Souvenir of Summer

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by The Editor

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

A scoreline of 6-1 in favour of England in their opening Division 2 Group A European League match, at Eastbourne, on October 23, hardly did justice to their Danish opponents.

Not by any means were England quite as good as the result would suggest for, with the match score standing at 2-1 in England's favour, a state of renewed equality was very much on the cards when Claus Pedersen and Neilo Ramberg had Denis Neale and Desmond Douglas 2015 in the deciding game of the men's doubles.

All credit to the English pair for hauling themselves back and to taking the set, and to Desmond Douglas who, after losing his first singles set to Pedersen, triumphed in the final one against Ramberg.

Nicky Jarvis had to fight hard for his two wins but both Jill Hammeley in singles, and Linda Howard, in the mixed, came up to expectations. Individual scores:-

N. Jarvis bt N. Ramberg 19, 19.
D. Douglas lost to C. Pedersen 19, 19.
J. Hammersley bt A. Larssen 15, 10.
Douglas/L. Howard bt Ramberg/Larssen 14, 12.
J. Jarvis bt Pedersen -18, 18, 12.

In the same division, away to Luxembourg, triumphed by a like 6-1 margin, from the mixed, which went to three, the Dutch team had it all to themselves. Scores:-

M. Schubel lost to N. v. Slobbe -10, 13.
J. Dom bt M. v.d. Vlier -17, 14, 9.
Kriier lost to v. Slobbe -23, 9.
Schubel lost to v.d. Helm -14, 18.

In Dublin, Ireland were beaten 5-2 by Belgium.

In Division 2 Group 8, Federal Germany, despite emphasis on the Premier Division, began with an impressive 7-0 home win over Greece, in Shornham, on October 16. Only one set needed a deciding game and this occurred in the final set between Peter Stellwag and Day Zizkos, the opposing No. 2's. Scores:-

J. Leis bt J. Zizkos 20, 13.
P. Stellwag bt N. Voulgaris 16, 13.

HALF A LOAF

All credit to the Manchester and District League who, from their own resources, financed the North of England 2-Star Open, having lost their sponsor from the previous year.

Envisaged is a loss in the region of £150 but not all organisations are in a position of being able to maintain continuity of their championships at such cost, hence the demise of the South of England 3-Star at Basingstoke, the Merseyside 2-Star at Liverpool and the Durham County 1-Star at Washington.

Cleveland apart, who seem to be in a league of their own, sponsorship is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain but, if only for the sake of the also-rans who enter just for the fun of it, and more often than not without reward, why must the mass be denied when the purse strings have been tightened for the privileged few?

Tournaments flourished long before the advent of cash prizes and could still do so—naturally with regret—despite the economic stringency now prevailing. After all half a loaf is surely better than no bread at all.

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Louka bt Voulgaris -14, 17.

Promotes Bulgaria had a 5-2 win over Austria, in Sofia, on the same date although the visitors protested when a contracted Joola table was not used. Scores:-

B. Gencchev bt R. Weimann 14, 12.
J. Damianov bt H. Schlichter -24, 17, 17.
E. Neikova bt D. Fetter 15, 16.
Gencchev/Damianov bt Schlichter/Weimann 19, 20, 22.
Mitev/Neikova bt Muller/Feter 10, 8.
Gencchev lost to Schlichter -17, 15, 14.
Damianov bt Weimann 14, -15, 18.

PREMIER DIVISION

Sweden, defending their Premier Division title, opened their account with a 6-1 home win over France in Jönköping, again on October 16. Christian Martin brought off a surprise win over former world champion Steilal Bengtsson, and was only just beaten 22-20 in the third by Kjell Johansson in his other set. Individual scores:-

K. Johansson bt J. Secretien 17, 16.
S. Bengtsson lost to C. Martin -18, 15, 15.
A.-C. Helman bt C. Bergeret 17, 16.
Bengtsson/Johnsson bt P. Bierecheau/Secretien 16, 20, 11.
Bengtsson/Helman bt Secretien/Bergeret 19, 12.
Johansson bt Martin 9, 15, 20.
Bengtsson bt Secretien 12, 31, 12.

Russia, at home to Yugoslavia, won 4-3, avenging last season's 2-5 reverse.

"GRAND MIT VIEREN"

In a similar type of Masters Tournament to that envisaged at Belle Vue, Manchester, on December 6, the Deutscher Tisch-Tennis Bund staged an invitation event in Hagen over the weekend of October 6.

Eight players were split into two groups of

Sweden's former world champion, Steilal Bengtsson, who in Hagen, won the "Grand Mit Vieren" staged by the Deutscher Tisch-Tennis Bund.

Photo by Ajoy Day, of Calcutta.
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The first Scottish tournament of the season provided Cheadle's Nigel Eckersley with the opportunity to continue his successful Northern tour as with a 2-1 victory over Richard Yule in the Men's Singles Final, but Richard, partnered by John McNee, turned the tables over Nigel and John Hilton to win the Men's Doubles.

Nigel's Men's Singles produced few surprises even though early season form was somewhat erratic. Eckersley reached the Final by way of Peter McQueen, Alan Matthew and McNee, having beaten Brian Keen, who had eliminated Hilton in Round 3. Yule beat Brian Morgan, Russell Brown, Peter D'Arcy and David Frasier—all 2-1. In the Final Yule took an early lead but Eckersley, with his lifted services, gradually pulled back to win 21-16. Richard took the second at 19 but Nigel got on top after the third in the end to win 21-14, so retaining the title he won in 1973 and 1974.

In the Women's Singles Mabel Neil (Dundee) beat Carol Walker 2-0 but lost to Grace McKay in the semi-final. Elaine Smith beat Patience Fleming in the other semi-final and went on to win the Final 15 and 16. Tom Divers (Wob) beat T. Golder (Sunderland) in the U-17 Boys' Singles Semi-final, but lost to Alan Matthew in the Final.

The following players have been selected for the 1975-76 National Squad:

- Richard Yule, John Wilson, Alan Matthew, Russell Brown, Keith Rodgers, Elaine Smith, Patience Fleming, Grace McKay, Elina Craig and Carol Dalrymple.

For the past two seasons Elaine Craig (Wob) has been a force to be reckoned with in the Junior Circles, but with both now in the senior ranks, Elaine at last achieved that most wanted victory when she beat Grace McKay 2-1 in the U-21 Girls' event.

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The news that the Nissen Invitation Tournament is being held at the Mayflower Sports Centre, Plymouth, on Thursday, November 6, has gone down very well and will, we hope, give our sport a big boost in the County.

The Junior Boys' Singles had some very good games in the early rounds with T. Golder, G. Anderson, Tom Divers and Karl Black contesting the semi-finals, Divers (Wob), however, reached the Men's Quarter-finals at Carlisle the previous day, continued in good form to beat Golder to win his first open junior title.

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In the Coaching Field

Anyone attending some of the recent tournaments may not have noticed that it was not uncommon to see seeded players eliminated in the early rounds. Some of these seeded players occupied fairly high positions in the national senior ranking list, and their victories were, on occasions, in the under-15 age group. In fact the standard of some of the younger junior players is rising at such a rate as to produce embarrassment resulting.

It may be an advantage for selectors to have a ready line of coaches needed to man the system. As with other sports, coaches are not spread evenly throughout the country, and while some areas have an abundance, there are many parts very short of coaches prepared to commit themselves.

In coaching there has to be continuity and one might hope efforts can only be used as introductory courses as far as new pupils are concerned. Therefore it is essential for coaches to commit themselves for a given period of time to conduct an organised programme.

To help in this regard, courses are available at various centres throughout the country. Three such courses are arranged:


Lillington Notts Centre, Course A—January 1-5, 1976; Course B—May 10-14, 1975. Cost $15.00 inclusive of full board.

Application forms for all the foregoing courses must be returned to Peter Simpson, c/o 5 Lasker Avenue, Otley, Yorkshire, LS2 1DG, or to myself at 1 Stenfley Avenue, Liverpool.

By the time this magazine is in your hands it may be a little late for the November course. It is recommended that applicants for the November course should return their forms by December 5, 1975.

School table tennis is becoming increasingly well organised, and there is now a representative team from the E.S.T.A. on each of the 10 coaching panels. School events of national importance have always been very well run, and we now have an addition to the tournament calendar in the form of a schools’ inter-divisional event in the following order; start with the present order of play and conduct the tournament line by line, so that by the time the players to get enough time to adjust to the standard immediately by introducing two new methods in the conduct of play. Firstly, all clubs must make doubles compulsory for all players, and secondly make doubles better and faster

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Secondly, all clubs must reverse the present order of play and conduct the tournament in the following order, start with the mixed doubles; to be followed by the men’s, women’s and junior doubles and then the singles. This will enable the travelling players to get enough time to adjust to the different playing conditions and as the round progresses, starting with the mixed doubles will also help the coaches to adjust to the varying treatments in the tables, so that by the time the all-important singles match comes around, their level of play will have reached its peak.

These methods will also help the players improve their stamina. The last event is an elimination tournament and the players are well practised in the leading table tennis nations, China and Japan, should vouch for their good results.

SIDE SPIN

I should be grateful if the owner of the car parked next to the white Volkswagen, registration number JN 21, at the front of Mather and Platt’s, on the day of the North of England Championships, would contact me, with a view to paying for the damage sustained by my car, when he/she allowed the door of their car to be open, so removing the trim, and dinting the bodywork.

John Reed.

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L. Howard (Surrey) bt A. Tierney (Cleeve) 10, 12, C. Knight (Cleeve) bt A. Mitchell (Mids) 15, 15.

Semi-finals
Hammersley bt Hession 10, 13, Knight bt Howard 11, 15.

Men's Doubles - Semi-finals
Mitchell/Harvey bt Jarvis/A. Ramsden (Cleeve) 19, 18, 22, 22, 17.

Women's Doubles - Semi-finals
Jarvis/Horsham bt Hession 8, 6, B. Potter (Essex) bt E. Tarten (Essex) 19, 16, 10, 15.

Mixed Doubles - Semi-finals
Jarvis/Potson bt Knight/Howard 20, 22.

Veteran Singles - Semi-finals
H. Buist (Kent) bt G. Chapman (Surrey) 10, 10, B. Meisel (Kent) bt J. Barry 15, 14, 17.

MEINEL bt Buist 18, 15.

Cleveland's Nicky Jarvis, who followed up his North Middlesbrough Open success by winning the MS at Hastings in the Sussex Open.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAMME
NOVEMBER 29th-30th, 1975

Premier Division
Nov. 29-Lancashire v Middlesex, Montague Burton's, Hallowell Clothing Factory, Bolton (6.30 p.m.), Warwicksire v Essex, Yorkshire v Cleveland.

2nd South
Nov. 29-Kent v Essex II, Surrey v Middlesex II, Sussex v Hampshire.

