

The decision of the National Council to ask teams to agree to a compulsory levy on all players (team places) has caused some concern amongst those leagues that have already agreed to assist in fund-raising for the "Worlds 1977" by taking a active part in the lottery organised by Lou Hoffman.

There has been some concern at what could turn out to be a dual contribution and consequently I am preparing to give full consideration to any comment or suggestion but first I think the members should be aware of the reasoning behind what appears to some to be a change in fund-raising policy.

The task given to Lou Hoffman was to raise funds. A compulsory levy had been mentioned by delegates at a previous A.G.M. and this had to be considered. The Fund Raising Committee considered the position at great length and their decision was announced publicly in the October issue of "Table Tennis News." I personally think this was the right one. I had in mind the need for an increase in affiliation fees in the near future due to the ever-increasing costs of all aspects of administration and the effects of inflation generally on all other aspects of our organisation.

I did not raise this matter with Lou Hoffman or mention it in any way to the Management Committee for or even the officers. I did not wish to influence the in any way to the best way in which to get the players to participate in raising something towards the cost of the "Worlds." I emphasise "towards," because the amount raised is not only 20% of the total cost; the other 80%, or £20,000, will be raised by other means. But we must demonstrate that we are prepared to put something back into the game and the best way to do this is for a voluntary fund-raising effort which will produce a reasonable contribution towards the total cost.

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Commonwealth Championships

The dates of the 3rd Commonwealth Championships, to be held in Main & Abbey Hall, Melbourne, have been confirmed as being from 5th to 10th March, 1975.
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Scores shown in the results section are given in the form of scores, e.g., 11-5, where 11 is the winner’s score. The ‘good kills’ section indicates good winners, and the ‘good net shots’ indicates good net winners.

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The third quarter was again a case of a lead-and-lead-take, but on this occasion Mitchell, Iszatt, Audley, and Wilson were well ahead early in the second and third games. The second's seed, Barden, proceeded to their alloted quarter but had a real scare in the fourth round when the 10th seed, Crimmins, of Middlesbrough, put up a strong resistance. Barden was able to edge home 21-19, 20-22, 22-20.

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The Girls' Doubles brought forth a number of exciting matches. Out of the outer seems unlikely anybody would have been able to seriously extend Anita Stevenson and Carole Knight. Yet by the time the quarter-finals were called to the table they dropped the first game 19-21, but had won the second and third games 22-20, 21-19 in the third to claim a place in the semi-final. They were joined by Susan Tame-who I particularly fancied to do well-and the other seed, Judith Walker. The left-handed Sheffield girl found the much-improved Linda Wales on top form and only one player looked like winning in the third. After Sutton's excellent win over Mallor she was brought down to earth by Karen Rogers' defence proved too much for her. Carole Knight, meanwhile, continued to show devastating form and the next player to fall to her was Elaine Tarten. In the semi-finals Anita Stevenson hit with tremendous power and Linda Wales was able to do little to stem the onslaught. Rogers had a fine first game against Knight, narrowly won by the Middlesex lass, but there was only one player in it in the second.

Tame, UNDERSTANDING

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In the semi-finals, the tournament had finished at a reasonable hour, the conditions had been excellent and the enthusiastic Alan Waters had made sure the lighting, Dunlop tables and surroundings were perfectly set up.

Players and spectators all seemed to go away happy. If so then the journey was a success.

THE WAYFARERS ENGLISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS — KENILWORTH

Barden/Brown Round 4

Day/Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Day/Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Statesbrook/Brown bt Eadie/Reeves (Berks) 19, 14;

Barden/Day bt D. Bangerter/M. Crimmins 18, 10.

Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

St Vere/Stevenson bt L. Holmes/S. Holmes 11, 7.

