JUBILANT YUGOSLAVS

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10th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Team Events
by George R. Yates

"Who loves yer, baby?" Certainly Anton Stipancic's compatriots after the left-handter had beaten Stellan Bengtsson to give Yugoslavia their 5-2 victory in the men's team event final.

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Swedes dislodged and Silver for English Girls

Not since Berlin in season 1951-52, when represented by Markovic, Kops and Vecko, had Yugoslavia carried off the men's team title in the European Championships.

They lost it in Malmo on the next occasion, when beaten by Sweden, a fact that also befell them, memorably, in Moscow (1969-70) and in Rotterdam (1971-72).

But in Prague this year, over the period March 27-30, they regained the coveted Hungarian Cup and in so doing terminated a six-in-a-row run of successes by the Scandinavians.

It was a splendid final encounter in the Czech capital where, with their usual vociferous support, the Yugoslav trio of Markovic, Stipancic and Milivoj Karakasevic, triumphed 5-2 over Kjell Johansson, Stellan Bengtsson and the up-and-coming Ulf Thorsell.

Young Thorsell it was who was first to the table and first to win a game, over Surbek, but it was an initial success that stung the Vojvodin player from Zagreb into all-out attack and the Yugoslavs went 1-0 in front.

The lead was destined to be short-lived as Bengtsson levelled the match score in a 2-stage beating of Karakasevic, the tall pipsie businessman, on the scene after a period of army service.

But from then on matters went awry for the defending champions as firstly Johansson fell to Stipancic, to be followed in defeat by Bengtsson, who went under to the ball of bullet-like forehand smashes fired by the mighty right arm of Surbek. 3-1 to Yugoslavia and the stadium rocked to the din of full-blooded roars from a thousand throats.

All credit then to Thorsell in the next set who, in such an atmosphere, had the audacity to best the left-handed Stipancic and narrow the gap.

QUIT THE ARENA

It was at this stage that the Yugoslavians Associations President, Mihovil Kapetancic, a member of the E.T.T.A.'s Management Committee, could stand it no longer and quit the arena to relieve the pressure on test nerves.

Sound only penetrated to the labyrinth below and if it wasn't an earthquake it must have been a totally unexpected win for Karakasevic over Johansson that shook the stadium to its very foundations!

And so it proved as Mihovil came up for air to sample the prevailing ecstasy occasioned by the illuminated scoreboard which showed Yugoslavia 4, Sweden 2.

To retain the title all three members of the Swedish team had to win their final sets and Bengtsson began with a 1/18 opening game success over Stipancic and back into the catacomb went the Yugoslav President. He needn't have done so, backed by a chorus of bellalalabash-like proportions, Stipancic levelled and won amid scenes reminiscent of the storming of the Bastille.

It was all over, Yugoslavia had won, Stipancic was being tossed in the air and the smile on team trainer Bostjan Osmajac's face stretched from Belgrade to Dubrovnik.

Resplendently from the very outset, Yugoslavia provided the first opposition for England to...
Douglas was restored for this penultimate encounter to the exclusion of Neale, but only Jarvis succeeded in prolonging the match by a sixth set when he accounted for Jiri Tura in the third. We lost 1-5.

And so we were to finish seventh or eighth depending on the result of a second meeting with Hungary who, in their previous match against Federal Germany, had been seen off 5-1.

No change was made in the Hungarian team, who throughout had operated devoid of the services of the incapacitated Istvan Jonyer and Gabor Gergely, but England brought back Neale in place of Barden to line up at full strength as per ranking.

Despite the first three sets all going to a deciding game, 30 read the scoreboard in our favour, but there was no chants of “Easy, easy” from the English supporters.

Perhaps as well, for the Hungarians took the next two when Birochea again outflanked Neale to win 22-20 in the deciding set and Ferenc Timar had a totally unexpected win over Jarvis.

Fears were relieved, however, as firstly Douglas polished off Zoltan Horvath and the coup-de-grace was administered by Neale over Martin in the deciding game, 3-0 read the scoreboard in our favour.

If there was dejection in the male camp, England’s women did their very best to dispel it and with successive victories over Holland, Russia, Sweden, Poland and Rumania, topped their first stage group in majestic style.