2nd North
Nov. 29-Cleveland v Yorkshire II, Lincolnshire v Northumberland, Grimsby Leisure Centre, Grimsby Road, Grimsby (7 p.m.), Nottinghamshire v Durham.

2nd Midlands
Nov. 29-Derbyshire v Gloucestershire, Staffordshire v Glamorgan, Great Wyrley T.T. Club, Great Wyrley, Nr. Cannock.

2nd District
Nov. 29-Northamptonshire v Cambridgeshire, Doddridge Church Rooms, Doddridge Street, Northampton (7 p.m.), Bedfordshire v Norfolk.

2nd East
Nov. 29-Somerset v Gwent, West End Hall, Shrewsbury, (7 p.m.), Worcestershire v Devon.

2nd South
Nov. 29-Berkshire v Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire v Sussex II.

2nd North
Nov. 29-Lancashire v Cambridgeshire, Bricacroft Youth Centre, Leigh Road, Atherton (6.30 p.m.), Northumberland v Cheshire II.

2nd Midlands

2nd East
Nov. 29-Cambridgeshire v Norfolk II, Essex III v Suffolk.

Huntingdonshire v Bedfordshire I.

3rd South
Nov. 29-Dorset v Avon, Hertfordshire v Shropshire.

Glamorgan v Worcesterhire II.

Junior Premier
Nov. 29-Kent v Essex, Milton Barracks, Waterlooo St., Gravesend (6.30 p.m.), Yorkshire v Cleveland.

30-Berkshire v Cambridgeshire.

Junior 2nd South
Nov. 29-Kent II v Dorset, Milton Barracks, Waterlooo St., Gravesend (2.30 p.m.), Surrey II v Middlesex II, Tweddale Primary School, Falkley Road, Carshalton (2.30 p.m.), Sussex v Hampshire.

Junior 2nd North
Nov. 29-Cheshire v Northumberland, Durham v Derbyshire, Lancashire v Shropshire, Gt.

Junior Premier
Nov. 29-Leicestershire v Warwickshire, Kinerton Park, T.T.C., 110 Avenue Road Extension, Leicester (2.30 p.m.), Nottingham v Northants II, Staffordshire v Warwickshire II, Doddridge Church Rooms, Doddridge Road, Northampton (3 p.m.).

3rd Midlands
Nov. 29-Westmorland v Lancashire II, Gt.

Worcestershire v Devon.

Wiltshire v Berkshire II.

Junior 3rd North
Nov. 29-Cleveland v Lincolnshire, Northants II v Southamptontshire.

Junior 3rd Midlands
Nov. 29-Gwent v Oxfordshire, Staffordshire v Shropshire, Gt.

Wyrley T.T.C., Great Wyrley, Nr. Cannock.

Junior 3rd East
Nov. 29-Ixonce III v Hertfordshire II, Dunmow Youth Centre, Dunmow (2.30 p.m.), Bedfordshire v Huntingdonshire.

Veteran South
Nov. 29-Hampshire v Essex II, Oxfordshire v Kent.

Veteran Midlands
Nov. 29-Cheshire v Clywedgog, Hertfordshire v Warwickshire, Kinerton Park T.T.C., 110 Avenue Road Extension, Leicester (7.15 p.m.), Nottinghamshire v Staffordshire.
B. CONCESSION FARES

The E.T.T.A. have been informed by British Rail that they are withdrawing the facility whereby organisations like ourselves could issue certificates to enable young persons to obtain rail fares at half-price. The concession will cease at the end of December, 1975, and we will be unable to provide certificates for any journey after that date. This decision by British Rail is most unwelcome, as the facility was used by many juniors to travel to tournaments to which they otherwise may not have been able to have afforded to attend.

PERMIT MEMBERS

May we remind all Permit Members of the need to renew their membership provided they are continuing to receive remuneration from their table tennis skills, either from coaching, writing or exhibition play. The fee has been increased for the first time in many years to £4.00 per season. The need to register as a Permit Member applies to any member who is earning money from his skill at table tennis.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates and venues for our four major championships are:

Wayfarers English Junior Championships
Saturday/Sunday, 13/14 December, 1975, at Loughborough P.E. Centre, Leicester. (Note.—Permit Members apply to any member who is National Champions.

The Under-14 event has been taken out of the schedule. Entries will be at a reduced rate as it is planned to organise a separate, sponsored Cadet Championship in January, 1976.

Norwich Union English Championships
Thursday/Saturday, 8/10 January, 1976, at Sportex Sports Centre, Worthing, Sussex. Senior and Junior ranking lists have been produced.

The Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds Leagues met in an East Anglian League encounter for the first time for many years, with a 7-3 victory going to Ipswich, the home side. The Ipswich men, Rob Milne, Tony Light and John Stubbs, swept all before them, but Bury had the superior women in Judith Langridge and Maud List, who went through the match unbeaten.

FRANK THOMAS DIES

It is with profound sorrow that we report the death of Frank Thomas, chairman for many years of the Cheshire Table Tennis Association. An appreciation of Frank’s work for the game will appear in the December issue.

THE SUFFOLK SCENE

by R. C. Langridge

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

All followers of Table Tennis throughout East Anglia will wish to extend their sympathy to Jean Brown (nee Youngs) in the recent tragic loss of her soldier husband. Until her marriage a little over a year ago, Jean, with her twin sister, had represented Suffolk over many successful years.

For Suffolk’s Juniors the new season has had a bright start with a 6-4 away victory against Bedfordshire. The foundation for this win was established by the Suffolk girls, Debbie Wootton and Jane Newton, who were involved in three of the winning sets. Russell King was unbeaten in his singles and 12-year-old Stuart Palmer, making his debut, played a really impressive final game to steer Suffolk safely to victory.

For Bedford Keith McConnell won both his sets whilst Martin Harlow looked more than useful but must still fight for greater consistency. Results (Suffolk names first): —

Russell King bt Ian Goswell 20, 17; bt Martin Harlow -18, 17.

Randle Burrows lost to Keith McConnell -14; lost to Harlow -15, -18.


Debbie Wootton bt Julie Walton 11, 12.

Wootton/Newton bt Walton/Lorna Clarke 14, 10.

Burrows/Newton bt McConnell/Clarke 20, 16, 14.

King/Palmer lost to Harlow/Goswell -14, 18, -18.

After considering both last season’s match play and this season’s trials, the following Senior and Junior ranking lists have been produced:

Men
1—John Kitchener; 2—Mick Palmer; 3—David Henderson; 4—Rob Milne; 5—Kevin Savage; 6—Les Raymond; 7—Russell King; 8—Ben Wedd; 9—Barney Garrod; 10—Peter Philips; 11—Tony Light.

Women
1—Judith Langridge; 2—Janet Fairs; 3—Debbie Wootton; 4—Marilyn Collins; 5—Kath Brierley.

Boys
1—King; 2—Randle Burrows; 3—Dave Jennings; 4—Stuart Palmer; 5—Steve Henderson; 6—Colin Bennett; 7—Chris Shepherd; 8—Mick Shorten; 9—Julian Hall; 10—Stephen List; 11—Peter Holland.

Girls
1—Wootton; 2—Jane Newton; 3—Louise Harris; 4—Heather Pearson; 5—Karen Bailey; 6—Deb Bass; 7—Julie Duncombe; 8—Annette Glenn.

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100,000 is the approximate number of players registered for league play in England. if they all paid £1 in two or three installments between the end of 1976, it would be well on the way to finding the money to put forward all £10,000 that this Championship Committee of the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

I have no sympathy for any of this hundred thousand who say they cannot afford this levy —less than a packet of cigarettes, less than a stature of England, who gave the sport to the world—would be hard to bear— reducing the systems of allocating points in the systems' you outline.

2! years ahead to sponsor sport would not be report that they have been using the ten-point rules. These systems would find the money to put the systems into effect.

How often in the clubrooms one sees players moan and you are quite likely to find two teams with identical records, including games average, the best point out that the Hastings League has their best record is to be given 4 points for a win, 3 for a draw, 2 for a loss, and yet each with a different number of points.

In an attempt to make the doubles relevant, the doubles were not often taken seriously and it was running late, for the doubles to be decided. It is virtually impossible to ascertain from a league table exactly how teams have attained their points, and you are quite likely to find two teams with identical records, including games average, and yet each with a different number of points.

In accepting John Woodford's invitation to compare the league scoring systems I would first point out that the Hastings League has not always used the football scoring method. The "Point per game" system has been used by us in two occasions in the past, the first nearly 20 years ago. A system of six points per match has also been tried, with teams receiving three points each for a draw, down to 1 for an 8-2 win or better.

I will confine my comments to these three systems as they are the only ones of which I have had first hand experience.

First, the system described by John as "outdated and archaic" but which I prefer to call "tried and trusted", 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw.

This system receives my support as it contains the two qualities essential to say good scoring system, simplicity and fairness. Its fairness is evident in the final League Table, where the team with the best point record is found in its rightful place, at the top.

With some reservations I would agree that below points that had won and/or drawn fewer matches. Certainly our League fixtures secretaries did not welcome the added complications, and, as these proposals were cut, all those who have attended any of our meetings felt that injustice was done if consistent teams filled higher in the league table than errant teams.

The alternative—backing out of our commitment—would be to back— reducing the stature of England, who gave the sport to the world—to an embarrassingly low level.

Replies in so far as my subject last month as the alternative—backing out of our commitment—would be a reduction in our standing and in the number of matches won, drawn or lost.

The object of running any business large or small, at this point in time is a nightmare. Promising large sums of money £1 years ahead to sponsor sport would not be taken seriously in many 1973/1974 boardrooms or shareholders' meetings.

But somehow or other, the sponsors and the players will be paying up along with the Government grant money and then the tournament will be in orbit.

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Cheltenham's report from Hon. Sec. John Boyd reads:

"In reply to your invitation to comment on the systems of allocating points in league play during my period as secretary of the Cheltenham T.T.A., the Cheltenham T.T.A. has tried all the three systems you outline.

Up to the end of the 1969-70 season, we used the "soccer" system; the main objection to this was that the doubles, the last set on the match was signed only if the score stood at 5-4. If the score was other than 5-4, the doubles were not often taken seriously and it was running late, for the doubles to be decided.

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I firmly believe that games average should only be used in conjunction with the "Football system", to separate teams who are otherwise equal, and not as a scoring system in its own right.

The third system I have mentioned I place between the first two. Not only do I consider it to be unfair, but it can be very confusing to the players and the teams alike. It is virtually impossible to ascertain from a league table exactly how teams have attained their points, and you are quite likely to find two teams with identical records, including games average, and yet each with a different number of points.

To anyone thinking of adopting this system I would say, "Forget it". I was very relieved to see it disappear from our league after only one season.

Finally, I would say that as a league organiser, I am quite prepared to operate any practical scoring system that receives majority support, but until a better system comes along I am quite content to continue with the tried and tested—2 for a win, 1 for a draw—and commiserations to the loser.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
CAIRNS 1975
by Peter MASCALL

Victoria can look back with pride on its team's incredible performances in Cairns (September 1-5). Perhaps the future is not quite so bright, but that thought is not for these pages.