K. Greathough (Surrey)/Tarten bt Sutton/S. Dove/M. Sangster (Middx) 13, 9.

Alden bt S. Yallop (Derbys) 10, 5;

St Vere/Stevenson bt L. Holmes/S. Holmes 11, 7;

M. Wallis bt S. Hunt (Lines) 12, 11.

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G: 51 Events
G.S.: M. Reeves (Berks) bt L. Emery (Lancs) 13-6.
L: 13 Events
B.S.: S. Yallop (Dhbs) bt G. Inch 11-2.
G.S.: L. Hololus (Dhbs) bt G. Heath (Berks) 11-7, 11-17.
B.D.: B. Baker (Hunts)/Bregmann bt G. Black (Lancs)/Inch 18-16.
L: 15 Events
G.S.: J. Hant (Lincs) bt S. Dove (Middl) 15-16.
L: 17 Events
G.S.: M. Sangster (Middd) bt S. Jenkins (Dir) 11-13, 18.
B.D.: Johnson/Mountford bt A. Cotton/D. Shropshire (Wks) 20-16, 19.
X-D.: Pilgrim/Sewell/bt Dove/Dove 21-6.

MERTON JUNIOR OPEN
by C. G. FUGATT
(Hon. Secretary, Merton T.T. Club)

It gives me great pleasure to write these notes on the first Merton Junior Open which was a big success to all concerned. All credit is due to the Tournament Secretary, Rosalee Yorke, and his wife, Pat, the work they put into this tournament is unbelievable. Just for the record, I wonder if there is any other club in England where they can say they run two open tournaments in one week.

The Tournament had to be restricted to 143 entries and gave us a total of 410 games to play on a home and away basis. Merton Juniors made a big impression in their own tournament and appeared in six of the finals. Steve Wilson was runner-up in the U-17's as well as being runner-up in the U-13 doubles. What a successful day for 11-year-old Richard Bergemann, who won the U-11 singles in a great final with Graham Sandley. Richard was also runner-up in the U-13's, and partnered by Graham Sandley, was runner-up in the B/S doubles.

Julie Reading (Merton) partnered with Linda Wales, won the Girls' U-15 doubles. Other local players to do well included Bourne's Janet New, who reached the final of the Girls' U-15 whose title she lost to England-ranked Junior, Linda Wales. Caroline and David Higgs made a big impression and between them appeared in six finals, finishing with a single.

Through these notes I would like to thank Danny Sheep for the use of their equipment, and also all the Club members who donated the Challenge Trophies.

WESSEX NOTES
by ROBIN PIERCE

SUSSEX NOTES

Sixteen tables were kept busy throughout the day at the annual Sussex "Closed" Tournament, which was held at the Corn Exchange, Brighton.

This tournament was a triumph for the old brigade, Roger Chandler and Judy Williams, who were in fine fettle throughout the tournament. Pride of place must go to Judy, who won the singles for the third successive year. In the final, despite being behind at the start of both games, she had little real difficulty in overcoming her opponent, Sam Ogundipe, who won the singles for the tenth successive year. In the final, Judy was unable to get his bat out of the way at 19-18 so this gave the favourites a very lucky boost.

Roger Chandler was head and shoulders above the opposition in the men's singles. Even his final opponent, Sam Ogundipe, was unable to make any significant progress. Chandler looped and killed his way to a 21-13, 21-13 victory, his seventh win in this event.

The best of the youngsters have never dominated the proceedings to the same extent as the adults. Although Chandler and Stace, the No. 1 seeds, were regarded as clear favourites, they had to save two match points before defeating Keith Horton and Steve Marley in a rather drab final.

Results
M.S.: R. Chandler (B'ton) bt S. Ogundipe (B'ron) 13-11, 11-3.
W.S.: Miss J. Williams (Eastbourne) bt Miss R. Kavaliereu (Littlehampton) 17-15.
M.D.: Chandler/Stace (B'st) bt K. Horton (Crawley)/S. Marley (Chichester) 19-10, 20.
X-D.: Ogundipe/Williams bt Stace/L. Wales 21-17, 11.
JOHN HOOK

16-YEAR-OLDS TO THE FORE

Cheshire acknowledge and congratulate John Hook and Pat Allen on their selection by the Welsh Association for junior international play. John (16) is the Welsh No.2 and, furthermore, will again be eligible for selection next season. He is the current holder of the North Wales senior and junior titles, such performances having earned him selection to represent Wales in the European Youth Championships being held at Boblingen, West Germany (July 28-Aug. 4). Pat, also 16, is currently ranked No.1 on the junior list, being the holder of the Aberdare and Swansea Junior Open titles and, like John, will also be a competitor at Boblingen. Good luck both.

