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Hope Eternal

More and more it becomes a necessity to obtain sponsorship, either wholly or in part, to budget the finances pertaining to the staging of open tournaments.

More are the days when entry fees balanced out the cost of prizes and the hire of a venue and tables were minimal. So many of the incalculable costs non-chargeable.

Limits have been reached in respect of entry fees but tariffs otherwise spiral ever upwards, making it imperative to find sponsorship or perish in the attempt.

Fortunately most of the established domestic open events are still to be found in the calendar, even the Merseyside 2-Star which, but for the timely intervention of Dunlop Sports Company, would have fallen by the wayside because of the withdrawal of last season’s sponsor.

Little wonder then that eyebrows shot up when, on Oct. 14, it was announced at a London Press Reception, that Pickwick International (the largest budget world) are to sponsor an International Tournament event.

Invitation event.

Furthermore the B.B.C. are to televise, live, part of the proceedings from Crystal Palace on Dec. 7, when prize money totalling £1,600 will be at stake. Hope really does spring eternal.

ENGLAND BEATEN AT PLZEN

The first series of matches in the Premier Division of the European League took place on October 17, 1974, with the shock result being provided by newcomers Yugoslavia in beating Sweden.

England, away to Czechoslovakia in Plzen, were beaten 6-1, the visitor’s only success coming in the fourth set when Desmond Douglas and Denis Neale had a men’s doubles victory over Milan Orlowski and Pavel Ovcark.

Orlowski, the reigning European men’s singles champion, began the match with a handsome straight victory over Neale, but matters looked like being evened up when Nicky Jarvis took the first game from Jaroslav Kunz and led 16-15 in the second only to lose his grip and the set.

Jill Hammersley had a similar lead in the third against Hana Riedlova but also failed to capitalise on her advantage though all credit must be afforded the young Czech player who, it will be recalled, accounted for the redoubtable Maria Alexandri in the European Championships. In the mixed doubles Douglas and Linda Howard had an opening game win over third 17-16 only to go down without winning another point. Finally Neale, after winning the second game against Kunz, had no answer to the pressure exerted by the Czech No. 2 in the deciding set. Individual scores:

M. Orlowski bt D. Neale 13, 10; J. Kunz bt N. Jarvis -12, 21, 13.
Hana Riedlova bt Jill Hammersley -11, 15, 21.
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It was in keeping with the spirit of the occasion that both the向 PIVS Reutlingen. Scores:

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France had the misfortune to lose the services of their No. 2, Patrick Biocheaux, in the week prior to their match away to Federal Germany, in Sarglins, when the Frenchman injured his ankle and reluctantly had to cry off and be substituted by Christian Martin. But the Germans had the match-winner in Jochen Leiss who, in the very first set, brought off the win of the night in beating Jacques Secretin in straight games. Young Peter Steflwag next accounted for Martin, to be followed by Weibke Hendriksen, who had the easiest of wins over Claude Bergeret.

Despite having its feathers so badly ruffled, the French cockerel managed to crow in the two doubles sets that followed when, firstly, Secretin and Jean-Denis Constant accounted for Leiss and Steflwag and Secretin, partnered by Miss Bergeret, similarly disposed of Heinrich Lammers, of T.C. Marcheig and Ursula Hirschmuller (Kaiserberg).

Leiss then returned to the table to win the match with devastating ease against the luckless Martin, leaving Secretin to finish off the proceedings against Steflwag, the up-and-coming player from S.S.S. Reutlingen.

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A dejected-looking Bengtsson, who went down to Surbek and Surbek administered the coup-de-grace in r.

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The Hungarian Table Tennis Association.

New Member

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ONE MAN'S VIEW

by MICHAEL J. LAWLESS

To the swirl of kits and the skirl of bagpipes, the "Sunday Times" Super League began its season in one of the several halls of Alexandra Palace, London, on Sunday, September 14.

In bygone days, pipes would lead soldiers into battle and those of us who finished lunch with food-stained clothing will never again doubt the effectiveness of this ploy. Only when the pipes and the bagsticks were taken into the arena to do battle.

Throughout the table tennis was interesting; but inevitably being so early in the season, there were few occasions when John Fullam-time of the "Sunday Times" felt obliged to search for superlatives. Nevertheless, there were moments of excitement, flashes of brilliance and a number of surprising results.

Donald Parker, early in the afternoon, beat Trevor Taylor 18 and 20 and, finishing the day undefeated, scored all the points for his side in their 6-3 defeat.

Jimmy Walker, although winning his third sets, could not prevent his side going down 5-4 to Desmond Douglas's team. In the set between the two captains, Jimmy drew first blood at 16 but collapse in the second game which Desmond won 21-7. The final game was won 21-15 against the "gumbro-watch" Walker winning the last two points to take it at 19.

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As the 1977 World Championships at Birmingham gets nearer, I really cannot think where all the money is coming from. E.T.T.A. members have decided that they do not want a compulsory levy but they do want the championships. Can they have one without the other? Those of us lucky enough to have seen the event staged in other countries—my experience covers only Munich and Sarajevo—have seen how vast and therefore expensive the operation was and we realise how much entry fee to world inflation, we can expect to pay for our privilege in 1977.

Perhaps there will be a miracle—a table tennis fanatic like Lou Hoffman will win the football pools or win top prize on the premium bonds. Tom Blunn is perhaps too experienced an administrator to lose any sleep over the problem. The point is you cannot expect sponsors to provide enormous piles of money whilst the table tennis players just sit back and buy a few raffle tickets. There is no way, in my view, that the event can be run without every player in the country digging deep in their pockets.

My apologies to the Sussex junior administrators for an error in this column last month. My memory let me down on the statement that Sussex juniors could not beat Essex. In fact, the record shows that Sussex first team did beat Essex III, 6-3. But, of course, table tennis players who are international class are produced by playing youngsters against the lions, that is expansion in that direction. Fine matches for juniors against juniors.

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The second round of matches in the "Sunday Times" Super League will be held at the Ferens Recreation Centre of the Hull Young People's Institute during the Humberside Three Counties' Tournament. Spectators with entrance money will be welcomed. If you missed the first round, don't worry, you will soon pick up the story.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

by John Woodford

I wonder if the days of the smaller, private table tennis club are numbered? Although there are exceptions, it seems to me that more and more clubs entering local leagues originate from factories, offices and other similarly large organisations.

One hears of cases where private clubs are being forced to pay more and more to hire premises which they once got for a nominal sum each week. Of course, we all know that there are thousands of school halls, whose facilities are only being used for a few hours each day. Then it's usually a question of getting in favour with the caretaker who seems in some cases to have more power when it comes to hiring the facilities than the headmaster!

And then, of course, we have the indoor sports halls, often municipal undertakings springing up at an ever-increasing rate and often charging the earth for the use of their facilities. Sometimes it's a blessing to find a local league match being staged in a smaller room where a reasonable amount of noise allows the players to concentrate. Quite often, the reverse is the case—a match being played in a section of a large hall with badminton shuttles flying everywhere and Top of the Pops blasting from a jukebox in the refreshment area.

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DAY TO DAY DIARY

Sunday Evening

We had not done any physical exercise for several days, and decided to go for a run. We were told that the wood behind the camp was marked out with different colored markers for runs of 2.5, 3 and 5 km. We decided 2.5 km was enough and set off, naturally getting lost and running much further than we expected. However, we felt we'd made a good start and went to bed with high expectations of what the week would bring.

Monday

Mats Wibbans knocked us all up at 07.30 sharp—and we had to open the chalet doors to prove we had got out of bed! Bernard looked into the mirror, said “good morning, face,” and promptly found his nocturnal shaving cord wouldn’t fit the Swedish sockets. The camp owner came to the rescue with a spare lead. Huge bowls of cornflakes and gallons of coffee were the order for breakfast every day.

And so to the first sessions. Two players we partnered that day are worth a mention. Wolfgang, a teacher from West Berlin, had good stroke production. He could pick off all but the lowest of pushed balls, and kill them down either wing with pinpoint accuracy! By contrast, Peter, reputed to be the best 13-year-old in Denmark, needed practice on his stroke production and technique. However, he displayed tactical ability not seen in boys of this age group in England, and played the ball intelligently around the table before attempting to kill. Peter was one of six lads from Denmark who all showed this tactical ability, but had not yet acquired the technique to become good players.

The condition training, in the afternoon, took the form of a 5 km. run, after which we were all agreed that that was quite enough for one day. After dinner we switched on the television to find “Man About the House” as follows:

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Thursday

Before the start of training, Johan Mella gave a sales talk about various items of table tennis equipment. One item he quoted as being a “new revolutionary” but which would shortly be on the market at a cost of around £14. It will be called “Relax,” and comprises 8 mm. one-ply wood with 2 mm. Silver rubber on either side. It is expected to produce more speed without sacrificing the control obtained with the Silver rubber.

During the time on table we trained with three lads from the K.F.U.M. (Y.M.C.A.) club, Kristianstad. The club has ten tables and around 80 members, including a lot of local boys between the ages of six and ten! This seems to be fairly common in Sweden. T. Stenberg’s club, I.P. Norrköping, boasts a membership of 200, including about 100 under twelve years of age. The club pays £2,000 a year for the hire of the premises, but seven tables are available from 3 to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

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home.

open during July. Boda is in the heart of the

specialises in ornamental glassware. This was

our chance to buy presents for the folks back

glass manufacturing district of Sweden, and

take the afternoon off, and visit the Boda

Bernard called it a day half-way through the

week. We spent the evening trying to get

his prize—his

received rapturous applause as he went up

replays on the pinball machines.

Jokinen, who had to overcome some spirited

Swedish and Finnish opposition to take the

Thalin. The first group winner was Jarmo

in the group. Don went three better to take 3rd

the group. Don and Bernard played in the second group.

An early start was essential on Sunday to make the boat leaving Gothenburg at 15:00. Neither of us felt too good, and we shared the fast driving necessary to reach Gothenburg in time for lunch. The route to the harbour seemed easy enough to follow on the map, then Bernard found himself driving down the middle of the carriageway reserved for trams. A tram suddenly appeared from round a corner, bell clanging, and driver waving his arm frantically in the air. We waved our fingers in the air in frustration, managed to veer out of his way, and eventually returned to tarneby by ascending a pavement. An English-registered Ford Cortina led us the last mile or so to the docks—the first English people we had seen since disembarking nine days earlier.

So a well-earned rest on the boat, and just a couple of hours of mental effort starting to put this article together.

CONCLUSION

In summing up, this holiday turned out to be well worth the expense. We had visited a picturesque country, and made some contacts for future exchange visits with our club in Coventry. We picked up some useful hints which we hope will improve our own personal performances, and developed a level of fitness neither of us had known for some years.

However, most of all, the course confirmed that the training methods we had been operating with our juniors were basically sound, and the experience gave us encouragement to expand our ideas still further.