Firstly, the two National Champions, "Charlie" Wavansich and Leanne Morrow were not in the team and yet their presence would not have added to the achievements of these teams.

Following the 1974 Nationals, in Hobart, I amongst others, expressed the opinion that "we feared for the future of Australian Championships of Victoria continues to dominate them to the degree of taking every trophy." Despite the results of 1975, that fear is diminishing. Other States, noticeably Queensland, have made advances in their standard which will ensure closer matches in the future.

New South Wales, without Pinkieh, fielded a very young team, along with Rod Sutherland having his best Australian ever. South Australia's Neil Ward created the biggest shock of the Championships, putting out Bob Tucket in a "black night" for the Victorian Men's team, but their top player, Ray Kelly, rarely fired during the week. Kevin Edwards' return to Inter-State Championships was not sensational but adequate. Tasmanian's representatives tried but only as unsuccessfully.

West Australia struck disaster before beating S.A. on the first morning, as Tony Macdonald couldn't play his shoulder in the afternoon junior match and was out of action for the rest of the week. The home State, Queensland, still require a steady player to back up Gary Walmsley.

The Women's title now again South Australia coming out top and finishing second, and no other State coming third. Betty Bird, the former English player, and the oldest woman competing in the Team Matches, was the "rock" for S.A. and will be glad of Christine Little's support in 1976.

Individual results:

M.S. S. Knapp (V) bt R. Javor (V) -21, 13, 12, 10, 6;
C. Little (V) bt M. Le Gassick (V) 17, 21, 7;
M. Davd (V) bt G. Pascoe (NSW) bt Knapp/G. Ward (SA) 21, 21, 10, 13, 19;
L. Javor (V) bt M. Le Gassick/V. Woodward (V) 12, 18, 15, 18;
K. Pinkieh (V) lasr R. Tuckett/L. Komeier (SA) 16, 14, 9, 13;
B. Pascoe (SA) lasr E. Javor (V) 18, 18;
G.S. Little bt Komeier 16, 16, 15;
V.S. Y. Matison (V) bt L. Whelpley (W.A.) 19, 21, 12, 12.

Rankings

Men
1—S. Knapp (V); 2—R. Tuckett (V); 3—P. Pinkieh (NSW); 4—J. Gebauer (NSW); 5—R. Sutherland (NSW); 6—R. Morris (SA); 7—M. Le Gassick (V); 8—J. Gebauer (SA); 9—N. Ward (SA); 10—J. Williams (V).

Women
1—S. Knapp (V); 2—M. Le Gassick (V); 3—V. Woodward (V); 4—A. Middleton (SA); 5—R. Morris (V); 6—R. Bird (SA).

Boys
1—R. Javor (V); 2—G. Pascoe (V); 3—P. Gebauer (NSW); 4—T. Evans (V).

Girls
1—C. Little (V); 2—L. Komeier (SA); 3—K. Thompson (V); 4—C. Young (WA).

Winner of the Canberra Award was Stephen Knapp and winner of the Michael O'driscoll Junior Player Award was Christine Little.

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Kevin Caldron, the Men’s Singles champion, with trophy donated by the Chelmsford 1975 Champions’ Tournament.

Once again there has been an increase in the number of teams entering the Essex Inter-League Championships and the total for this season tops 38, a magnificent entry. The breakdown is 36 Senior teams, 21 Junior and 43 Vets. These teams comprise 6 Seniors divisions, 4 Junior and 7 Vets. Quite an impressive line-up for inter-town competition. All leagues within our county have entered at least one team with new additions from Burnham (Senior), Braintree (Junior) and Borehamwood (Vets). A big welcome to these teams and the other additional sides.

ESSEX SENIOR RANKING LIST—OCT. 1975


ESSEX JUNIOR RANKING LIST—OCT. 1975

Boys

Girls

All our leagues appear to be busy with competition in the various areas being fierce for the elite positions. In Billericay, league champions Newman, who have won the previous six seasons, have been strengthened by the return of John Dempsey. St. John’s have already accounted for Brantwood Y.C., with Stuart Gibbs and all. Colne Valley, the Braintree League champions, have also had a good season with the return of Brian Parish, who have made a flying start. Peter Maslanka, Peter Lucas and Les Sweeney have all returned and strengthened Orsett with the return of Bill Smith and Rob Milne, making their line-up reinforced.

Big things are happening in Southend where the local championship is now being opened by Steven Whiteley to the fold, adding the plus of County Dwarf Bowls to their ranks. These two, plus Steve Newman and Rob Milne, make their line-up formidable. Main challenges will be arch rivals Rosebery, who will rely on Tony Condon, Mikol Dovorsk, Mark Sweeting and Julian Levett.

Already in Div. 1 of the Thurrock League the two main contenders for honours are pulling away from the field. John’s and a reinforced Orsett with the return of Steve Newman, both chalking some notable wins. Bill’s return will obviously strengthen the Thurrock veterans’ inter-league team. Both have started with a swing and an increase in teams. They have already announced the date, May 8, at Redbridge Sports Centre, of their annual presentation dance at their recent A.G.M. Mr. S. C. Robinson was made a Life Vice-President.

It was with deep regret that I learned of the sudden death of Gene Ryan, from the Billericay League, at the age of 46. Gene, who played for the Thurrock first team for almost 20 years, represented Billericay at both senior and veteran levels. He was many Billericay’s championships and was liked by all his fair-minded and cheery nature will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife and daughters.

Lancashire and Cheshire League

ABOUT FACE FOR CHESTER

by George R. Yates

Having had their championship-winning team of last split audax Chester find themselves at the other end of the table following two sessions of 2nd Division matches in the Lancashire and Chesire League, being beaten by promoters Hyde (7-3) and leaders Stockport (6-4).

Spearheaded by Roger Hampson, Stockport initially accounted for Preston (6-4) with a single set advantage over Liverpool whose John McNee, John Marshall and Alan Wood were defeated by Poulton (7-3) and leaders Manchester (7-3).

In the latter engagement on Merseyside, McNee claimed the scalps of Phil Bowes, Kevin Fevre and Brian Parish with a brilliant comeback, further combining with Marshall to win the doubles. Marshall’s gullies was unsuited to the space.

Hyde, who can call on the services of England-ranked John Hilding and Nigel Eckersley, are the other team close behind Chester in this division, Bolton and Preston, like a Johnson-Chester, being point-for-point.

Liverpool, defending their Women’s Div. 1 title, opened with a 100 win at Crewe, where they were represented by Brenda Barbara, Kirkman and Julie Black. Against the same opposition at home, Manchester—last year’s runners-up—won 91, Jean Nield losing to Eileen Edwards. Susan Lisle and Mary Leigh kept a clean sheet.

In the top junior division, defending champions, Bore, opened their programme with a 6-4 win over Liverpool, having John, John’s and Steve Newman, who was unbeaten for the Cumbrians, beating Clive Strettle, Tony O’Connor and John’s gullies. Black, Reed and Neil Smith took the doubles.

Preston are also strong contenders for honours in this division and Ian Smith, Steven Turner and Paul Rainford, with a most impressive start, beating Oldham (10-0) and Bury (9-1). In Div. 2, Derek Wood is expected to bolster Bradfield’s inter-league prospects. Newcomer Derek Wood is expected to bolster these teams and the veteran’s inter-league team. A big welcome to these teams and the veteran’s inter-league team. A big welcome to these teams and the veteran’s inter-league team.
NEWBURY JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN

ALMOST A BELKS CLOSED

by W. L. Heath

In the 17 events of the Newbury Junior Open, played over the weekend of October 4-5 at R.A.F. Greenham, no doubt the unavoidable clash with North Middlesex had the effect but, more likely, the “I dare not risk my ranking” syndrome which will butt “select” junior events was the most telling reason for our junior boys being not 17 and 19—namely Kevin Edwards and David Reeves.

From Group A we have 4 entries but Colin Wilson has to withdraw Credit to Simon Douglas who beat Edwards in the quarter and in semi to Kevin. K. Keager went out to C. Leslie (Round 3), S. Breschi to D. Wells (Q) and D. Cammisse to S. Goff (Round 2). It seems a pity that some of the so-called stars could not have risked their delicate reputations just as these lads did.

The Junior Girls’ was almost a repeat of the Cadets but fortunately two of the A Group are Berkshire Jo Douglas and Janet Thorpe—they were easily supported by Wendy Parker in their challenge to Nos. 12 and 17—all Berkshire Cadets.

The Cadet Boys’ was well contested with both semi hard fought—Adam Purfield beat Graham Sandley to reverse their National rankings in the final.

Good performance from Carla Wilson (Kent) in the Cadet Girls, who beat P. Townsend (National No. 8) and after a fluctuating and long battle beat Gillian Heath (National No. 5) and proceeded to take the list of National No. 2, G. Sandley, Smith, before succumbing in the semi-final.

Alison Gordon beat Mandy Smith in both Cadets and Junior events to confirm their seeded positions (in both events). The final—one produced many cheerful and exciting matches—was Gordon against “Select” Junior Colleen Williams who beat Edwards in the quarters but in the semi-final Dawn Mandy Smith and Jo Douglas who beat Edwards in the quarters but in the semi-final

STUDY OF BACK INJURIES

in SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN

One of the main findings of the Sports Council’s Pilot Study of Sports Injury Clinics (the report of which will shortly be published) was that back injuries are amongst the most troublesome of sports injuries—difficult to diagnose, correct and to treat adequately. The Sports Council has, therefore, commissioned a study specifically of back injuries in sportsmen and sportswomen. The main purpose of the study to determine which types of spinal lesions occur most commonly in sport (and what lesions go with sports) and to elucidate the factors which are associated with the development of spinal lesions in their various forms. It is hoped that the project will lead to more effective diagnosis and treatment of back injuries occurring in sport. The study is, however, in the direct interest of the sporting world. It is expected to run for one year from September 15.

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International Matches: Men's U.S. beat Canada 5-3, as Rick Seemiller beat Castano and lost to Alex Poliotis, Lim Ming Chui and to Cordas and Castano, and Dan Seemiller won all three of his matches. Women's: U.S. beat Canada 5-3. In Sook Na beat V. Nesukaitis and Irena Cordas, Irena beat Alice Sonne, and In Sook and Alice beat Dan Seemiller/Sonne 6-4, 13, 17, 19.

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The upset of the tournament was pulled off by Rutledge Barry, the U.S. Boys' Under-13 champion—he beat 6th seed Ricky Seemiller 12, 19, 20, -19, 11, Rutledge (we call him Squegee) is a very talented and intelligent youngster—you will hear more about him in the future! Women's Singles: In Sook Na, who won the Caribbean Open in June with wins over Jill Hammersley and Alice Christianson, beat Irena Cordas -26, 13, 17, 19. In Sook beat VI Nesukaitis in the semi 7, 8, 9, and Irena beat Alice Sonne (see Green—ago of our internationals, now married) 15, 15, -26, 22. Alice got there by beating Rupa Banerjee, a former Indian international, 16, 15, -18, -16, 16.

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Mike Stern, of Maplewood, New Jersey—Mike upset Squegee Barry in the semi. The Junior Women's Singles was won by Birute Plucas over Gloria Nesukaitis.

The tournament opened with some sad news—Max Marinko died two days before it started. Max won the Esquire (over 50) at the U.S. Open last May, travelled to his native Yugoslavia during the summer, then returned and entered this tournament, but lost his long fight with stomach cancer. Max was on several occasions the demotion of Mike Johns to No. 3. Mike has already made it clear that he has retired from tournament play and rumours has it that after losing his two singles in the match against Surrey, he is considering complete retirement. Should this be the case an appreciation of Mike's services to Cheshire will appear in these notes at a later date.

Cheshire made an encouraging start to the season when in the Premier Division of the County Championships they collected maximum points from home encounters with Worcestershire and Surrey. The team on such occasion was John Hilton, Nigel Eckersley, Mike Johns and Susan Lisle. Talking point here was the demolition of Mike Johns to No. 3.

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Eckersley and Hilton have suffered indifferent starts to their tournament quests this season. It has been said that national training camps, in which physical training was emphasised more than table work, left them suffering from physical fatigue, I would support this view but hasten to add it was intended that these camps be physically orientated in an endeavour to build up our national players for a rather intensive European programme.

See Lisle has proved that her success of last season was no flash in the pan as she has already won the North of England Open in which she once again beat Carole Knight. Following this she recorded another good result by beating Linda Howard, of Surrey. Eckersley added a tournament victory to his credit by winning the Meadowbank Open, in Edinburgh, for the third successive year.

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CUMBRIA COMMENT
by John Taylor

FIRST TIMER

Congratulations to Chris Reed on becoming the first "Cumbrian" to achieve ENGLAND status in any class other than Cadet, with his inclusion at No. 20 in the Junior ranking list. Credit must also be due to father and coach, John Reed, as this must really rank as one of his life-long ambitions, not only for his own son, but also for Millon School's Table Tennis Club, for which he does so much work.

Recent performances also indicate that Chris doesn't intend propping up the other 19 starters for very long, as in the County's first championship match of the season when the Junior 1st team defeated Northumberland 7:3 in their Div. 2 North match. An unbeaten performance means the defeat of the England No. 15, Andrew Clark, Chris, in fact, made a good fightback in this set after Clark had taken the first game at 13, the home No. 2 just taking the next two 18 and 17 after a tense struggle.

Cumbria No. 2, Neil Smith, also played well and came close to what would have been a second defeat for Clark, in a memorable set which brought the comment from coach John Reed, that this was the best performance he had ever seen from Neil, who was the first to reach 20 in each game before Clark edged home 24-22, 23-21. Chris and Neil also combined to what turned out to be a runaway doubles win in the third after a tight battle in the first two.

Creditable performances in the match also coming from County debuts Ian Reed, Gill Smith and Miranda Gray, Northumberland's G. McCordie just denying Ian his first County win by taking the set at 25 in the 3rd.

National Selection Committee and is also giving up his position as a County Coach. The reason for this resignation was said to be related to his work with the policy of the Selection Committee.

In addition, in all other aspects of the game, there is no shortage of willing helpers.

Another important aspect is the fact that the whole work force all operate as a team with the coaches coming to help out with the running of the tournaments and so on.

One area of the newly-formed County which did not participate fully in the opening season was Hartlepool, but measures have been taken to bring Hartlepool fully into the fold. The County Chairman, Colin Davison, and myself, attended their A.G.M. We have had successful negotiations with Hartlepool Leisure and Amenities Committee on the sponsorship of the coaching and the tournament. As a result of all this the Hartlepool League have now came forward with a list of over 10 candidates for the umpires' scheme and 10 individuals who wish to be trained as coaches.

We are fortunate in Cleveland to have the sponsorship and backing of the local authorities with further assistance from Stiga. However, I consider that this personal form of sponsorship in time and effort is by far the most valuable.

The County second and third team and Junior trials were held at Cranby in September and following this the County ranking lists were formed by the Selection Committee. They are-

MEN

1. D. Neale 1. A. Knight
2. N. Jarvis 2. A. Tierney
3. J. Walker 3. J. Williams
5. A. Ransome 5. E. Robinson
6. T. Martin 6. N. Carne
7. S. Souther 7. H. Robinson
8. M. Cocking 8. P. Richmond
9. R. Wyles 9. J. Lister
10. I. Plummer 10. L. Gallagher
13. T. Murphy 13. T. Rowland
14. C. Gunn 14. P. Crawford
15. P. Grainger

WOMEN

1. I. Plummer 1. A. Tierney
2. S. Rowland 2. A. Tierney
4. S. Holden 4. N. Carne
5. M. Murphy 5. H. Robinson
6. C. Gunn 6. N. Carne
7. Banderson 7. E. Gallagher
8. N. Walsh 8. S. Hopkins
10. M. Todd
11. C. Hodgson
12. E. Skipp
13. I. Clifford
14. M. Mills
15. P. Grainger
16. M. Lowo

HUNTINGDONSHIRE NOTES
by David Deller

POLE POSITION

Belinda Chamberlain (15), takes the pole position in this month's news after her great performance at the Middlesex Indoor Open. Apart from her famous speeches, the Buckingham girl reached the quarter-final of the women's singles, her scalps including Anita Stevenson, ranked No. 3, and McCulla and alongside with all the other County players. One of her last matches was against Sandy Driscoll, with a good win. In the semi-final, Belinda faced Chris Reed, but was forced to withdraw due to injury.

Another youngest, Alwin Smith (17), leading junior last year, once again came in the Senior County Champions, but his injuries almost every last is scored by a qualified player with the lesser score system, disliked by many players, not used.

Whilst the girls in the County have been near the top of the County women's rankings,
WILDING LEAGUE NOTES

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Exmouth coached their way to a 3-1 victory over Swindon, with the result in the balance right up to the last set, for with the score standing at 4-all, Poole's John Robinson got his side home with a 25-18 third game win over Phil Cross.

At one period Poole were leading 4-1 but Bourne Mount fought back to equality. For the winnners Robinson and Neville Thelwall each had two wins, while Graham Hill beat Steve Wilson. Trevor Smith and Wilson shared the lowest sets.

Newport, in common with Exmouth, are now a force to be reckoned with, many of them within the Cadet age group.

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County rankings were decided following the trials on October 5, few major changes occurring from last year. The new rankings are:

**Men**

1. S. Row.
2. J. Carr.
3. S. Jones.
5. R. Eardley.
7. C. Calm.
8. C. Davis.
9. S. Walton.
10. C. Underwood.

**Women**

1. Mrs. B. Hall.
2. Mrs. J. Russell.
3. Mrs. J. Wedge.
4. Mrs. St.
5. Cumburgh.

**Juniors—Boys**

1. P. For.
2. P. Mach.
3. B. Fin.
4. E. Wilkes.
5. R. Bush.
6. S. Harley.
7. J. Alderton.
8. A. Dixon.

1. Michael Jones.
2. John Smith.
3. MartinTaylor.
5. Martin Green.
7. Tim Godfrey.
8. Steve Martin.

I am pleased to report that Brian Keates has taken over the vacant position of "A" team captain. County fixtures start on November 1 with the "A" team away at Leeds and home matches for the Veterans and "A" team.

Jim Hayward has decided to resign as coach of the Highfields School Centre in order to devote more time to advanced coaching and his work at Exeter (St John's) School. His replacement is to be announced in due course.

The County Committee have recently decided to award the Beatrice Trophy to the winners of a K.O. competition between the Division 1 winners from each league within the County. This will be played at the end of each season and details of the competition will be formulated in due course.

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**SURREY NOTES**

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Exmouth coached their way to a 3-1 victory over Swindon, with the result in the balance right up to the last set, for with the score standing at 4-all, Poole's John Robinson got his side home with a 25-18 third game win over Phil Cross.

At one period Poole were leading 4-1 but Bourne Mount fought back to equality. For the winnners Robinson and Neville Thelwall each had two wins, while Graham Hill beat Steve Wilson. Trevor Smith and Wilson shared the lowest sets.

Newport, in common with Exmouth, are now a force to be reckoned with, many of them within the Cadet age group.

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**Men**

1. S. Row.
2. J. Carr.
3. S. Jones.
5. R. Eardley.
7. C. Calm.
8. C. Davis.
9. S. Walton.
10. C. Underwood.

**Women**

1. Mrs. B. Hall.
2. Mrs. J. Russell.
3. Mrs. J. Wedge.
4. Mrs. St.
5. Cumburgh.

**Juniors—Boys**

1. P. For.
2. P. Mach.
3. B. Fin.
4. E. Wilkes.
5. R. Bush.
6. S. Harley.
7. J. Alderton.
8. A. Dixon.

1. Michael Jones.
2. John Smith.
3. MartinTaylor.
5. Martin Green.
7. Tim Godfrey.
8. Steve Martin.

I am pleased to report that Brian Keates has taken over the vacant position of "A" team captain. County fixtures start on November 1 with the "A" team away at Leeds and home matches for the Veterans and "A" team.

Jim Hayward has decided to resign as coach of the Highfields School Centre in order to devote more time to advanced coaching and his work at Exeter (St John's) School. His replacement is to be announced in due course.

The County Committee have recently decided to award the Beatrice Trophy to the winners of a K.O. competition between the Division 1 winners from each league within the County. This will be played at the end of each season and details of the competition will be formulated in due course.

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It seems unfortunate that this will be the last season as juniors for Andrew, Glenn and Valerie, as both Ann Henderson and Kim Cheung are already over age from the previous season. There are, however, a few up and coming boys, notably Roger Bambrough and Ron Kettlewell, who seem good enough to join Eddie and Julie, who both have more season for the junior ranks—but, as usual, a great shortage of junior girls is the main problem.

The next junior match will be a difficult fixture at home to Yorkshire 8, while the senior team also go to Yorkshire 8 in their home to the Yorkshire II senior team. Both matches will be played on November 1. The senior team, however, will be without the services of David Parsons and Roger Bambrough and Mark Kimberley, who seem good enough to join Eddie and Julie, who both have more season for the junior ranks—but, as usual, a great shortage of junior girls is the main problem.

New Gloucester Gen

by John Cooper

Junior trials for new Gloucester were held at Chilton Hill School, Chadderton, on 26th September, with the following (editions):

Boys—1, G. Greening, M. & D. Hurdles (Gloucester); 2, A. Ford (Harrow); 3, T. Bontem (both Cheltenham); 4, L. A. Golding (Stroud); 12, D. Hound (Gloucester); 13, K. Wund (Stroud) and 14, M. Turner (Cheltenham).

Girls—1, V. Crowys (Cheltenham); 2, J. Dovey (Gloucester); 3, K. Robb (Cheltenham); 4, J. Philips (Gloucester).

Senior Trials have also been held but as two senior Gloucester men did not turn up the matter needs reconsideration. The women could not be settled either because of the illness of Mrs. S. Matthews.

Congratulations to Peter Crowys on the idea and implementation of an Chesham Cup to be run in the Cheltenham League. Practice is on Wednesdays and team matches are held on Cheltenham School again. There is currently 10 good tables there playing, thanks to the cooperation of school Leagues and Clubs in the area.

Cheltenham have had their team trials and selected to play against Shrewsbury—they drew with Harvey getting all three. In the Bath Festival, Cheltenham's team won the table tennis events.

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Durham Notes

by Edgar Reday

Bright Prospects

Durham County, despite their loss of opposition and several absences, are looking forward to what could be one of their most successful years.

In the 2nd Division North of the County Championships most of last year's players are back and ready. In the 2nd Div, Junior North, four of last season's players, Keith Paxton, Robert Proctor, Peter Hayles and Steve Ingleby, were only beaten for the division title by a single point. The other, better four, are again available to play, and with Jeanette Bythcote, Linda Short and the possible addition of a couple to the team, they are looking in great form for the season, having some useful players in reserve.

The opening match of the season was away to Cleveland, but Durham's strength in boys was emphasized when six singles went to them. Paxton, after his recent run of success in winning three Open Tournaments on consecutive weekends, showed his ability to fight back when he was beaten by S. Holden in the first game 14-16, and was down 7-13 in the second, he fought back, drew level at 16-16 and went on to win 21-17. In the third, Paxton dominated play and won 11-0. Durham boys' doubles, of Paxton and Gilder, recorded their first win in the championships when they beat Ferrow and S. Holden 11-9. In the girls' doubles Julie Insh and Linda Aitchison were 10-12 behind to Norma Carne and Helen Robinson when, on the 15-13 mark and leading 20-15 in the third, the Cleveland pair got a very fine edge and went on to win 21-18. The Forest of Cleveland 3, Durham 7, was a good start for Durham.

The monthly Coaching Sessions organised by the County Association with Bob Wiley as Coach-in-Charge, are being held this season in the Catholic Youth Club, Sunderland, and again they are well supported, but there is a number of County players missing from these tenances.

Having to cancel the Durham County Open for this season was a big disappointment not only for our own players, but to the many people who have supported us previously, but it will not be for lack of effort if it is not held next season.

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Knebworth competitions continue to show a slight drop in entries but in the Rose Johnson Bowl at least the County Team Handicap Knockout Cup, late stage of which is due on November 18, looks a safe bet. The handicap table tennis events also attracted a good entry with the two groups turning out well.

The Leicestershire County Championships will be held at Soar Valley Community College on February 23/24, sponsored by the Country Building Society. It is hoped this will be one of our most successful days, and number, which have dropped in recent years, will pick up.
Fourth seed, Keith Paxton, took all before him in winning the boys' singles, boys' doubles and team event with Andrew Clark, in the Cleveland 2-Star Junior Open, staged at Thornsby Pavilion on September 20-21.

Paxton's first notable win was at the expense of Kevin Beadle. He went on to beat Chris Reed, Andrew Metcalfe, and, in the final, Stephen Hazelwood, all without the loss of a game. In fact, his performance was so convincing that only Metcalfe threatened to take a game, the first, when he obtained 13 points. Every other game against the aforementioned opponent was won by at least a 5 points margin.

In the team final Paxton was again unbeaten, accounting for Michael Harrison 12, 13, and Ian Smith 8, 11. Kent boys Ian Jenyon and Ian Stephen Hazelwood, all without the loss of a game, came in the mixed where he and Melody Ludi lost at the semi-final stage to Andrew Metcalfe. Tony Collins -12 in the decider. While No. 2 seed, Smith, lost at the semi-final stage to Andrew Metcalfe. Tony Collins, whilst Adam Proffitt upset the seedings with a victory over Harrison.

Gelder, another Durham boy, produced two unexpected upsets in this event, beating Clark and Collins, whilst Adam Proffitt upset the seedings with a victory over Harrison.

Junior Open, staged at Firmwood Estates Ltd., the Enfield-based house-builders, who for the second year running, sponsored the tournament.

Top seed Denis Neale, arriving late from Douglas in the men's singles event but partnered Douglas to success, although protracted in the final encounter against Day and Horden, the national men's doubles champions.

Susan Lister repeated her success of 12 months previously when, in the final of the women's singles, she beat an inexperienced Carole Knight who, in the interim, has risen to the No. 2 ranking in England behind Jill Hammersley.

Keith Paxton—the only player to take a game from Douglas in the men's singles—maintained his winning ways in the Cleveland Junior Open by taking the boys' title, beating Douglas Johnson in the final. Defending champion, Ian Smith, lost to Jonathan Proffitt in the quarters. Again it was continuing success for Bradford's Melody Ludi in the counterpart girls' event, with a repeat of her win over Angela Tierney. It just wasn't Cleveland's day.

Richard Yule, last year's beaten finalist in the men's singles, fell to Derek Mous: 19-10 in Round 5. Among other notables to fall were Cheetham's John Hilton and Nigel Eckersley, the former to Kevin Beadle 17-19, and the latter to another junior, Jonathan Proffitt, 14-18, John Choi.

Shock occurrence in the men's singles event of the Cumberland 2-Star Open, played at Carlisle on October 4, was the ousting of Denis Neale, the defending title-holder, top seed and reigning English champion. He was beaten 21-23, 14-21, 21-18 in the second round by Stephen Stroud, a former ranked junior, now a bank clerk on Teeside.

The unexpected Souter, in his first year out of the junior category, went on to contest the final with Nigel Hallowes and Nigel Eckersley, but he had no answer to the power play of Jimmy Walker, who provided an insurmountable last hurdle. Walker it was who stopped the challenge of Yule, in the semis, after the Scottish No. 1 had disposed of his compatriot Alan Matthew, John Wilson and John McNeil.

Top seed Carole Knight won the women's singles title, beating Elaine Smith, Scotland's leading lady, who had removed Susan Lister in the semis.

Souter apart, it was another North-Easterner in Keith Paxton, of Sunderland and County Durham, who laid claim to the Emileight in taking his third successive boys' singles title at the final expense of Ian Smith. The victory followed wins in the Cleveland 2-Star Junior and the B.S. event in the North of England championships. Quite a feat.

Nicky Jarvis and Jill Hammersley, who won the Mixed event in the North Middlesex Open, receive their prize cheques and trophy from Mr. Ken Oliver, Director of Fairview Estates Ltd., the Enfield-based house-builders, who for the second year running, sponsored the tournament.
Angela Tierney was troubled in taking the countypartner girls' event, her final opponent Mitchell being Carol Dalrymple, of Scotland's Central League. Cashmere's ace veteran, Derek Schofield, won his second veterans' singles title within the space of eight days when he put paid to the gallop of the national champion, Peter D'Arcy, in the final. 


More than 300 players competed at Alexandra Palace over the weekend of October 4-5, in the 5th North Middlesex Open, organised by the North Middlesex League in conjunction with the London Borough of Harringay. Prize money was donated by Fairview Estates (of Enfield) Ltd., the entry form and programme being created by Jacey (Printers) Ltd., of Brunelway, Thetford, Norfolk.

Engaged at Carlisle, men's singles champion, Denis Neal, was unable to defend his title, but his seeded place was taken by Nicky Jarvis who was challenged by Paul Day, Donald Paxton bt Metcalfe 19, 16.

In the Women's singles, holder Jill Hammersley defended her title against the challenge of Linda Howard and Angela Mitchell (Ellenboro), who recently became England's No. 1 Junior—a great achievement for this 15-year-old Edmundian girl.

Most outstanding performance in the men's singles was by North Middlesex Closed Champion, Peter Taylor (Ellenboro) who, on his way to the semi-finals, knocked out clubmate A. Barden (Middx) bt R. Albutt (Derbys) / O'Connor 12, 19.

Outstanding on the female side was Angela Mitchell, who got to the semi-finals of the women's singles when against Sheila Hession she was "robbed" at deuce in the 3rd by an "edge ball" 15, 18, 22. Angela also got to the finals of the junior girls' singles when she met Melody Ludi in what was a "grudge" match, as Angela had just displaced Melody from the No. 3 England Junior spot. Although Angela and Melody teamed up for the women's doubles, they failed to get to the final, losing in the semi to Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers. But Angela had more success in the Mixed when, together with Barry, the pair reached the final, but were overshadowed by the All-England Mixed Champions, Jarvis and Jill Hammersley. Barlow also got to the finals of the Mixed Doubles, partnered by Day, disposing of clubmates Tan and John Kitchener in an enthralling semi-final.

Prize money and trophies were jointly presented by Mr. Ken Oliver, of Fairview Estates, and the Mayor of Harringay, Councillor Mrs. Daisy Cunningham.

NOTE—Day and Barlow, Edmundian's top juniors, did not play in the junior events, as happened in the North of England, to give the others a chance.


Angela Mitchell, sister of Mark, who in the North Middlesex 2-star beat Melody Ludi to capture the girls' singles title.

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NORTHERNS NOTES by Dennis Millman

The season moves on space, and following extensive training sessions in late Summer and early Autumn, the County selectors issued the following rankings:


Men
1. Rod Marchant (W)
2. Steve Lyon (N)
3. John Palmer (K)
4. Brian Dangerfield (W)
5. Phil Snelling (N)
6. Ian Morris (K)
7. Dorothy Marsh (W)
8. Kevin McPartlan (D)
9. Tim Forster

Boys
1. Gary Alden (W)
2. Keith Nicoll (K)
3. David Gallo (N)
4. Stuart Roling (K)
5. Ian Morris (N)
6. Alan Hawes (W)
7. Mark Raven (W)
8. Ken Nicoll (K)

Girls
1. Valerie Frikan (K)
2. Frances Tsow (D)
3. Glynis Burrows (D)
4. Linda Scharer (Bucks)

While containing all the familiar names, there have been several changes of a surprising nature. Hamilton and Snelling lured badly to the mainland and Manhattan have been taken over by Kingston and Dangerfield, but inevitably Marchant retains pole position, followed by Alden.

The Women's list emphasises the emergence of youth, as the talented Anne Wallis takes over the No. 1 position for the first time, with Glynis Hooper, Valerie Feakin and Mandy Wallis moving up to displace Sue Edwards and Country Singles Champion, Dorothy Marsh, while Christine Dilley, who is to be congratulated on her October marriage, has yet to show her hand.

Again youth has taken a turn for the better in the Boys' list, for although Alden leads, there has been outstanding progress from Tsow and Roling, of Kettering, and Gallo, Morris and Forster of Northampton.

In the Junior Girls' section, Valerie Feakin has at last overtaken Mandy Wallis, with Frances Tsow in third place, but there is currently a shortage of girls in the County, a state of affairs, likely to be remedied if some of the numerous coaching schemes continue to operate, in addition to the recently-formed Junior League at the Lodge Park Sports Centre in Daventry.

The County Juniors had an early opportunity to demonstrate their abilities when they visited Leicestershire for the first match of the season. Excellent performances from Valerie Feakin, Mandy Wallis and Alden, who took England No. 6, Chris Rogers, to a decider, were not quite enough to gain a share of the spoils, and Northants went down 6-4, but the experience gained by young Nicoll and Gallo should stand them in good stead for the future.

The re-formed County League with Daventry's Peter Edwards at the helm as Secretary, also got under way with a first ever clash between Kettering and Towcester. Kettering's experience at this level, bolstered by the skill and enthusiasm of Anne Wallis and Nicoll, was too much for the County's newest recruits, but a spirited fight-back by Alan Shouler and Ron Dunkley, ensured that Towcester did not return home empty-handed.

With just five entries for this new competition, the fixtures are well spaced out, with some interesting matches in prospect. The remaining fixtures for 1975, all with 3 p.m. starts, are:

Oct. 26—Daventry II v Daventry I
Nov. 2—Towcester v Daventry II
Dec. 6—Towcester v Northampton

Meanwhile, all the local leagues are in full flow, with early results going very much with the form book. League Secretaries are requested to contact me before the 12th of each month if they wish their leagues to be featured in subsequent editions of "Table Tennis News."

Harry Walker retires

Harry Walker, so long a stalwart in the E.T.T.A. Office at Hastings, has retired. Having come to live in Hastings when the Association's Office was moved from Park Crescent, London, in 1973, to continue assisting with administrative duties, his help and advice will be sorely missed. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement, Harry, you deserve it.

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ENGLAND FAST AWAY ON THE PROMOTION BID
by JOHN WOODFORD

ENGLAND 6, DENMARK 1

Watched by nearly 400, England started their bid to return to the Premier Division of the European League at Eastbourne on October 22, with a score of 6-1. The British team went on to win against the Danes, 6-2, and 6-0, in their next two matches, setting up a final showdown against the Danes in their final match in November.

What the papers say...

"News of the World" — October 26, 1975

IT'S IAN'S WORLD

Ian Horsham, 19-year-old hurricane batter from Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, is set to take the cricket stage by storm in 1976, according to former world champion Johnny Leach.

He has been on the brink of international action since 1975, when he was selected as the Player of the Year under the "News of the World" National coaching scheme at Bournemouth.

A Churchill Award followed, enabling Ian to have nine months' special training with the world champions in Japan and China.

Since then, he has raised his sights to become a world champion. All he needs is a chance to play at the top level.

Jonny Leach has the skills and dedication to become a world champion. He needs to play at the top level.

"Daily Telegraph" — October 28, 1975

TAYLOR JOINS DUTCH CLUB

Trevor Taylor, the Commonwealth champion and England's most successful representative in the individual events of the last World Championships, has finally signed a contract with the Dutch club Tempo, of Amsterdam, writes D. L. Rutnagur.

If Taylor's contract is renewed next year, he will be qualified to play in Holland's colours, which are not yet admitted to the World Championships.

The approval of the English Table Tennis Association will be needed for the transfer.

A spokesman for the Association said that they would not stand in Taylor's way. Taylor has been a good representative of the English League.

Nicky Jarvis, who has played for England in the Commonwealth Games and the World Cup, will be eligible for the English team, which is ranked first in the world.

HALEX HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

Still without a men's singles success in his name on the home tournament circuit, Denis Neale, the No. 1 seed, failed again, but gallantly, in the Halex Humberseid 3-Star Open at Hull, over the weekend of October 22-23, when he was beaten by Desmond Douglas in a 21-8, 21-13, 21-17 final.

The World ranking international claimed the top award of £1000 together with the plaudits of the crowd.

The match was a thriller, with Douglas taking the first set 21-6, then Neale fought back to level the match at one-all. The second set was a heartbreaker, with Neale taking the lead 14-12, only to lose the last two points.

The third set was a battle of nerves, with Neale fighting hard to regain the lead, but Douglas managed to hold his nerve and take the set 21-17.

The match ended with an upset, as Neale was defeated in the final 21-16, 13-21, 21-17.

Jimmy Walker, after eliminating the fourth seed, lost in the final, but he fought hard to reach the semi-finals.

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Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surluck and Anton Stipancic, finalists in the men's doubles at the Calcutta World Championships, were beaten by Belgium's A. and B. and had to settle for runners-up in the men's doubles event.

However, it was a good day for the English team, which won the tournament.

DUALLY CHALLENGER

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It's Ian's world
Perhaps some people will be surprised that, being a member of the Kent Development Committee, I should choose to write an article on coaching table tennis. To my mind, it is necessary to take a look at the coaching problem in a national context, and to consider the consequences of what we do for the future of the game. To some extent this article is borne out of a sense of frustration.

Surely by now there is going to appear in the Kent press some news about the coaching of children in the new County. To my knowledge, there is no such programme in the County at present. I am not aware that the players are being coached during the off season. For the last two years we have had two or three players who have competed in our County's long-term objectives. To some extent the coaching here has been ad hoc. I should like to see more of a programme. But more to his having the ability to stand on his own two feet—someone that didn't have opposition and then simply let the kids enjoy the game and possi,ably "make" a New Zealand team. From my point of view it is the overall approach or that coaching, as it exists today, is necessarily the right method.

All that is necessary is for some willing person to arrange facilities and some decent opposition and then simply let the kids enjoy themselves by playing table tennis. To my way of thinking it is completely illogical to think it is necessary for 13 and 14-year-olds to "kneel-bend" and run around a hall in an effort to get fit. If they're not fit at that age then when will they be? In the meantime the precious time is slipping away and perhaps 6 or 7 tables are left standing empty.

Don't get me wrong, though, to get to the top at any sport you have got to be fit and table tennis is no exception. However, for youngsters of this age it is not possible for one to compete against another and get the physical exercise needed to keep them fit and healthy. If an individual feels or she needs to be fitter in order to play better then they will take steps as individuals. Surely the masses need not suffer for this?

Let me stress at this point that I believe there are a number of coaches that are doing a great job in getting these kids off the game. I say let it end there—let their natural character come out and perhaps we will see somebody that plays the game slightly differently. As in doing so we might perhaps get a world-beater who is not just a "typesetter" as so many of the youngsters appear to be today. Let them enjoy the game and let us force so much of this uninteresting rubbish on them that they eventually decide to retire from the game—in some cases at the ripe old age of 15!

View from afar

by TREVOR FLINT

(N.Z. Director of Coaching)

This year New Zealand sent teams to the World and Commonwealth Championships again. Those who were expecting big things from these players were no doubt a little disappointed. However, without knowing fully the position, perhaps this is understandable.

We know that our players had 16 days training before leaving—key press!—they must do well! However, the players themselves fully realised that what they also needed was a little international match play before going into this top level competition.

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by MIKE ELLIS

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TABLE TENNIS

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CHANG·E OIF VENUE

This year New Zealand sent teams to the World and Commonwealth Championships again. Those who were expecting big things from these players were no doubt a little disappointed. However, without knowing fully the position, perhaps this is understandable.

We know that our players had 16 days training before leaving—key press!—they must do well! However, the players themselves fully realised that what they also needed was a little international match play before going into this top level competition.

Tangible evidence of our improving standard this year was shown when Gary Murphy had match point on Trevor Taylor in the Commonwealth championships teams match. Trevor eventually won the singles title. The win of James Morris over Ohsanya, the runner-up position of our women, Netti Taill and Ann Stoueet, in the Commonwealth doubles, the 4th place of our women at last year's Asian championships, the semi-final birth of Yvonne Fogarty in the previous Commonwealth championships, the win this season of our women's team in the test against Australia, the fine showing of Richard Lee against the Czechs last season, the wins of James Morris over foreign opposition over the past two years in New Zealand.

The list doesn't end there but my article does, with a repeat of my earlier remarks, "Some wasn't built in a day."

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CLOSING DATE

Closing date for the Midlands 3-Star Open, sponsored by Halex in conjunction with Gillette, is November 18th, 1975, to Geoff James, Esq., 19 St. Ann's Villas, London, W11. The tournament is to be held over the weekend of December 6-7, at Picketts Lock Centre, Edmondton, London, N9. £100 will go to the winner of M.S. event and £40 to W.S. winner.

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Bernard Chatterley's article in the June issue of the magazine "Table Tennis News" brings up important issues about tournament participation and the role of such events in the development of table tennis. He questions the validity of current tournament structures and suggests that more tournaments are required. The article discusses the need for a change in emphasis, with more tournaments and graded events being proposed. The concept of tournaments as a method to improve playing standards and the development of players is highlighted. Chatterley also mentions the grading system and the importance of providing opportunities for players of all levels to participate. The idea of a National League is suggested, which could help set achievable targets for local league players. Chatterley argues that tournaments are essential for the development of players, and more should be encouraged to reduce the problems faced by individual players. The article concludes with a call for more tournaments and a National League to help set new standards and improve the sport's overall performance.
The vast majority of sportsmen in England see sport merely as a pastime, a recreational pursuit. Of course, there must always be a place for this attitude, as not everybody wants to dedicate the time and effort necessary to become a top-class specialist in his chosen sport in Europe or the world, unless his sport is one of the three fully-supported professional ones of football, tennis and golf. That is how it is today.

Moreover, many of the above ideas have been put forward already in articles or letters over the last decade or two. Do our administrators read and listen? Perhaps their heads are so firmly buried in the sand that they cannot. Perhaps the players are at fault for not shooting loudly enough. Perhaps we are preoccupied with more tangible matters of the moment.

Perhaps the answer is to engineer a coup and set up a Revolutionary Council! Tony Moss has been Secretary of Halli and District Table Tennis Association for the past 10 years, a Yorkshire Executive Committee member for 8 years, Area No. 10 Coaching Panel Treasurer, a member of the E.S.T.T.A. Tournament and Development Sub-Committee, Club Coach, County Umpire, Tournament Referee, local league Div. 1 player, photographer and obviously, as a Coventry Chatterley, a table tennis fanatic. He is wondering which job to give up first—being a politician.

MIDDLESEX NOTES
by Laurie Landry

SUPERB PERFORMANCE

Some mixed results over the first County weekend with our Premier Division teams suffering through the absence of Andrew Barden, who was busy winning the Spanish Open and setting the standard of play at the extensive County South of England 3-Star Open, scheduled for the Barkingside venue.

The Seniors lost to Yorkshire by the odd point, the Junior team, at home, produced a superb performance.

The Shiropshire notes
by Alan J. Cavell

SOUND FINANCES

Continued sponsorship of the County junior team by the Trustee Savings Bank and increased County fees from all teams in leagues within the County, have put the County finances on a sound basis.

Over the past three years there has been a steady increase in the number of juniors playing in local leagues. It is reported from Telford that this year the number of junior players has risen from less than 10 to over 50 and that junior trials to select the junior team will be held there for the first time.

The standard of play at the extensive County junior trials was probably higher than ever before, with Oswestry (O) and Shrewsbury (S) players predominant. The ranking lists issued were:

Boys—1, Z. Green (S); 2, R. Morgan (O); 3, L. Baker (S); 4, N. Thomas (S); 5, I. Clarke (O); 6, N. Mortimer (O).

Girls—1, C. Newell (S); 2, C. Jones (O); 3, A. Oates (S); 4, J. Colclough (S); 5, L. Williams (O); 6, L. Williams (S).

The players at the County senior trials produced few surprises. The final rankings were:

Men—1, C. Neal (S); 2, R. Buckley (O); 3, G. Samuel (S); 4, M. C. F. Jones (Telford); 5, S. Roberts (O). Women—1, Mrs. J. Jones (Wolves); 2, Mrs. G. Geo (W); 3, Miss E. Evans (S); 4, Mrs. M. Robins (Teilard); 5, Miss D. Jones (O).

DAGENHAM TAKE THREE

Following the demise of the Basingstoke South of England 3-Star Open scheduled for February 21-22, 1976, 3-Star status has been conferred on the Dagenham Tournament which will take over the vacant weekend, vacating the weekend of May 8-9 for earlier occupancy of the Barkingside venue.

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Andy Barden, who collected his first major honour on foreign soil.


Ole for Andy & Melody

by Brian Kean

England's youthful trio of Paul Day, Andrew Barden and Melody Ludi collected three and a half titles under the captaincy of Brian Burn in the Spanish Open, played in the Pabellon Stadium, Valldolid, over the period October 10-12, 1970.

Barden and Miss Ludi won their respective singles titles, then joined forces with Day to win the team event after a closely-fought battle with the "auld enemy", Scotland, in the final.

As top seeds and favourites were being disposed of, young Andy walked tall to collect his first major honour on foreign soil.

He beat Frank Vinitsky in the final after the Frenchman had survived a first round deficit of 62 against Scotland's Alan Matthew. Vinitsky followed this by accounting for Spanish hero of the day, Silva, who had seeded No. 2 Norbert von der Wall, of Belgium, in the opening round.

Barden opened his account by scalping Spanish Mayoral then met his toughest test of the tournament and squeezed home in five against Rene Natum who, in the French Top 10, finished second to Jacques Secretin. From hereon the Middlesex junior's path was comparatively smooth, due mainly to the fall of Scotland's Richard Yule, who succumbed to the French "dropper", Michel Hoffstetter.

Shortlived though was the Frenchman's glory as he suffered a similar fate in the following round to Louis Calve, of Spain who, in turn, offered little resistance to Barden in the semi.

Melody Ludi's title was gained without the loss of a single game. She marched forward at the expense of Elena Smith, of Scotland, in the preceding round.

Melody gained a second honour when, in partnership with Elaine Smith, the Anglais-Schottische pair won the women's doubles title. Miss Smith came close to collecting a second crown when, accompanied by Yule, they lost narrowly to Belgium's Daniel Nassaux/Verachtert in the mixed final.

Day and Barden, seeded No. 1 in the men's doubles, showed a touch of class in losing the line to Spain's Jose Lupon and David Sanchez. The English champions surrendered a 3-1 lead and from being 18 up in the fifth, allowed the Spaniards their only success of the Championships. The tie should have come to England as at 20-0 Sanchez and Lupon were granted two more dubious edge decisions.

Day was about to question the umpire's ruling but Capt. Burn ordered acceptance of same. Under the circumstances the English captain showed tremendous restraint, for any other action may have caused a riot, as the local crowd provided a frenetic fervour to the occasion, and we all know how they can react to such situations.

The Spanish officials obviously felt a little guilt over their umpire's decision as later in the proceedings they presented Master Day with the "most sporting player" award.

England's challenge for the team title began with a 7-0 victory over the Spanish Tuxer team. Later in the day France II suffered a 6-1 reverse for England to win Group 2.

Group 4 winners were Belgium, who had accounted for Spain III and so earned a semi-final against England which resulted in a classic 6-1 romp for the Englishers. Scotland's path to the final was a little more hazardous and they had to fight in attaining 5-2 and 4-3 victories over Spain I and France I respectively.

The all-British final saw England surge ahead with victories by Barden and Day over Yule and Matthew. Elaine Smith pulled one back by accounting for Miss Ludi 2-1. This was wiped out when England increased their lead again by winning the men's doubles after trailing 17-19 in the decider. This, however, sparked a Spanish revival when replying with wins in the mixed then a first-ever win for Yule over Miss Smith.

The final encounter brought to the tables the tables Barden and Matthew, and it was the English boy who proved to be the hammer of the Scots, winning the last in a straight set and so give England final glory.

Results

Men's Singles—Quarter-finals

P. Molodoff (Fr) bt P. Day (Eng) 20, 19, -16, 20.

F. Vinitsky (Fr) bt Silva (Sp) 12, 12, 14.

A. Sanchez (Sp) 9, -18, 17, 22.

L. Calve (Sp) bt M. Hoffstetter (Fr) 15, 17, 19, 15.

Semi-finals

Vinitsky bt Molodoff 19, -19, -18, 21.

Barden bt Calve 5, 9, 9.

Final

BARDEN bt Vinitsky -18, 16, 22, 13.

Women's Singles—Semi-finals

S. Plomin (Fr) bt E. Smith (Sc) 20, 20, -15, 19.

M. Ludi (Eng) bt A. Landeau (Fr) 15, 12, 17.

Final

LUDI bt Plomin 21, 19, 15.

Men's Doubles—Semi-finals

Barden/Sanchez bt R. Hasam (Fr)/Molodoff 20, 14, 15.

Barden/Day bt Hoffstetter/Vinitsky 14, 19, 18.

Final

LUDI/LUDI bt Barden/Sanchez 12, -15, 20, 15, 21.

Women's Doubles—Semi-finals

N. Davids (Fr)/Plomin bt M. Sonhuya/D. Urbe 16, 8, 14, 18.

Ludi/Smith bt Landeau/C. Verachtert (Bel) 12, -15, 10, 17.

Final

LUDI/SMITH bt Davids/Plomin 7, 16, 18.

Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals

R. Yule (Sc)/Smith bt Hatem/Plomin 8, 22, 0.

Nassaux (Bel)/Verachtert bt Molodoff/Daviaud 18, 19, 13.

Final

NASSAUX/VERACHTERT bt Yule/Smith 9, -19, 17, 17, 18.

Team Final

ENGLAND 4, Scotland 3

A. Barden bt R. Yule 19, 20; bt A. Matthew 15, 17.

P. Day bt Matthew 14, 17; lost to Yule -15, 19, 16.

M. Ludi lost to E. Smith 16, 4, 9.

Barden/Day bt Yule/Matthew 18, 14, 19.

Day/Ludi lost to Yule/Smith 20, 15.

Europe Club Cup

ORMESBY THROUGH TO QUARTERS

by Alan Ransome

A host of dignitaries, including the Minister for the Civil Service, two M.P.'s and the Chairman of Cleveland County Council, saw Ormesby Table Tennis Club win through to the quarter-final of the European Cup Club by beating the Polish champions, Wosnik Ludzi 52 at Middlesborough Town Hall, on Tuesday, October 7th.

Ormesby ran into a 3-0 lead, Nicky Jarvis beating Zawadzki Fraczyk 18, 18, Denis Ncale overcoming Jan Oszmiec 16, 16, and Jimmy Walker, in the best set of the night, beating the Polish No.1, Stanislaw Fraczyk 16 in the third.

The match was attended by a good crowd which enjoyed every minute of the contest that could well have been much closer had it not been for the brilliant form of Walker.

The match was sponsored by Middlesbrough Council Recreation and Amenities Committee whose guests included Arthur Bottomley, M.P., Charles Morris, Minister of State for the Civil Service, Councillor Charles Shopland, Leader of Middlesbrough Council, Councillor Walter Ferrier, Councillor Mrs. Ferrier, Councillor Jones, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Brady, Councillor Burns, Mayor of Middlesbrough, From Cleveland County Council, Councillor Groves, Chairman of Cleveland and Counsellor Barden, Mayor of Cleveland Planning Committee.

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Congratulations Steve!

by E. Colin Davis
(Public Affairs Manager, Goodyear, Australia)

Stephen Kelen, one-time Hungarian team-vice of Victor Barac, Laszlo Bili, Lajos Ike, and M. Szabados, has recently been elected President of the International P.E.N. Australia, Sydney Centre.

There are two P.E.N. Centres in Australia, one in Melbourne and the other in Sydney. P.E.N., founded in 1921, takes its name from Nobel Prize winners as members and the Nobel Prize. P.E.N. International is a worldwide association of writers. It has had and number of Nobel Prize winners as members and the immediate past President is Heinrich Boll, a recent winner of the Nobel Prize.

The P.E.N. Charter decrees that "Literature, national though it be in origin, knows no frontiers and should remain common currency for all men." Having taken over the Secretariat of the National PEN Club of Australia, has recently been elected Immediate Past President by the New South Wales National Council, and M. Szabados, has recently been elected Immediate Past President.

The National Council and will no longer be as keen as ever to see the County teams do well. An appointment of another Team Manager could not be made but the Association is fortunate that the highly experienced Doug Baddeley has agreed to be Chairman of Selectors. He is certainly tackling this job with his usual enthusiasm and determination. Doug Young and Joe Cotterill remain as members of the Selection Committee. It is very pleasing that Terry Round, having taken over the Secretariatship of the Kidderminster League, has joined the County Executive Committee and, in his first season became a member of the Selection Committee. This should bring about closer liaison with the Kidderminster League, which Ottawa does well.

The County I team, for the first match this season, was the same as that ended last season (namely, Joyce Lloyd, Jannt Hunt, Bob Brown, Simon Caxton and Bruce Reacher). However, Nick Bottomley was added to the team in an attempt to strengthen the men's and mixed doubles. Unfortunately, this did not prove more successful than last season's pairings. It must have been particularly disappointing to Derek Baddeley that the first match, against Somerset, should be lost 4-6, especially as the County won 4 men's singles.

A bright note has been more interest and entries for the County League. The Mixed teams Division did not operate last season but this year six teams are taking part. The I Division has also increased to eight entries and it is very pleasing to see Worcestershire entered after a break of some seasons. This again is mainly due to the enthusiasm of Derek Baddeley.

There was a slight falling off in entries for Worcestershire Division this season. The I Division again has only nine teams and most of the other Divisions have ten teams. In Worcestershire only the I Division play 3-aside matches. One wonders whether, with the increased interest, two teams can be resurrected in 3-aside throughout the League.

Entries are about to close for the County Team Knockout Competitions. It is hoped the number of entries will be increased because the emphasis is to help to bring players together from all Leagues and with quite some standard of play. It is very much hoped to have a Trophy to present to the winners of the K.O. Team Knockout this season.

1-Star Spotlight

CENTURY FOR LAURIE

Laurie Lundey, in partnership with Tony Coughlan, won the County League men's doubles title in the Bournemouth 1-Star Open and, in so doing, brought off his 100th tournament success of a very distinguished career.

Another pleasing feature of these South Coast one-day events was the return to competitive play of Linda Wales who, with another Pat, reached the final of the women's doubles at Bournemouth. In the women's singles Linda was ousted in the semis by Julie Reading, the ultimate winner.

Four T's 1-Star (Sept. 21) at Southampton.
M.S.: D. Tan (Middx) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks) 14, 20.
W.S.: S. Dove (Middx) bt C. Reeves (Berks) 19, 14.
M.D.: C. Corder/Tau bt D. Holman/S. Lyons 19, 10.
X.D.: J. Fletcher/Reading bt T. Smith/Coop 18, 14.
B.S.: D. Reeves (Berks) bt J. Robinson (Hants) 17, 10.
J.G.: J. Reading (Hants) bt Dove 14, 18.

Bournemouth 1-Star (Sept. 28).
M.S.: A. Clayton (Yorks) bt K. Caldon (Essex) -10, 10, 16.
W.S.: J. Reading (Hants) bt J. Coop (Hants) 20, -16, 16.
M.D.: Clayton/L. Landry (Middle) bt C. Pickard (Hants)/G. Sandley (Middle) 19, 21.
W.D.: Coop/Reading bt L. Wales/P. Wales (Hants) 17, 18.
X.D.: Clayton/Reading bt T. Smith (Hants)/Coop 17, 12.
G.S.: J. New (Herts) bt M. Smith (Berks) 15, 15.

May Bank 1-Star Open (Oct. 12).
M.S.: T. Smith (Hants) bt R. Brown (Worcs) 7, 17.
W.S.: J. Coop (Hants) bt J. Reading (Hants) 9, 16.
W.D.: Coop/Reading bt C. Randall/C. Randall 10, 10.
X.D.: Smith/Coop bt Issac/Reading -15, 12, 15.

by David Loman

SAME POLICY

This month's news arises mainly from the recent Executive Council meeting held at Les Green.

It was agreed to continue the same selection policy for the International match against Scotland in Edinburgh on June 26-27, 1976. This means that only players who participate in the National School Team Championships or the Stiga Individual Championships will be considered for selection. The selectors are John Baxter (Bromsgrove), Eddie Mitchell (Redditch), Rea Balfour (Hull) and Phil Burwell (Birmingham).

The Dunlop Super ball has been adopted for the Team and Individual Championships.

All member associations were due to inform the Competitions Secretary (E. J. Mitchell, The Schoolhouse, 12 Eyevon Road, Cookhill, Aicosset, Warwickshire, B9 3LB) by October 31 of the events in which they intended to enter teams. Full particulars concerning actual entries is required by December 17 and this is also the date by which affiliation fees must be paid to the General Secretary (J. Arnold, Sandal Endowed C. Middle School, Barnley Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF2 6AS).

The Official Handbook is available from the General Secretary (£1 including postage).

The Annual General Meeting will take place at Leicester on Sunday, May 23, 1976!
I find that I must write to you in response to your leading article "Tempus Fugit" in the October issue. Table tennis in general is not often, fail to throw the ball up, or serve from a cupped hand. If you study the Japanese, Chinese or Koratian you will note the amount of care they use when preparing to serve; the open hand is not placed one inch above the playing surface, it is much more like 1". Are these top international players putting in all this precise just to get the game in motion. Of course not; they are trying as hard as they can to gain an advantage whilst it is their turn to serve.

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Lincolnshire Notes

By Alan J. Robinson

Judson Moves On

By the time these notes go to press, the Lincoln Junior Closed Tournament will have been held at Louth, thanks to the sterling work of Alan Norman and the Louth T.T.L. The Junior events are a vital part of the County scene, when the coaches see the fruits of their labours and the selectors can finalise their plans for the juniors.

As reported in last month’s news, Stamford have joined the fold, with 22 teams in their three divisions. The County’s thanks are extended to Mike Lawless for attending their Management Meeting, and outlining the benefits of affiliation to the E.T.T.A.

Bad news for Lincs. is that the Lincoln No. 1, Chris Judson, will not be available for selection this season, as he has gained promotion in his work and moved into neighbouring Nottinghamshire. The County wish him every success in the future and thank him for his efforts over the last four years.

The team for the first County match against Nottinghamshire, on November 1st, will be led by Brian Hill (Wyberton), the County No. 1, with his club colleagues, Mick East and Steve Morley (Grantham) (both supporting him). The Women will be Miss Joan White (Spalding) and a first senior appearance for the Lincs. Junior Girl Champion, Suzanne Hunt (Grantham).

After a successful trip to Germany, Suzanne should benefit from a trip to the Scandinavian Championships in Sweden being held in late November, thanks to her sponsors, Van Allan.

Entry Forms are in circulation for the County Closed Championships, which again are taking place at the North Kesteven Sports Centre, North Rykeham, Lincoln, on November 23. Brian Hill has won the M.S. title for 10 years consecutively, and has won the event 13 times in the past 15 years. From his current form, and last year’s results, he should be able to notch up No. 14. This is our County record, what is yours?

An inaugural member of the Lincoln League, Mr. G. Edgar Sendall, was unanimously elected as their new President, at their A.G.M. in August, the vacancy having arisen following the death of Mr. S. Haigh. Mr. Sendall has been actively involved with Lincoln since its formation in 1933, and has held the office of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. A large proportion of Lincs. T.T.A. officials and friends attended a buffet and social evening, when Joan Robinson was presented with her award as the Rothman/L.S.G. Sports Personality of the Month. The award was presented by the L.S.G. Sales Manager, Mr. D. Richards, who in his remarks commented on the amount of work Joan does on behalf of the County, and how much she marvelled that she even found time to run a home and bring up a family. Joan replied by thanking all the people who help her with the work she enjoys so much. Everyone voiced the evening a great success.

European League — Division 2

England v Ireland

On 11th December, 1975

At Kimberley Sports Centre, Kimberley, Notts.

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CHAMPIONS IN GEAR

Essex the Premier Division title-holders, hence as they did last season, with a victory over Lancashire, and once again Donald Parker was without a singles victory.

Cheshire 6, Warwickshire 3

Susan Lisle with the chance of a crack at Linda Howarth to Middlesex, this after David Tan had beaten Tony Clayton in the opening set, Cleveland, who put the big threat to the supremacy of Essex, lost a 2-3 win over Surrey, the North-Easterners being without Nicky Jarvis, earning an in-judged backhand.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 6, Warwickshire 3

J. Hilton lost to D. Douglas -14, 20; to P. Judd 19, 17.

N. Eckerls lost to Douglas 18, 17, -7; to D. Johnson 13, 13.

M. Johns bt Judd 17, 19; to Johnson 12, 9.

Eckerls/Hilton lost to Douglas/Judd 19, 15.

Miss A. Lisle bt Miss B. Green 7, 14.

Johns/Lisle bt Johnson/Green 18, 16.

Cleveland 6, Surrey 2

D. Neale bt S. Lyons 10, 9; to D. Wildman 14, 19.

J. Walker lost to Lyons -13, 14, 14; to C. Strawthorn 18, 10.

S. Souter lost to Wildman -9, 18; to Strawthorn 16, 23.

Souter/Walker bt Strawthorn 17, 17.

Miss C. Knight lost to Miss L. Howard 14, 18, -11.

Neale/Knight bt Wildman/Howard 18, 17, 18.

The match, notable for several reasons, the first was the appearance of Cleveland in the Premier and the second being a nice win for Linda Howard over Carol Knight. Denis Neale, of course, the star and unbeaten in singles for the 20th consecutive match; his best set that between Kevin Sunderland. Nice win for Jenny Vass v Joyce Coop—several seasons ago they were teammates for Dorset!

Sussex 7, Kent 3

2ND DIVISION WEST

Kent 1, 9, 18.

Eckersley/Hilton lost to Douglas/Strathern 16, 17.

Miss A. Taylor lost to Miss S. Roebuck 14, 12.

Plummer/Tierney lost to Shuttle/Miss J. Mitchell -12, 20.

M. Laird bt Ronald 15, 16; lost to Seager -17, 19, 16.

Laird/Rowland lost to Boxall/Seager -13, 14.

Jack/Newman bt Richardson/Davies 18, 10.

Dove/Mitchell lost to Hruby/Miss J. Morris 13, 18.

The new-boys, the Visitors, took all three sets from their very useful girls, but the match a little short of class. Good win by Adam Proffitt in set 2 rather made Cs lose heart and the visitors led 6-0.

Essex 7, Lancashire 2

S. Souter lost to Weisman -14, 9, -18; bt Strathern 18, 17.

I. Horsham bt D. Parker 19, -9, 19; bt P. Bowen 17, 22.

Potton/Potter lost to Wildman 18, -10, 14; to Hazlewood 17, 16.

Potton/Hession lost to Parker/Williams -19, 18, 17.

Dove -16, -12.

Horsham/Brown bt Hession 17, 22.

Mitchell/Mitchell lost to Hazlewood/McLean -20, 18, -18.

Miss A. Mitchell lost to Miss L. Hryzsko 13, 18.

J. James/Miss S. Dove lost to Hazlewood/Miss J. McLean -15, 14.

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Miss M. Heffernan lost to Miss A. Gordon 19, 9, 22.

Collins/Miss C. Colgate lost to Reeves/Miss J. Purlow 21, 19, 36.

Colgate/Heffernan lost to Gordon/Purlow -12, 19.

Following a comforttable win by David Reeves over Vince O'Brien, Ian Kenyon scored an "easier than the scores suggest" equaliser over Simon Douglas; Andy Mitchell reviewed the visitors' lead over a headline Peter Peak. The Kent girls too nervous in G.D. and then followed four close sets of play but one went to Kent through Kenyon.

Middlesex 2, Yorkshire 8

J. James bt S. Hasehold -16, 18, 13; lost to K. Readley 14, -23.

A. Proffitt lost to Hazlewood -12,-11; lost to M. Harrison -19, 22, -17.

K. Readley lost to Reilly -15, -6; lost to Harrison 18, 16, -11.

Dove/Proffitt lost to Hryzsko/McLean -23, -15, 16.

Middlesex II lost to Proffitt/Taylor 25, -18, -14.

Miss R. Newman lost to Miss A. Mitchell -14, -19.

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