The County Championships this season will be remembered for the performance of the first team in taking 8 points which marks our best-ever season in the Premier Division. Wins were obtained against Middlesex, Essex, Bucks and Warwicks but complacency must not be allowed to creep in for Warwicks were without Desmond Douglas and Essex fielded what was virtually their second string.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by TONY ROSS

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fifty years of table tennis in Yorkshire were celebrated at the Jubilee Dinner Dance at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate, on 10th May last, by over 170 players, officials and guests. Yorkshire's fear in retaining all four titles won last season provided the pinnacle from which the after-dinner speakers surveyed the past in unashamed nostalgia. It was a Lancastrian, no less, in the person of E.T.T.A. Deputy Chairman George Yates, who proposed the toast to the Association, with accounts of battle honours won and memories of past victories.

LINCÖNSHIRE NOTES

by ALAN G. BIRKS

CONSOLATION AND HOPE

The County Junior team travelled to Wigan to oppose the powerful Lancashire it's with out the No. 1, C. Boyd (Mablethorpe). Coming into the team for his first representative match was T. Wilson (Mablethorpe) who played well and was unlucky to go down to Ian Blackmore -19, -21. Suzanne Hunt (Grantham) who had won her singles, and helped to win the girls' doubles, in the first five matches, found herself on the losing end twice on this occasion, losing 20, 11 to Kathleen Cropper and going down in two in the doubles as well.

So Lincolnshire finish the season with only two points, both from draws, but there is consolation and hope for the future in the fact that all the players who took part in this match will still be eligible next season. Interesting to note that of the 22 sets won by the team this season, five have come in the girls' singles, five in the girls' doubles, and five in the mixed doubles.

E.T.T.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first ever individual championships to be promoted by the English Schools' T.T.A. were due to take place at the Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, on Sunday, May 26. A full report, together with results, will appear in the Sept./Oct. issue.

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The subject of this letter is the seedings for the recent above event. I am not an expert on table tennis, but I have worked hard in the organisation, and there is no doubt in my mind that the event had not been seeded. The reasons are not marked in any way, but upon investigation they were apparently:- 1) A. Harrar; 2) K. Witt; 3) J. Kitter; 4) H. Thorpe; 5) S. Smith; 6) J. Douglas; 7) M. Wallis, and perhaps, worst of all, B. Chamberlain — all successful Open Tournament players. The first six of this latter list of girls, plus J. Kitter, were not seeded in the first place were looked at and it was on this basis that the seeds for these 14 events in these Championships were not marked. Accordingly the Nos. 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, were interchanged so that we would have the CHAMPIONSHIPS players, it became apparent that a corrected. Accordingly the Nos. 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, were interchanged so that we would have the CHAMPIONSHIPS players, it became apparent that a corrected. Accordingly the Nos. 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, were interchanged so that we would have the

**CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM**

Mr. Charters has been good enough to bring to my notice the fact that the seedings for the National Tournament were not a reflection of the ratings of the National Committee. Secondly, in the hope that the situation will not be repeated, I would like to recommend that seedings for National Championships be done by the National Selection Committee

**RETIREMENT**

Just thought you may like to record in Table Tennis News that Ron is retiring from table tennis at the end of this season after 30 years of competitive playing. He is the moment, playing in the Premier Division of the Doncaster League and has turned down the offer of a Doncaster town whilst we have lived here.

Ron will keep in touch with the game through reading the Table Tennis News and is also a member of the International Club.

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NO IMMUNITY FROM INFLATION

by TOM BLUNN, Hon. Treasurer, E.T.T.A.

The reaction in some quarters to the proposed increase in affiliation fees seems to suggest that the E.T.T.A. has been granted immunity from the increase in the cost of living brought about by the effect of continued inflation. I wish this was so, but regrettably I have to report that all aspects of administration and other costs are rising rapidly and have been doing so since the last increase in affiliation fees was granted at the A.G.M. in July, 1971.

The recent budget proposals have not helped to stem the rise, rather they have served only to bring further material increases in the future, particularly in the cost of telephones, postages, travel, national insurance, graduated pensions and lighting and heating.

