BROMFIELD BELLES

buy Jaques that's good!
ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by The Editor

POLAND PROMOTED

Overcoming a 2-0 lead established by Austria's Heinz Schüller and Rudolf Weinmann in Frydek-Mistek, Czechoslovakia, on May 31, Poland ran out 5-2 winners in the Second Division playoff for promotion to the Premier Division of the European League.

Individual scores between the champions of Division 2A and B were:

H. Schüller bt W. Wnuk -18, 19, 14.
R. Weinmann bt S. Fraczek -15, -13, 12.
U. Fettler lost to Czeslawa Noworyta -13, -12.
S. Fraczek/Weinmann lost to Fraczek/Wnuk -18, 11, 22.
R. Weinmann lost to Wnuk -15, -20.

Revised Premier Division fixtures for the 1975-76 season now read, with Sweden defending their title:

October 16

Poland v Sweden

Poland v Czechoslovakia

November 12

Hungary v Poland

December 11

Poland v Hungary

January 21

Poland v Ukraine

February 25

Czechoslovakia v Hungary

March 4

Poland v Ukraine

By the Editor

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Tempus fugit

Another season is another reason for again spotlighting the ever-diminishing gap separating the present day from the constantly changing financial element which, with the insistence of an incoming tide, continues to rise.

Last season's World Championships' Raffles proved wholly abortive for the E.T.T.A., whose books disclose no profit after defraying the cost of prizes, meeting administrative expenses and returning 50% of the gross receipts of £9,500 to member organisations.

Although affording the participants a sum of £4,750, this was hardly the point of the exercise, which was to raise funds on a voluntary, yet rewarding, basis for the said Championships.

In these days of spiralling inflation, the salvation of sponsorship is in recession, and if we are to proceed with our avowed intent of bringing the world to England next season, then it is up to the rank and file—yes, each and every player—to make a worthwhile contribution.

It therefore becomes imperative to again consider the question of a compulsory levy, for clearly, the voluntary method is not the answer.

English Table Tennis Association
D.T. Eckmich (Luxembourg) v Bologna Billardcourt (France).
Berner T.T. (Switzerland) or Statistik (Hungary) v G.B.C. Bari (Italy).
Tompo (Netherlands) v Nord Harriseel (D.T.B.).
7 & 9 Barcelona (Spain) v Spartak Vlasin (Yugoslavia).
Palette Stave (Belgium) or Galley Y.M.C.A. (England) v Vachergs B.T.K. (Sweden).

Relevant dates for completion are October 25 (Rd. 2 as tie-break), November (Rd. 3, January 17 (Rd. 4) and February 28 (Finals).

FAIRS CITIES MESSIE CUP
In the finals of the Fairs Cities Cup, promoted by the European Table Tennis Union, in Bern, Switzerland, on June 22, Vaughan S.C. (Hungary) beat B.o.F.U.M. (Sweden) 3-1 in the men's event, and on the women's event, Epitok (Hungary) beat Spartak Vlasin (Yugoslavia) 3-0. The women's event, the Milngavie counterpart women's event, went under, by a similar score.

Berne T.T.C. (Switzerland) or Statisztika Pal'ette Stave (Belgium) or Gatley Y.M.C.A. 7 a 9 Barcelona (Spain) v Spartak Vlasin (Yugoslavia).

The European Table Tennis Union has found, scheduled for completion by October 15.

The 1975-76 season are:--

Oct. 10-12-Spanish Open (Valladolid).
Oct. 24-26-Polish Open (Warsaw).
Nov. 14-16-Hungarian Open (Szegedin).

In the women's competition Fellows Cranley (England) v Stipi'c (Yugoslavia) 7 a 9 Barcelona (Spain) v Spartak Vlasin (Yugoslavia). The European Table Tennis Union has found, scheduled for completion by October 15.

I.N.T.T.F. CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Jan Seifert (Czechoslovakia) (1)
2. A. Stipancic (Yugoslavia) (7)
3. M. Orlowski (Czechoslovakia) (6)
4. Li Cheng-shi (China) (4)
5. N. Takashima (Japan) (24)
6. T. 'Taylor (England) (-)
7. I. Park Mi Ra, of the Democratic Republic of Korea (31) are omitted from the previous classifications.

Women
1. Pak Yong Sun (Korea D.P.R.) (8)
2. Chang Li (China) (2)
3. Ke Hitam-Ali (China) (2)
4. Chung Hyeon Sook (Korea D.P.R.) (6)
5. T. Peruanska (Sweden) (5)
6. M. Alexandru (Romania) (12)
7. Chou Hsiao-chen (China) (31)
8. Y. Ohtsuki (Japan) (4)
9. E. Antoniou (U.S.S.R.) (20)
10. A-C. Hellman (Sweden) (15)
11. Huang Hui-chiing (China) (18)
12. S. Yokota (Japan) (13)
13. E. Palatino (Yugoslavia) (9)
14. J. Magos-Havas (Hungary) (5)
15. Chung Hui-ying (China) (13)
16. Hu Yu-lan (China) (1)
17. J. Hammersley (England) (14)
18. Lee Albau (Korea D.P.R.) (3)
19. H. Riedlava (Czechoslovakia) (22)
20. W. Hendrikse (Federal Germany) (32)
21. A. Grofova (Czechoslovakia) (17)
22. B. Kristi (Hungary) (19)
23. L. Lattier (Federal Germany) (5)
24. Z. Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) (7)
25. T. Edano (Japan) (6)
26. S. Federova (U.S.S.R.) (26)
27. A. Godfroidte (Belgium) (7)
28. Yen Kuei-ling (China) (12)
29. C. Bergeac (France) (3)
30. U. Hirschkuller (Federal Germany) (1)
31. Pak Yong-Sik (Korea D.P.R.) (23)
32. M. Lesya (Romania) (10)
33. B. Thiriet (France) (11)
34. Pak Yong-Sok (Korea D.P.R.) (9)
35. B. Silbanova (Czechoslovakia) (28)
36. C. Gu (Japan) (16)
37. E. Nejleva (Bolivia) (10)
38. A. Rangelova (Bulgaria) (10)
39. Sung Nie (Korea D.P.R.) (1)
40. S. Takahashi (Japan) (2)

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It is with deep regret that I write of the death of Max Mariniko, one of our younger enthusiasts he may not be so well known, but he will be remembered by Europeans who were on the scene before World War II and by many in Canada and the United States.

Max was a Yugoslav and played in the Yugoslav Swaythling Cup team in 1938. As a citizen of Slovakia he made his home in Canada after the War, and was a member of their winning Swaythling Cup team in 1938, against the United States, in the company of such giants as Ivan Astrakdi, Bo Vana, Stipek and Tekar. Makiing his home in Canada after the War, he retained his skill and his authority to such an extent that he was at the top of the Canadian tree for a long time and also made his mark in United States Open tournaments. He was the Creative Event in the recent U.S. Open at Houston!

He was a great competitor and a gentleman—perhaps the last who might have replaced them by serious illness which took him into hospital in Canada for treatment. He was enough to journey home to Yugoslavia, he came to the European Youth Championships in Zagreb, where I had the opportunity to speak with him. He was returning to Canada for more treatment, but death swiftly overtook him and one of the characters of our early game has departed from us!
ANAL HYDES - an appreciation

Former England player, Alan Hydes, did a three months’ coaching stint in New Zealand early this year and he was “the talk of the country” inssofar as table tennis is concerned.

On arrival in New Zealand in the heat of the summer, Alan was met by the President of the N.Z.T.T.A. (Mr. Dick Rassie) and the deputy chairman (Mr. Ron Menchi).

Alan’s travel arrangements in New Zealand were made largely by Ken Menchi, and though Alan did not get to the South Island it was only because he worked himself into a state of exhaustion and took ill towards the concluding stages of the tour. Alan was the first coach to be paid by the New Zealand table tennis association, Ken Stanley, was here in 1952. It may surprise and delight to know that the present coach, a man who has studied the modern game and coaching in Japan, and at world championships in Japan, Yugoslavia, and at the Commonwealth tournaments in Singapore, Wales and Australia.

Flint is the Director of Coaching to the N.Z. Association, but is not a full-time coach. He gives a lot of time to the sport, but can only scratch the surface.

The visit, therefore, of Alan Hydes, was of immense interest and value. With due respect to any other coach, in my country, I believe the New Zealanders believe they had top material in Alan and they wish him well.

It didn’t take Alan long to discover that basically New Zealanders are not professional players and are not used to strenuous exercises, or training seriously. There are perhaps a few notable exceptions, not enough to push the really keen ones. Youngsters regarded as potential international material soon found the pace of Alan beyond them. They realised that the hard training they thought they had done was child’s play compared with what Alan was teaching.

The prime reason for the N.Z.T.T.A. (Chairman, Mr. Ron Menchi) engaging Alan was to coach the coaches in a fund hope that they would carry on the gospel. But in too many instances emphasis was placed on coaching players. And, naturally, there were many dedicated players who wanted to learn from Alan.

This was to be expected. It was human nature.

Frankly, Alan did not have sufficient time in any one centre to achieve a good deal with any one centre to achieve a good deal with players, but make no error, many of those he did coach are grateful for pearls of wisdom. He was able to help a number. But given more time he could perform even better.

The old saying “the impossible is done almost immediately” was not applicable to Alan in his coaching. New Zealanders are prepared to say he can perform miracles. From Auckland to Wellington his coaching was lavishly praised. He was recognised as a man who could work hard: a man with a thorough knowledge of modern techniques. It is more important still, to impart the knowledge in a way in which it was taught and understood.

In short, the man could not have been more impressive. He has the confidence of New Zealand.
The N.Z.T.T.A. has discussed terms with Alan for a return trip, and the outcome of negotiations should soon be known. The offer will depend on the extent the Government of New Zealand will help. If the Government approves the N.Z.T.T.A. application in full it is almost certain Alan Hydes will be offered a two-year contract, with possibly a third year hinging as a rider.

Furthermore, if the N.Z.T.T.A. enters into a long-term contract with Alan it could be expected that the next N.Z. team to the Commonwealth Championships in 1977 could include Hydes.

In the final of the men’s singles, Liang Koliang beat Japan’s Minaru Kohno after a pulsating 85 minutes struggle. Third place went to Rabantu Obiyanu, of the host nation. Left-handed Chang Li, the beaten finalist in Calcutta, coasted to a 3-1 win in an all-Chinese W.S. final over her compatriot Chu Hsiang Yen. Team finals:

Men: China 5, Japan 0.
Women: China 3 Vietnam D.P.R. 1.