POSTSCRIPT

If any coaches reading the article would like to know specific details of the physical or table exercises performed on the course, please contact Bernard Yarnold at 52 Mill Hill, Baginton, Coventry. (Phone: Cov. 301976).

European League Team

England's team for the European League match against Sweden at Belper, was chosen:—D. Neale (Cle), N. Jarvis (Wor), D. Wood (Leicester), T. Stenberg (Surrey), H. Jorgensen (Bucks), J. Hammar (Bucks) and J. Howard (Surrey). N.P.C.: Brian Burn

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Playing ability is, of course, essential, but ability alone is not the pass key into the Squad. Other dominant factors such as discipline, dedication and a desire to succeed will be taken into consideration. Cooperation with the National Team Trainer is of great importance and all Squad members will be expected to attend Training Camps. Until medically unfit, it is obligatory for Squad players to participate in the 3-Star Tournament.

**ASSESSMENT CAMPS**

The expectations of Junior players seems to increase and with the tremendous help provided by the Squad Coaches and officials responsible for Junior coaching, assessment of youngsters is perhaps fairer than ever before. In our blueprint for this season we are planning to continue with the Assessment Camps but it is likely that the format will be altered slightly. A meeting to discuss the matter in detail is to be held shortly and notice of any changes will be sent out through the normal channels.

**TRAINING CAMPS**

The importance of Training Camps cannot be denied, more and more they are becoming a feature in building up players to face the rigours of a crowded season. Between October and May, twelve Camps have been booked and the new Team Trainer, Brian Burn, will instruct those players whom he wishes to undergo intensive training. It must be borne in mind that both the Commonwealth and World Championships are to be played early in 1975, so much of the planning will be directed towards a build-up for these major events.

**RANKING LISTS**

Once again for the guidance of Tournament Organisers, the committee intend to publish three Ranking (or Seeding) Lists during the season. In addition to the conventional Senior List and a Junior ranking list, to cover those under the age of 16, a section, we will be publishing an Under-14 list. The ranking of Juniors will not necessarily be made at the same time as those of the Seniors.

To ensure that no young players are overlooked and for up-to-date information on the fortunes of Juniors in all regions, the selectors would be pleased to receive ranking lists, whenever made, from each of the Panel Chairmen. These should be sent to Albert Shipley, who will photo-copy and forward to the selectors.

Throughout the season we intend to keep a close eye on methods and developments to our rivals in the International field. It is vitally important that we stay in the Premier Division of the European League and remain in the top ten of the World's ranking list. If we fall below this level a black cloud will hang over our 1977 promotion of the World Championships.

To those who feel they are being overlooked or wish to communicate with the Selectors on issues which need clarification, then please do not hesitate to write to me or to the Secretary of the Committee. You have my assurance that all letters received will be discussed by the Selectors at the first committee meeting held after the receipt of such correspondence.

Coverage of the majority of Tournaments held in this country will be made and we look forward to your co-operation with the Coaching Committee. I can only conclude by wishing you all a successful season.

Tony Isaac surprised everyone by losing his No. 1 position in the Men's ranking to Steve Rowe, from the Potteries. Tony lost all his matches in a performance which must have been a disappointment to the selectors, but he will have every opportunity to regain his form in the No. 2 spot.

The first fixture for the “A” team was a home match against Gloucestershire on Nov. 2 at the Woodfield Club, Penn. Gill Round retained her place at No. 1 in the Women's ranking in the absence of Mrs. Dot Decker, who has decided to retire from representative table tennis.

Yvonne Hankey, who has moved to Cyprus, and Ernie Oggin, will be missing from the Veterans' scene this year. I am told that Ernie has given up table tennis completely, but it is difficult to believe that he'll be able to stay away from the table for very long. We'll be waiting for the comeback.

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**JUNIOR POLICY**

The most significant change in the Committee has been the appointment of a new Team Trainer due to the resignation of Les Grant. This position has been filled by Brian Burn, a qualified P.E. teacher and former senior International. Brian is aware of the enormity of his task and has already set the wheels in motion.

His forward planning will mean changing some established routines but they will be altered only when benefit is seen to be gained. In addition to his other duties, Brian will be Hough's Captain and is responsible for choosing players to attend Training Camps.

**JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SQUAD**

Last season, for the first time, a Junior International Squad was formed with the object of giving special training to handicapped youngsters. As the venture was favourably received by all concerned, the Squad will be constantly under review.

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**NATIONAL TEAM TRAINER**

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**JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SQUAD**

Last season, for the first time, a Junior International Squad was formed with the object of giving special training to handicapped youngsters. As the venture was favourably received by all concerned, the Squad will be constantly under review.

**SNEAK INTERNATIONAL SQUAD**

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**STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES**

by Jack Chalkley

The County table tennis calendar for this season commenced with the County Trials at the Woodfield Club on Sept. 15. Notable amongst the absentees was John Pugh, who is unable to play at present due to a tennis elbow and will not be available for selection for several months.
I was very interested to read Tom Blum's article in the March issue of Table Tennis News concerning the 1977 World Championships, to which I shall certainly be looking forward.

With regard to the last World Championships held at Wimbledon in 1975, I apparently did not observe on television but I was definitely of the same general matter of fact that I had been appointed to the very interesting but quite tremendous job of Programme Editor. In the previous year I had been given the job of Programme Editor for the English Open Championships of 1974, which were staged at Paddington Bath, which of course was one of the competitors! To the first round of the Men's Singles I had to play A. G. Millar (Staithes), who was at that time one of England's greatest Tommy Cushing Cup team. I recollect that the umpire for this match was Corti Woodcock, who gave me a sympathetic but encouraging look, but despite this I was not interested in the next round! However, I think this can be understood because on that occasion I was only four years from being a "veteran."

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I also attended the 1976 World Championships, which were held at Wembley. As far as the main events were concerned, I was at that time extremely interested in the world甜美 tournament, which was being held in London. I had then been playing for six years but we had not then got an affiliated association locally. However, I see in the programme of the English Open Championships of 1974, which were staged at Paddington Batt, that there was a promotion amongst the competitors! To the first round of the Men's Singles I had to play A. G. Millar (Staithes), who was at that time one of England's great Tommy Cushing Cup team. I recollect that the umpire for this match was Corti Woodcock, who gave me a sympathetic but encouraging look, but despite this I was not interested in the next round! However, I think this can be understood because on that occasion I was only four years from being a "veteran."

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I read with interest the press notices on the 1977 World Table Tennis Championships to be held in Birmingham and references to the Memorial Hall, Harrington Street, in 1926, where I was one of the very few spectators to whom the late Bill Pope referred in his foreword in the 1972-8 programme. I attended on that occasion mainly in a spirit of curiosity and with the intention of becoming fired with enthusiasm, however, upon seeing Percy Brinefield, Fred Perry, Charlie Bull and Adrian Hydon doing battle with those legendary players, Zoltan Machlitzky, Sandor Glancz, Lajos Bellak, of Hungary, to press the Hungarian dominance, I was categorically in the era of Bara and Szabo.

For the next ten years, despite my other sporting and business activities, I managed to arrange some to five or seven evenings each week at the table to company with those mentioned above and other giants of the time, E. D. Jones, Vassos Bergouma, Madjaroglou, etc., and also Ivor Montagu, Bill Pope, Maurice Rose and Bill Vint, the prime architect of the modern game and all its attendant organisation, who were at the centre of a large group of international T.T. players and talk to them all at the same time and to each in their own language.

I am indeed fortunate and proud to have been involved and associated with such illustrious authorities and players, and to have been given the chance to receive one of the limited number of bronze medallions given by the E.T.T.A. in 1935, to the few of us in that very active era, for services rendered.

Where are they all now and what nostalgic memories would be recalled should we all meet again—even at the "pub" opposite the Law Courts where very many momentous meetings were held in those early days and chaired by Bill Pope.
feature—it is an outstanding attraction. 55,592 people visited the two-day spectacle, and most of them stopped in at the local league's show.

Once, when the robot broke down, people visited the two-day spectacle, and most invited from the audience, who had first to the crowd vanished!

P.R.O., Harlow Table Tennis League, 124 Moorfield, Harlow, Essex.

"ERRORNEOUS STATEMENT"

Could you correct the misleading statement made in Northumberland Notes of your magazine, date October 74? They have all benefitted from Ray Need's coaching sessions for schools, held regularly at Newcastle's Polytechnic.

Since the Polytechnic has built its excellent facilities have been used twice for table tennis a very first for a game similar to this at the Polytechnic. The County Junior Squad are not attending regular coaching sessions and this type of arrangement is another matter but publicity—local and national—can influence people and we should all do our best to stimulate publicity for our sport.

Throughout the months between now and the World Championships there will be many local, County and National Shows, which are not necessarily based on or aimed at sport (as it a Harlow one is not). But, shows collect crowds, and crowds are made for publicity, publicity which will attract a spectator following, sponsorship and much-needed finance.

Can Harlow's idea spread to other leagues?

JORDN D. FORDER.

ROYAL AIR FORCE
T.T. ASSOCIATION

The R.A.F.T.T.A., having secured a place in the South East Midlands League, opened the season with a Men's and Veterans' match away to Cambridge at the Corn Exchange.

Although the R.A.F. men's team were not at full strength, Flight-Lieutenants Dick Cline and Eric Bradshaw, the Nos. 1 and 4, led Squadron Leader Wally Ludmore and Corporal Ken Phillipson to a comfortable 7-3 win over the Leighton's table tennis club, the 84 Club.

To celebrate his 40th season in the First, Leighton's table tennis club, the 84 Club, decided to throw a party for the veteran, 56-year-old Ron Jinks, of Woburn Road, Heath-and-Reisch, President of the Leighton League for the past ten years.

It was a party everyone knew about, bar the man himself.

All he was told was that he and his wife, Dorothy, had been asked to attend a party for the 34th anniversary of the engagement of Mr. Peter Harmer and his wife, Doty, Chairman and Secretary of the 84 Club respectively.

"But when I arrived, everyone was dressed up smartly and there were a number of people sitting with their backs towards me," said Mr. Jinks.

As he walked in, Mr. Harmer, in true Eamonn Andrews style, said: "Ron Jinks, this is your table tennis life!"

Mr. Harmer then introduced old teammates, mixed doubles partners and worthy opponents, nearly 40 in all.

Among the guests were Paul Reynolds, one of the original team, Archie Fossey, whose name figured on League trophies long ago, Albert Earl and Grenville Whitney, but strong pre-war players in the Leighton League.

Mr. Jinks was then presented with a book with the signatures of everyone present and Mrs. Jinks received a silver bowl.

Miss Janet Kingman had baked a special "Congratulations" cake in the shape of a table tennis bat. Players who could not go to the party sent cards.