The staff employed by the association are also subject to increases in cost of living and regular increases in salaries and fees have been necessary in order to help them to maintain their standard of living.

The result of the increases so far coupled with the anticipated increases in the next two seasons, is a realisation that a further increase in affiliation fees is inevitable.

The following figures serve to indicate the extent that inflation has eaten into the funds of the E.T.T.A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COVERING A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS

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Net income from members (net) £11,7867 £20,955 £23,075

Sales                      £27,459 £30,895 £33,507

Affiliation fees (net)      8383 13100 17000

Other income from members (net) 610  650  700

Bank interest              27            90            120

Donations                  94            350           500

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Sports Council Grants       10300         13200         15500

Deficit on Administration   £12245       £28010        £34135

Notes:
(1) Inflation is running at approximately 12% p.a.
(2) Since 1971/72 a training scheme has been introduced, grant aided by the Sports Council, at a net cost of £4,000 p.a. which is met from the sources and not included in the above figures.
(3) In 1973/74 season a Development Officer was appointed whose salary is grant aided by the Sports Council. The net cost of £750 p.a. is also met from other sources and is not included in the above figures.
(4) Only half the cost of administration in 1975/76 will be met by members affiliation fees.

The net cost of the Coaching Scheme has always been included with the cost of Administration as the coaching services are available to all members of the Association—the scheme is heavily subsidised by the Sports Council and the grant is included in the above figures.

It was the intention that the increase in 1971 would last four or even five years but events have caught up with us and the income must be increased now.

It has always been my policy to divorce "special" events from the cost of running the association, as those are supported by only a minority of better class players. The "special" events include the four English Championships, the international matches and the WelshWedding

Spring sunshine was in evidence outside St. Mary's Church, Bangor, on Easter Monday, April 15, when Warwickshire County player, Ralph Edward Gunton was married to Yvonne Madelaine Jones. Ralph's best man was Roger Morris, T.T. personalities at the wedding included Johnny Leach (pictured to Ralph's right) and to the bride's left, George R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Maurice Goldstein (President) of the E.T.T.A.

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D. Munt (Wa) 10 10 100
R. Thornton (Bk) 10 10 100
K. Matthews (Mi) 10 10 100
G. Pugh (Sy) 10 10 100
M. Ogden (Gn) 10 10 100

Women

P. Harmer (Bd) 10 10 100
L. Thornton (Bk) 10 10 100
P. Day (Ca) 10 10 100
B. Keates (St) 10 10 100
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JUNIOR SOUTH

L. King (Ha) 6 6 80
J. Lloyd (Wo) 6 6 80
J. Daly (Ca) 6 6 80
G. Kershaw (Sy) 6 6 80
E. Watson (Bu) 6 6 80

Women

F. Mauthoor (E) 6 6 80
A. Hunt (Dy) 6 6 80
M. Shuttle (Sy) 6 6 80
M. Wood (Wo) 6 6 80
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2ND MIDLAND

B. Reeves (So) 10 10 100
L. Pachul (Cu) 10 10 100
M. Owen (Gn) 10 10 100
J. Proffitt (He) 10 10 100
N. Hughes (Cu) 10 10 100
J. Davies (Bo) 10 10 100

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P. Vickers (Dy) 6 6 80
D. Renton (Y) 6 6 80
J. Keates (Ha) 6 6 80
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T. Kitchener (Sk) 6 6 80
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The Gloucester League held its annual competitions at the Beau­ford Sports Centre on Sunday, 31st March, the winners being:

- Under-13: Keith Johnson.
- Under-17: William Dawe.
- Bryan Merrett Award: Keith Johnson.
- Open: Roy Morley.

An interesting combination was the return of Bryan Merrett to this type of competition, who, partnering 60-years-old William Dawe, only went out in the third of the final of the open doubles to Roy Morley and G. Ridler. Previous to partnering the oldest player in the tourna­ment, Bryan Merrett had partnered the youngest girl, Joanna Baughan in the mixed. She and others will be in the E.T.T.A. Under-13 competition on 27th April.

Gloucester Vets. have won their first match by beating Walsall 6-4 too late to save them from rele­gation.