Linda Howard set the pattern against the Netherlands in the opening match when, as the first player on court, she shattered the Dutch fraternity and their “wonder girl”, Brittime Vinksta, with scores of 4 and 11!

Jill Hammon bey began tentatively, going to three with Sonja Heltzel, but the doubles brought no problems and 3-0 was the final score.

APPREHENSIVE

Again in the second match, against the Soviet Union, it was Linda who sparked the 3-1 win when, in the first set, she overcame Elmira Antonian. Jill, still apprehensive, went down to Zoya Rudnova but the lead was restored when our girls won the doubles, against Antonian partnered by Tatjana Fiedman.

Jill, now playing with increasing confidence, brought matters to a finale in beating Antonian. Sweden’s girls were now, for the hammer, Ann-Christin Hellman and Birgitta Olsson offering but token resistance in losing 9-3.

Having been confined to the bench, Carole Knight was given her chance to shine in the semi-final, against Poland. Our partner for the Cleveland girl, as like a substitute in a football match, it proved difficult to get into the swing of things, and Carole lost in her one and only team outing to Iwa Olek 7-17, 20.

Against the same player Jill registered scores of 6 and 11, best Anna Prypsdæd 10 and 11, and combined with Linda for the inevitable doubles success for a 3-1 result.

Up against the redoubtable Maria Alexandru in the opening set against Rumania, Linda failed to provide the whirlwind start. But all was well in the end with both Jill and Linda beating Liana Milhan who, with the girl named Maria, also lost the doubles.

Thus was the stage set for a second meeting between England and the Soviet Union with gold medals as the stake.

RIGHT FOOT

Jill, playing superbly, got us off on the right foot by beating Rudnova unfairly for Linda, in her vital set with to Antoinian, being subjected to nerves and resultant defeat.

The “crunch” came in the doubles when the pairing of Rudnova and Antonian paid off and the Soviet duo brought about the first defeat for the English pair since Calcutta, 16.

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How’s about that then?” could well have been the impression given by Milevoj Zoya Rudnova who, by defeating Linda Howard in the women’s team final, won the cup for the Soviet Union. Photo by CTK, Praha.

and 14. This was a real disappointment for England.

But all was not yet lost as Jill levelled the match score in beating Antonian 8 and 13, leaving Linda with the unenviable task of “taking” Rudnova for the march and the gold.

Extremely nervous and guilty of many half shots, the Surrey girl was not up to it, especially against a player of the calibre of Rudnova, who proved far too experienced a campaigner.

So there it was, defeat at the final hurdle, but what a performance the English girls gave and how well they merited the silver medals with which they had to content themselves. Salute medallists.

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### Individual Results - Women

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**Scotland**

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**England's Silver Medallists in the Women's Team Event (from 1 to r): Jill Hammeersley, Carole Knight, Linda Howard and g.p.c. Bryan Merrett.**

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### English Results

- A3 Scotland 3
- B4 Spain 2
- Bulgaria 0-3

**Howard lost to M. Alexandre 10, -11; J. L. Milton 16, 12; Hammeersley 0, 15-3, -20, 9. Hammeersley/Huwart 0, 15-3, -20, 8. Hammeersley/Huwart/Brink 19, 14.

**Line-up behind Surbek reads (from 1 to r): Zoran Kasanovic, Anton Stipancic, Damir Juric (partly hidden), Dusan Osmancic (Trainer/Coach) and Miliivoje Karakasevic.**

**Cover Photograph**

Dragutin Surbek holds up the men's team trophy won at the 10th European Championships in Prague by Yugoslavia with a final 5:2 victory over the defending champions, Sweden. The lineage behind Surbek reads (from 1 to r): Zoran Kasanovic, Anton Stipancic, Damir Juric (partly hidden), Dusan Osmancic (Trainer/Coach) and Miliivoje Karakasevic.
TRIUMPH IN SARAJEVO

Not content with their success in the men’s team event of the 10th European Championship in Prague, Yugoslavia took the Premier Division title of the European League with a final exciting win over Czechoslovakia in Sarajevo, on April 14.

The match was wholly disastrous for former European champion, Milan Orlowski, who finished up beaten four times, his final defeat by Anton Stipancic giving Yugoslavia the match and the title.