Mr. Jinks said last week: "I was absolutely surprised and touched by it."

"I didn't say a lot to start with but when I realised what was going on, I talked everyone and I appreciated it very much that they had all come."

B.R. RAIL CONCESSION

May we remind all organisers of Open Tourtournaments, junior County matches, area Coaching Panels, etc., that the E.T.T.A. are able to provide Certificates of Identity which will allow members who are between 14 and 18 years of age to obtain fares at the Child (under 14) rate when travelling to events arranged under the auspices of the E.T.T.A. We need to know the name of the traveller, the departure and arrival station, and dates of travel. The certificate must then be signed by the traveller and handed to the booking clerk at time of purchase. All enquiries to the E.T.T.A. office, please.

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TWO TO ONE ON THE FIELD

This charming study taken by Allan Batchelor, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and submitted by John Higgins, shows (1 to r) Sarah Cresswell, aged 9, Graham Russell (9) and Michele Bland (11).

All are members of the Pegasus "Q" side who operate in the tenth division of the Guilford League. And would you believe it, they are all in the Guildford Coaching Scheme which goes in for catching 'em young.
**Riches Ever Tournament**

by MICHAEL LAWSLEY

The Pickwick International Invitation Tournament will be held at Crystal Palace National Sport Centre on Saturday, December 7, starting at 10 a.m.

Eight men and two ladies will compete for the pickleworth prize. The winners, the number of which are £500 for the winner, to £150 for sixth place, known finishing in seventh and eight place will each receive £500 expenses. The ladies will play a special matches, with the winner winning £500 and the loser £150. The winner of the men's event will also be awarded the Pickwick Gold Trophy.

At the time of writing full details of the tournament in question have not been released and so far all that visit to Crystal Palace will be very worthwhile. Milan Orlovski will be there, as will worldranked Wilfried Lieck, of Federal Germany, and he is interesting to see how our No. 1 player, Denis Neale, and English Champion, N.W. T.L.D. from the incentive of big money prizes. These will be available at the end of the tournament, the top players with the incentive of big money prizes. These will be available at the end of the tournament, the top players

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**International Squads**

Trevor Taylor who, since his inglorious exit from the world stage in 1973 has played only once for his country, was on Sept. 26, named as one of the new England International Squad.

Although inclusion in the squad does not mean he has been picked for the team, it is obvious that Taylor's form towards the end of last season has been recognised by the selectors. A newcomer to the squad is young Donald Parker, a native of Lancashire, where he has played for an English shirt last season and in the "Sunday Times" Super League at Alexandra Palace, augurs well for the future of table tennis in the country.

The Women's squad also underlines the selectors' thoughts in the future with the inclusion of Carolie Knight, of Cleveland, who has yet to play in her first major tournament as a senior. Late last season Miss Knight overcame strong foreign and domestic competition to win the Hales Junior International Championships at Worthing.

The full squads are:

**MEN**

- Denis Neale (Cleveland)
- Trevor Taylor (Bedford)
- Desmond Douglas (Warwick)
- Nicky Jarvis (Cleveland)
- Denis Parker (Lancs)

**WOMEN**

- Jill Hammersley (Bedford)
- Lila Howard (Surrey)
- Andrea Matson (Middlesex)
- Carole Knight (Cleveland)

The National Selection Committee has also announced the new Junior International Squads:

**BOYS**

- Paul Day (Cambs)
- Andrew Birden (Middlesex)
- Mark Mitchell (Middlesex)

**GIRLS**

- Melody Ludu (Yorkshire)
- Angela Mitchell (Middlesex)

Mark and Angela Mitchell are brother and sister.

**SCOTLAND NEWS**

by DENIS GEORGE

The Scottish tournament scene got under way on Sept. 21, with the U-17 Junior and Youth Open in Glasgow, and the U-23 Senior Open in London.

There will be a lucky programme draw and the prizes, given to the association (club, school, etc.) bringing the largest group, so why not organise coaches?

See you there.

**SOMERSET NOTES**

by Mike Hawkins

DEBUT FOR ALMA

Shock news on the eve of the new season in Somerset was that the former County senior player, Roger Morris and Tony Kinsey, would not be available. Roger, with a fine record of having won 33 sets out of the 42 he contested in the County's colours, together with Tony, a most experienced player, would be sadly missed.

On a more happy note it is pleasing to report that the County will have the assistance of Mrs. Alma Heath (nee Tall), the former Middlesex star.

Alma made her debut in the Division 2 West match, away to Bristol at the Bath United, which Somerset won 9-1. Best of the evening was that between MM and Dunscore's Mike Doyle, the former player extremely well to merit his deserved victory in the 9th set.
Danny Seemiller (left) on his way to beating Errol Caetano in the men's singles final.

1974 CANADIAN and INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by MALCOLM R. ANDERSON
(Vice-President, United States T.T. Assoc.)

The 1974 Canadian and International Open Championships played in Toronto from Aug. 29—Sept 1, saw two spectaculars, as Danny Seemiller, of Pittsburgh, Pa., defended his M.S. and M.D. titles, and added the X.D. crown. Miss In-Sook Na, formerly of South Korea, and now living in New York, dominated the women's events.

The U.S.A. teams won three of the four international matches. In the men's match, Dell Sweeris easily beat Errol Caetano, and Seemiller just edged Caetano at "deuce" in the third, to lead the U.S.S to a 5-2 win. Caetano won both junior events, but this year it was reversed—the U.S. boys (Rick Seemiller, Bruce Plotnick and Mike Raber) beat Canada (Eddie Lo, Peter Joe and Pierre Normandin) 5-0. The U.S.A. girls (Beverlyn Hess and Debra Wong) defeated Brazil (Eddie Lo, Peter Joe and Pierre Normandin) 3-2, with Beverly winning the vital singles match against Birute Plucas in the 3rd.

The Junior International Team event was won by Pennsylvania—we've won it all four years they've held it! Our team of Rick Seemiller, Bruce Plotnick and Debbie Wong. Familiar names? They were all on our Jr. International teams!

In the men's singles semi, Errol Caetano reversed the international Team event result by easily beating Dell Sweeris 3-0. Dell never let Errol get close. In the other semi, Dan Seemiller easily beat Errol Reesik 3-0, setting up what promised to be another great match in the finals. But Danny had other ideas—he defeated Caetano 13, 15, 16. At each point, Errol (left-handed) switched the bat to his right hand to make a good save, but Danny (who is right-handed) just keeps putting his right hand in the middle of Errol's forehand. Zlateo Cordes was watching but unable to help—some trouble with the Yugoslav T.T.A.—we all would have liked to see him play Danny! After all, Danny beat him in a practice match in Sarajevo.

In the women's singles In-Sook Na easily handled Vi Neuskaitis in one semi, with Rupa Banerjee (from India, now living in Toronto) beating Irene Cordes in the other. In the final, In-Sook easily dominated Rupa 9, 15, 10. I thought that Rupa showed excellent sportsmanship when she called an edge ball against herself that the umpire (an International Umpire yet) missed.

The men's doubles was won by Dan Seemiller and Dell Sweeris over Errol Caetano and Peter Gaida and the W.D. by In-Sook Na and Vi Neuskaitis (who will train in Japan for 4+ months before the Worlds) over Rupa Banerjee and Irene Cordes. Both teams played each other in the W.S. semi!

In the mixed doubles, the New York team of Alice Green and Jim Dixon beat the defending champions, Caetano and Nesukaitis! It went 5 games, but Vi and Errol weren't even in the 5th game. Alice and Jim then lost to the blockers, Tom Bogdan and Judy Buchenski, in a 4-game semi. Tim and Judy had no chance against Danny Seemiller and In-Sook Na in the finals.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Seemiller and their younger children, Randy, Tommy and Cindy (watch out, world—we have an endless supply of Seemillers) provided a cheering section for Danny and Ricky as they won 3 individual and 3 team titles between them! Ricky lost the Junior finals to Paul Kevisas. The Junior Women's title was won by Mariano Donokos over Birute Plucas, and the girls (under-15) was won by Debbie Wong over Christine Forgo.

NETHERLANDS INVITATION TEAM EVENT

Double Dutch for England in the Hague

In a seven countries Invitation Team Event in The Hague over the weekend of Oct. 19-20, England won both the men's and women's titles with final victories over Yugoslavia.

Desmond Douglas, England's No. 3, had the distinction of winning all his sets in straight games, as indeed did Jill Hammersley. The successes came as a form of recompense for England's defeat by Czechoslovakia in Prague where the 6-1 defeat hardly did credit to the fight put up by the travellers in their first European League match.

Results in Holland were:

Men
England 5, Netherlands 0; 9-0; 9-2; 15-9; 21-18; 18-16.
England 5, Austria 0; 21-2, 15-3; 21-13; 15-10; 8-0.
England 5, Belgium 0; 21-14; 21-13; 21-10; 21-12; 15-12.
England 5, Yugoslavia 0; 21-15; 15-9; 15-14; 21-14; 21-12.
England 5, France 0; 21-13; 21-9; 21-12; 21-13; 21-9.
England 5, Germany 0; 21-14; 21-15; 21-12; 21-13; 21-16.
England 5, Sweden 0; 21-13; 21-11; 21-10; 21-13; 21-5.

Women
England 3, Belgium 0; 21-11; 19-21; 11-9; 21-14.
England 3, Luxembourg 0; 21-13; 21-12; 21-11.
England 3, Yugoslavia 0; 21-12; 11-9; 21-12.
England 3, Ireland 0; 21-10; 21-9; 21-11.

In-Sook Na, winner of the women's singles. Photos by Mal Anderson, Chairman, Photographic Committee, U.S.T.T.A.
HERALDING HEREFORDSHIRE
by Ian R. Crickmer

DECISIVE START
Hereford's junior team made a good start to its Midland League Division Three programme with a 7-3 away victory over Nuneaton. Mark Owen contributed two victories and Jeremy Owen one. Mark and Michael gaining their usual doubles success.

Newcomers Pembridge (also members of the Leominster League) are the dark horses for their promotion from Division Five. The Hereford selectors may decide before the end of the season to give a representative trial to young Stephen Halford. The City party travelled next weekend to the Oswestry Junior Cup, and Bulmers Woodpecker should do well in the Fourth Division upon whose promotion from Division Five, it is pleasant to note that Stephen Owen is playing again, though not yet a formidable opponent at Oswestry in Mandy Davies.

The Third Division, while Birminghams Woodpecker are the dark horses for their promotion from Division Five. The second section is no wide open that any fashionable can happen. Favoring here are Village Farm Vikings closely followed by Outsands and City Sports "A".