Stroud did well to beat Glouce­ster girls 7-3, the 3 for Gloucester being from Jane Davey. In the Midlands League Stroud drew with Hinckley 'C' but just lost to Telford 4-6.

The County Coaching Officer, Peter Cruwys, tells me of the pleasant coaching sessions he was invited to run for Paul Lewis' Bristol boys in an excellent club­room at Bristol University, and at Stroud, where the numbers and quality are much improved. Well done all.

Nailsworth 'D' won the Stroud handicap competition beating Division 1 team Pessimists 'A'.

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SENIOR CHALLENGE MATCHES

to be present, secondhand reports

Billson and helpers—another good

through unbeaten while Bedford­

Yorkshire 7, Suffolk 3

Essex 6, Warwicks 4

Leicester 6, Suffolk 4

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Surrey 7, Leicester 3

Suffolk 2, Warwicks 8

Hertfordshire 3, Hampshire 7

JUNIOR SOUTH

PWDL F A Pts

Berkshire 4, Glamorgan 5
Kent 4 2 2 20 16 4
C.	 Major /Nilam lost to Davies/

Mrs. B. Hammond lost to Mrs. B.
F.	 Nilam bt Davies 18, 17; bt M.

Randell/Stevenson bt R. Etheridge/

P.	 Randall bt Co. Morris 19, 18; bt

Newman to level at 4-all and leave

for Betty Gray-very convincingly

-19, 16, -17.

-10, -19.

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-12; lost to Meisel -24, -20.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND-UP

Miss C. Knight lost to Mrs. L. Radford -17, 17. Raines/Sylvia Knight lost to Horsham/Radford -11, 16, 12. The non-appearance of local idol Dennis Neale, a big disappointment with Jarvis, Clayton, Alderson and Kench also not available. Yorkshire had to bring Jimmy Walker from a sick bed and Alan Ransome from a second team game at North Shields! Despite this they led 3-0 before Essex realised the match could be won and took the next 6 sets.

The last row of the board was exciting!!

Warwickshire 3, Yorkshire 6


Burn/Douglas bt Chandler/Wells 12, 15, 15. Miss D. St. Ledger lost to Miss C. Knight -12, 7, -19. P. Judd/St. Ledger lost to Clayton/Knight -19, 14, -19.

Dave Douglas maintained his unbeaten singles record and was the player of the match. Yorkshire, despite some wrongs, were simply too good.

2nd NORTH

Northumberland 2, Yorkshire 8

Neither side at full strength and no match for the next three did not and gave Kent 640 0 31 23 8

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Lancashire 6 Cumberland 4

Man 20, 9. Terry Bruce and Bill Moulding, Essex III .... 6 6 0 0 48 12 12


In other matches the hosts were all on song

Greg Baker, who maintained his own game and clinched the match (continued on page 31)

Lancashire 6, Cumberland 4

Derbyshire 2, Yorkshire II 2

A dreadful start for Middlesex, neither side at full strength and no match for the next three did not and gave Kent 640 0 31 23 8

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Essex II 8, Buckinghamshire 2

By beating Chris Harlow 15, -12, 18 and never looked as good again.

Cornwall 6, Dorset 4

Somerset double first at full strength and no match for the strong Graham

Wiltshire 5, Somerset 5

To the thanks of all concerned and Ipswich, currently in promotion, this made the win all the sweeter.

Graham had played 4 (!) times for Lancs JUNIOR PREMIER

Hydes/Walker bt Brown/Robertson 8-2 on the table, but Julie Black had played 4 (!) times for Lancs JUNIOR PREMIER

by beating Chris Harlow 15, -12, 18 in the last set.

Essex II 6, Buckinghamshire 2

Chris Leslie had a good match, beating David Reynolds and taking Devinder Sahmbi to 20, 14, 20. But Penny Albert and Jane Butts knew a bit too much for the Bucks girls.

Norfolk 5, Cambridgeshire II 3

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Essex II 4, Huntingdonshire 6

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Hertfordshire 2, Suffolk 8

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JUNIOR SOUTH

Essex III 4, Berkshire II 6

To Douglas (12) and Alison Berkshire 9, Worcestershire 1

Burn/Douglas lost to Jarvis/Walker -16, 25, 17! Brian Keates the "man of the match."

EASTERN

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