Prior to that, Jarojic Kuni had kept the contest open with wins over both Stipancic and Dragutin Suker, the other Czech win coming from Hora Ulikhova, who beat Erasbet Palatinus. Individual scores—

D. Suker bt M. Orlowski 18, 15.
A. Stipancic bt J. Kuni 15, 11, 16.
Palatinus lost to F. Ulikhova 19, 15.
Stipancic/Suker bt Orlowski/M. Schenk 15, 19.
Stipancic/Palatinus bt Orlowski/Ulikhova 12, 14, 8.
Suker bt Kuni 21, 23.
Suker bt Orlowski 15, 14, 17.

Jacques Secretin, the newly-crowned European men’s singles champion, keeps up his winning ways from Prague by being involved in four separate wins in the 52 victory for France over the Soviet Union in Caen, on April 12.

In singles play he accounted, as he did in Prague, for Anatoly Storokov and also in straight games, for Ragnar Burnsasse.

Partnersed by Patrick Ribocheau and Claude Bergeret, both doubles were also captured by the French. The other home win came from Hugue Thirier, who triumphed 25-23 on one of the three tie games in the third against Elmira Elmira.

Scores—
J. Secretin bt A. Storokov 24, 12.
J. Secretin bt C. Martin 24, 24, 19.
B. Thirier bt E. Antonian 17, 15, 23.
P. Ribocheau/Secretin bt S. Sarkehjian/Storokov
B. Thirier/M. Schenk 25, 15.
Suker bt Sarkehjian/Antonian 14, 19, 28.
Secretin bt Burnsasse 15, 19.
Mart. bt Storokov 15, 12.
M. Miskolc, on April 14, Hungary went down to their fifth loss of the season when beaten 12-14 by Sweden, the dozen games, where only loss was incurred by Ann-Cristin Holm
man to Karsten Kishari. Scores—
12. Horvath lost to S. Bengtsson 25, 12.
5. Horvath lost to Bengtsson/Johansson 19, 12.
B. Bengtsson/Kishari lost to U. Thorsson/Heilman -18, 19, 24.
B. Bengtsson/Johansson 24, 19, 8.

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At the Biennial Meeting of the European Union, held in Prague on March 28, a French proposal relating to the composition of the European League Divisions received a 21-8 voting majority in favour of the first division to comprise eight teams. Accordingly, with Poland demoted, England and Federal Germany were both upheld without the necessity of a play-off.

Referring next to the Second Division, last season comprising two groups, it was resolved to have one division, again of eight teams, this hitherto to be known as Division 1 with the former Premier to be called the Super Division. Restructured throughout the full composition and fixtures for season 1976-77 are

Super Division 1976

September 30
Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union
Sweden v Hungary
France v England
Federal Germany v Yugoslavia

October 14
Yugoslavia v England
Sweden v Czechoslovakia
France v Federal Germany

November 11
Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia
Federal Germany v Sweden
Hungary v France

England v Soviet Union

December 15
Yugoslavia v Hungary
France v Czechoslovakia
Sweden v England

Federal Germany v Soviet Union

March 3
Poland v Italy

Belgium v Netherlands

Yugoslavia v Bulgaria

July 12
Italy v Ireland

October 14
Poland v Italy

Yugoslavia v Bulgaria

July 12
Italy v Ireland

November 4

England v Hungary

November 11

Belgium v Greece

December 15

England v Italy

November 4

Poland v Ireland

February 10

Poland v England

November 11

Belgium v Ireland

February 10

England v Ireland

November 4

Poland v Greece

December 15

Russia v Italy

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June v Scotland

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Scotland v Wales

Switzerland v Spain

December 15

Wales v Switzerland

Spain v Luxembourg

January 19

Luxembourg v Wales

Switzerland v Belgium

February 10

Wales v Spain

Scotland v Luxembourg

Division 3

Regional—To be fixed.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

As there appears to be some confusion in the interpretation of the new Rule regarding Age Eligibility, some explanation is necessary. (1) There is no change in the Rule regarding Junior age as laid down by the I.T.T.F. (2) But because the Youth Championships take place after July 1st, boys and girls who were in their last year as Juniors during the season just ended, are eligible to play. The same condition applies in respect of Cadets.