In colsing, to pay tribute to Ivy former supporter of all Worcestershire County fixtures in the earlier halcyon days, he was a staunch associate of the League activities and a good team enthusiast. The League Committee is associated with a memorial appeal, launched by the various Ross sporting organisations, if I may be permitted, I should like in closing to pay tribute to my former Worcestershire colleagues. Cliff Ricketts, who died after a long illness on October 8th. Cliff was identified with many facets of the Worcestershire League's administration, and was one of the worst umpires who officiated at all the Worcestershire County fixtures in the earlier halcyon days. Latterly, he was particularly associated with the League's financial affairs, and he will be sorely missed by many colleagues in those numerous Worcestershire organisations of which he was a valuable member.

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This isn't the game my bird played . . .

Michael Parkinson’s expert view of table tennis

Led out like the regimental goat to open the Table Tennis Super League sponsored by this newspaper, I was interested to observe how much the game had changed since I was a lad. At Alexandra Palace, with Britain’s best players on view, I was able to reflect on this.”

The bat of my youth had sandpaper on one side, and a slice of cork on the other, and accounted for the fact that we had a series of exceedingly thin champions. The bats, thickly padded with sponge, made no noise as they strike the ball, and even the most entertaining rallies lose at least 50 per cent of their appeal because the eye operates without the benefit of sound. It is exactly like watching a silent film where the action, no matter how much a tribute to the athlete’s skill, takes on a dreamy, unreal quality.

The bat and my youth had sandpaper one side, and a slice of cork on the other, and when it connected with the ball it made a sound like a rifle shot.

What struck me most forcibly about the modern game was its silence. The bats, thickly padded with sponge, made no noise as they strike the ball, and even the most entertaining rallies lose at least 50 per cent of their appeal because the eye operates without the benefit of sound. It is exactly like watching a silent film wherein the action, no matter how much a tribute to the athlete’s skill, takes on a dreamy, unreal quality.

The best of these was Waggy, a puffed-faced young man from the outskirts of one town on a diet of bread and water, but blessed with the most remarkable eye and wrist. He simply stood centre-stage flicking the ball hither and thither, never shifting his stance while his opponents cowered against colliding with the walls of that claustrophobic room.

Visiting teams came to dread playing on our premises, particularly if they had learned their trade on a table with adequate space around it. Those who favoured a defensive game from a deep position simply ended up with a backsides full of splinters. And those who energetically flew round the table attacking with sheer forehand smashes were confined and helpless, like rats in a barrel.

One youth from a visiting team, making a diving attacking shot before he had time to take his bearings, went through the window and fell on the pitch-and-press school which met outside our shed. But the most spectacular disaster occurred when Waggy so incensed an opponent that he punched the rear wall in frustration, only to bring the entire structure crashing down.

From then on, we played at the youth club, and I met a girl with grey eyes and for the first time fell in love. We were paired in the mixed doubles and, because of her, we won it. She was a marvellous player, much better than me, and she knew it, treating me with utter disdain.

I remember that when we won the mixed doubles she received a tin of toffees, and never asked me if I wanted one, whereas my prize was a pair of black socks which I treasured for years because they reminded me of her.

To say my love was unrequited is putting it mildly, but she did wonders for my game. Every time we played, I wanted to prove that I was at least her equal, and for a while we were an unbeatable pair.

Then, one year, just about the time I started shaving, we lost in the semi-finals to a newcomer and his bird. The stranger was a plumber from another village who smelled of violets, and his partner was called, believe it or not, Freda Bucket. Needless to say, I ended up with Miss Bucket, and could only watch as my partner and the violescent-smelling plumber went on from success to success and eventually got married.

Last time I heard, he had left her for a bus conductress, and she was like a house-end through too many children and too much port and lemons. Serves her right. She ruined my appetite for table tennis. I never played again.

I thought of her when I went to Alexandra Palace. In common with the other spectators, I sat in rapt attention as the athletes flickered to and fro. But I was in another time and another place, when table tennis rallies sounded like bursts of small arms fire and I was gaga about a girl with grey eyes. Bathed in those memories of athletic ambition and sexual stirrings, I declared the competition wild and truly open, but could not begin to account for the smile on my lips or the twinkle in my eyes as I said it.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE GEN

by John Cooper

Glocestershire now boasts an international in the person of Chris Sewell, England No. 3 Junior, who recently played well against the Netherlands, and is, of course, now in the England Junior squad.

Rankings
Girls: V. Cruwys, J. Dovey, D. Vowles, L. Wills (now with Bath). Glocestershire beat the W.R.A.F. in their annual match 15-4, and the Gloucester boys started well with a 9-1 win over Oxford. Congratulations to M. Lane on making the team following trials when he was equal with clubmate D. Morgan. Gloucester Vets also started well in the Midland League with a 6-4 win over Derby with boys truly aspiring to Vet. status. Thanks to a gift from the City Council, 7 tables are now available for coaching at Longlevens and 5 at Churchdown.

Cheltenham held its annual event with Bath with Juniors (won 8-2), Women (won 9-1), Vets (5-5) and Seniors (lost 1-3), making a win for Cheltenham by 257 and tipping the balance in favour of Cheltenham for a whole range of sporting events for which Cheltenham now recover the cup from Bath.

Stroud have also started well in the Midland League with a 6-4 win over Loughborough.

3 Bristol juniors were pleased to be received by the Welsh at a Cardiff training course. Congratulations to Peter Stevens and David Brown on becoming clubmates and on the Bristol Executive in advertising for young girls to be trained and getting some.

All our Leagues, at the beginning of the season, were soundly beaten by Kirkcudbright, Germany, on their Byng visit (Stroud 0-10; Cheltenham 0-14; Bristol 2-16; Gloucester 19).

Chris Sewell
SURREY NOTES
by Ted Simpson
NEW ORDER
Surrey trials resulted in a startling new order in the men's ranking, and the new names which have emerged at the top could indicate the prospect of better days ahead.
Rankings are:-

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTES
by Colin Hammond
SPONSORED COACHING
Sunday, Sept. 1, saw the beginning of sponsored table tennis in Nottinghamshire, with the start of a coaching course at the Meden Sports Centre, Warsop. This course, run originally for junior players but now incorporating seniors, is being sponsored by the Notts C.C. Leisure Services Committee in accordance with their policy of furthering all sport, and will run for seven monthly sessions.
Each session will have a different theme, e.g. Services - The Attack, and specialist coaches will be attending to give expert tuition. Each session will consist of exercises, formal coaching, blackboard instruction and matchplay. The original intention was to have 40 juniors at each meeting, but this number may be reduced later in the season.

Officials at the first get-together included Jack Botsock, the County coach and senior team manager, and Bob Burtenshaw, the junior team manager; alongside them were two representatives from Notts Schools' Table Tennis thriving, there could well be a pronounced improvement in the near future. There were also no representatives from Bedford or Eastwood, which is beneficial to neither the Association nor the leagues themselves as potentially good juniors will be lost out.

The first session incorporated the County Trials for the junior team. The players were split into groups of four who played on a league basis. This resulted in a provisional ranking list of 1. Chris Stockdale; 2. Dave Bilton; 3. Glen Strodder; 4. Colin Boscot; 5. Roy Stewart; 6. Stuart Farrow; 7. Terry Haley; and 8. Mark Oakley.

The following Sunday the senior trials were held at the same Centre, and 23 attended. There were few surprises and the "recent" Club, Mansfield, can be commended for putting in a good performance. There were a few names suggesting the possibility of placing next year's team into Senior Cup and B Division.
RANKING LISTS

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Newman and a lot of other juniors will form a development side in operation, did much to sell the sport to the juniors. In particular to the Senior Premier match at home to Chelmsford, where we have had crowds of over 100.

Congratulations are in order to Ian Horsham who is been selected for the England party to compete in an International tournament in Kingston, Jamaica, also to our juniors, David Iszatt, Les Eadie, Robert Paton, Kevan Caldon, Steve Bawden, Devinder Sehmbi and Peter Hunt.

Our teams have made an excellent start to the season. The Senior team defeated Cambs 7-2, with a convincing win in the women's singles. The Junior team defeated Cambs 5-3, with an exciting 6-4 win. Both Andrew Boalder and Sandra Sutton were unbeaten while Devinder Sehmbi and Peter Hunt matched up with Garth in a very close game. The Juniors were less fortunate when they played Durham earlier in the day and were beaten 9-1, Glenn McCardle winning the only match.

The Basildon League turned out winners in two of the games. The first was at Southend, where Basildon defeated Southend 7-3, with a perfect performance.

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reinforcement to what was the old association

Staton; Secretary-Miss C. Rose; Treasurer­

Officers and officials elected were:-Chair­

men—1, J. Willis (Carlisle); 2, P. Polaczyk

Women's—1, P. Pachul (Barrow); 2, S. Studholme

boys—1, P. Polaczyk; 2, Tor; 3, N. Smith

Girls—1, L. Studholme; 2, Lehwale; 3, Willis

Finanially the first Cumbria Open, as

Cumbria United Football Supporters' Club and Sportbarn.

CLWYD NOTES

Roy Williams

BRIGHTER START

Healing for better things than from our last

victory over Newport County. [Juniors have started the season well with a

4-1 victory away to Hens in a friendly match and a valuable point was

won at home to Derbysh­

Our seniors to date have yet to play but,

although they were beaten 8-2 by Hunts four

seens last weekend, there is no indication that this is likely to continue.

The veterans lost 4-0 to Hens in their

first-ever County match; they were well

beaten 7-2. In this match Don Hobbs twice lost

in expedient acts.

Len Ellis and Dave Murray have two junior

backspins training four times a week and former

ryth footballer, Eddie Thomas, spends one

night a week circuit training. The colour squad

with the new Welsh policy of starting them

finishes and a fine result for the visitors.

Bunter Cup and personal plaques in

respective of the men's championship and to the

in the camp. But for the emergence

however, feel proud of their

Linda's other success came in the women's doubles with Mrs. B. Voss (Middlesbrough)

and Miss J. White (Spalding) proving too good for

for the youthful J. Skipp and J. Williams.

It is great to have the present interest and

in the camp. But for the emergence of Cleveland this surely would have been

Championship's committee fixtures.

Plans for the Junior team suffered a setback when D. Crouter (Scunthorpe), who was

expected to be in this season No. 1, announced his retirement—at 16. This meant that for the

County's first-ever match in the Junior East Division, K. Eldred (Grantamis) and C. Burton

(Scunthorpe) came in for their first ever representative match. The former did well to beat L. Gowen 14-20, 21-19.

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by Doug Moss

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A wonderful weekend of play at Harlow on Sept. 7-8 proved once more that there cannot be a better Junior tournament in the south of England than the Essex Junior 2-Star. There was a record entry of nearly 350 and a proportion of those had to be balloted out in order to complete the schedule by the regulation 10 p.m.

Mark Mitchell predictably won the U-17 Boys' Singles but he had to work hard to beat David Reeves and Brian Baxter in early rounds. Martin Shuttle, a player for the future if ever there was one, made Mark go all the way in the final. Robert Wiley made his usual exit in his first match to Kevin Edwards, who went on to reach the semi-final. How long is it since a Middlesex starlet, Bryn Tyler, a comfortable winner over one of the Middlesex stalwarts, Bryn Tyler, Angela Mitchell had consolation for her senior defeat by Ian U-14 win over Karen Rogers and Anita Stevenson.

The absence of top-ranking juniors from the metropolitan area was the one adverse feature and apt to be decried as this was, after all, a "Select" affair.

Running counter to the Teeside event was the North Middlesex 2-Star Senior tournament tied in with the first of the "Sunday Times" Super League matches at Alexandra Palace, Wood Green. Here all the stars were assembled excepting the women's feature and apt to be decried as this was, after all, a "Select" affair.

Denis Neale, winner of the Men's Singles title, was at pains to dispose of Desmond Douglas in the final, although he accounted for his Ormskirk colleague Nicky Jarvis easily enough in the semi.

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Making the brightest of starts to the new season Lancashire's Nigel Hallows underlined his potential at Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend of Sept. 14-15 in the Cleveland Select 2-Star Junior Tournament.

In partnership with Red Rose teammate, Ian Smith, Hallows was also successful in the Boys' Doubles with final victory over David Reeves and Gary Roberts, but a hat-trick of successes was denied the Boltonian when, paired with Julie McLean, of Hull, the Lancs/Vorks combination were beaten in the Mixed final by Paul Trout and Caroline Reeves.

Bradford's Melody Ludi took the U-17 Girls' Singles title with final victory over Caroline Reeves who, nationally, is ranked just beneath her, but Angela Tierney and Helen Robinson took the honours in the Girls' Doubles.

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The Four T's had it all to themselves on Sept. 22 at Southamption where, after a slight setback last season, it was back to record figures with over 170 players participating.

Even before it was known that the tournament would have the pleasure of "Les" Haslam participating in the Men's Singles, the overall entry was considered strong. "Les," however, was really in a class of his own and really cruised through to the final beating Steve Lyons, Steve Wilson (quarters) and Tony Isaacs in the semis.

Wilson, the Hunts No. 2, had done well earlier in beating the County champion, Terry Bruce. Isaacs had beaten David Weisman at the same quarter-final stage. In the other half the early surprise was the exit of last year's champion, Chris Pickard, who was beaten by Chris Sexton who had had such a disastrous County cup finals the previous day.

Bob Brown, who always plays above himself at this tournament, accounted for Dorset's John Robinson before knocking out K. Mohr in the quarters. The final, between Haslam and Brown, although producing a few good rallies, was really a little bit one-sided.
The Women’s Singles had a lot more local interest and stressed the point that Hampshire appear to produce more top female players than male. Joyce Coop had little difficulty in reaching the final with 2-straight wins over Mrs. Dave in the quarter and daughter five in the semi. Miss Dave had earlier taken a very close third game win over No. 2 seed, Christine Davies.

In the other half, Pauline Soper (see Holes) accounted for Lesley King in the quarter and No. 1 seed, Linda Wales, in the semi. The final showed that although Pauline has regained her fine attacking form, she has still not learnt how to cope with her ‘hussy’ player Joyce Coop.

Shocks abounded in the Men’s Singles event of the North of England 2-Star played at Manchester on Sept. 27-28 and none bigger than the defeat of Denis Neale, the top seed and reigning title holder who, bidding for his fifth consecutive success in this event, was beaten in the quarter-finals by Scotland’s No. 1, Richard Yule. The feat of Chester’s John Hilton in ousting third seed, Alan Hydes, at the same stage also ‘caused a few eyebrows to be raised.

Yule, a native of Aberdeen, now living in South London, spring a major surprise last season when, in the Norwich International Championships at Brighton, he beat Chester’s Baines in Rd. 2, from being 15-17 down in the fifth and deciding game. At Manchester, Neale paid the penalty of underestimating his slimline opponent, who took the first game as 13 and although held to 17-all in the second, put in a final flourish to take the next 4 points for the match.

The Aberdeen, currently representing Surrey in the County Championships, found the going tough at Alexandra Palace. But up against a third Cleveland representative in Neale, quartier was finally halted when the 21-year-old Redcar player, the No. 2 seed, emerged from an opening game deficit to win the title for the first time.

Nothing untoward occurred in the Women’s Singles event, with top-seeded Susan Lisle having a comfortable passage to the final in which she won, in the third round, against the diminutive Chris Rogers in the final after previously outlasting Lancastrian, Nigel Hallowes. Top seed, Stephen Souter, fell in the quarters to Andrew Clark, the No. 2 seed, Bob Wilky falling to Smith.

Neale returned to winning ways at Carlisle on Oct. 12, when winning the title at Cumbria 2-Star, he won the Men’s Singles title, again unseeded. The victor, Alan Hydes, with final victory over Richard Yule, thus avenging his defeat at Manchester.

After Neale had comfortably won the first game, the Scot showed his battling qualities by equalising the match score, but in the deciding game it was the Englishman who truly conquered, going on to take the triple crown with a comfortable victory over Richard Yule, thus avenging his defeat at Manchester.

In a repeat of the North of England women’s singles final, Susan Lisle again accounted for Carole Knight and again in the Junior Girls’ Singles, Melody Ludi beat Grace McKay. Stephen Souter took the Boys’ title with final victory over Ian Smith after the Preston Junior had beaten Bob Willy in the semi and Souter had edged out Nigel Hallowes, the No. 1 seed.

On Oct. 13, the Morton 1-Star, at Bournemouth, again attracted a good entry and many promising names were witnessed, none causing more pleasure than the four finals, in which players of the Organising Committee were present.

Mr. K. J. Oliver, a Director of Fairview Estates Limited, of Enfield, Middlesex, who sponsored the North Middlesex Open Table Tennis Tournament at the Alexandra Palace, presented the prize money to the winners on behalf of the Company. He is seen here with Linda Howard (right), who won the Intermediate Girls’ event, and the runner-up, Anita Stroven, Linda, who lives at Guildford, Surrey, beat Aims, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, 21-15, 23-14.

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**WELSH MAGAZINE**

Under the Editorship of H. Roy Evans, the Table Tennis Association of Wales has launched its own magazine, "TABLE TENNIS." It is intended to publish monthly with either six or seven issues during the season. It will sell at 5p per copy. BUT it will be sent FREE OF CHARGE to EVERY CLUB in Wales. It will try to set out the programme and policies of the T.T.A. of Wales, and keep ALL their players from Gwent to Anglesey and from Perrhroke to East Flint in touch with what is going on. It will try to report matches and tournaments as fairly as can be, and it will try to build up a section of news from the Leagues.

The first issue, published in October, contains items of information about the structure of table tennis in Wales, notes on coaching and the Aseot Proficiency Award Scheme, Welsh League—Southern section and County Match reports. Fourteen neatly duplicated pages, exclusive of cover, makes good value for 5p.

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Polish Open Championships

Another Triumph for Jill

England's Jill Hammersley won her second women's singles title on the European circuit when, in the Polish Open, played in Krakow from Oct. 11-13, she defeated 29-27, 21-19, 21-13, winner of the event, Maria Grofova, of Czechoslovakia, in the final.

It was in November of last year that Jill had her first major success on the Continent when, in Budapest, she defeated the women's singles titlist in the Hungarian Open.

Successive 3-0 wins for the English champion saw her to this title in Poland, her victims in the way being Zachara (Poland), Soceydi (Hungary), Galinska (Poland) and, in the semi, Hana Riedlova, of Czechoslovakia.

England had yet another success in the women's doubles event when Jill, partnered by Linda Howard, had a final 19-21, 21-15, 21-15, 21-16 win over Erzebet Palatinus and Dubravka Fabri, of Yugoslavia, having beaten the Polish pairing of Galinska and Noworyta in the semi.

Both Desmond Douglas and Nicky Jarvis reached the last sixteen, the Warwickshire man remembering by MIKE LAWLESS

The feelings of optimism and, even excitement, already running through the "athletes" will grow and spread as we approach 1977. We have the capability to ensure that the World Championships in England will be remembered by everyone for ever. Let us all do a little to ensure that we have the means.

However, the overriding priority at this stage must be the search for £200,000—the estimated cost of staging the event. Obviously we look towards sponsorship to underwrite a large percentage of this figure, but sponsors, like deities, are more inclined to support those who help themselves and we, as an Association, must find ways and means of raising £20,000 at least before the day.

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New Trainer-Coach

Brian Burn

Photo by the late Cliff Darley.

World Championships 1977

by MIKE LAWLESS (E.T.T.A. Development Officer)

The National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham is the venue, Mar. 26 to Apr. 5, 1977 are the dates, and the countdown has begun. Detailed discussions are already being held between representatives of the English Table Tennis Association, the City of Birmingham and the National Exhibition Centre, and the search is on for a major sponsor.

It is fitting that the 34th World Table Tennis Championships will be held in England in the same year as our Association celebrates its 50th Anniversary, for it was in England that what is thought to be the first ever World Championships were staged.

This was in 1926 when seven countries participated and the financing of the event—some £80—was by the Hon. Ivor Montagu, the first President of the Table Tennis Federation and our Life Vice-President.

In 1954 England was host nation to 33 teams taking part in the 21st World Championships. Of the £15,000 staging costs, an estimated £10,000 was recovered from 50,000 spectators; it is interesting to note that a number of Leagues throughout the country voluntarily contributed to ensure financially support the event and at the end of the day the E.T.T.A gratefully took up their offer in the true of ten shillings per pound (for which with short memories E1 contained 20 shillings).

In the 1973 Championships, held in Yugoslavia, 473 competitors from 60 countries took part. In 1977 we could see entries from 100 countries and there is every possibility that it will be the largest Championships so far staged.

What then faces the E.T.T.A? Certainly the reception, housing and general welfare of some 1,000 people from all over the world will be no easy task; nor indeed is the logistical problem of moving competitors from hotel to venue at precise times one to be tackled with anything but the most meticulous planning. Many difficulties—large and small—which could prevent the smooth running of the proceedings will be met and overcome between now and the time.

The Reading Junior 2 Star (Select) tournament, to be played on Nov. 30th-Dec. 1st, will now be held at the Meadway Sports Centre instead of the Bulmersh Sports Centre as in previous years. The full postal address of the centre is—


Directions to the centre from the M4 motorway are as follows:—From junction 12 at Yateley, proceed on the B480 towards Reading for 2 miles. After traffic lights, turn left down Honey End Lane (west). The centre is just beyond Prospect Park. Turn left at "T" junction with the Meadway, Sports Centre is 3 miles on left behind school.
It proved not a bad day for Wales on the first Saturday of the County Championships, Glamorgan celebrated their return to the Premier Division by beating Warwickshire 6-3 at Cardiff Arms Park.

The English county will surely regret the absence of Desmond Davies, but in the 10's “in the bag.” Both Graham Davies and Alan Griffiths played well, and Johnny Mansfield proved his worth as the new boy.

Gloumseter Seconds beat Shropshire 8-2 in a not very good Western Division match, but Gwent, playing under their new County title, made a very unsatisfactory start by going down 4-6 to Worcesterstire Seconds.

Glamorgan Jodiers did well at Devon with a 6-4 win, and the newly-christened North Wales County—Clywd—had a good draw with Derbsbiry. Clywd's veterans got rather short of breath at Notts and lost 27.

The first big Welsh tournament of the season—the Aberdare Open—was due to take place on Oct 27 at the Michael Sobell Sports Centre. As usual, the Aberdare officials went out of their way to cater for the youngsters, and with a full cadet event as well as the usual full junior programme, they had a formidable entry.

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4th WEST YORKS. CLOSED

by STEVE NUNN (Organiser)

Lynda Brysako (aged 13) of Bradford.

Once again at Parkside Sports Centre, Bradford, on Sept 29, a most successful tournament was staged with a change of main title holders adding that extra ingredient.

John Kedge, of Huddersfield, was prevented by illness from defending his men's singles title, the Balmer and Lumb Cup going to N. Davies, of Leeds, who had a good final win over Yorkshire's No. 7 ranked player, David Hill, of Huddersfield.

The women's singles title also changed hands when Bradford's Melody Ludi beat, Sylvia Brightest most convincingly in the final. It was good to see Mrs. Pat Bannan, of Halifax, back on the tournament trail and doing well by reaching the semi after a 2-year lay-off. Davies and Jim Yeats retained their men's doubles title after a very shaky start against B. Dawson and D. Lumb, of Halifax.

Geoff Brook, of Huddersfield, also held on to his veteran singles title with a good final win over Eddie Payne, of Bradford. Kevin Beadesley, of Halifax, proved too much too good in the boys' singles and carried off the West Riding C. & M. Shield.

But the highlight of the day, for me, was the girls' singles final in which the fast-improving Lynda Brysako, of Bradford, came up against England's new girl, Melody Ludi. Lynda, after having taken Melody to three in the women's singles earlier in the day, came very near to repeating the performance in the junior final, going down 20-15, 15-7—a very creditable performance from a 13-years-old girl and a league that has produced only two internationals, both before the last war, is openly delighted.

Her parents are Yorkshire folk but the surname is Swiss, given to her by her grandfather.

Table tennis began for Melody as a summer game. At home she played with her elder sisters on a three-quarter-sized table which they took into the garden, and on holiday visits to the family caravans in the Lake District, there were two tables in the clubhouse which she was hard at first for a young girl to get a game but once Melody started in earnest she was queuing up to play her.

She was the youngest girl seen in the Bradford League at the age of 11 and won all her singles first time out. Her coach, Hans Soova, says she's always had a "built-in timing mechanism" which enabled her to hit the ball with power and accuracy from her early days.

She has already assembled a large range of silverware. She won 11 tournament titles last season, for instance and six more in September. She was an ever-present in Yorkshire's Junior Division North championship teams of the last two seasons and has twice earned the Yorkshire League girls' merit award.

Melody is not overawed by the big occasion. As a non-sporting illustration, when Prince Philip opened the country's first Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Centre in Bradford during the season, she made a spontaneous presentation to him from her group.

She has represented her school at table tennis, swimming, badminton, netball and hockey. She likes biology and German, Pink Floyd and David Bowie, prawn cocktail and seafood. Her bright, lively, lovable and level-headed.

Has this young paragon no weaknesses, then? Well, her Yorkshire accent is broad enough to make the chairman of England selectors blush. But alas, Paul lost in the semi to Martin Shuttle (Surrey). Well done, Paul.

Junior Progression

by R. J. CRAYDEN

(Chairman, National Selection Committee)

As you may have seen in the Tournament Calendar for this season, three junior tournaments, Cleveland, Reading and West Midlands, have been given the title "select" and I would like to explain the significance of this description.

It was the wish of the National Selection Committee to have created a number of 3-star junior tournaments but difficulties arose that necessitated a change in the title. The word "select" was chosen, in order to stress that these tournaments, in the eyes of the selectors, will bear a 3-star rating.

Because of the wide choice of tournaments throughout the country, many of the leading juniors did not take part in some of these tournaments in the playing season.

IT IS NOW THE POLICY OF THE NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE WHEN COMPILING JUNIOR RANKING LISTS, TO GIVE CREDIT TO RESULTS GAINED IN THE THREE SELECT TOURNAMENTS PLUS JUNIOR CLOSED AND JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Assessment Camps give an excellent guide to form up to September, but from then on accurate ranking becomes increasingly difficult, hence the introduction of "select" tournaments.

At least one member of the Selection Committee will be in attendance at these selected tournaments and you are advised to enter them should you wish to further your progress upwards in the junior ranking.

DURHAM NOTES

by Fred J. Innes

With the season now well under way all is going smoothly on the administrative side, those with successful trials for County places having been conducted at Peterlee and the commencement of the ever-popular County Coaching Scheme at the same venue.

Durham Co. Juniors got off to a flying start beating Northumbria 9-1 with Paul (Sunderland), Peter Masters (Philadelphia), Shirley Jenkins (Middlesbrough) and Vic Cocks (Morton) all scoring maximums, Geoffrey Inch (Philadelphia) being the only player to drop a set to Glenn McCordie.

Non-playing captain Alan Jenkins was very pleased with this result, especially the win by Paxton and Masters against their Northumbrian No. 1, Andrew Clark. Unfortunately the seniors were beaten 6-2 at the same Shireley Row Community Centre venue.

In this senior engagement Jim Armstrong (Philadelphia) won two singles and Peter McQueen lost to "Benny" Robertson 2-6 in the third.

V.G. Fondoretes (Joshua Wilson Bros. Ltd.) continue to sponsor the Coaching Scheme, the Durham County Open, Club Championship and the Award Scheme. All officials and management council wish to place on record their sincere thanks to V.G. for their continued interest in our welfare.

Closing date for the Durham Co. Open is Nov 19, 1974, former E. Round, 17 North Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear. The tournament is to be played at the new Sunderland A.F.C. Gymnasium on Saturday, Nov 30, and in the Middlesex Junior Open, Chris Reed (Cumbria) beats Geoff Inch (Durham No. 3) in the 4th round and then accounted for Paxton (Durham No. 1) in the 5th before losing to Paul Ellison (Durham No. 8) in the quarter. But alas, Paul lost in the semi to Martin Shuttle (Surrey). Well done, Paul.
Swaythling Club International

by W. "BILL" EVANS
(Hon. Secretary)

Sometime during the World Championships in Calcutta (Feb. 6-16) the Swaythling Club International will hold its Biennial General Meeting. The exact date and time will be advised in due course.

Present holders of the offices are:
- President—J. Veseesky (Ireland)
- Vice-Presidents—Dr. Z. Dolinar (Switzerland) and I. Gimpurra (Japan)
- Treasurer—H. Uchetti (Switzerland)
- Secretary—W. Evans (England)
- Press Officer—J. Lench (England)
- Committee—J. Andreadi (Czechoslovakia), B. Boros (England), K. Bowler (Australia), V. Harangnoy (Yugoslavia), R. Harrison (U.S.A.), Mr. D. Mauritz (Fed. Germany), R. Maruyama (Japan), A. Periera (Brazil) and F. Sido (Hungary).

In a letter received from our representative in India, Gautam Divan, we learnt that the Swaythling Club in India have donated to the Swaythling Club International the following:

- £250-Point of entry will depend on qualifications, experience, etc.
- £3,500-
- £1,500-
- £1,000-
- £500-
- £250-

One such gathering was made memorable for some of us at the European Championships this year in Novi Sad. At the kind and generous invitation of Steve Boros about ten or twelve members of the Club sat down to a dinner at a Hungarian restaurant in Novi Sad and enjoyed a splendid meal enlivened by real Hungarian music and song in which several of those present were able to revive memories of their youth. How nice it would be if more of such parties could be provided then by Steve Boros were possible. Let us know if anything of the kind occurs in your country affecting members of the Swaythling Club.

The 1977 World Championships in England coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the first Championships, in London, and the formation of the I.T.T.F. The International Federation wishes to commemorate this notable anniversary and has invited the Swaythling Club International to collaborate in a worthy special occasion. Members are cordially invited to offer suggestions as to how best this anniversary might be celebrated.

Any ideas and suggestions will be carefully considered and we would like to think that it could be something notable in which the Swaythling Club would take an active part.

Shropshire Notes

by Alan Cavell

Goldene Gates

As a result of the courses run by the Sports Council to give people of all ages a chance to enjoy active sports, Lilleshall Hall, once the Shropshire home of the Duke of Sutherland, is possibly the place in Shropshire best known to sportsmen from all over the country.

On Aug. 24 twelve strangers passed through the Golden Gates, replicas of those adorning Buckingham Palace, to attend a course, run by Peter Hirst, on modern coaching techniques. At the end of a memorable week those twelve, Dave Adams, Peter Avery, Keith Baker, Bob Icketty, Carol Bowan, Keith Griffiths, Derek Harris, Paul Smith, Bill Spain, Peter Stephenson, Jean Swaffield and myself were great friends. I hope that those from other parts of the country enjoyed their fleeting glimpse of the splendour of the Shropshire countryside.

The officers and officials of the Telford T.T.A. for the current season are: President—J. H. Reid; Chairman—A. J. Cavell; Secretary—G. S. Finch; Treasurer—R. Blund, Inter-League Secretaries—T. Felton and G. Bullock; Divisional Secretaries—B. Edwards, Mrs. S. A. Johnson, M. Ward and P. J. Cooper. Norman Rou has volunteered to take over the post of Press Officer, left vacant by the sudden death of Peter Derry.

In the absence of the County champion, M. A. Smith, who was away captaining the Shropshire Golf team, the County trials produced the following ranking lists:

Men: 1. C. Neal (Shrew); 2. K. Walton (Shrew); 3. G. Samuel (Telford); 4. R. Smith (Telford); 5. M. C. F. Jones (Telford); 6. R. Roberts (Worcester).

Women: 1. S. Rogers (Telford); 2. S. Evans (Shrew); 3. J. Jones (Whitchurch); 4. M. Robinson (Telford).

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The Irish Table Tennis Association (Ulster Branch) has advertised for the post of Full-Time Coach/Development Officer for Northern Ireland.

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Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from J. E. Ellis, c/o Technical College, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Closing date for receipt of applications—21st November, 1974.

Answers to Quiz

1. Dunlop Bara Super, 3-crown and 2-crown, Halco, 4-star and 2-star, T.S.P. Astoll, 3-star and 2-star.

2. No, both white and yellow balls may be used.

3. International Table Tennis Federation.


6. No. It must be dark coloured, and matt.

7. 274 cm and 152.5 cm.

8. No: play should proceed.
Dear Mr. Evans,

Although I am a member of the Executive Committee of a County, I am writing to you in my personal capacity as a party very interested in the advance of Table Tennis as a sport in this country. The fact that you are responsible for the Super League and that your newspaper has so generously sponsored the competition, makes it obvious that you are similarly minded. In these circumstances I am sure you will not mind my writing to you setting out my views about the Super League and asking you to give them serious consideration.

I am sure not only that you will not mind my writing to you setting out my views about the Super League but also that you will agree that there are many of us in the game who are similarly minded. In these circumstances I have come to the conclusion and it is mainly comprised of Table Tennis players who have to be present at the various tournaments to see them playing each other. Everybody agrees that it is not only a great novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, but it is also a great boost to the game as a whole. Accordingly it is no novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, since they only have to be present at the various tournaments to see them playing each other.

On the financial side I can see that you might be expected to introduce more money that there are only three Counties and twenty-eight matches to be played. This is no reason why the Super League should cease to operate in its present form. But the Super League idea was a great one in inception but that is no reason why it cannot be improved upon where it is seen that the original concept may not be achieving everything that was desired.

I am sending copies of this letter to the English Table Tennis Association, Table Tennis News, and the Secretary of the County Championships.

Yours sincerely,

AN OPEN LETTER

HAROLD EVANS

Having been present at three of the Super League series of matches of last year and this year, I have come to the conclusion and my view is shared by many others in the game, that unless the Super League takes a different form it will rapidly cease to have any appeal. The problem as I see it is that the audience is mainly comprised of Table Tennis players and of these the majority are tournament players themselves. Accordingly it is no novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, since they only have to be present at the various tournaments to see them playing each other. Everybody agrees that it is not only a great novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, but it is also a great boost to the game as a whole.

One other thing that occurs to me is that there are eight Counties and twenty-eight matches to be played. I see no reason why the "Super League" idea should cease to operate in its present form, as at present being played at another four of them. This would mean that three more tournaments would have to be arranged to suit the idea of Middlesex playing one of their matches in their own County before a large audience and every other County doing likewise is something that is very attractive.

The major flaw in the set-up is that there is absolutely no magic whatsoever in a team named after the different towns, even though the majority are tournament players themselves. Accordingly it is no novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, since they only have to be present at the various tournaments to see them playing each other. Everybody agrees that it is not only a great novelty for them to see the various Super League players in action, but it is also a great boost to the game as a whole.

I am sending copies of this letter to the County Championships Organisation and ask them whether you might transfer your present sponsorship to the County Championship Premier Division. At the moment this comprises of eight Counties and (subjects to Cleveland winning promotion this season) involves all but two of the present Super League players. Human ingenuity should find a way even for utilizing the services of these two non-involved players if it was thought essential. If this came to pass then I can imagine very partisan crowds watching matches between say Lancashire and Yorkshire or Middlesex and Essex, with a great deal more enthusiasm than they do under the present set-up. What is more, one argument against the Super League—that it does not involve our girl players—would be overcome since girl players do take part in the County Championships.

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I was pleasantly surprised to find this gathering of Table Tennis enthusiasts were casting their eyes of attention to Table No. 1 and not, as I thought, on the Rayner-Schofield encounter in the adjacent court. Within a couple of points I understood the crowd's reaction to this battle between Leicester's Paul Randell and the magical "semi-retired" Maurice Billington. Why this was so, I thought. It quickly erased the fact my only remaining active interest in double tennis was badly dying. Why? Could it be that modern standards of playing are stilted and individualism? With the emphasis on winning, and the worth of the backhand, there doesn't appear to be much in the game unless you are a player.

True, the junior out to reach the top will say he is too young to win entertain. But, if we take a realistic look at our present standards we can't boast anything we didn't have ten years ago. Come out of hiding behind Denis Neale, and what have we got—NOW! With the greatest respect to my fellow players and friends there is no one who will send "tremors" through foreign camps as has Denis done, and we've had him for ten years and more.

The equipment isn't helping either; Mark V thought it was a car as a "Connie" to his own controversial manner. Chester has attracted public limelight. True, it may have been as a young "Big Kid" but I don't believe there is such a thing as bad publicity, so we have a lot to thank Chester for.

Outside of the tournament halls we have enjoyed a fair amount of publicity from that colourful character, Chester. His enthusiasm in his own controversial manner has attracted public limelight. True, it may have been as a young "Big Kid" but I don't believe there is such a thing as bad publicity, as we have a lot to thank Chester for.

I am sure players and officials who have been around over the last decade will look at the present tournament and ask themselves a question I am asking—WHERE HAVE ALL THE ENTERTAINERS GONE!!!
GERARD HOLDSWORTH FILMS ON TABLE TENNIS

by JOHN O’SULLIVAN

It must be very difficult to decide just how much to include and how technical to be when making an instructional film about a sport. Should it be instructional at all or just an introduction to the uninitiated. Gerard Holdsworth Productions Ltd. have made such films to be used as Audio Visual aids for many sports, one of which is table tennis.

The series is made up of four films each progressing to a more advanced part of the game. Part 1, as the title of “Basic Shots” suggests, covers the very beginning of a player’s career with such fundamentals as the grip, stance, push strokes and elementary footwork.

Part 2, entitled “Topspin and Backspin Strokes” deals with the normal backhand and forehand drive and chop, and reference is made to balance, recovery and coordination.

Part 3, “Advanced Strokes,” assumes that the player has mastered the simple strokes demonstrated in the earlier films, and spends some time on the production of the loop drive and, just as important, how to return the same by means of the half-volley. It then moves on to the smash, counter-hitting and, finally, fitness training.

Many of us could do with Part 4—“Perfecting Your Game”—if it did what its title suggests. It does, in fact, cover serving, side spin, the drop shot and the balloon defence.

Having now seen all the films, I must immediately state how impressed I was with the standard of the photography, especially the colour. Seeing table tennis portrayed by professional operators makes reviewing not only easy but enjoyable.

I found that during the first film the sound was rather loud and made the ball sound more like the cannon variety. This was not so evident in the other three. I am of the opinion that these films can only do good wherever they are used but I think it would be an advantage to have a coach present to give explanations and comments to help the player to understand what is being said.

Further information on these 16mm. films, such as hiring charges, can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. Offices or from the makers, Gerard Holdsworth Productions Ltd., 31 Palace Road, London, SW1E 5HW.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

BOYS UNDEFEATED

Norfolk Juniors gave the County a good start when they beat Huntingdonshire 8-2 at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. on Oct. 12. Our boys, Doug Bennett, Paul Durrant and Mike Archer, were undefeated, but 14-year-old Wendy Hogg lost to an opponent two years older, Belinda Champlin. “Roos” also took the girls’ doubles.

Vic Bennett, Doug’s father, and County Junior Coach, has sent me the following County Junior ranking list:


For the girls only four rankings are given, viz.: 1. Wendy Hogg; 2. Paula Ribbons; 3. Ruth Harrows, and 4. Karen Brown.

Congratulations to Douglas Bennett on winning the Essex U-14 Open on Sept. 7. In the final he ousted Brian Tyler, of Middlesex.

In the senior field, Chris Bensley went the American straight singles tournament at Erie Electronics, Yarmouth, beating Mick Broughman 17-15, 17-15. In the semi he had made a remarkable recovery against John Turner, the York champion, winning 24-22 in the third after being 12-10 down. In Norwich, Bensley plays for C.E.Y.M.S., who must have an excellent chance of taking the Premier Division championship. His team-mates are Mick Musson and Neville Graver.

I have to thank Lan Miller, Norfolk League’s enthusiastic secretary, for once again sending me their handbook. I notice two new Hon. Life Members. Those who read my notes last month will not find it hard to guess that they are Gerry Rix and Eric Fairhead. One facet of Eric’s career I did not mention was his enormous service as County Press Officer. For many years he contributed to the “Eastern Evening News,” the “Eastern Football News” (the Pink ‘Un) and finally to the “Eastern Daily Press.” His notes setting the individual league notes in their County perspective. His successor is Derek Adbous.

Team for France

The team to represent England in the French Open Championships (Nov. 22-24) is:

T. Taylor ( Beds), N. Jarvis ( Cleve), D. Parker ( Lancy), Karenas Mathews ( Middles) and Carole Knight ( Cleve), N.F.C.: Brian Burn.

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HAMPSHIRE NOTES
by David Cosway
SHETLAND UNSETTLED

The trials for the County teams certainly had their ups and downs. Chris Shetler, last year's No. 1, had a bad day, winning only one set and was not tasked; I know understand he may wish to play for Wiltshire, as he has moved to Salisbury. This would be a great loss for Chris has turned in some fine performances for the County. One is left with the thought that should a player be so demoted after a single day out of form, when so much past evidence is available as to his ability.

On the day, Keith Summerfeld was unbeaten with wins over his closest rivals, although taken to three by Jim Daly and Steve Kitcher. Both Steve Wilson and Trevor Smith lost twice, but Steve's two-straight win over Trevor put him in No. 2 spot.

The women's trial was notable for the absence of Christine Davies, who said she is not available for this season—a sad loss to the County. This left Joyce Cooper a clear No. 1, and on the day only Mrs. Crumlish took a set. Equally clear No. 2 was Linda Wales, who won each of her sets in straight games, but lost to Mrs. Cooper 12 and 14. The following rankings were favored by the selection committee.—

Men
1. K. Summerfeld (So)
2. S. Wilson (Po)
3. T. Smith (So)
4. S. Kitcher (Po)
5. M. Gilbert (Po)
6. C. Jacob (Po)
7. D. Nicholson (Ba)
8. H. Harris

Women
1. Mrs. J. Cooper (Bo)
2. Miss L. Wales (Po)
3. Miss J. Hudson (Po)
4. Miss P. Robinson (Po)
5. Mrs. S. Harding (So)
6. Mrs. A. Waters (Bo)
7. S. Whitfield
8. J. Miller

Boys
1. Stephen Harris (1. of W.)
2. Chris Payne (Ba)
3. Colin Wilson (So)
4. Peter Parrott (So)
5. Timothy Boyle (Ba)
6. Neil Brown (Po)
7. Philip Boyle (Ba)
8. Bruce Tarran
9. Peter Parrott
10. Robert Booth (Ba)
11. Angela Mitchell
12. Gary Waterman (Ba)

Girls
1. Linda Wales (Po)
2. Julie Reading (Bo)
3. Lindy Wright (Ba)
4. Marilyn Dwyer (1. of W.)
5. Jennifer Ward (Bo)
6. Jane Whittaker (Bo)
7. Susie Rigg (Bo)
8. Jacqueline Cane (Bo)

Key: Ba—Basingstoke; Bo—Bournemouth; Co—Corsham; 1. of W.—Wiltshire; Po—Portsmouth; So—Southampton

The inter-county matches in Hampshire take on a new format as far as the Mixed and Junior Wilts/Warks/Walters/Hants Schools Sports Hall and Gymnasium on Oct. 20, and this was the Middlesex Junior Tournament with possibly the best 48 boys and girls accepting, including two of each sex from Scotland. Otherwise it could well have been another English Junior Closed.

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Revelations—

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR OPEN

U-16 EVENTS
B.S.—Semi-Finals
1. K. Summerfield (1. of W.) bt J. Purslow (Essex) 21, 19, 21.
2. B. Duffie (Essex) bt D. Reeves (Essex) 21, 19, 11.
F. SHUTTLE bt Rogers (Essex)

MIDDLESEX 2-STAR OPEN AND JUNIOR AUTHORIZED CHAMPIONSHIPS
by Laurie F. Landry

A most excellent tournament was staged at the Walford School Sports Hall and Gymnasium on Oct. 20, and this was the Middlesex 2-Star Open and Junior Authorised Invitational with possibly the best 48 boys and girls accepting, including two of each sex from Scotland. Otherwise it could well have been another English Junior Closed.

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TABLE HIRE SCHEME

We are pleased to announce that this scheme is in operation once again whereby affiliated Clubs can obtain a top-class Jacques or Dunlop table by paying four annual installments of £20 (plus V.A.T. at 8%) and a "suggestion" fee of £10 per annum thereafter. The present waiting list should take about two months to clear but tables will be available throughout the season. Full details and application form can be obtained from the E.T.T.A. office.
LANCASHIRE NOTES
by George Yates

LITTLE RESISTANCE
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W.D.—Final
BLACK/KIRKMAN bt Dixon/S. Jackson (Preston) 9, 20.

B.S.—Quarter-finals
Hallows bt S. Cowler (Bolton) 7, 12.
Graham Hoy (Bury) bt G. Black (Liverpool) 8, 12.
C. Strettle (Wigan) bt J. Cropper (Blackpool) 10, 11.

Semi-finals
Smith bt J. Read (Liverpool) 8, 14.
Hallows bt Hoy 12, 18, 19.
Smith bt Strettle 16, 11, 13.

Final
SMITH bt Hallow 20, 18, 16.

G.S.—Semi-finals
Black bt J. Evans (Warrington) 12, 11.
Cropper bt Dixon 19, 17.

Final
CROPPER bt Black 16, 5.

V.S.—Semi-finals
G. Smith (Liverpool) bt J. O'Sullivan (Liverpool) 10, 12.
H. Nixon (Blackpool) bt F. Davies (Bolton) 16, 14.

Final
SMITH bt Nixon 15, 15.

U-21 S.S.—Semi-finals
A. O'Connor (Liverpool) bt Black 13, 16.
F. Rainford (Preston) bt Philip Hoy (Bury) 15, 11, 15.

Final
O'CONNOR bt Rainford 11, 19.

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Johns/Lisle lost to Barden/Mathews -18, -17.

A useful meeting of the C.T.T.C. officers with the E.T.T.A. which could well pave the way to integration.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

Cheshire 5, Midlands 4
M. Johns lost to A. Barden -13, -12; bt Mitchell 14, 16.
N. Eckersey lost to Barden 18, -16, -16; lost to D. Tan 18, -19, 19.
J. Hilton bt Mitchell 11, 18, bt Tan 21, 15.
Eckersey/Bardon bt Mitchell, Tan 18, -18, 16.
Susan Lisle bt Karenia Mathews -13, 15, 11.
Kelly lost to Barden/Mathews -18, -17.

After looking well beaten in the first, Susan Lisle fought back magnificently to win the next two sets which tipped the scales. Andy Barden and John Hilton each recorded a maximum.

Glouerngan 6, Warwickshire 3
A. Griffiths bt P. Judd -17, 18, 18; bt D. Munt 14, 12.
G. Jones loses to Judd -14, 11, 12; bt P. Glynn 4, 13, 17.
J. reamised lost to Munt 19, -17, -19; bt Glynn 17, 18.
Davies/Griffiths bt Glynn/Judd 6, 18.
Barty Gray lost to Beverley Green 4, 14, 9.

A triumphant return to the Premier for Glamorgan, with Alan Griffiths and Graham Davies unbeaten. Highlight the exuberant encounter between John Mansfield and Derek Munt, the rule change from 6 to 7 a point in first set and the set taking 45 minutes. Good win for Beverley and another solid second game, the tricky Gray.

**Lancashire 3, Essex 6**

D. Parker lost to J. Horsham 16, 17, -16; lost to D. Brown -17, 17, 11.
N. Hallows and Barbara Kirkman, both on Premier debut, confidently won 3-0 to level the score after Hallows had opened Lancashire's account v Bob Potton.

**Berks 8, Wiltshire 2**

B. Bawden unbeaten for Essex. Excellent win for both teams.

As anticipated, the Yorkshire girls were too strong for Wiltshire.

**Selection Committee gets sacked en bloc!**

**SECOND WEST**

Berkshire 7, Leicestershire 3
G. Roberts lost to C. Rogers -15, 18, -17; bt G. Hall 16, 14, 17.
K. Reid lost to Rogers 19, 16; bt K. Hall 17, 14.
D. Reeves bt G. Hall 22, -10, 12; bt K. Hall 14, 17.
Reeves/Bowen lost to G. Hall/Rogers 23, 21.
Caroline Reeves bt Gillian Simkson 12, 16.
Trent/K. Wirt bt K. Hall/Joyce Reill 12, 13.
C. Reeves/Wirt bt Revill/Sinkimson 12, 5.

Paul Trout 'man of the match' and gave Berks a great Premier start with his victory over Chris Rogers. He was backed by an all round Berks side, Lee's will suffer their two star girls, both now over 400.

** Essex 6**

F. Day bt D. Sehmbi -18, 18, 8; bt P. Hunt 16, 16.
A. Badwein lost to Sehmbi -18, -13; lost to Day 12, 15.
B. Richardson lost to Hunt -13, -13; lost to Bawden -11, 10.
Day/K. Richardson lost to Hunt/Sehmbi 17, 13.
Ruth Newman lost to Sandra Sutton -12, 17.
B. Richardson/Susan Ellis lost to Bawden/Sutton -18, 18.
Ellis/Newman bt Janet Boulter/Sheila Smith -18.

Never more than a set in this until the very end. Paul Day got his expected maximum with Andy Bawden unbeaten for Essex. Excellent GD win kept Cambs in with a chance.

**Lancashire 3, Yorkshire 7**

N. Young/Phillips F. Baxter 10, -12, -18; bt M. Harrison 14, 15.
K. Smith lost to Baxter -14, -19, bt K. Bradleys -17, 16, 17.
K. Williams lost to Harrison -18, -18; lost to Rendolls 20, 10.
Hallows/Smith bt Baxter/Harrison 12, 13.
Julie Black lost to Melody Ludii -11, 13.
Williams/Kathleen Cropper lost to Bradleys/Barry 15, 12, 16.
Black/Cropper lost to Ludii/McLean 14, -11.

As anticipated, the Yorkshire girls were too good, but the visiting boys indicated that the West Rose grans in the Championship will take a deal of shifting despite loss of Crumby. Nick Day and Kevin Bradleys came so close to a memorable win v Ian Smith.

**Norfolk II 6, Hertfordshire II 5**

M. Shuttle lost to A. Barden -13, -13; lost to M. Harrison 14, 12.
C. Richardson lost to Barden -19, -17; bt B. Tyler 18, 17.
M. Crimmings lost to Mitchell -12, -15; bt Tyler 18, 17.
Crimmings/Girdler bt Mitchell/Tyler -16, 21, 17.

Kay Greenough lost to Angela Mitchell 11, -13, -15.
Shurtle/Jayne Mitchell bt Barden/Susan Dove 17, 15.
Greenough/Mitchell lost to Doe/A. Mitchell -11, 18.

Ian Girdler trailed Andy Barden 11-17 then led 20-19 after great recovery, then in final set allowed his other side with inconsistent display v Bryn Tyler. Both Murray sharp, his set with Max Crimmings the best of the day with the Surrey boy scoring amazing closer scores than he got after some fine rallies. Kay Greenough scored points consistently in lat v Angela Mitchell with angled forehands but Angela got away well after "ends" in the 3rd. Fine match.

**JUNIOR SOUTH**

Buckingham 5, Hertfordshire II 5

Oxfordshire 0, Sussex 10

**JUNIOR NORTH**

Cleveland 7, Lancashire 3

Durham 9, Northumberland 1

Durham mainly in charge after good opening win by Peter Masters over Andrew Clark 17, 11, 13. Clark the best of the visitors, but he went home (unusually) empty handed. This Durham team could improve on last season's record.

Yorkshire 7, Cheshire 4

Just Seannattie Richardson of this Yorkshire side had any County experience but the whole team put up good display. Lynda Rykec, at 13, a definite find.

**JUNIOR SOUTH-EAST**

Hampshire II 1, Essex II 9

The task too great for a completely new team over experienced and capable opponents. Nice 19, 14 win for Lynda Wright over Penny Abbott.

Sussex II 1, Kent 9

Berkshire 5, Surrey II 5

Surrey, never before, had to settle for a draw despite brave effort by Simon V in Jonathan Proffitt in final set with Max Crimmins the best of the visitors, but he and Stephen Fontal went down in B/L 18, -14 to Richard Jermy and Adam Proffitt.

**JUNIOR MIDLAND**

Clywd 5, Derbyshire 5

Shropshire 3, Staffordshire 7

Warwickshire 10, Leicestershire 0

Doug Johnson and Karen Groves a cut above the other players in a rather one-sided match.

**JUNIOR EAST**

Lincolnshire 6, Bedfordshire 6

Norfolk II, Hertfordshire II 10

Suffolk 3, Cambridgeshire 17

**JUNIOR WEST**

Devon 4 Glamorgan 6

Gloscestershire 5, Wiltshire 5

Sussex II 1, Dorset 5

Cornwall 2, Worcestershire 8

Devon 5 Wiltshire 5

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

AND A WAY OF LIFE

Peter Charton, Graphic Artist and Press Secretary of the Royal County of Berkshire T.T.A., has changed his address to 57 Burghfield Road, Reading, Berks. (Phone: Reading 28462). Peter's wife, Judy, gave birth to their first child on October 9; a boy to be named Matthew.

As a regular Junior Open tournament Matthew's last tournament was the Cleveland Select Junior Open on Tresco. I'm pretty sure Matthew wouldn't mind if, after a reasonable lapse of time, Judy joined at least the 'Open' circuit. He might enjoy the curtain raiser of sounds produced by a junior tournament in full cry!