Positions:
Men:
1. China
2. Japan
3. Korea D.P.R.
4. Indonesia
5. Nigeria
6. Vietnam D.R.
7. R. South Vietnam
8. Brazil
9. Ghana
10. Singapore
11. Trinidad and Tobago
12. Egypt
13. Malaysia
14. Colombia
15. Egypt
16. Ecuador

Women:
1. China
2. Korea D.P.R.
3. Japan
4. Vietnam D.R.
5. Malaysia
6. Nigeria
7. Cuba
8. Singapore
9. S. South Vietnam
10. Australia
11. Egypt
12. Macao
13. Peru
14. Trinidad and Tobago
15. Ethiopia
16. Laos

Individual results:
Men’s Singles—Quarter-finals
M. Kohno (Japan) bt O. Song Sam (Korea D.P.R.) 17, 17, 20.
Hsi En-ting (China) bt Chung Wang (China) 12, 17, 16.
B. Obiyanu (Nigeria) bt Luisi (Nigeria) 20, 15, 17, 20.
Liang Koliang (China) bt K. Abe (Japan) 16, 11, 19.

Semi-finals
Kohno bt Hsi En-ting 20, 18, 16, 11.
Liang Koliang bt Obiyanu 17, 15, 13, 11.

Final
Liang Koliang bt Kohno 11, 20, 19, 14.

Women’s Singles
CHANG LII (China) bt Chu Hsiang Yen (China) 17, 20, 17, 17.

Mixed Doubles
ARE/KOHN bt Obiyanu/Sumbola (Nigeria) 17, 16, 21, 12.

Women’s Doubles
PAK YONG OK/CHA KYOUNG MI (Korea D.P.R.) bt Chang Li/Huang Hsi-ping (China) 13, 19, 12, 19.

Mixed Doubles
KOYO/CHUKA (Japan) bt Hsi En-ting/Chang Li 47, 19, 13, 16.
A new concept in international table tennis was born at Eston Sports Centre on the 5th of June 1976, with the first Stiga Schools’ International Championships played between England and Scotland.

The championships, sponsored by Stiga and Cleveland County Leisure and Amenities Department, were a resounding success with the new concept accepted by all and the facilities provided at Eston Sports Centre second to none. The concept was one of mass participation. In the first section—the international team event—the participating countries were divided into six teams of six, with each youngster playing all six of the opposing team. Thus, a total of 216 sets were played.

The second day saw the Individual Championships organised on a group system which gave each player a further six sets on top of the group matches for a total of 12 sets per player. In each event of 1 to 16, the top place was decided on a points count, and 2nd to 4th positions and this was decided on sets average.

Several players were unbeaten for England. In the senior boys’ match unbeaten were John Kitchen (6-0), Ian Girdler (6-0), Martin Kinsella (6-0) and Helen Gore (6-0), Graham Sandley (6-0), Stephen Woodgate (6-0) and Karen Rogers (6-0). In the senior girls’ match unbeaten were Lisa Kitchener (6-0), Janet Carr (6-0), Angela Tierney (6-0), Jane Skipp (6-0), Helen Rodricks (6-0), and Karen Groves (6-0).

The championships were attended by a number of leading table tennis officials from both countries and several members of the Cleveland County Council and Langbaurgh Borough Council.

A return match has been provisionally arranged for 26th and 27th June, 1976, to be held at the Meadowbank Sports Centre, in Edinburgh.

RESULTS

Team Championships—England 6, Scotland 0

Senior Boys

Senior Girls
England 6 (K. Rogers 6, M. Mellor 6, J. Reading 6, J. Mitchell 6, J. Carr 6, K. Groves 6), Scotland 0.

Intermediate Boys
England 6 (D. Johnson 6, C. Rogers 6, D. Newman 6, M. Harrison 6, K. Richardson 6, K. Paxton 6), Scotland 0.

Intermediate Girls
England 6 (M. Ludi 6, S. Hunt 6, A. Tierney 6, S. Sutton 6, J. McLean 6, H. Gore 6), Scotland 0.

Junior Boys

A close-up of the Stiga Schools’ International Championships trophy, with the individual event medals.
Frolicked are the medal winners in the U-19 girls' singles. Karen Rogers, Julie Reading and Jane Skipp are flanked by Mr. Bernard Gill, Marketing Director of Mitre Sports, Stiga agents of Great Britain, and Councillor Mrs. Elizabeth Keenan, Chairman of the Cleveland County Council Leisure and Amenities Committee.

Junior Girls
England 34 (M. Smith 6, H. Robinson 6, M. Abbott 6), Purkislow 6, A. Gordon 5, Townsend 5, Scotland 2 (G. Dalrymple 2).

BOYS' FINAL PLACINGs

Senior
1. Ian Girdler (Inner London)
2. John Kitchener (Suffolk)
3. Devinder Sehmbi (Essex Metro)
4. Martin Kinsella (Nottingham)
5. Stephen Haswell (W. Yorks)
6. Ian Pimmer (Cleveland)
7. John Moir (Grampian)
8. Colin Harkins (Central)
9. Keith Williams (Merseyside)
10. Majesty Sela (Midlands)
11. Michael Stuart (Grampian)
12. Willie Lock (Lothian)
13. Simon Douglas (Berkshire)
14. Alan Matthews (Grampian)
15. Robert Matherwell (Lothian)
16. John Evans (Cheshire)

Intermediate
1. David Newman (Essex County)
2. Michael Harrison (Humberside)
3. Keith Paxton (Tyne & Wear)
4. Chris Rogers (Leics)
5. Richard Mountford (W. Midlands)
6. Douglas Johnston (W. Midlands)
7. Simon Clayton (Hereford & Worcs.)
8. Earl Black (Lothian)
9. Kenneth Mclean (Strathclyde)
10. Walter Clarkson (Central)
11. Keith Richardson (Cambridge)
12. Ronald Stenhouse (Lothian)
13. Donald Watt (Lothian)

Junior
1. Michael Owen (Hereford & Worcs)
2. Graham Sandley (Midstays)
3. Michael Laird (Cleveland)
4. Keith Rodger (Lothian)
5. Brian Johnson (Berkshire)
6. Ian Good (Cumbria)
7. John Soutter (Middlesex)
8. Graeme Black (Merseyside)
9. Stephen Woodgate (Surrey)
10. Alastair Davidson (Grampian)
11. Michael Atker (Grampian)
12. Philip Matthew (Grampian)
13. Dimon Gray (Cumbria)
14. Paul Christie (Strathclyde)
15. Alex McLean (Lothian)
16. Charles Rodgers (Lothian)

GIRLS' FINAL PLACINGs

Senior
1. Karen Rogers (Leics)
2. Julie Reading (Hants)
3. Jane Skipp (Cleveland)
4. Janet Carr (W. Midlands)
5. Mandy Mellor (Derbyshire)
6. Jayne Mitchell (Surrey County)
7. Karen Groves (W. Midlands)
8. Linda Towler (BedS)
9. Judith Langridge (Suffolk)
10. Margaret Cuthbertson (Central)
11. Sheila Ferguson (Strathclyde)
12. Margaret Dunbar (Grampian)
13. Amy Simpson (Strathclyde)
14. Lesley Lawrence (Grampian)
15. Caroline Byres (Grampian)
16. Jeannie Stewart (Lothian)

Intermediate
1. Angela Tierney (Leics)
2. Mandy Smith (Berkshire)
3. Jill Purkislow (Berkshire)
4. Helen Robinson (Cleveland)
5. Maxine Abbott (Essex Metro)
6. Gillian Housh (Berkshire)
7. Carol Dalrymple (Central)
8. Pauline Townsend (Wiltshire)
9. Julia Dowsett (Essex County)
10. Lorraine Garber (Surrey)
11. Abigail Harerss (Central)
12. Linda Fegan (Lothian)
13. Eleanor Hardy (Central)
14. Fiona Rae (Lothian)
15. Shauna Campbell (Central)
16. Maureen Thomson (Grampian)

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Hon. Life Membership
At the A.G.M. of the E.T.T.A. in London, on July 12, Tom Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council, two new Life Members. These were Harry Walker, who had served Essex in the capacity of Chairman for many years, and his service included long periods on the National Executive Committee and the National Council, and in later years he had rendered invaluable assistance within the E.T.T.A. offices.

The second nominee for Life Membership was Brian J. Crayden, who had served as Chairman of our Equipment and Selection Committees but would perhaps be better remembered for his Captaincy of the English Women's team at the time of capturing the World and European honours. These proposals were seconded and carried with acclaim.

Under-16 boys' medal winners, David Newman, Michael Harrison and Keith Paxton, with Brian Hearn of the Stiga Company, and Councillor P. Fulton, Chairman of Cleveland County Council Education Committee.
DEVON'S GRAND CANYON

by Brian T. Worts

Devon, noted for a vast expanse of moorland, now boasts the equivalent of a Grand Canyon. This is my description of the size of the gap that divides the junior quality of play of Plymouth School players from the rest of the County.

The Devon Schools' Individual Championship was held, last month, at Braunton School, offering a total of 24 medals for the eight singles events. As if Plymouth players had squatters' rights to the Olympic-style venue and who collapsed twenty of them. A further three were taken by Tavistock players, which happens also to play in the Plymouth League. One bronze went to an Exmouth boy, Plymouth, with fifteen years of a possible 16 gold and silver, beat their previous best of nine and beat Exmouth's record of set five years ago.

With an effective ban on coaching during school, the young players both played and thought for themselves with the result that trophies returned home to squad cabinets with the special distinction of having won entirely by the player.

Terry Fairbanks produced a performance which carried a maturity which enabled him to thrice break away from the psychological setback of dropping a big lead at critical times. Having twice been runner-up in the Under-19 event, Devon Schools' Junior Champion, Stephen Murphy, had his heart set on the title, but found the shrewd Fairbanks too difficult in the semifinals.

Whilst Plymouth players, led by far-sighted coaches and helpful parents, move out of the County in search of fame, the rest of Devon's schools, now boasts the equivalent of a Grand Canyon. Plymouth have the facilities, know-how and determination to bridge the County's success story from its outset in 1972 and 1973. Plymouth has the special distinction of having 'been won by the person most deserving of being the first chairman in the form of the late Malcolm Scott. The Terms of Reference for the presentation were simply to say he was greatly honoured and greeted with acclaim, Mr. Brian T. Worts, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., Tom Blunn. The presentation was then followed by a reception at the home of the late Malcolm Scott, The Old Rectory, with the person most deserving of being the first chairman in the form of the late Malcolm Scott. The Terms of Reference for the presentation were simply to say he was greatly honoured and greeted with acclaim, Mr. Brian T. 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45th United States Open
by KEN MITCHELL

110 tables were in use at Houston; this is one of them with A.B.C. Wide World Sport working with Stefan Bengtsson.

TABLES GALORE
By self-made repus, everything is bigger and better in Texas and so it was for the 45th Annual United States National Championships held in Houston, May 22-25th, 1975.

43 events, 900 competitors, 110 tables—with room for at least another 250—and this was the minimum.

The main team events were played on 9 tables in a magnificent arena with tiered seating for 6,600 spectators, the remaining 101 tables were in an adjacent hall which really buzzed with activity.