This year’s Championships, to be conducted by the Austrian Association, over the period July 20-19, have been switched from Krem to the Bundeszentrum Sudost, Mödling, near Vienna.

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There were no nominations in opposition to the four Office-holders at the Biennial General Meeting of the E.T.T.U. in Prague, with Jopp Schmidt (President), Josef Nekvaska (Vice-President), Mrs. Nancy Evans (Hon. Gen. Sec.) and Hendrik van der Heul (Hon. Treasurer) duly re-elected with acclaim.

There were nine nominations for seven places on the Management Committee with the following returned—

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This season’s Top 12 competition was organized by the D.T.T.B. in Lubeck, over the weekend of April 23-25. Yugoslavia’s Dragan Surbek and Ana-Christina Hellman, of Sweden, were the respective winners.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TIME

In this, the first season of the newly-formed County Association of Avon, it has been championship
Bristol, Bath and Mendip, all holding their annual closed tournaments, the results of which were:

Bristol

The Bristol Closed, held at Wills Recreation Hall, Bedminster, was dominated by three players, Daren Headon, of Weston YMCA, who won three senior titles and Chris Sewell, the 16-year-old Totterdown YMCA player, who won two junior and one senior title. Wendy Simmons, of Frome MOA, took two junior and one senior title, the results being:

M.S.: C. Sewell bt Brian Reeves (Failand) 16, 13
M.D.: Gordon Mildorit (Totterdown YMCA) bt Sue Milton (Bristol Grange) 12, 10
W.S.: D. Headon bt Pat Rowe (Pepo) 14, 14

W.D.: Headon/W. Simmons, bt Mural Lewis/June Watts (Bristol Club) 20, 17, 12

X.D.: R. Philpott (Westeren YMCA)/Henderson bt John Harry (Wessex Grange) bt Susan Lovell (Totterdown YMCA) 15, 10
V.S.: Mildorit bt Peter Dominy (Froy) 16, 14
B.S.: Sewell bt Robert Rolled (Frome) 9, 17
G.S.: Simmons bt Donna Vowell (K & R) 17, 8
H.D.: Chris Murray/Nigel Stephens (Frome) bt Sewell/Sieve Wilkins (Frome) 10, 12

G.D.: Simmons/Gillian Sperring (Robinsons) bt Casey/Simpson 15, 10, 15
B.S.: U-15: Wolfe bt Martyn Smith (Kingswood YMCA) 21, 18, 17
U-16: Reeves bt Allision Knell (Filton YC) 50, 18

B.S.: U-12: Nick Baldwin (Bristol Grange)/Geoff Roberts (Robinsons) bt Ken Morris (Froy) 21, 17

B.S.: U-11: Neil Walker (Cadbury Heath) bt Dan Morgan (Filton YC) 18
G.S.: U-13: (Group) 1, Row 2, Diana Maj (Avon Primary) 15, 17
B.S.: U-13: Martin Simmons (Bristol Grange)/Wallace bt Archery/Marvin Webb (Avon Primary) 15, 17
G.D.: U-21: Clive Gowing (Filton YC)/Josephine Knell (Filton YC) bt Maj/Gene Fuller (Avon Primary) 15, 15, 17
B.S.: U-17: Rogers bt Mark Archer (Avon) 17, 16, 15
U-18: (Group) 1, Parker, 2, Mogg

Bath

At the finals night of the Bath and District Closed, after a long but enjoyable week of play, Tony Clayton, the Yorkshireman who has still to juss a game in one of the courts—he was the third man in the Bath evening paper in their "Special" series—took the men's singles title (William Cup) and the men's doubles (Russell Cup) with clubmate Mike Baker. Results:

M.S.: L. A. Clayton (Froy) bt R. Murray (Bradford-on-Avon) 16, 11
W.S.: A. Sager (Copse) bt P. Smith (Copse) 14, 11
M.D.: Baker/Murray bt Susselville (Mayfield) 16, 17

J.S.: Musseilwhite bt J. Chandler (Studley) 6, 3
J.D.: Chandler/D. Cleave (Studley) bt K. Sayer/M. Mayfield (Studley) 15, 10
V.S.: J. Movati (Froy) bt R. Hume (Swins) 16, 9

Mendip

Held at Wraxall Recreation Ground, Bath, near Bath, with a separate finals evening, there were many good youngster for the future taking part. Results:

M.S.: M. Baker (Midsomer-Norton) bt J. Highes (Bath) 15, 12
W.S.: L. Baker (Midsomer-Norton) bt A. Rose (Bath) 16, 12


AVON SCHOOLS’ TOURNAMENT

At Monks Park School, Bristol, on March 18, there were over 100 entries, the results being:

U-13 G.S.: Chris Fitch (Monks Park) bt Tracy Lee (Filton YC)
U-15 G.S.: Dominic Founas (St. Ursula) bt Wendy Simmons (Fairfield)
U-17 G.S.: Pat Rowe (Monks Park) bt Moyses Saywell (Filton YC)
U-18 G.S.: Robert Clee (Filton YC) bt David Royes (Filton YC)
U-21 G.S.: Steven Cox (Filton YC) bt David Harris (Speedwell)
U-16 B.S.: Douglas Lewis (St. Mary's, Redland) bt Cera Rowe (Monks Park)
U-19 B.S.: Jeremy Musseilwhite (Beecham Grange) bt Robin Saywell (Beecham Grange)

It is important to note that this was a triple success for Cara Rowe, Donna Vowell and Paul Lewis for taking their titles three times in succession.

On the County Championship front, Avon Seniors rounded off their Div. 3 (West) promotion, surprisingly, 57 away to Westbourne Ill, at Malmesbury. Avon supporters were unhappy with the result but it did not stop the new Avon County team gaining promotion to Div. 2 (West) next season.

At a recent executive meeting of the County Association, it was reported that Avon may run a second senior team next season, so I am afraid we will have a worse evening out for Avon as we are bubbling with enthusiasm at the moment!

THE CAMBRIDGE SCENE

by Leslie Constable

SECOND TIME OF ASKING

For the second time running Cambes Senior team were able to challenge for admission to the S.E.M. League. As the County Champion-
Ithek Qiption. Nevertheless, it was a fine season's and Cheryl, won the singles and doubles to on the strength of their second team, took up table tennis with every match being 6-4 or 5-5 were thwarted in their attempt to go for the doubles this season.

With their Junior County Badges prior to the with Griffiths also has a 100% record, but only played in three matches. Griffiths called on a choice of 8 players to finish runners-up.

The Butlin Cup has been retained by Spalding, who also finished with maximum points. Miss Jean White won all her games two straight to give her a 100% record this season. Grimsby have finished, second, with Mrs. Constance Moore winning all her 9 sets.

The Lincoln Closed Singles Championship produced a surprise, with Newboult beating the holder, Clive Judder, in three games. Cheve, along with Roy Norton, won the Men's Doubles from Peter Taylor and John Radley. As expected, Suzanne Hunt won the Women's Singles title, which was held by Cheryl Boley, and husband Alan winning the Men's Singles at his first attempt from New Blackmore.

So ends another enjoyable season and all Lincolnshire look to War-wick for new West, with Newboult retaining his championship title last year and with Newboult reaching the finals.

The Peterborough League's Closed gave Jean Allinson and Colin Dale a feast each, taking three titles. Results:

R.T. C. Challenor by 6.
G.S. M. Cocker by 1.
V.C. C. Dale bt. M. Parry.
M.D. Magglin/R. Fisher.
W.D.E. J. Allinson.
X.D.: Dale/Allinson.

Fand 3 regional heat of the national U-13 competition was held at Longsands School, St. Neots. Our girls turned in good performances with Melanie Richardson finishing 2nd in the 2nd year running. In the final she beat her St. Neots colleague, Julie Cundill. Our boys continued to impress, with only the youngest G. Richardson, gaining any type of success.

The boys' winner was Keith Nicholl (Corby) who beat Julian Hall (Burwell, Beds). Melanie went forward to the national finals at Reading on May 22. Hunter's junior boys, Steven Fisher, Mark Fisher and Leno Coppelos, made their exit from the Carter Cup at the Zone Final stage. They went down 3-7 to Northants. The brothers took a set but lost to Gary Booth by two points in the deciding set.

The St. Neots League held a successful Disco/Dinner at Little Paxton in late March, when the trophies for the past season were presented.

N.C.I. again lead the premier division of the Hants Central League with the all-important match against second-placed St. Ives 'A' still to be played.

Little Paxton ended the Achilles domination of the St. Neots League over the past few seasons by winning Div. 1. St. Neots women lost narrowly, 44, to Focus Youth Club in a S.E.M. League encounter, with Diane Rushby starring for the local league with triple successes.

The Country Veterans' team suffered a "whitewash" against Hants in doubles quick time. At the Bedford County League, Alan Lampre at St. Neots finished on the wrong side, in all three, three times in a row. In the men's singles he lost to Dave Rawlinson.

An exhibition match was performed recently by our Junior No. 2, Mark Fisher, and Barry Norman during a visit by Focus Youth Club to the Focus Youth Centre. I am told that around 500 people watched, but, alas, no contracts have been signed for the Palladium.
Individual Events

Round 1

England 2, Scotland 4

England 4, Scotland 2

Final

England 4, Scotland 2

Individual Events

The initial stages of all events, except the Mixed Doubles, were played in groups. In the Men's Singles the only home player to emerge from the first round was Majid Majid who had beaten Andy Barden 2–1. In the second round he was defeated by Asian Davies 2–1. In the quarter-finals was Yule, who then defeated Majid Davies 1–0. In the semi-finals he was defeated by Howard 1–2. In the final, Yule defeated Andrew Barden 3–1. Yule then defeated Andrew Barden 3–1.

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Individual Events

Men's Singles–Final

Howard bt Yule 17–19, 19–17.

Women's Singles–Final

Miss C. Knight bt Miss McKay 19–17.

Mixed Doubles–Final

Miss P. Fleming bt Miss D. Smith 16–15, 15–12.

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Reading's girls and Guildford boys were triumphant in the "Gold Cup" Under-12 Team Competition staged at Madeley Sports Centre in Reading on 12th April. All the best teams in the country were invited to play in this new type of competition devised and organised by I.M.P.A.C.T. (Institute of Match Play and Coaching Techniques) and sponsored by Actif Sports Limited, the U.K. agents for Chinese "Gold Cup" equipment. There were separate events for boys and girls which were played with a system of groups. Teams consisted of 4 players with the first and second pairs playing each other for a total of 8 singles in each team match.

The champion Reading girls' team of Lesley Taylor, Sally Purslow, Taryn Vallis and Jennifer Collins were convincing winners. They won all of their matches, beating Bristol 8-0, Guildford 6-2, Barking 5-3 and Swindon 6-2. Barking's girls took second place and their team of D. Collet, D. Taylor, R. Turner and G. Travers dropped just one match against Reading and beat Bristol 6-2, Swindon 5-3 and Guildford 6-1. Third place went to the Swindon girls P. Townsend, T. Watkins, G. Irvington, K. Sculley and M. Cook.

The champion Guildford boys' team of Mark Oakley, Graham Russell, Timmy Vine and Stephen Gosling were worthy winners and they beat their main contenders Wolverhampton in the final match. Guildford won all seven of their matches, beating Coventry 8-0, Ely 8-0, Reading 8-0, Maidenhead 8-0, Acton 8-0, Barking 7-1 and Wolverhampton 5-3. The Wolverhampton boys A. Deidt, P. Dawes and M. Devitt finished second and beat Swindon 7-1, Maidenhead 7-1, Reading "B" 8-0, Ely 6-2, Barking 5-3 and Acton 5-3. Third place was given to Reading "B" for Gardening B. Edwards, J. Attwood, T. Paskell, J. Sparts and M. Butler.

The main final positions were as follows:—

**Boys**

1. Guildford
2. Wolverhampton
3. Barking
4. Ely
5. Maidenhead
6. Acton
7. Newport
8. Swindon
9. Coventry

**Girls**

1. Reading
2. Barking
3. Swindon
4. Ely
5. Guildford
6. Reading "B"
7. Newport
8. Swindon
9. Coventry

The generous sponsorship provided equipment badges for the top teams, bar covers for all players, and pennants for all captains and coaches. This, followed by a reception, set the seal on a successful and rewarding weekend. Prizes were made by Actif Sports Director, Arthur Simcox, and "veteran" Reading junior, Alison Gordon, the current English Under-15 and 14 Champions. The Competition Organiser was Alan Dines and the Referee was John Freeman.

This competition extends the range of competitions being organised by I.M.P.A.C.T. and compliments their massive Reading-based coaching development programme. The main objective of this new "Gold Cup" Team Competition is to encourage the in depth development of players under the age of 12.

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**International Club**

At the 13th A.G.M. of the International T.E.C., the meeting confirmed both Jill Hammersley and Linda Howard as Vice-Presidents following their successes in the 10th European Championships. Dr. Montagnes was re-elected as President.

Following a decision made at the A.G.M., the Club will have a sub-committee, elected by the membership, called the "Geoff Harrower Trophy" Committee. Jill Hammersley was the recipient this season and we were all delighted to see her receive it at Luton from our President.

The last event of the season was the Jubilee match with Cornwall at Helston. An excellent evening and a win for the Club by 8-1, but a great performance by John Bassett, of Cornwall.

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The first National Cadet Championships—sponsored by Alfred Reader/COR DU BUY—proved to be most-watched. With 156 entries in the Boys' Singles and 55 in the Girls' it needed slick organisation to complete the programme in one day, particularly as the Group system is used—but the trio of Ian Reed, Geoff Daniels and Tony Chatwin worked it out and finished with great efficiency with the result that the whole thing was over before 4.00 p.m.

There were, however, plenty of shocks—in neither the Cadet Boys' nor the Cadet Girls' event did the No. 1 seed in the single division win the final. Only in one event—the Boys' Doubles—did the actual "favourites" win.

In the second round of the Boys' Singles five of the six sets went to three and all of them involved "seeded" who triumphed, but in two cases by the narrowest of margins. Staffordshire's A. Bellingham put up a great fight against No. 6 seed Richard Bergemann, before losing 20 in the third, while Chalmers' Ian Read, seeded five, just got the better of Devon's Paul Whiting. Adam Profitt recovered from losing the first game to win fairly comfortably against Mark Oakley (Devon). The third round saw the exit of the No. 6 and 8 seeds. Sam Harmer—who already seems to have been around for years—had two close games with Cotias Pattapuntee, but the latter played very well in the latter stages of both games to win. Hampshire's bouncing Berge

The cadet finals provided some exciting matches, particularly in the Girls' Singles. Royal East Sussex defeated the Midgley/Robinson pairing in the final. Meanwhile, in the main Graham Sandiey, seeded one, had a great third-round struggle against Ian Read, but in the end he proved too strong for the Devon pair. In the Boys' Doubles, the Gilson/Whiting/Davies partnership stood firm against the well-fancied Bergemann/Whiting pairing. In the end, the score was 2-0 to the Devon pair, with Whiting and Davies melting away and refusing to be drawn into the kind of farce that the Seeds had been used to in the earlier rounds.

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Western League Postscript

Titles Retained

Both Newbury's men and Bournemouth's women succeeded in retaining their titles, the former by virtue of a superior sets average to Exmouth, both teams having accumulated 14 points each with one loss.

West Wilts, the other challengers, were surprisingly beaten 6-3 by Bournemouth, whose Trevor Smith recorded a maximum with two supporting sets from Steve Wilson, who accounted for Roy Smith and Bob Murray, the latter also failing to Cyril Bush. Kevin Edwards (2) and Smith scored for the losers.

Newbury, in their penultimate fixture away to Newport, won 7-2, with Simon Heaps and David Reeves unbeaten, David Wise losing to John Bloomer and Michael Nicolini.

In their final match at home to Plymouth on the following day, Newport clinched the title 8-1 when Heaps and Reeves were again in the "unbeatable" class; and Keith James, for the visitors, saved the "whitewash" by beating Wise.

Plymouth's introduction of the young Hodges brothers, Gary and Michael, eased the task of the champions.

Bournemouth, following their 8-1 home win over Swindon, finally took on Newport, the other unbeaten side, in the women's section. A close result was expected but did not materialise as, for the winners, Janet New scored a treble, with Joyce Coop and Julie Reading sharing the other two successes, both losing to Caroline Reeves.

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Any new league contemplating affiliation next season should make immediate contact with the Hon. Sec., Grove Motlow, