BRIGHTON PEERS

ANATOLY STROKATOV

JACQUES SECRETIN

Photos by Peter Madge

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BRIGHTON FILLIP

The success of Nicky Jarvis and Trevor Taylor in winning the men's team title in the Norwich Union International Championships at Brighton, could not have come at a more opportune time, occurring as it did, on the eve of our players' departure for the 3rd Commonwealth and 3rd World Championships.

As a confidence-booster it should stimulate the efforts that will be needed for England to retain all seven Commonwealth titles and assure our representatives of being well received both in Melbourne and Calcutta.

Granted, our players did not set the Sussex coast alight in the individual events but there were some heart-warming victories achieved in both team events, none more so than the feats of newcomer Carole Knight in beating Federal Germany's Wiebke Hendriksen and Ursula Hirschmuller.

Few will envy Brian Burn, the new Trainer/Coach, whose task in maintaining the physical and psychological well-being of his squad over quite a lengthy period away from home, is nothing short of daunting. We wish both him and his players well. Bon voyage and happy landings.

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DOWN AGAIN

In Budapest, on Dec. 12, England went down to their third successive defeat in the Premier Division of the European League, but the same "out of control" story, once more, has been in the visitors' favour instead of Hungary.

Denis Neale and Nicky Jarvis both played remarkably well, and could have won all four men's singles. As it was they both accounted for ace defenders, Janos Borzsei, showing great control and patience in waiting for the right ball to "put away."

Neale led Gabor Gergely 9-5 in the third, controlling the Hungarian's loop exceptionally well, whilst Jarvis, against the same player, led 20-16 in the first and 23-20 in the second, before losing in a very even contest.

Neale and Desmond Douglas led 20-16 in both games of the men's doubles yet, incredibly, they lost, but Jill Hamersley was well supported, as were Douglas and Linda Howard in the mixed.

Individual scores:-
G. Gergely bt D. Neale 17, 13, 14.
J. Borzsei lost to N. Jarvis 13, -16.
Gergely/Magner/Hanna bt Douglas/L. Howard 15, 10.

Borzsei lost to Neale 16, -14.

On the same night, in Lubec, Federal Germany went down 1-6 to Sweden, the only home victory being recorded by Wiebke Hendriksen, who beat Ann-Christian Hellman. Both Kjell Johansson and Stellan Bengtsson were put under extreme pressure by Jochen Leiss and Peter Stellwag in their opening encounters, who comprehended the storms as they did in the men's doubles, contested by the Swedish combination.

J. Leiss lost to K. Johansson 13, -19, 22.
F. Stellwag lost to S. Bengtsson -18, 18, 19.
J. Magner/Hanna bt Bengtsson/Hellman 18, 13.
E. H. Liding/Hendriksen lost to Johansson/\nHellman -12.
Leiss lost to Bengtsson -22, 21.
Stellwag lost to Johansson 13, -15.
France, who, like England, are without a win, fought valiantly, away to Yugoslavia, in Coka, coming back from a 1-3 deficit to equal the match score at 3-3, only for Dragutin Stipancic to snatch victory away from them in beating Jean-Dominique Constant, having previously accounted for Jacques Secretin 22-20 in the third set.

Mihajlov Konaraskovic, making his debut in this competition, failed in his two games.

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Big shock in the Second Division—Group B was the 5-2 win obtained by Greece over Italy in the Nikaia National Gymnasium, on Dec. 13, where only Stefano Bosi succeeded in stemming the Grecian onslaught. Scores:-

K. Priftis bt R. Giontella 12, 10, 15.
D. Zikos lost to S. Bosi -18, 18, 15.
M. Louka bt L. La Gioia 14, 18.
N. Costopoulos/Priftis bt Bosi/Giontella 11, 19.
Priftis/Louka bt Giontella/La Gioia -17, 9, 14.
Priftis lost to Bosi 23, 20, 14.
Zikos bt Giontella 25, 19.

Austria, 61 wins over Switzerland in Innsbruck, on Dec. 13, have now guaranteed an undefeated country in this division. Scores in this match were:-

R. Weimann bt T. Sadecky 13, 5.
F. Thallinger bt J. Barcikowsky 16, 13, -9.
R. Gerich lost to V. Lehmann -13, 2.
G. Muller/Weimann bt Barcikovsky/Sadecky 20, 11.
Muller/Fettay bst Sadecky/Lehmann -16, 22.
Weimann bt Barcikovsky 10, 13.
Thallinger bt Sadecky 18, -17, 7.

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EUROPE CLUB CUP

On the International Front
by The Editor
make in the 5-2 victory obtained by the former Middlesbrough League champions over Budapest Spartacus in their Europe Club Cup quarter-final tie played at Everton on Dec. 18.

After Jarvis had gone down to Ferenc Timar in the fourth set for the Hungarian quarter-final tie played at Eston on Dec. 18.

J. Walker bt Kocsis 19, 15.

N. Jarvis bt T. Kreisz 12, 14.

D. Neale bt G. Kocsis 15, 9.

J. Walker lost to F. Timar -16, -14.

Budapest Spartacus 5, PTS Stiga, Helsinki O.

Mondals BTK 5, CIF, Firenze O.

Varbergs BTK 5, Kaiserberg, Duisberg 1.

Sparta, Prague 5, Mav Tervez 2.

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Jaroslav Kunz was the winner of the men's singles event in Orlici, beating Milan Orlowski in the final 13, -17, 12, 10. Milislava Zizkova was the winner of the women's singles title in Seoul, winning the counterpart women's event with final scores of 11, 6.

Hsi En-ching won the women's singles title in Seoul, winning the counterpart women's event with final scores of 11, 6.

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* NEW YEAR HONOURS *

Her many friends will be pleased to know that Miss K. M. White was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours for her work in the Department of Employment.

She is one of the group which was brought together to run the World Championships in London in 1974. It is much of whom gave notable service for many years thereafter. Kith joined the party for the Cairo World in 1970, was co-opted to the wartime National Executive, and went on to manage the Metropolitan Championships in post-war years.
The Norwich Union International Championships, played in the Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton, over the period Jan. 9-11, 1975, provided plenty of shocks in the way of results, but as far as the team events were concerned, they were mainly of a pleasant nature.

The Men's Team event was dominated by the inaptly-named England II and it is a matter of conjecture whether the Nicky Jarvis-Trevor Taylor team is stronger than that consisting of Denis Neale and Desmond Douglas.

The team events are not usually notable for the number of close matches but there were plenty on this occasion.

In the first round England III had a very good 3-0 win over Canada, where Ian Horsham gave a sparkling performance by defeating the highly-regarded Errol Caetano—a win which put England firmly on the path to victory. Hungary had sent nothing like their best side and England II had no trouble in beating them 3-0. Ireland only narrowly lost to a useful Yugoslav second team, where Savnik was unbeaten. Two fine wins for Scotland's Richard Yule against France II availed him nothing, the vital set being the doubles, lost at 20 in the third.

The second round saw the early—and predictable—eclipse of England III, where Jimmy Walker made an excellent start by taking the first game off Gomozkov and although he took him close in the next two, it was Russia who won the match by a 3-0 margin. 3-0, too, was the margin by which Yugoslavia, China II and China I got home against, respectively, Federal Germany II, Scotland II and France II. China's two matches were, in fact, all won in straight games with only the doubles going closer than 21-16—an early indication that the Chinese were going to give nothing away.

England II, meanwhile, made further progress at the expense of France I, the highlight being the first set which Jarvis won by the narrowest of margins against the ace French defender, Jacques Secretin, after dropping the first game 10. It was a wonderful fighting display by the England No. 1 and far from being his only performance worthy of note, it was merely the start of several.

Jarvis is one of the greatest fighters the game has ever known and one feels often he is denied his just desserts, but on this occasion, for a change, he was amply rewarded. It
Come back, which he did most handsomely, and once he went away in the third there was just no holding him. Jarvis then made the score 2-0 by beating Gomozkov, again after losing the first. The Russians fought hard to take the doubles—a result which would have laid the match wide open—but there was no stopping Jarvis and Taylor, who won two-straight for a place in the final.

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More interesting, of course, to English supporters was the England II—China I final. Once again Jarvis put England off to a great start by hitting with great power to account for Wang Chia-lin but Trevor bounded back to take the second: A 19-14 lead in the third looked to have secured victory, but incredibly, at this juncture he served off and a short rally then culminated in Trevor hitting a winner—England II 2, China I 0.

With such a scoreline behind them England went into the doubles with great spirit and having won the first, led 14-11 in the second. It looked like being settled in three sets but China were not finished yet. In a great fight-back they took ten points in a row to win the second and then took the third. Poor Nicky Jarvis was completely unable to cope with Li Ching-kwang and with the match score 2-2 anything could happen.

In fact most things did. Taylor took the first and could so easily have won two-straight, but nerves—not a thing he suffers from a lot—appeared to hamper his progress in the second. Something which Mike Johns and I found distinctly disappointing was the lack of support given to the England team. At a time when some enthusiasm could have raised the team, the large crowd seemed complacent.

There was, however, nothing complacent about Taylor, who was sensational and determined. Once again he hit a winner to finish it...
Trevor Taylor has brought off many fine wins but he has rarely played better than he did in the team events here. It was a really superb performance by Jarvis and Taylor, fully deserving of the £100 each they received from Norwich Union for their efforts. Yet—according to some—their results were those who felt England had been given the title “on a plate.” Some people expressed the opinion that Russia's lack of over-hand against England II because they didn't fancy playing China I in the final. There was also the school of thought that China hadn't wanted to win against England with their “Friendship first” ideals.

I talked this over with Mike Johns and we both agreed these suggestions are quite ridiculous. Russia, surely would have welcomed the practice against the Chinese—they are hardly likely to travel that far to throw games. And there was nothing in their play to suggest they were not giving 100%. China? Well, if they had wished to give the encounter to England they had the choice when they trailed 0-2 and a game and 11-14 in the doubles. In fact they fought back to win and when a mistake was made in the last singles Wang Chia-lin was quick (as usual) to point out the error. It suggested he hadn't wanted to win or not. Too often if England lose they are criticized for not being good enough. If they win, it's because the other team gave it to them. No—give the team credit when they win. And, come to think of it—a bit of support wouldn't come amiss either.

**Individual Events**

The individual events provided the best entertainment of the £100 each they received from the earlier matches were very good, too.

In the Men's Singles only one of the eight seeded players failed to reach the quarter-finals. All eight were out of the £100 each they received from the earlier matches were very good, too.

In the semi-finals, two of the English players had a disappointing time in this event. Donald Parker gave a fine display against Sarkhojan, the No. 1 seed, and clearly the Preston star is still improving. Desmond Douglas—who had a disappointing time in both team and individual events—lost in the first round to the French defender, Christian Martin. Martin is a very useful player indeed, with good variety of shot and an occasional telling kill. But it should have been within Douglas's scope to deal with him.

Trevor Taylor's victim was Baum, who played like a man inspired. Taylor still appeared tired from the day before and the name could be said of Jarvis, who was defeated by Karakasevic's conqueror, Kua Yao-hua. Only rarely did the two players, who had performed with such credit the day before, look likely to win. Walker started off well against Secretin, but the longer he went on, the less likely he was to win. Although the court should have been given to the French ace, who went from strength to strength. It was another Englishman, Regis Canol', who put up Horsham in three comfortable games.

**LAST SIXTEEN**

Only Neale reached the last eight and in fact only three Englishmen were in the last sixteen. Neale, of course, was one and Jimmy Walker another. The third was Alan Hydes, shortly to take up a coaching appointment in New Zealand. Alan beat both Jimmy Lang (Ireland) and B. Juricic (Yugoslavia) before losing over four games to Gomozkov. It was a pretty good performance by Alan, who will be missed round the tournaments. I am sure everyone, however, will want to wish this likeable player every success in New Zealand.

When the French chopper took the first two games all looked well, and a good start in the third seed to have settled the issue. But it had not. Hitting some spectacular backhands, as only he can, Gomozkov took a very close third and a fourth which was just as exciting. When Gomozkov is hitting well, he looks unbeatable. When—as happened in the fifth game—his timing is fractionally out—he looks as though he has trouble in putting two good shots on in succession. Certainly Secretin's steadiness and sudden kills were responsible for the Frenchman winning the fifth fairly easily.

**AS EXPECTED**

The Men's Doubles went very much as expected but there was early excitement when Chester Barnes partnered the Chinese player Wang Chia-lin. They reached the third round before losing to eventual winners, Gomozkov and Sarkhojan, but not before they had taken them to five games. Neale and Douglas, England's sole representatives in the semi-finals, also lost to the Russian pair, but credit...
Elmira Antonian (like Strokatov, only nineteen years of age) played like a player possessed. Linda Howard—the most successful of the English players in this event—played Miss Antonian in the third round and a very fine match was finally won by the Russian at 21-14 in the fifth.

Jill Hammersley—who I had personally fancied to win the tournament—went out at the first stage of hitting, to the fiery hitting of the inseeded Chinese player, Yen Kui-li. It was a comprehensive victory, three straight games. It was a fine, intelligent display and she became only the second Russian (Rudnova was the first) to win the tournament, in this, its 48th time of operation.

Whilst the Men's Doubles provided plenty of action, the ultimate winners were never in doubt. The better all-round pairing of Sarkhajan and Gomoukov won with something to spare.

BEST FINALS

It was the Mixed Doubles and the Men's Singles which produced the best Finals and both appeared on TV. This could only have been good for the game and the man to thank most is Jacques Secretin. This 25-year-old Parisian, nine times champion of France, is that rarity today—a defensive player. Left-handed, with immaculate footwork, he is well able to come in and kill anything loose. Away from the table he can chop, hit and is able to produce all kinds of varied spin. Above all he is not afraid to give the ball plenty of elevation and his fine placing gives him the time to make ground to be ready to receive the return. It was then, perhaps, a little sad he was on the losing side in both finals he reached.

First the mixed. In this Li Ching-kwang and Yen Kui-li hit more or less continuously throughout the five games with some fine winners and there is little doubt their victory was well-deserved. But the player who impressed me most was Claude Bergeret. How much this girl has improved! And what a fine player! Defensive and hitting well enough not to be out-shone by her more famous partner. A match that did credit to all four players.

For the final, however, unsuccessfully was the Men's Singles, the contest being between France's Jacques Secretin. Without doubt it takes two players to make an attractive final and when the players have such contrasting styles as these, a good final is always 'on the cards.'

Strokatov made his intentions clear from the outset. He was going to hit Secretin to all corners of the arena, and for a start he worked. With a beautiful all-round attack, the ability to switch wings, the Frenchman was in all sorts of trouble. But not for long. Having lost the first he started giving the ball more variation and coming in for the odd telling hit himself. 21-17 and the match score level.

Defending, coming in for a hit, more defence, a high top spin return, one chopped, one floated, a heavy side-spin, and a hit. Secretin produced the whole bag of tricks. And the crowd loved it. They saw that skill-bound, almost every point bringing tumbling applause. And there was Strokatov. Still fighting, still hitting. But the Frenchman was too consistent. 21-18, 21-17 to Secretin.

Back bounds Strokatov with his explosive forehand. Secretin is back on defence (no change this). But Strokatov is proving too consistent. That extra hit is going on. And he wins 21-17. So to the fifth game. Secretin rushes away to a 7-2 lead and it looks all over. But nobody would say so. Too much has happened in this set already. And so it proved.

Secretin, to his credit, carries on going for his shots and catches Secretin up, overtakes him. Still the fabulous rallies go on. One is considered so good that it is televised on the news several times. And there are many rallies nearly as good as that. It seems impossible the players can keep it up for five games, but they do just that. With a 20-17 lead in this final, tense game, Strokatov seems to have it in the bag. But he hasn't.

Back comes the game Frenchman. 20-18. 2019. All the tension is there. But then, in comes Strokatov, kills the ball and there is a silence for a few seconds. Then Secretin produces a sporting counter that he is, moves quickly round the table to congratulate his Frenchman. And for the first time this evening the players bend down and shake hands. It was a magnificent game, a classic, which is given the applause the English crowd gave these two sporting competitors.

RESULTS

TEAM EVENTS

MEN

Round 1:

Glasgow bt Hong Kong 3-0
I. Horsham bt E. Caetano
S. Gomozkov bt Walker

Women

Round 1:

England I bt Yugoslavia II 3-1
D. Neale bt Juricic

Round 2:

England II bt China I 3-2
M. Savnik bt L. Langan

Final:

N. Jarvis bt B. Frank

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men's Singles

Barclay (Eng) bt J. Secretin (13), 13, 18
D. Strokatov (USSR) bt Secretin

Women's Singles

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SCOTTISH NEWS
by DENIS GEORGE

The month of November was a very busy one for our International Squash with visits to Belgium, Norway and France. NORWEGIAN INVITATION TOURNAMENT
9-10 NOVEMBER — BERGEN
The Scottish team was Elaine Smith, Alan Mathew and Richard Yule, under the leadership of John Brathwaite. The match, Norway was played in the Astrealthallen—a new sports hall—and resulted in a 4-3 win for the home team. Star of the Norwegians was Odd Iversen, who beat Yule 2-1 and Mathew 2-0. First played in England in the late 60's and reached the European Cadet Final at Thornaby in 1970. In the Invitation Tournament the next day, Elaine Smith won the Women's Singles, beating R. Blythman 10 and Yule lost the Men's Singles final to Gutormsen 13-20. Last event of the trip was a match with Bergen, which Scotland won 5-4.

FRENCH OPEN, 22-24 NOVEMBER—PARIS
A large party travelled over to Paris for this event. Yule and Archie McCulloch lost 0-3 to Holland (v Helm and v Slobbe) and a day later, Elaine Smith won the Women's Singles, beating R. Blythman 10 and Yule the Men's Singles final to Gutormsen 13-20. West Reggeland in the semi-final, making another of his successful raids into Scottish territory won the final against Graham 13, 20. The Women's Singles went to Elaine Smith, who defeated Grace McKay in the semi and Patrice Fleming in the final. The girls took on the boys in the U-17 Open Singles; Brian Grundy bt Grace McKay in the three-quarter finals and then lost to Alan Mathew. In the other half Willy Lochside played well to eliminate Russell Brown but lost to Tom Devers in the semi. Alan Mathew won the final against Devers 17, 17. Other results—

Men's Singles:
2. K. Kerr (Edinburgh).
3. R. Bhalla (Glasgow).
4. J. Graham (Edinburgh).
6. C. Dalrymple (Falkirk).
7. A. Mathew (Aberdeen).
8. C. Mathew (Abderdeen).
9. A. Brown (Glasgow).
10. T. Devers (Glasgow).

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3. E. Craig.
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S.T.T.A. TEAM CUP, 7th DECEMBER—EGLINTON
15 teams from all over Scotland competed in this event, which is open to the Winners and Runners-up in the previous season's Premier Divisional Championships of each affiliated league. In the Semi-Finals Gambit (Edinburgh) beat Swiffs (Aberdeen) 5-4, and Central (Glasgow) beat Triangle (Aberdeen) 5-4. For the Cup the semi-finalists have almost made the Team Cup their own, but this year Central turned the tables. With the score at 4-2 to the Glasgow team, Gambit hit back with Billy R. Brown to win Ram Bhalla 18, 21, however, John Wilson (Central) hit through Bert Kerr 15, 14, to win 5-3. Arrangements for the Perth Open, on Feb 9, are now well underway. Peter Thomson (Perth) and John Wilson (Central) were the first to win.

Colin Smith will again represent the club in this event the following day. Entries from South of the Border will be welcome—details from A. English, 18 Stuart Avenue, Perth (Tel.: 29192).

SCOTTISH RANKINGS—DECEMBER, 1974

Boys
1. A. Mathew
2. J. Kerr
3. J. Moir
4. E. Black (Edinburgh)
5. A. Alexander (Lanark).
6. A. Brown (Glasgow).
7. W. Lochside (Glasgow).
8. B. Grumley (W. Dunbarton).
9. I. Donnelly (Glasgow).
10. T. Devers (Glasgow).
11. R. McKinley (W. Dunbarton).
12. D. Fraser (Lanark).

Girls
1. C. McKay.
2. E. Craig.
3. M. Cuthbertson
4. C. Dalrymple (Falkirk).
5. A. Harrett (Falkirk).
6. E. Hardy (Falkirk).

CHESHIRE NOTES
by Brian Kean

The undisputable facts underlying Susan's achievements and claim to national team selection are as follows—
No. 1—Ranked No. 4.
No. 2—100% County match record.
No. 3—Recorded wins over—Linda Howard, No. 2; Karenna Matthews, No. 3.
No. 4—Won the Champions and North of England Opens.
No. 5—Has lost to only one player ranked below her this season (Anita Stevenson) and this was after the announcement of the team for the Commonwealth and World Championships, and almost scratched from that particular tournament.
No. 6—She is only 21 years of age.

Now, the young lady selected in her place is 17-year-old Carole Knight, of CLEVELAND, ranked 6, who has been shown the way to the dressing room by Susan on two occasions.

So one would assume that a youthful policy had been adopted, and as one who believes in looking to the future, I would bite my tongue and reluctantly see their point of view.

The Women's team consists of England's No. 1, 2, 3, 4. Now we come to the men, where the policy is somewhat different, the first 5 in the Pecking Order are chosen. However, the 5th player happens to be a lad I have great respect and admiration for—Jimmy Walker, of whom—Yes—CELYE­VLE.

Now Jimmy is the same age as Susan and has been around for just as long, and with respect, cannot boast the same success this season. So we have two contradicting methods of selection and on each occasion just happens to work in a manner which favours the choice of a CLEVELAND player.

Brian Burns is the new boss and once a county colleague of SILLCOCK's Alan Ramsay of—Yes—CELYE­N. Burn very shortly will choose his right hand man. By the time this goes to press it will be known who.

Anyone like to take a bet with me as to who it will be?

I may be a very suspicious person; however, I feel there are a number of strange coincidences all contributing to Susan's omission from the Orient and down-under-bound jet.

If any of our readers have any comments or points of view regarding the aforementioned, I would be pleased to read same. New address of: 22 Braemar Avenue, Filston, Manchester.
THE WAYFARERS
ENGLISH JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHOCKS ABOUND AT
LOUGHBOUROUGH

by Philip Reid

The Wayfarers English Junior Championship was played over the weekend of December 14-15 at the P.E. Centre, Loughborough College of Education, where 700 entries provided the No. 1 seeds reaching the final in the top event.

Pride of place must surely go to Grantham's Susan Hunt, who, having reached the final without being taken to a deciding game, was named the winner of the Boys' Singles title. Barden, in the girls' singles, was in the running for the title, but eventually had to be Content with the silver medal. It all adds up to a pretty promising season ahead, and there are already signs that the juniors are taking the sport to new heights.

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The 'SUNDAY TIMES' SUPER LEAGUE

by John Ballantine of the "Sunday Times"

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I have no doubt that officials of the Middlesex T.T.A. must also have felt a little uneasy that somewhere, somebody was going to suffer as a result of their action. I have no doubt that the best excuse offered so far is that the calendar was turned upside down owing to the World Championships, and the need to bring forward the Northern Union International Championships.

To make matters worse, leading England players were disappointed that the World Championship event on Holland on the same weekend.

The result was that the Sunday Open, which has been a show-piece in its class for many years, lost nearly 60 players, and was financially crippled to the extent that it may never run again, unless, of course, miracles happen and new sponsors are found.

All this in the town that houses the head office of the London Olympic Games.
However, this season's match was finally played in a surprisingly good atmosphere, which makes it all very sad that life itself has been created by the unsympathetic and rigid use of the Rule Book.

Chris Pickard, Jack Bender, B. White, B. Tharmaker, Sue Pilestead, 83 Harveyfields, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Scandinavian Open

by Chris Francis

The world's stars gathered at Karlshamn, Sweden, for the Scandinavian Open, played late November, and for the first time in its history the event was played in the capital of the country where it is held. Karlshamn is a small town on the southern coast, and the tournament was held in the Karlshamn Tennis Club's two courts, which are situated on the outskirts of the town.

The Scandinavian Open is one of the major events in the European circuit, and it is always a great privilege to see the world's top players in action. The tournament attracts the best players from all over Europe, and it is always a pleasure to witness the high level of play that is on display.

The men's tournament was won by the Soviet Union's Evgeny Kuznetsov, who defeated his compatriot, Oleg Boiko, in the final. Kuznetsov's victory was hard-fought, and he had to save a match point in the deciding set to secure his win. This was a fitting end to a memorable tournament.

The women's singles final was won by Li Bing in straight sets over her compatriot, Lian Zhao. Li Bing's performance was outstanding, and she showcased her all-around skills in a dominating display.

The doubles finals were also exciting. The men's doubles saw the team of Tanasakpipop and Supakul Prasitpimolrung win the title over the team of Boiko and Kuznetsov. The women's doubles was won by Sherry and Lian Zhao over Wang and Li Bing.

The tournament was well-organized, and the atmosphere was electric. The crowds were large, and the players were in top form. The Scandinavian Open is a great event that should be on every tennis lover's bucket list.
Hampshire Closed
by David Cosway

Worry-Free Tournament

Held for the first time in many years in Basingstoke, there were no worries for the Hampshire Committee as the organisation was in the capable hands of Liz Barker and Avril Waters, with their experience in running their Association’s 3-Star Open. Park Prewett Hospital was a new place to me and the hospital management board could not have been more helpful, not only thanking the Hampshire Association, but staging the tournament in their premises, but also donating additional prizes to the players’ singles finals.

The seeding was the subject of some criticism, as three of the four seeds were Wiltshire players seeded above the “home” county men. Unfortunately in many ways, the seeding was proved right, for not only were all eight seeded in the quarters, but the three “outsiders” reached the semis. The only “Hampshire” player in the semi-final was Steve Wilson, and he comes from Bournemouth, which is now in Dorset! At the quarter-final stage Wilson beat the No. 1 seed and County No. 1, Keith Summerfield, at 17/16, 19, to put the County team their new champion. Wilson followed his brother Steve in the centre of the record book. Jacques back into the record book. Secretin had wins over Kjell Johansson -14, 18), Aka Gronlund (8, 12) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18). Secretin had wins over Kjell Johansson -14, 18), Aka Gronlund (8, 12) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (17, 18).

Perhaps the outstanding performance of the championships was the boys’ singles. Bournemouth’s Colin Wilson, having disposed of Steve Harris, the County No. 1, in the semi, was faced with a considerable weight disadvantage against the top-seeded Clive Foster, of Basinstoke. Clive has been at the top of his form recently, being crunching Harris hard to take over his top country ranking, but in the final he could not settle to his normal game. Colin followed his brother Steve into the championship records with a 17/19, 16 win. It is hard to believe Colin is only 17, for he played a masquerade, sensible game, going for all his shots and, as he told me after, he has none. Clive has to win this title. He must be the best prospect at this age in the country, and if he maintains his progress, surely he will follow the Hampshire girls into the record book.

The girls’ singles was a bit of an anti-climax, as the only two players between the England ranked girls did not materialise. Neither Linda Chesterfield (Shrewsbury) nor Janet New (“A” Group) entered, which left England No. 12, Julie Reading, with a clear field. In the final she beat Basingstoke’s Linda Wright 15/14, 15.

Ray Lush, of Portsmouth, beat Maurice in 19, 14, to take his third “veteran’s” title.

Secretin Stars

Jacques Secretin, the French champion, held his club, C.S.A. Kremlin-Bicetre, to a 5-4 victory over B.T.K. Malmöhus, of Sweden, in a Europe Club Cup quarter-final tie, played in France on Dec. 21.

Secretin had wins over Kjell Johansson (9, 14, 18), Aka Gronlund (8, 12) and Aka Juligren (9, 13), the other player being registered by Vincent Purkant, who beat Juligren (2, 18) and, in the final set, Gronlund (12, 9). Dany Dhand, the home No. 3, was without a win.

Chris Shetler and Christine Davies, winners respectively of the men’s and women’s singles in the Hants Closed.

Midland League Notes
by Richard Habgood

Topsy Turvey

It’s been a bit of a topsy-turvey season so far with so many teams, for varying reasons, being so very slow to commence their fixtures.

One such team has been West Bromwich, in the Women’s Division. Champions last season, they’ve only just played their first match against, Wolverhampton. As expected, they won 9-2, but it remains to be seen how well they do in their remaining fixtures. I believe Jenny Cocks’ form was not available for them this season, so possibly they’ll struggle without her. Birmingham “A”, with successive victories over Leicester, Nottingham and Birmingham “B” under their belts, could possibly lift the women’s title this season.

In “Veteran” Div. One, Oxford look certain to recapture the Championship they “lent” to Coventry last season. Unbeaten for them is Alf Davies, whose form can only be described as magnificent—only P. Constant (Waldall) has managed to take him to three games.

Also in good form is Stratford in Junior Div. Three. They, too, have an unbeaten record after four matches, and for them, Peter Close and Steven Calle are unbeaten. In this division Hereford are still well placed after dropping a surprise point to West Bromwich.

Junior Division Two sees Gloucester well clear with eight points from four games—Bill Dawe, with a 100% record looks a free player. Birmingham “B” and Coventry “B” have also started well, but there is a long way to go yet.

Judging by the results to hand, Wolverhampton “C” and Shrewsbury should both gain promotion from Men’s Div. Four. These two teams played an excellent draw earlier in December with Chris Neal (Shrewsbury) being in outstanding form. In fact, I believe he beat Alf Davies, whose form can only be described as magnificent—only P. Constant (Waldall) has managed to take him to three games.

The picture in Men’s Div. Three could well prove to be most pleasing for Nottingham, who probably should not have been relegated from Div. Two last season.

To Div. Two a maximum by Peter Griffiths helped Coventry to a narrow 6-4 victory over Birmingham “B”. This occasion was another bizarre year, but as I’ve said before, it’s partly one of the league’s. Of course there is a quick return to the top flight took a nose dive with a 1-3-3-1 result that really surprised me.

Few matches have been played in Div. One. Nottingham “A”, so far, who won the title last season, have played 5 and so too have Oxford who, sadly, have only one win to their credit. So far Oxford have utilised ten players but so much according to the shoulders of Stan Hahn that I think that Oxford’s chances of repeating their success purely just how many times Stan will be available for them. Leicester “B” are also finding the going tough but it really is pleasant to record the name of Jacques Jacques back into the record book.
COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkey

WELL DEMONSTRATED

The success of the coaching programmes throughout the County is well demonstrated by the inclusion of the women's ranking by juniors. Although the boys have yet to reach the same relatively high level, Jim Hayward, the County Chief Coach, tells me that there are many showing considerable promise, and the future looks bright.

Main coaching centres include Highfields, at Wolverhampton, where Jim is assisted by Colin Pearson and Andy Beattie, and much credit goes to them for the present strength in junior girls. Etheridge School is another centre in Wolverhampton, with Lee Dawson in charge. Also, in the south of the County, is Joseph Leckie School, at Wolverhampton, where Bill Parker and John Blackman hold regular sessions. Ron Harvey, the County Coaching Secretary, runs the sessions at Alleynes School, and Peter Hine covers the Pottery, with coaching at Northwood Stadium. It is interesting to note that Nick Hulley, who has been helping Ron Harvey at Highfields, has recently obtained the support of the Staffordshire Association to start coaching for 9 to 12-year-olds at the new Riverside Centre, in Stafford. Altogether a very encouraging situation for the future.

24 boys and 10 girls attended the coaching rally on Dec. 6, at Joseph Leckie School. At the end of the day, top placing in the merit table were as follows:

Boys: 1. Neil Rafferty (Cannock); 2. Paul Drayler (Wolverhampton); 3. Nigel Lockley (West Bromwich); 4. Paul Arndt (Walsall); 5. Stephen Drayler (Walsall); 6. Peter Machin (Potteries). Girls: 1. Stephanie Jones (Walsall); 2. Joanne Underwood (St.); 3. Frances Carr (Walsall); 4. Margaret Harvey (St.); 5. Joanne Chubb (Walsall); 6. Helen Watton and Janine Alderton, all from Wolverhampton.

Top positions in the boys' ranking come from all parts of the County. Robert Legge (Cannock) currently holds No. 1 spot, followed by Richard Harding (Walsall), Nigel Lockley (W.B.), Neil Rafferty (Cannock), Robert Legge (W.B.), Neil Rafferty (Cannock), John Blackman (Walsall), and Robert Cartwright (Potteries). Girls Round 1: Rosemary Jones, Emily Stinton and Joanna Watton and Janine Alderton, all from Wolverhampton, lead the girls.

The Lilleshall weekend courses continue to be a feature of the County Programme. The advanced course (15/21 years) is on April 15/17. Unfortunately the latter clashed with the Joseph Leckie Junior Open Tournament, but in 11/12 years and girls in popularity, juniors in the County should get their entries in early to avoid disappointment.

John Nicholls, the recent Highfields Wolverhampton Press Officer, also includes a junior item well worth a mention. A 17-year-old Andrew Dixon recently scored his first win in Division 8 at the Wolverhampton League. Well done, Andrew! You obviously have a lot of victories to look forward to. phone Tony Jones joining evergreen Jeff Robbins in the 11/12 teams, a sequence of six wins has taken them to the top of Division 1, where they have won or lost only once. Steve Tunnell, Ray Dixon, Steve Cartwright and Chris Hope are in the second team, in position in the neighbouring Walsall League. Newcomers to the game, Paul韧性 and Roger Dudley gaining some notable wins, have made an immediate impact to hold third place. Woodfield "C", in Division 2, held an all-women's team of Janet Carr, Sue Shields and Heather Johnson, and there are surely not many such teams playing at such a high level.

Isaac's has obviously opted to play for the Pottery in the Wilmot Cup, and wish Steve Rowe and Allan Higgins they had an easy win over Macleodfield.

In the Stone Championships, John Griffin, of Dordon, took the singles title in a fine fighting game against the defensive Brian Lockett. Junior Clara Underwood (Eccleshall), although bowing the older, Shirley Brown, in an earlier round, failed in the final against Brian Lockett. Although the latter was mixed with Emlyn Williams (Meaford), Clara had the consolation of winning the D-9's title from Andrew Hadfield.

Stafford League have had this problem year due to the withdrawal of a number of top teams during the season. This has left the league in a dilemma as no defeated entries to the lower divisions has maintained the total number of entries at a reasonable level, the current position is not a happy situation and will present a problem to correct next year. However, this is one of the ups and downs which small leagues have to suffer from time to time.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

CHALLENGE MAINTAINED

Cambridge kept up their championship challenge in the East Anglian League when they beat Bletchley by 8-2. John Thurlston was in good form, winning 2 singles and a doubles, while all three women's sets were won by Cambridge. The only defeat came in men's doubles, Paul Chisnall and Mick Syrett losing a set. Cambridge now have 7 points from 6 matches and share the lead with Newcastle, which has dropped one point.

In the South-East Midlands League, Cambridge beat Peterborough by 8-2, by Northampton, but the Veterans just got home 6-4 in their top-flight clash with the Midlanders. In this victory Thurlston won three singles and a doubles with Ron Nunn, while Ken Green gave good support with two victories.

In the men's section of the S.E.M. League, Ely are still unbeaten and look like retaining their title. Cambridge and Welford are in the lower half of the table and should this position is maintained they may find themselves in Division 2. In the Junior Section Cambridge have a 100% record, and the current leaders, and this should make for a close finish. The Ely team are semi-finalists in the veterans' section Cambridge scored a 9-1 win over Press, and New Chesterton Institute, who have a full diary this season and are doing well in this division.

In the Cambs. League, Soham I and N.C.T. I share the lead in Div. I, both having scored 11 points from 6 matches. Soham had an easy 5-1 win over Press, and New Chesterton Institute went one better by beating YMCA II 6-0. Wilburton, the early leaders, kept in the hunt with a good 6-4 win over YMCA I, and occupy third place. The two university teams are still unbeaten. It seems both have managed their first points of the season. University I have a full diary this season, while the second team picked up their point against Fison.

Although Cambridge have a full diary away with Div. II, having won 8 consecutive matches, their latest victims being Swavesey, who were beaten 10-0.

In the West End, Cambridge Vintage, Innogen and Cambridge Evening News, met in a match which was won with Impington getting home 6-4 by winning the final doubles 23-31. The Cambridge side were Steve Lee and Trevor McCrigh on "Exceller" in this match, which is a sequence of six wins. The Torquay juniors II gained their first points in this division by beating Fire Service 9-1 and shared bottom place with Firemen and Swavesey.

We are now hoping for a good win over Wilts, at Wilmot Cup on Dec. 21, and should this have occurred the "cidermen" should be in good tune for their all-important fixture away to ambitious Berkshire on Feb. 22.

The juniors have lost both their opening matches but will have been made stronger by their present position as the season goes on, under the leadership of Fred Liddard. One junior to keep a close watch on is Jeremy Misselwhite.

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The recently-opened North Kesteven Sports Centre proved to be an excellent and popular venue for the Lincolnshire Closed Championship of 1980, which attracted a total of 127 entries, four more than last year, with 34 from Lincoln itself, 30 from Grimsby and 21 from Grantham. The Men’s Singles had 36 competitors and there were 18 entries in the Ladies Singles. The event was organised by the Lincolnshire L.T.A., the centre’s Organising Secretary, and staged by the Lincoln L.T.A. For several years previously the tournament had been held in Grimsby.

Lincolnshire’s number one player, Brian Hill, claimed his twentieth victory in the last thirteen years in the Men’s Singles with a win over his Wyberton team-mate, M. East, 16, 17. The old year out was 1965, when the title was won by Scunthorpe’s Peter Skerratt. Three of the seeded players were eliminated in the third round when S. Morley (Grimsby) lost to G. King (Wyberton) 35, 14, 14, M. Norman (Louth) lost to M. Eas.t, 31, 13, 13, and C. Judson (Lincoln) lost to W. Moles (Grimsby) 27, 13, 13. In the semi-final John Dabin, with a margin of only 2 points, advanced to the final. This he won with great margin of 3 points against J. Radley. In the third game Edlington fought back from 14-16 down to lead 20-18 and won 21-19.

In the Ladies’ event the seeded C. Burlington (Scunthorpe) went out in the third round to M. Norman (Louth) -19, -18, who then lost to top seed N. Neal (Grantham) -22, -23. This left the way clear for the two top-ranked boys in the County, Neal and K. Eldred (Grantham) to fight out the title. Eldred won the first game but Neal fought back to take the next two and clinch the second junior title for Grantham. Score: 18, -19, -14.

At the end of the Championships the Chairman of the County Association, Mr. J. J. Robertson (Leicestershire) thanked the staff of the Sports Centre for their co-operation, the Lincolnshire Select Committee all who had worked towards the success of the day. He then introduced the County Match Secretary, Mr. A. G. Birks (Scunthorpe) who presented the trophies.

**KENT NOTES**

by Eileen Koutikoff

**ANOTHER BURDLE**

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATCHES

The three Western Division counties which wished to open up a home and away basis in their competition, have agreed on three supplementary matches between themselves, the first of which saw Worcestershire Seconds host Herefordshire 5-4 at Cradley Green, Worcestershire. Mike Froster was outstanding for the visitors, taking his tally to four successes on six visits to the table, versus his former County constituency. Fittingly the clash of the opposing No. 1’s was the highlight, and his set with Jonathan Proffitt went right to the wire. The other Herefordshire wins came from 5-2 over Shelsley Wood and via Andrew Lawrence and Neville Meredith in the mixed.

The match at Shelsley, however, was the closer, with Froster and Proffitt being the main characters. The conclusion is that, Froster excepted, Herefordshire players are still in considerable trouble versus exponents of the modern style, such as Button, Anthony Oakley and Michael Sykes.

At the time of this encounter, negotiations were still in progress with Gloucestershire to secure the County services of Graham Bonser, a regular for Ledbury, in Hereford Division 1. However, although he has not yet been awarded representative honours by them, Gloucestershire are unwilling to sanction Bonser appearing for another county, since they fear the situation would alter entirely if the County of Avon came into existence. The side which had played at Shrewsbury therefore represented the County against Glamorgan Seconds, as Souzana Again Froster stood firm for two singles, his win over Walter Hussey and for the win.

Third, and the new-look tournament is expected to prove more attractive both to Hereford and Worcestershire. Mike Prosser was outstanding for the Dodgkers and, with Mark Owen off colour and successful the M.E.B’s second string went one better with

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Brighton are making a strong bid for the double in the Men's Inter-League. They slaughtered Hastings 8-1 in Division 1. All eighteen months, the former Sussex champion Clarke. Fighting it out in the Eastern Section.

Don Miller, of Haywards, once again. John Clarke, has announced that maximum saw Crawley home 7-2.

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SUDBURY NOTES

by Doug Moss

RECORD ENTRY

The most important event in the last month was the Junior Championship. Inter-League. The Provincial closed Junior Championships held on Dec. 8, at Lee & Perrins Factory, Worcester. A record entry of 56 players was received for the Boys' Singles. Although there were some good matches, winning 42 sets. Horpolo "A" follow with 3 pts. and a game in hand. Peterborough lead both Ramsby teams in the Premier Division. Ramsby "B" had Arthur Redhill unbeaten on two occasions as his side beat City "B" and Venturers "A." Perkiss and N.Lloyd ("A") both unbeaten, top the first and second divisions. Playing in the Reading Junior Select, Belinda Chamberlain reached the last 16 in the U-17 girls' singles, losing 21-13 to Sandra Sutton, of Essex, nationally ranked at No. 4.

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DRAMATIC RISE

Essex officials and fans are delighted by the dramatic rise in the National rankings of our two star men this season. Ian Horsham coming in at No. 6 while County captain, David Brown, is No. 10. Both play for the very strong Fellowes Cranleigh Club, who are this season competing in Europe.

A new scoring system has also been introduced which in the Senior and Junior competitions gives 4 points for a 10-0, 9-1, 8-2 win; 3 pts. for a 7-3, 6-4, win; 2 pts. for a draw; and 1 pt. for a 4-6, 3-7 defeat. The Veterans’ system is 4 pts. for a 9-0, 8-1 win; 3 pts. for a 7-2, 6-3, 5-4 win; and 1 pt. for a 4-5, 3-6, 2-7 defeat. First division results up to Dec. 1st—

Senior:
Chelmsford “A” 6, Romford “A” 4,
Harlow “A” 3, Dagenham “A” 2,
Southend “A” 2, Banilston “A” 1.

Junior:
Sarking 8, Southend “A” 2,
Romford “A” 6, Chelmsford “A” 6.

Veterans:
Banilston “A” 4, Southend “A” 5,
Romford “A” 4, Thorrock “A” 5,
Southend “B” 1, Dagenham “A” 8.

A number of our players have had some excellent results on the Tournament Circuit, with our Junior squad in particular, shining.

The recent Southend Open was a big success, sponsored by the H. W. Stone, of Leigh Group of Companies. The Southend League are to be congratulated on their organisation, Middlesex junior, Andy Barden, was the star of the tournament, reaching 4 titles. Our own David Brown defeated Trevor Taylor before becoming a Barden victim. Les Eadie, Dave Newman and Sandra Sutton all reached the semi-final stage in a strong junior entry. Shelagh Basso kept the County’s flag flying by winning the women’s singles and only just losing the final of the mixed with Ken Beamish, another Essex stalwart.

The Clacton League have just completed their own internal Combination Competition with John Owen, John Mann and Mark Caldon their A winners. Over at Chelmsford the League competition is hotting up with Rosebery “A” and Maldon Wanderers “A” leading the chase for honours. Chelmsford senior men gained a good 7-2 win over Bury in the Wilmot Cup to keep their interests alive nationally.

Dagenham, after their success in the Bromfield Trophy last season, hope to go one better this year with their boys particularly strong (R. Potton, K. Caldon, L. Eadie), while the girls’ team will have Sandra Sutton, Penny Abbott and Janet Bouder. Both teams could go far in the Carter Cup and the Bromfield Trophy.

East London are undertaking a most ambitious venture this season. They have obtained a sponsor for their Closed Championships at Sunday, Jan. 19, and have hired the Leyton Baths, Leyton High Road, E.10, for the occasion.

Braintree are having a difficult season at inter-league level but in their domestic competition things are really hotting up with six teams contesting Division 1. Braintree officials are having further talks with the local council with a view to leasing premises for League events.

The Colchester League report an increase in teams and interest. One of the most pleasant aspects being the youngsters that are coming along well. Len Barton being the instigator of that improvement. In the Romford League, Gades Park, the Div. 1 champions, are setting the pace but arch rivals Dagenite are breathing down their neck.

Romford are particularly proud of their Hon. Sec., Phyllis Lander, who was profiled in the “Sunday Times” recently. In the “Corinthians of Sport” competition, Phyl was a runner-up, having played table tennis for England in the 1938 Worlds, wicketkeeper for Middlesex and the South of England, plus athletics, squash, badminton, while recently she has taken to bowls as well. Incidentally Phyllis is a Life Member of our Association.

STIGA WELSH OPEN

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The Northampton Premier Division again appears to be a straight fight-out between U.T.C. "A" and Rotherborough "A", with both teams holding a one-point lead at the half-way stage, thanks to a fine Geoff Atkinson triple in the match between the two teams, when the final result was a draw.

The leading averages in the Kettering League are as follows:-

- Premier Division: 1, Geoff Atkinson, 100% 2, Dennis Millman, 83%; 3, Graham Feakin, 83% 4, Steve West, 78%; 5, Dick Cole 75%; 6, Anne Rothwell, 70%
- Second Division: 1, Dave Baworth, 100%; 2, Nigel Hicks, 89%; 3, Bill Hill, 83%; 4, Keith Hipp, 80%; 5, Mervyn Baxter, 80% 6, Gordon Milan, 72%; 7, Ken Jarvis, 89%
- Third Division: 1, Dave Bosworth, 100% 2, Steve Lyon, 92%; 3, Ken Jarvis, 89%
- Fourth Division: 1, Tony in the end who took away the title he deserved, winner of the last year's tournament organised by John Palmer, John Goodall, and the unbeaten Colin Hogg, are currently holding a four-point lead over the Y.M.C.A. trio of Dick Ingle, Steve Lyon and Phil Snelling, but either side could take the title.

Glamar's tussle with Yorkshire were reminiscent of the matches we had years ago. We were in the Premier Division before - in Walter Sweetland and Brian Kennedy's time. Tight struggles, with victory going sometimes to them, sometimes to us.

And so it was at Leeds, but this time we just lost, and that could be a serious loss. We were three up, and held match points for four-up in the mixed, only to lose, and see victory slip away by the odd set. Now we must look for victory on the strong Essex side.

The Third Division Open at Plymouth had a title with a title that ought to have gone to John Duggan. But then that was his fault. Game up and 20-15 in the second, with Tony looking just that bit too casual. But John clowned x lit, and Tony tightened a bit, so that it was Tony in the end who took away the title he'd come with.

Tony's semifinal victim was Nigel Eckersley, whilst John accounted for Alan Griffiths, who, like Clayton, didn't seem to be able to get through Hilton very well.

Dennis Davies and Alan Griffiths took the doubles with a good win over Hilton and Peter Davy.

Best Welsh performance came from Flintshire's Junior, Julie Radolph, who upset the Swanes Open form, accounting for Barbara Roden, Sandra Pickering, and Audrey Coomb-Jones beforePlymouth's "A" won the men's singles final. Karen Senior ,confirmed her No. 1 position in the country when she beat Kyra Stewart 18, 12, 21. Thus reversing the Swansea result.

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Like the F.A. Cup, there will be plenty of David and Goliath tales at this early stage of the competition, but one of those unlikely to be in the North East where the cup holders Ormskirk travel to Sunderland Y.M.C.A. The Sunderland trio of David Swenson, Chris Neath and Peter McGuire looked good in their 8-1 win over the Wanderers at Hartlepont, but it was a game of two halves when they face the best club side in England.

In the all-Yorkshire clash at Harrogate, Villa take on King Cross Libs. from Halifax. For the first time in the history of the competition, two church teams meet in the Lancashire group when Waterloo Methodist, from the Oldham League, receive Gidlow Methodist, Birmingham N.A.L.G.O., and at Chesterfield, Sheepbridge and the Junction Club, from Glossop.

GROUP 3

Newcomers from Exeter, Heavitree "A", travel to West Wales for their game with Stuelley, and if they win this, they travel again to meet the winners of the Weston-

OLDHAM LEAGUE

Sunderland Y.M.C.A.

SURREY NOTES

by Ted Simpkin

SHROUDED IN SECRECY

Following their close win over Essex II, over Blythe won by M. W. Morris, and as a result of this, the Southamptoun club now go straight through for a meeting with old rivals Merton.

The final tie is at Hastings, where the Tigers play the Crawley League side, Gosport Foresters. In their first round tie, Jim Barry was unbeaten for the Tigers in a 2-1 win over the Spartan Club, from Brighton.

TIGERS AND JAGUARS

by George Yates and John Woodford

The pull that once existed between the Asian and European styles of play was seen to be appreciably narrowed at Thorpey Pavilion on Jan. 3, when England triumphed 6-3 over the penholders of the People's Republic of China. Throwing caution to the wind after Nicky Jarvis had gone down in the opening set, Desmond Douglas hammered his way to a convincing win over Li Ching-kwang.

It was a heartening effort by the Birmingham player and one that put new heart into the subsequent displays given by Denis Neale and Jill Hammersley, both of whom shrugged off deficits in the opening game, won, and put England in a 5-1 lead.

Shiroko narrowed the gap with a win in the woman's doubles, but a rejuvenated Jarvis belied his earlier mediocrity by beating Yen Kuo-chiang in convincing style. Back swung the pendulum when Carole Knight lost her singles, but Douglas blazed back, gave England a decisive 5-1 lead.

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ACTION WITH ROSS!

These two action shots taken by Yorkshire photographer Tony Ross, of Hessle, depict the endeavour that was put into the men’s singles final at Brighton by Jacques Secretin and Anatoliy Strokatov.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES
by Ralph Gunton

FI,ELD DAY
The continuing good form of our Juniors again must make the headlines this month.
Doug Johnson had a field day at the English Junior Closed, reaching the final where he unfortunately lost to Andy Barden. However, his one memorable moment must have come in the semi-final when he defeated the reigning champion and top seed, Paul Day, in three excellent games. The final, I believe, and reported elsewhere in this issue, was a completely different story, but nevertheless, well done, Doug.

Again at the E.J.C., an unfortunate 2nd round draw pitched our own Beverley Green and Karen Groves into battle against each other. This came after Bev had beaten Linda Wales, the No. 5 seed, in the first round. Bev got the better of Karen after two good games and then progressed to the quarter-finals where she lost to Caroline Reeves. This is not a bad performance from someone who is not ranked!

The Tamworth League are reporting excellent attendances for their coaching scheme. Some sixty pupils are attending their weekly sessions, which is a real credit to Tamworth, and in particular, Don Horn, for they are the smallest league in our Association.

Geof Taylor, our Umpires’ Secretary, is getting a little disheartened for people not willing to take the County Umpires’ test paper. Our County list only includes nine people who are qualified to take matches and so if you feel like having a go, and wish to contribute to the affairs of our Association, contact Geof at 75 Glendower Avenue, Whoberley, Coventry, CV5 8BD (Tel.: (0203) 78632).

Also will you please note my new address: 17 Boscobell Road, Cheswick Green, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

P.P.S.—On behalf of the Officers of the W.T.T.A. our very best wishes to you all for 1975.

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Lyon and Ray Kingston, as Northampton over­
came Aylesbury. A comfortable win for High
Wycombe over Leamington Spa but closer
the Potteries against 'Maoclesfield. The other
things at Hunts Central. In a fine match a
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against W idnes.
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and Robert Mitcham were in form for Norwich
and the same can be said for Paul Birch, Steve
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worth.
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of Nottingham, too were good for the Grantham.
as were Anthony Isaac and Steven Row'e for
the Putters against Macfieled. The other
match in this zone resulted in an easy 6-0 win
for Chesterfield, Mike Billington, Derrick
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CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ascot/Butterfly

NATIONAL LEAGUES

by Keith Ponting

CHANGE OF NAME

Another season's competition has started in
earnest, under the new title and, no doubt,
there will be many hard-fought matches during
the coming months leading up to the finals in
June. Whatever happens, one famous name
will disappear from the records, as the North­
Yorkshire League have changed their name
to an equally well-known one, Ormesby.

Wimbledon Cup

Blackpool started the campaign with an easy
8-1 win over Bootleport, Roy Frankland and
Mick Foulkes being as, was Brian Baxter for Sheffield against Halifax. Bradford had a "whitewash" over Grimsby, with Steve Kosmowski, Richard Priestley and Robert Shutt in form. Leeds can think of K. Possell for their close win over Bury, whilst Huddersfield took only seven minutes to get the first ace against Bolton. 5-1 wins were
recorded by Preston at Liverpool, against the
Arsenal, the High, and Manchester, at Par­
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European League Match

England's all-important European League
match against Federal Germany will take place
at Upham Manor School, Marlborough Road,
Gillingham, Kent, on Thursday, February 27,
1975, commencing 7.30 p.m.
Tickets, priced at £1.50 each (Juniors £1), are
available from Tom Graham, Esq., 367 Canter­
bury Street, Gillingham, Kent ('Phone: 669619). Cheques are to be made pay­
able to "Medway Towns Table Tennis League." Please include s.a.c.c.

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COURTESY, PROMPT SERVICE = NO NEED TO GO ELSEWHERE
Milan Orlowski, of Czechoslovakia, on Satur­day, Dec. 7, 1974, justified his No. 6 world ranking by the manner of his victory in the Pickwick International Invitation tournament at Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre, in winning £500, the biggest prize ever offered in an English competition.

Orlowski, the European champion, was not extended to a deciding game in any of his five sets, though Claus Pedersen, a Dane who came through with a superior points average, put up strong resistance in the final, having accounted for Denis Neale, England’s No. 2, in the semi-finals.

Orlowski won the final 21-19, 21-19. The most compelling of the matches at the morning session was between Nicky Jarvis, the England No. 1, and his Indian counterpart, Niraj Bajaj, of Bombay, in which the Cleveland player edged home 21-19, 22-24, 25-23, having earlier been let off the hook by Danny Seemiller, the 20-year-old American champion, from Pitts­burgh.

Neale also had difficulty in coping with the unorthodox style of the American left-hander but went on to top his group with a win over Jarvis, who now ranks above him nationally.

In a splendid challenge match, Jill Hammers­ley, England’s leading woman player, had an easy win, 21-18, 21-10 over Alica Grofova, a most docile Czech champion and earned £250.

Results:

Group A

D. Neale (Eng) bt N. Bajaj (India) 16, 12.
N. Jarvis (Eng) bt D. Seemiller (USA) -13, 19, 16.
Jarvis bt Bajaj 19, 18, 9.
Seemiller bt Neale -18, 18, 9.
N. Jarvis bt Jarvis -19, 11, 22.
Group B

M. Orlowski (Cz) bt C. Pedersen (Den) 18, 16.
E. Caetano (Can) bt C. Barnes (Eng) 17, 17.
Pedersen bt Caetano 10, 18.
Orlowski bt Barnes 18, 14.
Barnes bt Pedersen 19, 17.
Orlowski bt Caetano 12, 17.
Semi-finals:

Pedersen bt Neale -10, 9, 16.
Orlowski bt Jarvis 13, 16.
Final:

ORLOWSKI bt Pedersen 19, 19.

As the Editor is not due back from Calcutta until February 20, the next issue of this magazine will not be published until early March and will be a combined Feb./March issue. Thereafter will follow three more issues dated April, May and June, making up the series of eight.
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Andrew's parents, Trevor and Jean Golding, are well-known in the table tennis circles of both Bristol and Stroud, Jean having played for Gloucestershire many times, and there is no doubt that her encouragement has helped a great deal. Perhaps in later years, when Andrew is playing for Stroud Seniors, they will not have 3-7 to Notts "C", nor 0-10 to Notts "B".

Andrew Golding.

Gloucester Closed (held at Bristol).

Boys U-15: D. Morgan (Gloucester) bt G. Slack (Cheltenham).
U-13: G. Slack (Cheltenham) bt P. Lewis (Bristol).
U-12: C. Sewell (Bristol) bt W. Dawe (Gloucester).
Girls U-13: S. Giles (Stroud) bt C. Rowe (Bristol).
U-15: J. Dovey (Gloucester) bt W. Simmons (Bristol).
U-17: V. Cruwys (Cheltenham) bt Dovey.

Intermediates (U-21): Sewell bt Dawe.

Women: Mrs. Matthews (Cheltenham) bt Mrs. Giles (Stroud).

Jane Dovey (aged 14) went out to Mrs. Golding/Mrs. Giles bt Mrs. Row'e/Mrs. Cooper.

It was not so much their talk that I felt was of most interest—having read at their levels in two separate issue of this magazine. But the opportunity to ask questions and try out some of the methods used in Sweden. There were 48 beginners all banging balls over nets. I was more like Johansson!
New Junior Rankings

The National Selection Committee have issued a revised ranking list both for Juniors and Cadets (U-14) following the Wayfarers English Junior Championship held at Loughborough in December.

As can be seen from the previous rankings shown in parentheses, both No. 1's, Paul Day (Sussex) and Melody Ludi, retain their positions, but the winner of the girls' singles at Loughborough, Suzanne Hunt, has risen six places to No. 2.

The full lists read—

**BOYS**

1. Paul Day (Sussex) (1)
2. Andrew Barden (Middlesex) (2)
3. Mark Mitchell (Middlesex) (6)
4. Chris Swan (Sussex) (3)
5. Douglas Johnson (Warwick) (7)
6. Robert Povey (Essex) (14)
7. Les Eadie (Essex) (8)
8. Nigel Hallois (Lancs) (5)
9. Steven Roulston (Clay) (12)
10. Martin Shuttle (Sussex) (17)
11. Chris Rogers (Leicesters) (9)
12. David key (Essex) (15)
13. Robert Wiley (Clay) (6)
14. Ian Smith (Cambs) (20)
15. Maxwell Crippin (Sussex) (11)
16. Ian Girdler (Sussex) (13)
17. Kevin Caldon (Essex) (16)
18. David Newman (Essex) (18)
19. Andrew Barden (Essex) (19)
20. Gary Roberts (Berkshire) (15)

**GIRLS**

1. Suzanne Hunt (Lines) (8)
2. J. James (Middlesex) (6)
3. D. Bennett (Norfolk) (2)
4. J. New (Dorset) (8)
5. A. Proffitt (Herts) (7)
6. A. Proffitt (Herts) (7)
7. D. Yallop (Derby) (8)
8. M. Sandley (Middlesex) (11)
9. J. Naser (Yorkshire) (3)
10. A. Bottrell (Yorkshire) (8)
11. B. Chamberlain (Hunts) (1)
12. L. Hryszko (Yorkshire) (3)
13. J. Pursell (Berkshire) (8)
14. S. Hamner (Beds) (10)
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**GROUP A**

1. A. Didden (Sussex) (1)
2. B. Baxter (Yorkshire) (6)
3. K. Beadsley (Yorkshire) (8)
4. C. Wilson (Hants) (7)
5. B. Tyler (Middlesex) (4)
6. A. Proffitt (Herts) (7)
7. D. Yallop (Derby) (8)
8. M. Sandley (Middlesex) (11)
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**GROUP B**

1. K. Beadsley (Yorkshire) (1)
2. L. James (Middlesex) (6)
3. D. Benner (Norfolk) (2)
4. J. Plummer (Clay) (9)
5. N. Tyler (Middlesex) (6)
6. A. Proffitt (Herts) (7)
7. D. Yallop (Derby) (8)
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In the Cleveland Festival of Table Tennis, played at Thornaby Pavilion over the period Jan. 3-5, 1975, the Chinese national team gave a display which will be talked about for decades. Their visit started on the evening of Friday, Jan. 3, when obviously still suffering from the long journey and strange conditions, they only produced an average performance, losing to England 3-4. Nevertheless, this was a great display by Brian Burn and his English team. Denis Neale and Diamond Douglas played superbly, both being undefeated, while Jill Hamersley won her singles and Nicky Jarvis also played his part. Carole Knight, on her home international debut, was unable to make any impression on Yu Chingchia.

The Chinese were even more dominant in the women's team event, China I beat England II (Karenza Mathews and Carole Knight) 3-0, China II beat England I (Jill Hamersley and Linda Howard) with the loss of only the doubles. The Chinese I and II teams put on an interesting display in the final with the first team winning 5-0.

The highlight of the whole weekend was the 15, 14 victory by Li Ching-kwang ("Tomahawk") over Wang Chai-lin in the M.S. final, in which some of the rallies had to be seen to be believed. Denis Neale, England's most experienced player, summed it up: "The best table tennis I have ever seen anywhere in the world in 15 years.”

In the singles the Chinese were so much in command it was almost embarrassing. Kuo Yao-hua beat Jarvis 13, 13, Li Ching-kwang beat Trevor Taylor 13, 13, Wang Chai-lin crushed Douglas 13, 11, Kuo Yao-hua hammered David Alderson 7, 12, and so it went on. To add to England's woes Whitchurch Allen blood with David Alderson beating Van Kuo-chiang, while China I defeated England II, Jarvis and Taylor, 3-0. The final between the female teams was also a classic, China winning 3-0.


down to Li Ming 16, 49, 21—a tremendous performance by the Greenside girl. English pairs won both the men's and women's doubles, but one could not help gaining the impression that these victories were by courtesy of China not wishing to hog the whole championships. The two events that England did not dominate were the ones in which the Chinese did not participate—the U-19 singles, where David Alderson won the male event, beating Paul Day, and Carole Knight completed an Ormesby Double by beating Linda Howard.

As for the festival itself, it was an unequalled success and clearly the top table tennis event ever staged in the North-East. The players provided the feast, while the organisation ran without a single hitch. Cleveland County Leisure and Amenities Department, together with Cleveland Table Tennis Assoc., had a weekend to be proud of. Results—

**Women's Singles—Quarter-finals**
- Li Ching-kwang (Ch) bt T. Taylor (Beds) 11, 13.
- Kuo Yao-hua (Oxh) bt N. Jarvis (Ch) 15, 12.
- Kuo Yao-hua (Ch) bt N. Jarvis (Ch) 15, 12.
- Mei-li (Ch) bt E. Craig (Sc) 15, 13.

**Women's Doubles—Quarter-finals**
- Li Ching-kwang W. Kuo Yao-hua 10, 11.

**Men's Singles—Quarter-finals**
- Kuo Yao-hua (Ch) bt I. Horsham (Ex) 16, 17.
- Li Ming (Oxh) bt I. Horsham (Ex) 16, 17.
- Lisa (Ch) bt T. Taylor (Beds) 13, 14.
- Mei-li (Ch) bt Mei-li 11, 16.

**Men's Doubles—Quarter-finals**
- Kuo Yao-hua L. Howard bt E. Craig/G. McKay (Sc) 15, 7.

**Women’s Doubles—Quarter-finals**

**Results**
- Local TresＬeed hero, Denis Neale, who was beaten by Alan Griffiths, of Wales, in Round 2 of the Cleveland 3-Star.

Photo by Mathew Brawley, Cleveland.
Semi-finals:
Knights/Mathews bt Liu Hsin-yen/Li Ming -19/19.
Hamersley/Howard bt Yen Kui-Ii/Yu Ching-chia -16/16.
Final:
Knights/Mathews bt Hamersley/Howard -18/17.

Mixed doubles:
Li Ching-kwang/Yen Kui-li bt Walker/Knight -9/11.
Neale/Mathews bt Yen Kuo-chiang/Yu Ching-chia -17/-19.
Jarvis/Hammersley bt Wang Chai-lin/Li Ming -16/-17.
Kuo Yao-hua/Li Hsin-yen bt Douglas/Howard -20/18.

U-19 M.S. -Quarter-finals:
Douglas bt J. McNee (Sc) 19/16.
Day bt Parker 9/-14.
D. Alderson (Cle) bt M. Mitchell (Mx) -15/16.
Barden bt M. Shuttle (Sy) 9/-19.

Semi-finals:
Day bt Douglas 18/20.
Alderson bt Barden 14/-18.

Final:
ADLSEN bt Day -17/-9.

U-19 W.S. -Quarter-finals:
Howard bt A. Tierney (Cle) 12/-12.
Stevenson bt P. Fleming (Sc) 7/18.
E. Smith (Sc) bt K. Rogers (Lei) -19/19.
Knight bt Skipp 13/11.

Semi-finals:
Howard bt Stevenson -21/16.
Knight bt Smith 17/-15.

Final:
KNIGHT bt Howard 17/-15.

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DERBYSHIRE NOTES
by Walter Reeves

A change was effected in the County 1st team with Ivor Warner taking over the No. 3 position from David Yallop for the match with neighbours Notts. Also coming into the team were Jackie Billington and Sandra Walters, to replace Manch. Meltir, who is suffering a loss of form, and Susan Holmes, who is retiring at the end of the season.

At this point it would be opportune to mention that Susan has recently announced her engagement to County team captain, Dave Smith. Our congratulations to both of them, although I understand the wedding is not planned until two years' time. They have a lot of work to do in preparing their home, which Dave is helping to build.

Back to the County team and I believe that in Eric Hall, Maurice Bridgton, Ivor Warner and the girls, Jackie Billington and Sandra Walters, we have a team capable of bowling Notts. David Yallop is included in the 2nd team together with Neil Marples and Arthur Downer, and the girls are Carole Downer and Marilyn Backin. They have had a home game against Croydon.

On the Coaching front both Derrick Marples (Chesterfield) and Keith Smart (Derby) are very active. Keith has been running seasons at Lancaster Centre and the new Derby Sports Centre, Low Lane, assisted by Dave Stills. Also now regaining fitness is Doug Foulds, making a good recovery from his cartilage operation.

Doug made a return to league play in Div. 3 but is now back in the top flight but not yet in his club's first team. This could well come following a club reshuffle at the Christmas period. Keith Smart has applied to go to Lilleshall and he certainly intends to improve his coaching technique, thus enabling him to give better service to Derby.

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The Reading Junior 2-Star Select, staged at the Meadowbank, Kenton Centre over the week-end of Nov. 30-Dec. 1, proved to be extremely successful for all concerned. From the six singles events were actually won by the top seed, but, as usual, there were several upsets along the way.

The upgrading of the Tournament ensured an exciting, competitive atmosphere and with only two of the leading ranked boys and one of the girls capable of attending, Colchester Industries again sponsored the competition and this year the prizes in the boys singles increased to £200.

Paddy Day took the top honours in Boys' U-17 by beating Bob Puttock in the final, but only reached the stage after a tremendous semi-final with Chris Sewell, in which Day exploited the full length of the court and swept aside Sewell to win the first by 18-13 before he lost the second 13-18. After the third was levelled, Day won the fourth 18-13. In the final of the men's doubles, Chris Rogers and Martin Shuttle created the surprise of the evening by defeating Barden and Day. Ludi and Day were awarded a walk-over in the final of the mixed when he and Linda Wales were unable to attend. Gillette Industries put on a good show for the social occasions use the Association and Club motifs TIES and BADGES

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Essex II 7, Berkshire II 3

A not as much between these sides as the sides might suggest. Danny Crammiente unbeaten, all straight.

JUNIOR NORTH

Cheshire 7, Lancashire II 3

Cleveland 9, Camberia 1

Yorkshire 9, Northumberland 1

Northumberland never recovered from the shock of Andrew Crall's opening set defeat by Andrew Marrall (on debut). Real strength in depth here shown by Yorkshire with their girls again untroubled.

JUNIOR SOUTHEAST

Essex II 7, Berkshire II 3

A not too inspiring match. Alex Abbott's unbeaten R.S. record retained, and sister Penny beaten Janet Thorpe nearly 15-17, 12, a pity this set subsequently forked as Penny not eligible to play it. Simon Douglan ran the match. Lancashire II 1 0 1 11 9 2

Surrey II 10, Sussex II 0

Received a blow down by Number 1, but then Saint and Paul Durrant and Michael Archer Wiltshire. 3 0 1 2 11 19 1 Glamorgan. 3 2 0 1 16 14 4

Worcestershire II 5, Oxfordshire 4

What a recovery by John Burraston to beat Julian Deane 20, 15, 21 after being 1-10 in 3rd! Nice M.D. set, won by Worcs, but they still can't get it in the same match.

C.T.T.C. TABLES

(up to and including 28th December)

PREMIER

Surrey II 100 1 73 2 Allinson and Belinda Chamberlain (Belinda)

Hampshire II 100 1 17 1 Burchfield and Kevin Savage, won by Bennett

Sussex II 3 2 0 1 19 11 4 Dickson Douglas ran the match...

Cheshire 9, Staffordshire 0

Dorset 3, Gloucestershire 4

Norfolk 3, Shropshire, the best players.

JUNIOR EAST

Northamptonshire II, Lincolnshire 3

Gary Hamilton and Gary Allen both won doubles, beat the Yorkshire II and Leics, and Les Barker, Shropshire, the best players.

Cambridgeshire II 7, Huntingdonshire II 1

A very tight set between visiting Doug Bennett and Kevin Savage, won by Bennett c.L. 100 1 9 2

Warwickshire II 2 0 0 2 17 13 0 part of this Sussex performance; their girls occasional untroubled.

Kent II, Hampshire II 0

Conceded by Hampshire; apparently let down by their Number 1.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Cheltenham 4, Northamptonshire 4

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CONSOLIDATION

In the December matches, Essex consoli-
dated their position at the head of the Premier
Division with their crushing of Glamorgan, and
at the other end of the table, Lancashire
went off the mark with a win over Hertfordshire.

PREMIER

Glamorgan II 8, Kent II 2
Mrs. B. Hammond lost to Mrs. D. Court -14 ..16
2nd SOUTH
Hamptonshire 1, Surrey 9
John Hilton wrapped the match up.

Warwickshire II 6, Gloucestershire 6
Nothing here worthy of mention; I would have
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Nottinghamshire 2, Derbyshire 8
Staffordshire 5, Leicestershire 5
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NORTH

Yorkshire 1, Cheshire 9
Yorkshire II 9, Northumberland 2
Brian Bantick, Melody Ludi and Julie McLean
all on senior debut, and Julie had a splendid
win over Max Crimmins (unbeaten) and
Max Crimmins in top form in an excel-

Leicestershire I, Middlesex 11
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