I must congratulate the U.S. Association on their modern approach in giving every competitor an individually printed, computerised schedule, of events, table number and time they had to play; this also meant in view of the number of events, tables and competitors—perhaps not all players would agree, but the system appeared to work and it was the responsibility of the player to be in the right place at the right time—this kept the amount of public address announcements to the minimum.

With the entry of the national teams of Hungary (including world champion Laszlo), Sweden, Yugoslavia and South Korea, the competition was to be keen, and so it was, but sadly the world champion failed to live up to his reputation and failed in both the individual and team events. Jonyer never seemed to have lost some of his old skill despite his years—he won the over-60's event.

Laszlo made a special request of his friends in England. Can anyone help him find an old, no doubt very old, Slazenger bat. This is the bat—everything was in including two paints Laszlo Bellak play again; he appears to have lost some of his old skill despite his years—he won the over-60's event.

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Ken Mitchell, chairman, is the father of former English Junior international, Brian, now Dr. B. H. Mitchell, working for Argonne National Laboratories, Applied Physics Division, at the Oak Ridge Laboratories, U.S.A., and Ma Mitchell were on an official visit.

MIDDLESEX NOTES
by Laurie Landry

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Belief Dispelled

by ALBERT W. SHIPLEY,
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An interesting document has just come to light from the E.T.T.A. archives; a printer's proof of the Handbook for The Table Tennis Association for the season 1900–1, which seems to dispel the widely-held belief that in 1902 it was known as the Ping Pong Association.

In a foreword to the Handbook, reference is made to a meeting held on the 32nd December, 1961, at which The Table Tennis Association was formally instituted. Reference is also made to a catalogue of a sports goods manufacturer in 1886 advertising materials for the game of "Table Tennis". The foreword goes on:

"In the introduction of celluloid balls, first courser, used white, soft, or para-cotton-covered raquets, the game took a new era of life, the noise made by the stroke and bounce of the ball soon secured for the game the name of "Ping Pong". A smart trading firm, foreseeing the possibilities before it, registered the title, and in September, 1900, at least one club using the new name received a solicitor's letter cautioning them against the use of the title except under certain conditions which need not be here entered into."

The "smart trading firm" is still with us today as John Jaques and Sons Ltd.

Page four of the Handbook proof lists 39 affiliated clubs, the vast majority of them in London, but including Coventry, Kenilworth, Lowestoft and Loughborough.

The Constitution also contains some interesting facts. Associations (Leagues?), were allowed to send up to numbers of representatives equal to the number of clubs in membership on the following scale:

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THE ASCOT/BUTTERFLY NATIONAL LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ormesby equal Manchester record

by Keith Ponting

Another season of Team Competitions was successfully concluded on Sunday, June 8, when the Full Size National Leagues' Championships were held at the Sports Centre, Belper, Derbyshire. This really is a superb venue and the people who live in the area are most fortunate in having such facilities available to them.

The two Senior events, the Wilmott Cup for men, and the Rose Bowl for women, were a triumph for the Ormesby League, who equalled the record set by Manchester last year of winning 4-3 in 1964-65 season.

In the Wilmott Cup Ormesby were challenged by North Middleton, who had a great start when Richard Aldrich scored a five win over Jimmy Walker. Denis Neele quickly pulled one back but Mark Mitchell (what a line sporting player this lad is) put the better of David Alderson. Neele again levelled the scores by beating Aldrich and Walker found his form to beat Mitchell in three games to put the Yorkshire side into the lead for the first time in the match. Further wins by Neale and Alderson made sure of the trophy for Ormesby.

The Rose Bowl final Ormesby and Guildford was a real nail-biter, with the result in doubt until the final set. The lead changed hands several times and with the scores level at 23 came the clash of the number 3's in Ormesby's John Miskin, Guildford's David Iszatt and Caroline Knight for Ormesby. These two highly-ranked players gave a superb exhibition of table tennis and one feltsorry that one of them had to end the match. Millie Kinsella won the first game at 1-0, but then Miss Howard fought and just got home in the second 12-10. Both girls fought till the last ball to the final point and after the lead went one way and the other, Miss Kinsella put on top 2-0 to give the Yorkshire team a 4-3 lead. Susan Henderson won against Barbara Kearney but Angela Tierney won straight games against Ruth Milne and Susan Dove, however, had other ideas and played with tremendous courage. She won the first game, lost the second and seemed to be alive when Janet built up a big lead in the final game. Everyone loves a fighter and Susan did herself and her league proud by the way she fought back into the game and eventually won 22-20. Marilyn Sangster won the 9th set to take the trophy to London. Julie Reading was outstanding for Bournemouth and Jill Campion for North Acton and Sarah Gilson for Bournemouth also played well in a fine match which was a great credit to all the players.

Tony Chatwin, from Derby, did a first class job as the Referee and many congratulations to him and his team of Umpires from Warwickshire and London.

MIDLAND NOTES

by Richard Haggood

Despite fears that the League would suffer dramatically this year with severe cutbacks by members, due to economic circumstances, when the final tally was made the net result was a drop of only one team for the forthcoming season.

The most pleasing thing about the new season is that we were able to find two new members—the Butterfly League and the Lichfield League—Putters have been members before and it is always good to see old friends again, but Lichfield have entered for the first time. It is good to see a new League venturing out as it were; let us all wish them well for the new season.

If you are looking for predictions this season—forget it! I was proved wrong in many times last season that I've learnt my lesson. All I will say is, and it is something that I've said before, will you please remember to fill in christian names on the score sheets—it makes the job as the Referee and many congratulations to him and his team of Umpires from Warwickshire and London.

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NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

SUMMER LEAGUE CHAMPS

The Tyneside Summer T.T. League have just completed yet another very successful season, and the winners and runners-up of the four divisions were—

Div. 1—North Shields B.C. and National Couriers.

Div. 2—Delaval C.C. “A” and Arden House.

Div. 3—Paton Clarkes and Byker C.C. “B”.

Div. 4—Watson Noble and Byker C.C. “C”.

The Knock-out Cup, run on a handicap basis, was won by Delaval C.C. “A” who beat Will S.R.C. in the final. Thanks are again due to Ashley Draper, who organised the League and Cup competitions with his usual efficiency, and was rewarded by his own appointment to Delaval C.C. taking both the Div. 2 title and the K.O. Cup.

With the Northumberland League season scheduled to have started on September 22, great interest is centred on the newly-revived Premier Division, which was last operated during the 1963-64 season. This has also had the effect of adjusting the level of the new Div. 1, Div. 2A and Div. 2B, so an interesting season appears to be in store.

All Northumberland County Senior and Junior teams will take part in the County fixtures and Cup games as in previous seasons, which means that the second team has not after all been withdrawn as was threatened earlier, but has been given a reprieve in the hope that last season's performances will improve.

Teams will therefore participate in the 2nd Division North, Northern Division and Junior Division North, with entries to the Wilmott Cup, J.M. Rose Bowl and Carter Cup.

STOP PRESS—I have just received the first Junior ranking lists of the new season issued by the National Selection Committee, and Northumberland players and officials will be delighted to learn that Andrew Clark has been included in the boys' list at No. 15. Hearty congratulations go to Andrew on this achievement, which was based on his results obtained at assessment camps during the summer, and in the Junior Select tournament held at Harlow early in September.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Laurie Landry, Hon. Sec. of the International Table Tennis Club of England, is now living at Flat One, 29 Ravenhawe Street, London, N.W.6. (Phone: 01-794 6753).

Bill and Ivy Evans now reside at 14 Beachwood Road, West Malling, Kent, (Phone: Ashtead 76969).

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by IVOR MONTAGU

You have been kind enough to say that I may trespass on the hospitality of our magazine’s pages to discharge a moral debt I owe to our old friend and one-time Netherlands T.T. International, COR DU BUY, presently the genial supplier to the international market of A table tennis equipment.

This debt—of ancient standing—came about in the following way. Years ago—it seems now—Mr. Freemay wrote me from the E.T.T.A. office, asking if I would undertake the Table Tennis entries in a great work, “The Oxford Companion to Sports and Games”, in preparation by the Oxford University Press.

The reason for this election I do not know. The O.U.P. explained to me that what was wanted was (a) a description of the game (rather than a precis of the rules); (b) a history, from its origins, not centred on Britain particularly, but covering the areas of the globe where it was chiefly played; (c) alphabetically arranged entries of those most outstandingly associated with it during its history and development; i.e., including origins of styles and strokes and organisation, as well as champion players and NOT just the leading players of the day or of our own country such as one would find in an annual. With this mandate I suppose it was thought proper to call on our oldest inhabitants. Of course, all had to be compressed into the least possible space, and plenty of space in attempting definition.

I asked Cor’s permission to copy it, he had no space to credit the source of illustrations. I suggested to Cor then that, instead of this mandate, plus thanks, in our magazine where all our players would see it, we would probably be put out of court by price (£8.50) from reaching the ken of most T.T. players, I should, when the time came, either by advert., or, if the editor would allow it, at a letter, write the appropriate acknowledgement, plus thanks, in our magazine where all our players would see it.

So, here we are. Thanks, Cor, very much. Your originals were damn good diagrams, highly ingenious and, indeed, clearer in execution than those previously appearing in my “Companion”.

I add, too, apology (though it is not my fault) for the passage of the year since my contribution was written and the promise was made. The lapse time may be judged from the fact that the most recent T.T. player whose mini-biography made it was Stellan Bengtsson (Vicke, Johnny Loell and Ron Cready all advised me on this choice) which, incidentally, was not wrong, I think, as historically the first Westerner to break the Far East monopoly, but one which we would not have expressed in the phrase “undoubtedly the strongest player today”, or something like it, not quite, right in 1975.

How is it, then, that I have had to wait so long to make myself (by your courtesy) an honest man again toward Cor? The “Times” records of the volume that “comprising 1,143 pages from 100 contributors, over 5,000 alphabetical entries, details of more than 200 active world-wide sports and games and spiced with 400 action photographs, there is a year or two of absorbing reading from cover to cover.” Do not let us blame its editor, John Arlitt. Anyone who has attempted to herd his flock of table tennis players as a team match in time will know that, however few and well-intentioned the assemblage, there are always goats that stray among the well-conducted sheep. However punctual and punctilious your representative in this case and, at least some other of his co-contributors, it cannot have been easy to get so many participating in both the finishing time before the hairs of the rest grew grey.

I conclude—modesty does not forbid since I mention the T.T. entries and, besides, I don’t get royalties—with another quotation from the “Times” review: “Even Solomon in all his glory might have learned something new from these pages . . . We do not take a trip, a trip takes us . . . We are taken from A to Z and made to feel humble by our ignorance. An encyclopedia of reference and a volume of reading for pleasure was the aim, it has reached its goal.” I am perfectly well aware that my selection of individuals named (not, of course, made with consultation, though I will blame no one) is there simply to be torn by the vultures. After all, is not tearing to pieces our honest books what the “O.U.P.” answer—they would have no space to credit the source of illustrations. I suggested to Cor than that, instead of one in the book, which despite its hoped-for intention the assemblage, there are always goats that stray among the well-conducted sheep.

I hope that if any reader of this magazine should ever frequent a library and notice this majestic compilation (possibly through someone else dropping it on his toe), he will acquire me, at least in respect to the “description” and “history” articles, of having let our own side down amidst the august company.

Again, thank you, COR DU BUY.

Hangover Tournament

SEDFIELD 2-STAR OPEN

by Alan Ransome

A good performance by Peter Taylor to beat David Alderson, John Hilton and Jimmy Walker, saw the Bedfordshire player take the men’s singles title at Newton Aycliffe on May 31. The counterpart women’s event proved a one-horse race with Carole Knight taking the title with a final win over Julie McLean.

Nigel Hallowes was a good winner of the B.S. title with a final convincing game win over Michael Harrison, who had two close calls when opposed by Kevin Caden and Kevin Beadley. Angela Tierney won the G.B. with Julie McLean again a loser.

Results:

- Men’s Singles—Quarter-finals
  - J. Walker (Cleve) bt S. Smith (Lancs) 10, 15.
  - N. Hallowes (Lancs) bt N. Eckerseles (Ches) 21, 12, 18.
- Women’s Singles—Quarter-finals
  - J. Hilton (Ches) bt P. Bowen (Lancs) 15, 11.
  - P. Taylor (Beds) bt D. Alderson (Cleve) 12, 13.

- Semi-finals
  - Walker bt Hallowes 19, 20.
  - Taylor bt Hilton 20, 17.

Final
  - TAYLOR bt Walker 15, 17, 14.

- Men’s Singles—Quarter-finals
  - G. Knight (Cave) bt S. Dove (Middles) 19, 12.
  - J. Skipper (Cleve) bt K. Keenney (Nthld) 12, 10, 9.
  - A. Tierney (Cleve) bt J. Walker (Yorks) 18, 20, 24.
  - J. McLean (Yorks) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 20, 19.

- Semi-finals
  - Knight bt Tierney 10, 11.
  - McLean bt Skipper 8, 12.

Final
  - KNIGHT bt McLean 19, 10.

- Boys’ Singles—Quarter-finals
  - Hallowes bt A. Clark (Nthld) 11, 11.
  - B. Baxter (Yorks) bt R. Brown (Scot) 14, 21.
  - J. Smith (Lancs) bt G. Smith (Nthld) 14.
  - M. Harrison (Yorks) bt K. Beadley (Yorks) 18, 12, 19.

- Semi-finals
  - Hallowes bt Baxter 15, 16, 10.
  - Harrison bt Smith 17, 16.

Final
  - HALLOWS bt Harrison 17, 11, 7.

- Girls’ Singles—Semi-finals
  - Tierney bt N. Corden (Cleve) 12, 12.
  - McLean bt Dove 17, 13.

Final
  - THIEVES bt McLean 9, 7.

- Mixed Doubles—Final
  - ALDERSON/WALKER bt Hallowes/Smith 13, 15.

- Semi-finals
  - Hallowes bt Baxter 15, 16, 10.
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- Mixed Doubles—Final
  - WALKER/KNIGHT bt Hallowes/Hellaby 15, 22, 15.

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CONTROVERSY

JOHN WOODFORD
Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent
'The Daily Telegraph'

starts the season with a local league problem

"Which points scoring system should we adopt?" is the question raised frequently at annual league meetings. It is also a controversial subject that seems to rage intermittently in the clubrooms from Teesside to Penzance.

I am no expert on the subject but I am sure there are many readers who have positive views which might help leagues who are experimenting this season, or who think a change might be a good thing.

Let's get a debate going in print that might help those old-fashioned leagues who still use the outdated and archaic football system of two points for a win and one for a draw. From that statement you know which side of the house I am on.

Every system has its snags, or at least every system I have come across has drawbacks. It's a question of looking for the best one with the least snags.

It seems to me the biggest trap of all lies with the old system where, as you all know, to win 6 sets out of 10 means the two points are in the bag. This means that the remaining sets are of no academic interest, its an anti-climax, the play often deteriorates, spare players adjourn to the bar.

Now what situation is, in my view, the one to be avoided most of all and therefore presents a mighty strong case for a change to one of the several new systems. At a recent league meeting I heard the case against the football scoring put so well that I wish I had recurred the delegate's address. One of the main points was that the football system was designed for football, a team game of eleven men against eleven. This bears no relation at all to three table tennis players playing another three.

Another example is league snooker, one of table tennis's greatest rivals on winter evenings. There, each time a player wins a frame he gets a point—identical to one of the new ideas in table tennis. When a point is scored every time a set is won—ten points a match, if you lose 6-4 you lose four points. Now, what is fairer than that? How often have you felt robbed as your team loses 6-4 with two sets won on net-cords or edge-balls and you lose out? Much better if you leave the hall with two points!

The other systems involve such schemes as 3 points for a 10-0 win, 2 points for a 9-1 and 8-2. Many leagues use this form of scoring and I believe, very successfully.

One of the main arguments in favour of the football point tally is that you can carry a lesser player and still gain full points, so teams will be less inclined to field reserves because he cannot be sheltered by two giants. It's a valid point, no doubt, but I believe that to provide a direct incentive each time a player goes on court and so keep the match alive to the end is the best way of approaching the problem.

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by Leslie Constable

OPPOSITION STRONGER

Last year's re-organisation of County Council and the membership giving

is unlikely to cut the Cambridgeshire's junior team a place in the Anglian League. The formation of Cambridge, which included many former Yorkshire stars, forced Cambridgeshire into third place in last season's promotion challenge matches and so the County will again be competing in Division II East.

Although they were last season's champions in the second division, the opposition this season appears to be much stronger. After one season in the Division II East, Bedfordshire are back again, as are Buckinghamshire, who did not compete last season. These two teams should strengthen the division and, with the addition of Berkshire and Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire will really be put to the test to retain their title. The team will again be led by Paul Day, now ranked No. 5 in England, with Mick Harper and Keith Richardson giving valuable support. The women's pairs will probably go to Sally Hirst and Valerie Scrivens, with Ruth Newman in reserve.

The second senior team, who have not won a match since January, 1972, will be all out to end this appalling record. They will come competing in Division II East.

The final of the Summer League play-off was won by Torrington, who beat Torrington II, 6-1, in the final. The other semi-finals were Impington I and Impington II, who beat Cambridge II and Cambridge III, respectively. As I reported in the June issue of last season's magazine, Margaret Cornell has been re-appointed County Secretary, after 23 years' service. A cheque was presented to her from the affiliated leagues at a special meeting, when warm thanks were extended to her for the excellent way in which she had served the County. She will not, however, be lost to the County completely, as she will be assisting as Treasurer and also will run the table tennis section of the County Championships. Our aims are to win the Senior Premier, avoid relegation in the Anglian League and give our young players the chance of having all last season's first team squad this season would lift the County to a healthy position in the League.

The junior second team have lost more than half their squad this season as Holmes, Mike Crowson and Derek Kiddle are all over age, so that last season's successful team will have to be rebuilt. Likely candidates appear to be Tony Ward, Andrew Hubbard and Stuart Dalvert, all of Wisbech, and Andy Withers, of Melbourn. Unfortunately, last season's girls, Vivienne Rowell and Pat Tinger, are still available for the under-17s and accompanying Jocelyn Palmer, of Soham. This team, which will play the semi-final of the Junior Premier, will come out to retain their title. Tony Ward, who is now ranked No. 5 in England, with Mick Harper and Keith Richardson giving valuable support. The women's pairs will probably go to Sally Hirst and Valerie Scrivens, with Ruth Newman in reserve.

In the semi-final Jarvis beat Stephen Soper in two good games, Walker won his semi-final over three close games against Malcolm Carkin, who produced an excellent performance.

Jarvis and Walker combined to win the M.D. Championship, beating Tony May and Calvert, all of Wisbech, in the final. The Boys' Singles was won by Ian Plummer, who beat Stephen Roland in two close games in the final, while Angela Tierney, who beat Norma Carne in the semi-final, beat Norma Carne in the semi-final.

The main prizes were presented by Counsellor Jack Morgan, Mayor of Langbaurgh.

RESULTS

B.S. s-f's: N. Jarvis bt S. Souter 17, 16; J. Walker bt M. Corking 19-18, 16.

G.S. Final: Jarvis bt Walker -9, 14, 10.

M.S. s-f's: N. Jarvis bt S. Souter 17, 16; J. Walker bt M. Corking 19-18, 16.

Final: Jarvis bt Walker 14-12, 16, 14.

S.F. Final: C. Knight bt A. Tierney 17, 15, 12.

B.S. Final: Jarvis/Walker bt Knight/A. Martin 10, 19.

S.F. Final: I. Plummer bt S. Rowland 20, 23.

G.S. Final: H. Robinson bt H. Robinson 17, 14.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Neil Reid

"TOWN AND COUNTRY" PLANNING

Sponsorship has come to the aid of Leicestershire in the form of £100 from the Town and Country Planning Board of Trustees, the Hinckley and County and Luton Building Societies, the Hinckley and County Building Societies, Hinckley and Luton Building Societies and Hinckley and Luton Building Societies.

All these towns, with the exception of Oakham, have flourishing leisures and it is hoped...
the advent of the “Town and Country” sponsorship will bring interest to the small market town which was formerly part of Ranstad. £60 of the sponsorship is towards the costs of the County Closed Championships and the other half for running costs of the County 1st team. Thanks are due to both the “Town and Country Building Society” and Ian McKevelay, who was our co-sponsor in this sponsorship.

The relegation of the Junior 1st team has meant the County will now only be fielding three teams instead of four, but with only Chris Rogers of our present crop of juniors up to Premier Division standard, this will give our juniors a chance to show their pace, in the Junior (Midland) Division. Now that Brian Hayes has returned to the “Technical Knockout” last season against Leicestershire, if selected. Hopes are high that this team will do well and one playing, captain, Bryan Ward, has been putting them through their paces throughout the summer.

The Senior team have recovered from their “Technical Knockout” last season against Derbyshire (incidentally incorrectly reported by Jack Oldman in last season’s “T.T. News” and who wasn’t present anyway) and are hopeful of finishing first, at the same time appreciating it will be far from easy to gain this spot. There are so many new names here but the availability of Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers, who were occasionally on international duty last term—could make a difference.

In the Midland League the big news is that Paul Randles has transferred his allegiance to Hinckley. This will be a big blow to Leicester, but since he plays for Barwell—virtually on Hinckley’s doorstep—and many of his friends live there, it will hit him too a great stroke. It will, however, give Gainsborough the opportunity to play in the first division of the Midland League, with an unbeaten record, and to compete for the “Building Society” and to Ian McKelvey, who is now only fielding 9 for running costs of the County 1st team.

The availability of Anita Stevens’ on and Karen Rogers means the County will now only be fielding half for running costs of the County 1st team.

HIN顿DONSHIRE NOTES

by David Deller

PLANS PASSED

I am pleased to start these notes for the new season from a local angle, with the news that the new table tennis building proposed for a purpose-built table tennis building passed. This is to be in the churchyard which is hoped to house 8 tables, could be in use by the early part of the playing season. The availability of Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers, who were occasionally on international duty last term—could make a difference.

At the County A.G.M. there were no new officers but thirteen Hon. Life Members were appointed—Reg Billson, John Burntstrom, Cyril Fisher, George Hugill, Charlie Jacques, Ernest McLeish, Barry Rancad, Peter Weller, Gwynne Thomas and Colin Truman.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Childley

RESHUFFLE ACCEPTED

Firstly, may I offer my apologies to readers of this column for my absence from the column for the past few issues. There will be no interruptions this year.

Congratulations to Wolverhampton “A,” winners of the 1st Division of the Staffs. County Championships, with a 2-0 win over Stafford “A” and “B,” and to Stafford “A” and Stone “A” for gaining promotion to the top division. Their performance will add interest and broaden involvement from the County in the premier competition. All divisional winners were unbeaten, Stone “C” performing very creditably in Division 3 whilst Leek Looked a successful a team in the league by winning all the winners of Division 4.

Final positions for the 1974-75 season were:


Division 2: Stafford “A” 12 points, Stone “A” 10, Walsall “B” 9, Wolverhampton “C” 8, 6th, Stafford “C” 6, 7th, Stone “D” 5, 8th.

Division 3: Stone “B” 14 points, Lichfield “A” 11, Walsall “C” 9, Cannock “A” 5, 6th, Walsall “D” 4, 7th, Cannock “B” 3, 8th.

Division 4: Lichfield “A” 13 points, Lichfield “B” 11, Walsall “B” 10, Lichfield “C” 8, 6th, Cannock “A” 7, Stafford “B” 6, Stone “C” 2, 7th, Lichfield “D” 0.

Hello new Gloucestershire and goodbye to our “Bristol” friends with whom we hope to keep in contact.

The Gloucestershire legs were 3rd in Junior Div. West and are therefore a bit surprised to be placed in Div. III. and sorry to see Somerset leg also placed in Div. III. quite presumably, due to the introduction of Avon.

The new Gloucestershire cover the leagues of Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stroud, and this helped join junior training sessions. These have been held during the summer at Cheltenham High School and at Country Club with help from Ray Phillips, Kathy Bob’s dad and Roger Spy.

Cheltenham’s Julie Mortimer gets her man and now becomes a Mrs. Cheltenham’s summer league continues to be successful and Gloucester legs joined in and did well. A Cheltenham Club has been formed.

A “Bristol” team who did well in the final stages of the Youth Cup increase and it is rumoured that D. Beaven is to join the Gordan League.

Stroud have shown they have plenty of good young girls and are sorting out their teams etc. (as we all are) for the coming season. Stroud are continuing their Saturday A.G.M. junior coaching and Stroud generally is likely to be strengthened by the import of John Wise from Bristol and Mr. Spencer, an ex-Welsh No. 1.

Dave Foulter, Clive Little and Norman Price can now open the Gold Award badges for this year and the latter his Club badge following a successful week at Lilleshall.
LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by Joan Robinson

NO PRAISE TOO HIGH

The new season brings several administration changes in the county, the most notable being the election of a new president due to the passing away of the father figure and a founder of Lincs. Table Tennis, Mr. Hugh Haigh. No praise is too high for the lifelong work put into the county by Mr. Haigh and his death is another sad loss to the sport.

The person unanimously elected as President is Mr. Alan J. Cavell (Spalding), a man who has given many valuable hours and support to Lincs. Table Tennis. At the A.G.M. held at Lincoln during May, his first duty as President was to present the annual awards and trophies to the winners of the inter-counten competitions, for last season. The Butcher Cup was won by Wyberton, Butlin Cup by Spalding. Other noteworthy achievements included the resignation of the Secretary, Alan Birks, owing to other support to Lincs. Table Tennis. At the A.G.M., another vacancy. No nominations were forthcoming. The post was accepted by the Management Committee.

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WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

STILL IN COMMAND

The A.G.M. of the League was held in Bristol, and after I had given my 27th annual report, the President, John Ford, of Bristol, said they were speaking on behalf of all members, and they were happy to see that things were going well. Everyone knows how pleasant it is to hear good references. We are all grateful to the County Association for their support and understanding in helping to keep the game going. There were a few suggestions made, particularly on the standard of play and also sportsmanship of all the players. The management committee intends to give it more thought.

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NORFOLK NOTES by J. S. Perry

The Norfolk County Table Tennis Association’s A.G.M. was held last night at the Norfolk Hotel and was attended by representatives of all the leagues and clubs in the county. The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Dr. C. J. A. G. Lang; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. A. G. Lang; Secretary, Mr. R. A. G. Lang; Treasurer, Mr. R. A. G. Lang; and Clerk, Mr. R. A. G. Lang.

The Association reported a successful season, with participation from all age groups and a strong showing in county and national competitions. The County Championships were held at the Norfolk and Norwich University College and were won by John Smith from the Norwich University College. The Junior Championships were won by Martin Brown from the Norwich Grammar School.

The Association also reported an increase in membership and participation, with over 1000 players registered for the 1975-76 season. The junior section was particularly successful, with numerous players gaining county and national titles.

The Association thanked all those who had supported it throughout the year and looked forward to another successful season in 1976.
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Photo by Tony Ross.

The only team sold gold medal not to be won by an Ivan Currie country was the boys' cadet event which went to Sweden, who beat Hungary in the final. England finished 10th with John James a surprisingly outstanding player. The opening match, against Austria, was the most vital, which England lost 1-3. James and a vital win from Beadsley took the opening set by beating Harold Kollier, 15 in the third. Kevin Beadsley was beaten in a very close encounter with Kohitscha, 15, 21, 21, 19. The doubles was taken by Austria and Headley was beaten for the second time, 21-13 in the third, so put England in the second group with no possibility of finishing in the first eight.

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when Marie-France Germiat beat Erzebet Palatinus, of Yugoslavia. Palatinus won the first 15, Germiat the second 21-15, and the third was a cliffhanger with the expedite rule introduced midway. The set climaxed with Germiat winning 20-19 with the expedite rule against her.

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ENGLAND WIN AT SHENFIELD
by Geoff Newman

The England team made a fine start to the season at Shenfield Sports Hall, on September 5, with a handsome 7-3 win over the Netherlands. Chris Sewell was really on top of his game and gave an outstanding performance.

Always in control of his game, the young Briton was never in any trouble in either of his sets. Doug Johnston fought hard to ou­
turn Hans Noordam, but paid the penalty against Wim Jelsmein for not playing to his usual defensive pattern. Jelsmein was a difficult player to meet who gave the impression of either being brilliant or bad.

Angela Mitchell also gave a 5-star performance and played particularly well against the defence at the Dutch No. 1 girl, Yolande Noordam, who had no answer to her penetrating attack. Melody Ludi had a good win over Ina Willems, but fell away against Miss Noordam after appearing to have matters well in hand at one stage.

In the doubles it was the unlikely combinations that ended on top, the boys winning for England with the Dutch team taking the girls.

The match was excellently staged with the assistance of the Brentwood District Council, while gifts for the players were provided by Simon Station Garage, Brentwood.

Scores:
C. Sewell bt H. Gootsen 17, 10; bt W. Jelsmein 6, 4.
D. Johnston bt Noordam 13, 11; bt Wim IJsselstein 18, 11.
M. Ludl bt J. Willems 12, 16; lost to Y. Noordam 15, 29, 12.
A. Mitchell bt Noordam 9, 11; bt Willems 17, 13.
Johnston/Sewell bt Gootsen/IJsselstein 15, 21, 19.
Ludl/Mitchell lost to Noordam/Willems 18, 16.

DUTCH REVENGE AT MALDON
At Maldon Youth and Adult Centre, on September 6, Holland aimed for their defeat of the hands of England by gaining a good 7-3 win over the Essex squad.

The Netherlands' team enjoyed the faster conditions at Maldon and their game was appreciably sharper. Kevin Caldeo had a fine win over the versatile Dutch boy going under to a stream of killing forehands.

Dave Newman had a bad start against Jelsmein but scored well to just an under to Gootsen in a fine attacking set. David and Kenneth Eaton were on top in a very entertaining boys' doubles, the Dutch pair going down under constant attacking pressure.

Penny Abbott proved to be the Essex side's star performer, playing very well above herself. She gave a best ever performance when defeated by Ina Willems in a very tense encounter. Penny devours all the plaudits, coming back from the dead, a game down and 14-20, and then on to victory.

Sandie Sutton could not reproduce her last season's County Championship form and did not do herself justice. Maldon Youth and Adult Centre staged the match with the Directors of Mid-Essex Transport Ltd. entertaining the Dutch party during the evening. Scores:
K. Caldeo lost to Gootsen 17, 16, 12; bt Jelsmein 11, 5, 2; bt Willems 11, 5, 5; lost to Jelsmein 10, 16; lost to Gootsen 17, 20, 19.
M. Ludl lost to Willems -13, 14, 14; lost to Noordam -10, -12.
P. Abbott bt Willems 15, 21, 22; lost to Noordam 14, 15, 16.
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This season sees the tenth Annual National School Team Championships which have grown steadily in size, scope and playing standards.

The finals, which last year moved to Lea Green Centre, Matlock, are again being staged at the pleasant Derbyshire venue and will take place on Saturday, March 20, 1976. But the preliminaries of the championships are already under way in some counties. Preliminary nomination of events to be entered is required by October 31 with actual entries by December 17. The winning school teams from each of the fifty county areas take part in one of twelve area finals being staged on January 31-February 1, with the winners going forward to one of three regional finals on Sunday, February 15, and thence to the National Finals.

A coaching course has been arranged for the finalists on the day following the finals at Lea Green.

The championships are open to teams of four players, girls and boys, in seven different age categories ranging from Under-11 to Under-15 on September 1 of this year.

Later in the season the Stiga-sponsored Individual Championships take place on Saturday, May 8, at a new venue—Stourbridge Sports Centre, Luton. County winners in eight events compete in groups and with last year's excellent entries to date there are already 140 boys and girls entered. The winning school teams from each of the county areas go through to one of three regional finals on Sunday, May 15, and the winners go forward to the National Finals.

Entry forms can be had from the E.T.T.A. at 2 Clarendon, Hastings, E. Sussex, TM9 1HA, the closing date for entries being Sunday, November 15, 1975, to the E.T.T.A.
WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

in Lincolnshire

ROTHMANS/LSG SPORTS AWARD

A woman who is still a leading competitor in her sport but has become increasingly involved in behind-the-scenes work is the latest and youngest Rothmans/LSG Sports Personality of the Month.

Twenty-nine-year-old Joan Robinson holds four tonsas a member of the Lincoln Table Tennis Association, and is a former County doubles champion.

She represents Lincolnshire on the National Council of the English Table Tennis Association and, for two years, was secretary of the "Sunday Times" Super League.

General Secretary of the E.T.T.A., this year she took on the extra role of match secretary, Press officer and a member of the selection committee.

INTERESTED

"I'm so interested in keeping the sport going, I'd do anything to help the County," she said.

Joan, of 13 Croppers Way, Freiston, Boston, also finds time to bring up two young children and run a house.

"I like to be organised. I know in advance what has got to be done and I plan ahead to get something out by a certain date.

"If I'm organising a tournament I'll be flat out for two or three weeks, but normally I work a couple of days and have one or two free days." Her husband, Alan, a sports enthusiast and fellow vice-president of Lincoln Table Tennis Association, gives her a great deal of encouragement.

A member of North Sea Camp football team, where he works, he sometimes changes shifts to allow for her to arrive at home with Joan in the car at a match or meeting.

Joan learned the sport at her home in Saxilby, near Lincoln, where her parents had a table tennis table.

She joined the Saxilby team at the age of 16 and, a year later, was in the Lincoln Table Tennis Association, where she was immediately made secretary.

Holder of a Lincoln and Boston town badge, she played doubles for the County on five occasions and is present holder of the Boston ladies singles title.

SECRETARY

She was secretary of the Lincoln Association for eight years before moving to Boston in 1972 and her husband was on the committee.

The couple were made vice-presidents of the Lincoln Association when they left and were presented with a bureau.

"I keep my Lincolnshire table tennis notes in it," said Joan. "It is always there as a reminder of our time in Lincoln."

She was the club's 'two women player and her husband was often third member of the men's team.

As Lincolnshire's representative on the National Council, she travels to London for meetings about five a year.

"It's up to me to report back to the County everything that happens at the meetings," she said.

As her husband retired from the committee, she became more involved in the behind-the-scenes work.

"Sponsorship in the E.T.T.A. is getting very tight," said Joan. "Sponsors aren't prepared to use the moneywise but I'm a bit tied to the house. I've got a daughter at school and I want to help the County."

"I play every week in the Lincoln League and on Saturdays I'm thinking about giving up for a few years yet."

Joan's husband said: "No one does more to promote the game in Lincolnshire, and by that I mean the sport on a bigger basis than Joan."

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DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE

The answer does not lie in the fact that Lina was always the better player than the others, but in the more abstract subject of long-term continuity. Lina was, in a way, a generous, noble person, player of intuitive immunity, particularly when the pressure was greatest, at a time when artists could be seen as the mainstay of the game, and there was a sense that Lina was "the modern game", which idea is now disillusioned and is now making a big comeback as backspin players are coming within reach of major titles again. Would we in this country not be very happy if our players had achieved this, or a quarter, or even the deep-seated determinants of other nations achieved in the recent World Championships?

It was, of course, at all times possible for women Wenlock to reach the world rankings with a largely passive game, as Jill Hamm- 
somers has shown. Lina was overlooked, in my view, because her particular game was out of fashion when such most needed encouragement, and the artificial coaching establishment itself was moving along the wrong lines, and there was a sad consistency in bringing many talented players to the tennis world honours where a total block occurred and they seemed unable to go any further.

The local fashions were for robots able to move their arms across an almost identical pattern, with no spin or any other commodity. Variety and innovativeness were ruthlessly discouraged. Among coaches there was a total lack of motivation and inspirational qualities which could lift players beyond what would otherwise have been their limits. The pressure to the top is hard and lonely, and it is easy to be a robot, or hard to be a champion. No champion has ever given up the to top on his own.

I hope Linda's decision to retire is not permanent, because I think she still has a big point to make. There is a lot more to the game than making the national ranking, and it is a new beginning, and it is one of the charms of the game that each match represents a completely new start.

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When one includes statistics — which are considered a must — there remains precious little space for descriptive writing allowing for the space afforded to minority views — Ed.

TIME FOR REVIEW

After my visit to the recent Essex Junior "Select", I am persuaded that the time has arrived for a review of the value of doubles events at junior tournaments.

At present, the West of England tournaments leading to the "Select" give the players an opportunity to play in first or second round singles matches often with two or four hours to be put out of the initial rounds of the doubles. They then go home having played two or three sets. The problem has been partially resolved at some tournaments by the introduction of the "group system in singles involving three players. Surely it would be detrimental to the beaureaucracy to extend the group to say five players. All participants would then be guaran-
teed four sets, with more equitable intervals between them.

The successful group winning emerged, the tournament can be concluded fairly rapidly, and on a high note. No doubt a substantial number of players would stay to see the finals, knowing the precise order of matches to come.

Some comments passed at Essex, reference will no doubt be made elsewhere to these "group system" in the late finish of the tournament. There is no need for me to elaborate upon the detrimental effects of young players arriving home in the early hours of Monday morning. This state of affairs is often caused by the same players being involved in the final stages of the singles, boys (or girls) doubles, and mixed doubles events.

All that is surely needed is courage on the part of the organisers to make a radical change in tournament policy. It would mean a tiringly explained to double of doubles trophies that the majority of players positively benefit from a singles only tournament.

My views are based on talking to the people who are most directly involved — the players and their parents and we sincerely hope the message gets through to the organisers.

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MEMORY AT ODDS

How nice to see a piece by Lazio Bellak in your June issue—and a reference to the great World Championships at London in 1966 too. Tennis readers may be interested in what the tennis magazine said about that match at the time.

"Her victory is the more remarkable since she was not considered good enough for the Corporation Cup team. Wendy found her form when we most needed a tonic, after four titles had gone to foreign countries. It also brought Bellak his first world title."

And, mark you, he has appeared in more world championships than any other player, the game has known. Small wonder he nagged Wendy and danced round and round the ring . . .

But Bellak's memory of the occasion is at odds with the printed programme, which records the last game as won 21/14, 11-19. And they did not meet again, Bellak and Wendy Woodhead—to play together in the January, 1969 English Championships, when they lost in the quarter-final to Ferras and Margaret Osborne.

In between, the net had been lowered from 6 inches to 6 inches—so Wendy Woodhead was the only Englishwoman to win a world title with the higher net.

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Champions Beaten

Standing in for Desmond Douglas at Southend on September 15, Nick Horsham suffered the only reverse for The Rest side which beat Essex, 3-2, in the Hampshire County, L1.

In Horsham was the player to place a feather in his cap with a 14, 18 victory over the England No. 2 Individual scores—

D. Brown lost to N. Jarvis 12-13, 16-12; lost to A. Barden -15.
1. Horsham lost to P. Day -17, 10; bt Jarvis 14, 18.
R. Potton lost to Barden 12, 10; lost to Day -17, 10.
M. S. Hession lost to Miss L. Howard -15, 19, 14.
Brown/Horsham lost to Barden/Day -17, 19.
Putton/Hessoni lost to Jarvis/Howard -15, 17.

READING SELECTIONS

The England junior team chosen to meet Wales at Maiden Erleigh School, Reading, on October 3 was,—Dr. Johnson (Warwks, M. Shuttle (Surrey), Chris Rogers (Leics), Beverley Green (Warwks) and Karen Will (Berks).

Selected for Wales were Jonathan Hardaker, Gary Owen, Jeffrey Morgan, Debbie Coulthard and Sandra Coulson. The non-playing captains were Brian Burn for England and Leonard Ellis for Wales.
The E.T.T.A. has always been one of the leading exponents of umpiring. English umpires are rightly respected by the players of other nations. It was in the 1950-51 season that the E.T.T.A. began formal qualification classes and set a pattern which has since been copied by many Associations throughout the table tennis world.

In England, the umpires' organization is supervised by the National Umpires' and Referees' Committee, one of the most active of the Association's sub-committees. This Committee is responsible for establishing the qualifying standards for County and National Umpires and for advising the National Council and County Associations on all aspects of umpiring.

The qualification of County Umpires, using test papers and methods published by the N.U.R.C., is carried out by County Associations. The national body acting simply as the registry of successful candidates and issuing appropriate badges and handbooks. Thereafter, the administration and organization of County Umpires within a county is entirely the province of the County Association, although the N.U.R.C. is always available for help and advice.

After a qualifying period of appropriate experience, normally three years, a County Umpire may be nominated by his County Association for the National Umpires examination. This consists of a written test and an interview and takes account of the candidate's knowledge, experience and practical ability. An examination in conduct is conducted by the N.U.R.C. once or twice each year, in various parts of the country. The test is for County Umpires only, and no majority of test candidates. The standard set is high and even to be accepted as a candidate an umpire must possess good powers of observation and knowledge of the rules.

Umpiring is not an easy job and may often be a thankless one, but it has its rewards. With increasing experience and ability come the opportunities to participate in events of various range. The scope of this opportunity has obviously been increased by the E.T.T.A. normally receive at least £2.50 for the recently completed Bombay Table Tennis Championships. He was right.

The trouble with this country is that, whatever you do, the rich are getting richer. Even when you hold a prize-money tournament. Thus said a man when Niran Bajaj won the top award of £2.50 at the recently concluded Bombay Table Tennis Championships. He was right.

The first-prize-money tournament in the country seemed to have motivated the rich far more than those who could well do with the cash at stake. The surprising runner-up in the men's singles was the national junior champion, Grew a blank. Those competing in the men's singles had to reach at least the semi-final. As Surbek and Jonyer at the World's ought to have inspired them and given them something to aim for. While our players seem to have simply hung up their racquets. The Indian Table Tennis Championships, Dus, for instance, could have worked on their backhand. It remains to be seen, as Naira showed, whether a higher order of thinking can be expressed by our opponents.

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Will prize money insure a good return?

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Anton Stipancic, the “unlucky man” of the last world championships in Calcutta—runner-up in the men’s singles, doubles and men’s team events—took the “Love Bird” in the fifth to take his semi-final from Kjell Johansson and beat 1971 world champion, Dragutin Suribek in another 5-game semi.

In Sook Na, formerly of South Korea and now of the United States, beat Sweden’s Anja Christin Hellman and Jill Hammersley, of England, to take the women’s event. The final was played at expeditious from towards the end of the second game, with Na finally outlasting Jill.

In the first round of the men’s singles (writes Tim Boggan, Editor, “Table Tennis Topics”, U.S.A.) the sponsors were not too enthusiastic which put the “Black Flash”, Jamaican-born Desmond Douglas (never mind he left the island when he was 5 and that he doesn’t speak like a Jamaican any more) against the defending champion, Danny Seemiller, of the U.S.A.

If the idea was to get thousands of spectators into bustling, hard-working J.T.E.F. President Roy Hylton and Tournament Director Ken Bengtsson’s “Love Bird” bower, it wouldn’t do to have either of these two talked-about players get beat early. (As it happened, however, the sponsors needn’t have worried. I’ve never seen anything like it. There were 4,000 wildly cheering fans there every night.

As it was Seemiller won, as did Stipancic, against England’s other male representative, Nicky Jarvis, avenging his defeat in the Men’s Singles—Quarter-finals.

In SOOK NA bt Hammersley 17, 19, 19.

Men’s Doubles—Semi-finals


Final

STIPANIC/SURIBEK bt JOHANSSON 13, 12, 16, 10, 10.

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CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

NEW FACES

Following the well attended and keenly contested county trials held at Millom, on September 13, we have two new faces at the top of the men’s ranking list in the persons of Chris Reed and Brian Towell. Contrasting stories behind the two here, the ever-improving Reed, ranked No. 6 last season, must have been most people’s favourite to take over the No. 1 position; Towell, however, came back with a bang after an 18-months lay-off to go straight to the No. 2 position.

Last season’s No. 1, John Willis, was hard pushed to hold on to a top three spot after facing some determined play from Alan Fay in particular. Top woman, Jennifer Pachul, had no real trouble in retaining last season’s stand.

The encouraging wealth of junior talent available means that two teams will be competing in that class in the new season and form shown by Ian Reed, 13-years-old brother of Chris, during the recent Essex Junior “Select” when he reached the quarter-final of the U-15 class and took the Dutch No. 2 to 17-21 in the third of the 1st Round proper of the U-17 class, sets the pattern of things to come.

The inter-town league will be run again this season and another look at the men’s ranking list suggests that last season’s winners, Carlisle, will again have a major say in the outcome of the competition with chief opposition coming from Millom and Barrow. A few top-class youngsters have been lost through premature retirement in recent seasons and the one notable absentee this season being last season’s No. 2 senior and top junior, Peter Poleczynski.

Rankings—

Women

1. J. Pachul (Millom)
2. G. Smith (Millom)
3. M. Gray (Millom)
4. K. Willis (Carlisle)
5. S. Studholme (Kendal)
6. E. Stathie (Millom)
7. C. Tyson (Millom)
8. K. Usher (Millom)
9. C. Rose (Kendal)

Boys

1. C. Reed
2. N. Smith
3. J. Reed (Millom)
4. D. Gray (Millom)
5. C. Mathie (Millom)
6. A. Fuchel (Millom)
7. F. Harrison (Millom)
8. M. Hagarth (Carlisle)
9. S. Stamper (Millom)
10. P. Watson (Carlisle)

Girls

1. G. Smith
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3. E. Mathie
4. C. Tyson
5. K. Usher

Obituary

FRANK MILLIGAN, LIFE MEMBER

(In Memoriam)

I first met Frank in the early 1930’s and a few years later he and I were invited by Maurice Rose to become members of the E.T.T.A. Referees’ Committee.

For some 35 years I was privileged to work with Frank on many and varied tournaments, including two World Championships, and his passing will leave a gap in Table Tennis circles which will be most difficult to fill.

He always did his utmost to ensure the smooth running of the tournaments with which we were concerned and, in this connection, the welfare of the players was always his first priority. In fact, he was a “players’ man”. Those of us who knew him well will always retain the memory of one who was firm but fair in his view, humorous, and completely calm whatever the circumstances.

PERCY HYDE
Life Member E.T.T.A.

Our condolences go to Frank’s wife, Elizabeth, at 20 Balmoral Gardens, West Ealing, London, W13 9UA, on her sad loss.

May the good companionship that her late husband enjoyed within the game be ever extended to his widow.—Ed. 
Lucky winner, Ian Perrett, of Devizes, Wilts, is sitting pretty with the keys to his newly-acquired Avenger 1600DL, handed over by Charles M. Wyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A.

Photo by courtesy of the "Hastings Observer"

**WELSH CORNER**

by H. Roy Evans

Despite the disappointing Welsh results at the European Youth Championships in Zagreb, plans to concentrate on the very young will continue to be the main plank in Welsh Association activities.

September is a particularly busy month with a weekend course for twenty new coaches, two residential courses for all the candidates, one in Cardiff and one at Llanelly, and a refresher course for coaches at which the lessons of Zagreb will be passed down the line.

There are to be three weekly squad training sessions at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff, for the junior squad and two for the seniors, and similar weekly sessions in the North, at Mold and Rhyl.

In addition, there will be more emphasis on sending juniors to tournaments "across the border".

The Welsh League programme starts on the last Saturday in September with a bigger entry than for many years, so big, in fact, that the second division has had to be split into two sections. In addition, the Junior Division is strong, but at as ever we could do with more women's representative teams.

The Club Championship of Wales will again be held, but this time for teams of two, with some excusing of the strong teams until later, so that the weaker clubs can have more of a run. Separate sections will be run in the South and in the North, with the survivors coming together at the final stages.

The First Welsh Open Tournament is at Aberdare on October 26, followed by the Swansea Open on November 15. Cardiff hold their Open Event on December 15, Glamorgan on January 24, and the Gwent on March 27.

The Welsh Closed and the Welsh Open Championship will be on March 20.

The Welsh Open is on February 6th to 8th. Throughout the season there are to be various sessions of the A.S.C. Coaches Award Course, for young and older coaches. The Bronze Tests are taken at club level by the certificated coaches, from which the survivors, some 30, are working in various parts of Wales.

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It was possible that someone, in the past, had played for the county or, in the league handbook, mention was recorded of a vice-president, or a life member, who had actually played for England.

This, of course, did not affect the ordiary mortal who was fighting for his place in the 8th division. But now, with the Schools’ Association running National Team Championships as well as individual events from U-19 to U-11, this has all changed.

The beginner is no longer satisfied with being restricted to local events and practically demands to have the opportunity to enter events countrywide. Listening to the new juniors talking, the subject under discussion is quite often, ‘How many years have I left as a junior?’ and ‘Will I make the national cadet or junior ranking list?’

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Conference was chaired throughout by Gordon Riggall, Chairman of the National Coaching and Schools’ Committee. He was very elastic on his timing and if a subject was proving of more interest than first anticipated adjustment was made accordingly.

Such was the success of the conference that it is proposed to hold another one the proposed dates being May 22-23, 1976. Disappointing was the absence of the E.T.T.A.’s Management Committee despite all having been invited.


EXHIBITIONS

OF WORLD CLASS TABLE TETNIS STAGED BY THE ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

DETAiLS FROM SQUAD MANAGER KEN MATHEWS, c/o E.T.T.A. OFFICE

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Senior Rankings

On September 16 the National Selection Committee issued the first Junior and Cadet ranking lists for the 1975/76 season. The lists have been produced on results obtained at assessment camps during the summer and in the Essex Junior "Hales" tournament held at Harlow on September 6-7.

Paul Day and Andrew Barden continue to dominate the boys' section, as they did throughout last season. Departure from the junior ranks of a number of players, notably Mark Mitchell (Middlesex), has resulted in wood, of Leeds, previously unranked, coming through last season. Departure from the ranking lists of the 1975-76 season. The lists have been produced on results obtained at Committee issued the first Junior and Cadet assessment camps during the summer and in junior ranks of a number of players, notably unfamiliar names. One of these, I. Stephen 'Hazel of her performances at assessment camps and Boys at Harlow, where she beat Melody Ludi in the Girls.

JUNIORS (U17)

Boys
- 1. Paul Day (Camb) (1)
- 2. Andrew Barden (Middlesex) (2)
- 3. Chris Rewell (Gloucestershire) (5)
- 4. Douglas Johnson (Warwick) (6)
- 5. Martina Sturtis (Surrey) (7)
- 6. Chris Rogers (Leicestershire) (10)
- 7. Jonathan Profitt (Herts) (11)
- 8. Kevin Caldon (Essex) (19)
- 9. Ian Smith (Lancashire) (13)
- 10. Stephen Hazelwood (Yorkshire) (13)
- 11. Keith Paxton (Durham) (16)
- 12. David Newman (Essex) (16)
- 13. Ian Kenyon (Sandown) (16)
- 14. Richard Jenney (Herts) (15)
- 15. Andrew McTavish (Yorkshire) (17)
- 16. Michael Harrison (Yorks) (17)
- 17. Stephen Hazelwood (Yorkshire) (17)
- 18. Chris Reed (Cumbria) (19)

Girls
- 1. Angela Mitchell (Middlesex) (2)
- 2. Angela Mitchell (Middlesex) (2)
- 3. Angela Tierney (Clew) (5)
- 4. Karen White (Warwick) (5)
- 5. Beverley Green (Warwick) (7)
- 6. Susan White (Lancashire) (14)
- 7. Anne Williams (Clew) (14)
- 8. Anne Williams (Lancashire) (14)
- 9. Julie Reading (Hants) (9)
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- 11. Alison Gordon (Berks) (9)
- 12. Norma Carne (Cheshire) (11)
- 13. Mandy Smith (Berks) (11)
- 14. Janet New (Dorset) (11)
- 15. Jill Purslow (Berks) (11)
- 16. Susan Dove (Middlesex) (12)

Group "A" - Boys
- K. Beadle (Yorkshire) (5)
- S. Hall (Warwick) (5)
- D. Cammidge (Sussex) (5)
- J. James (Middlesex) (6)
- H. McCallum (Yorkshire) (6)
- I. Flummmer (Kiev) (6)
- G. Stewart (Buckinghamshire) (6)
- S. Wilkins (Middlesex) (6)

Group "A" - Girls
- J. Champion (Middlesex) (6)
- M. Chamberlain (Hants) (6)
- A. Collins (Essex) (6)
- A. Goy (Essex) (6)
- H. Haines (Middlesex) (6)
- L. Johnson (Middlesex) (6)
- S. Jones (Staffordshire) (6)
- W. Park (Wiltshire) (6)
- H. Robinson (Clew) (6)
- R. Robinson (Clew) (6)
- J. Smith (Middlesex) (6)
- M. Wallis (Niths)

CADETS (U14)

Boys
- 1. C. Wilson (Hants) (8)
- 2. G. Holland (Middlesex) (8)
- 3. A. Pritchett (Herts) (13)
- 4. J. O'Day (Middlesex) (13)
- 5. M. Laird (Clew) (11)
- 6. S. Harmer (Bedford) (13)
- 7. M. Owens (Hereford) (13)

Girls
- 1. A. Gordon (Berks) (3)
- 2. M. Smith (Berks) (3)
- 3. J. Purkis (Clew) (6)
- 4. H. Robinson (Clew) (6)
- 5. G. Heath (Berks) (15)
- 6. M. Reeves (Middlesex) (10)
- 7. M. Abbott (Essex) (15)
- 8. P. Townsend (Wiltshire) (15)

SCOTTISH NEWS

by Leslie Hamilton

GRAMPAN TELEVISION INVITATION TOURNAMENT

History was made in Aberdeen on August 30 when the first ever table tennis tournament, staged specifically for television, took place. The idea was born early this year when Grampian Television Limited, the North of Scotland's television station based in Aberdeen, contacted me with the offer to arrange and run for them a table tennis tournament. I had complete freedom in the running of the event, the only stipulation being that all participants must be connected in some way with the Grampian T.V. Area.

Following a series of negotiations, twelve players were invited to take part, and were arranged to play initially in groups of three, the winner of each group proceeding to the semi-final.

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B.R. RAIL CONCESSION

Permit Members

At the meeting of the National Council on July 26, it was agreed to increase the fee for Permit Membership from £2 to £4. May we remind you that all Permit Members are required to renew their membership on the 1st of September each year, and that any member earning money from his skill at table tennis, such as coaching or writing articles, must hold a permit to do so. Application forms are available on request.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the E.T.T.A's National Council, held on July 26, 1975, eleven councillors were nominated for the Association's Management Committee.

All of last season's incipient schemes, with the exception of Ian Crickmer, who had resigned, were returned with renewed application forms, the certificate still in the hands of the E.T.T.A. office, please.

NEW COUNCILLORS

Six new councillors took their seats at the first National Council Meeting of the 1975-76 season. They were:- Peter Charters replacing Brian Barden, Ron Smith for Berkshire, Henry McIlwraith (Thompson) for Bucks, Ken Muir (John Cornwell) for Cambs, Edgar Champion (Thompson) for Durham, Harold Taylor (Brian Mayfield) for Derbyshire and Ramon de Wet, Landry for Somerset. Mrs. Henderson maintained her membership as councillor for the newformed County of Avon.

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TOURNAMENT DIARIES

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Yorkshire and England international, Tony Clayton, with his bride, Gillian Rew, after their marriage in Kircumber on August 9. The couple met when both were students at Liverpool University. Tony and Gillian have taken up residence at 8 Southview, Clandon, Radstock, Bath, Avon. (Photo: Radstock 3721). Photo by Tony Ross, Hesle.

**Essex 2-Star Junior Select**
**CHRIS AND ANGELA TRIUMPH**
by Geoff Newman

This season's opening tournament at Harlow Sports Centre over the weekend of September 6/7 attracted a record entry of eight on 400 competitors and the organisers had to make a decision as to whether to accept all the entries and have an overloaded programme or restrict the number and return the last received entries.

The decision to accept all entries was taken mainly on the basis that being a "Select" tournament it was important for all the top-seeded juniors to be included. Had entries been restricted to a certain number a vast proportion of the top juniors would not have been on view.

Unfortunately events did get a little long but it was perhaps compensated by the overall high standard of play. Only notable absence were Paul Day and Andy Barden.

The tournament had an international flavour with the English and Dutch sides at Shenfield entered. For our foreign guests found the going hard and only reached the semi-final stage of two events.

For the English team it was triumph and in particular for Chris Sewell and Angela Mitchell. Both had been outstanding in the international match and they followed it up with some fine play. Sewell in particular looked head and shoulders above the rest in the boys' events. Mitchell was the girls' singles champion too hot to handle.

Jonathan Proffitt was in good form and showed his vast improvement by eliminating seeds Kevin Edwards and Chris Rogers before the quarter-finals. Another boy to take the eye was Ian Plummer, who accounted for Martin Shuttle.

Mandy Smith had a fine win over Suzanne Hunt in the U-17 event following up an equally good win over Angela Tierney in the U-15 event. Alison Gordon, yet another Berkshire girl in top gear, had the final say in the U-17 event, as she also did in the U-14 event. Berkshire's young lady contingent doing well overall.

Colin Wilson, from Hants, won an excellent U-15 boys' final from Flannery in one of the Saturday's best sets. Middlesex's Graham Sandley gave a good performance in the Cadet Boys' event, overcoming Adam Proffitt, who had earlier accounted for Wilson. Results—

**Boys' Singles—Quarter-Finals**

- A. Proffitt bt G. Alden
- J. Proffitt bt G. Stewart
- J. Mitchell bt D. Newman
- J. Proffitt bt M. Shuttle

**Girls' Singles—Quarter-Finals**

- D. Newman bt L. Garbett
- A. Proffitt bt C. Willson
- M. Shuttle bt B. Plummer
- J. Proffitt bt A. O'Connor

**Boys' Under-14**

- H. Gore (Essex) bt D. Reeves (Berks)
- C. Reading (Essex) bt C. Willson (Hants)
- J. Proffitt (Herts) bt A. O'Connor (Lanes)
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop (Dbys) bt S. Low/A. Stonell (Essex)

**Girls' Under-14**

- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt M. Shuttle
- C. Willson bt A. Proffitt
- L. Garbett bt A. Proffitt
- S. Low/A. Stonell bt C. Willson

**Boys' Under-15**

- G. Stewart (Surrey) bt D. Newman (Essex)
- E. Hamel (Nths) bt W. Isses (Neths)
- J. Mitchell bt A. Gordon
- J. Reading (Hants) bt A. Gordon

**Girls' Under-15**

- M. Shuttle bt S. McCarthy
- W. Isses bt S. McCarthy
- B. Plummer bt S. McCarthy
- S. Low bt S. McCarthy

**Boys' Under-16**

- A. Anderton (Nths) bt A. Gordon
- D. Newman (Essex) bt A. Anderton
- J. Mitchell bt A. Anderton
- D. Newman bt A. Anderton

**Girls' Under-16**

- S. Low/A. Stonell bt M. Shuttle
- S. Low/A. Stonell bt S. McCarthy
- S. Low/A. Stonell bt B. Plummer
- S. Low/A. Stonell bt S. McCarthy

**Boys' Under-17**

- W. Isses bt D. Newman
- L. Garbett bt M. Shuttle
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt C. Reading
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt A. Anderton

**Girls' Under-17**

- M. Shuttle bt S. McCarthy
- S. McCarthy bt M. Shuttle
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- S. McCarthy bt M. Shuttle

**Boys' Under-18**

- A. Gordon bt A. Anderton
- D. Newman bt A. Anderton
- J. Mitchell bt A. Anderton
- D. Newman bt A. Anderton

**Girls' Under-18**

- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt M. Shuttle
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt S. McCarthy
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt B. Plummer
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt S. McCarthy

**Girls' Doubles—Final**

- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt S. Low/A. Stonell
- S. McCarthy/S. Yallop bt L. Garbett

**Boys' Doubles—Final**

- C. Reading (Essex) bt C. Willson (Hants)
- C. Willson bt C. Reading

**Girls' Doubles—Semi-Finals**

- S. Low/A. Stonell bt S. McCarthy/S. Yallop
- S. Low/A. Stonell bt M. Shuttle

**Boys' Doubles—Semi-Finals**

- C. Reading (Essex) bt C. Willson (Hants)
- C. Willson bt C. Reading

For the Sussex scene it will surely be enlivened this season by the return from Derby of Steve (formerly Arthur) Downer and Miss Carol Randall (formerly Mrs. Downer). Both players will appear in the County trials, but Carol has already been chosen to play for the Sussex first team in the opening clash against Kent in Division 2 (South).

Steve has chosen to appear in both the Brighton and Eastbourne leagues. His first matches, in Brighton especially, will be under the eye of the selectors. Incidentally, the Sussex selectors are this time without the services of Robin Pienaar, who has had to step down due to a number of her table tennis activities including this column. The new chairman of selectors is the National Umpire, Dennis Red, of Hove.

Susanna Kavallierou has flown away to Canada and may possibly never see Sussex again! Her place in the rankings for Sussex will certainly be taken by Miss Diana Gaud, who is in great shape, in both senses, hitting harder than ever.

In Sussex table tennis circles, Crawley & Horsham League players are always prominent. Already Gerald Pugh and John Clarke have secured the Nos. 2 and 3 berths in the Sussex first team and another prominent umpire, Emile Emez, has announced his fitness to return to the fray at the trials. Alan Hydes has announced his fitness to return to the trials. Alan Hydes has again registered for Sussex and it is now a question of how many matches he will appear in before he returns to New Zealand in December.

In Division 2 (South)...

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As expected, the County Table Tennis Championships, at Annfield Premier Grounds, Horden in June, passed the resolution to suspend activities, which means that the Inter-County programme will, for the first time, be organised in the name of the English Table Tennis Association. No major change will result from the "new management" and it is likely that most players will be unaware that any change has taken place.

The Junior Division take on yet another very-well-known look which is, however, not related to the change mentioned above. The well-established Premier (which varies spread throughout the season) of course continues, but instead of the six Regional Divisions which had existed last season, we now see three Second Divisions and five Third Divisions. The old Regions, supposedly of equal strength but in practice not, used to produce one team each to compete in the Challenge matches; the new Second divisions will each throw up two teams for the Challenge, which should be a fairer system as well as, hopefully, producing far better matches in the various Divisions. No change is contemplated for the Senior Divisions, although one County has been heard to mention that a similar set-up at Senior level would be supported by them.

Essex, Champion County for the seventh time, have revived the custom of a challenge match with "the Rest of England", and will, of course, be looking to retain their title. This is likely to be even more difficult than before as Cleveland will be expected to set the pace on their first appearance in the Premier. I do not think whether Rannumshire will be able to call on Denis Neale, but even without the experienced England No. 1 they have a power:ful team and must be considered the title. The other promotion who were rather disappointed to have not known whether Ransomsheire will be able to compete in the Challenge, one some senior players are expected to return to their allegiance to their present county will be a serious blow to the chances of the Senior Division. No change has taken place in the Second Region here, too, could be a chancy business. As Cleveland will be expected to set the pace of course, be looking to retain their title. This season has started s'quads are:

**INTERNATIONAL SQUADS**

The National Selection Committee have announced the international squads at three levels.

A big disappointment to followers of the sport, particularly those from the Midlands, will be the absence of Desmond Douglas. Douglas declined selection for The Rest versus the County on September 13 and also turned down an invitation to attend a training camp at Lea Green.

Although there is no doubt that in terms of ability Douglas would be included in the squad, his decisions not to participate in two important early season events without giving his reasons gave the selectors no alternative but to omit him from the squad until his availability for other events is known.

The top six boys and the top four girls in the Junior ranking list make up the junior squad. Berkshire's strength in girls' table tennis is underlined by the fact that these of the four places in the Cadet squad are occupied by girls from that county. The complete squads are:

**Senior**
- Denis Neale (Cleveland), Nicky Jarvis (Cleveland), Paul Day (Cambs), Andrew Barden (Mids), Jill Liddell (Leics), Carol Knight (Cleveland) and Linda Howard (Surrey).

**Junior**
- Deni, Barden, Chris Sewell (Gloucs), Douglas Johnson (Warks), Martin Shuttle (Surrey), Chris Rogers (Leics), Angela Mitchell (Mid) (Leics), Melody Ludi (Yorks), Angela Tierney (Cleveland) and Karen Witt (Bucks).

**Cadet**
- Colin Wilson (Hants), Graham Sandell (Middle), Adam Profill (Herts), Tony O'Connell (Leics), Allan Godri (Bucks), Mandy Smith (Berk.), Jill Parlor (Berk.) and Helen Robinson (Cleveland).

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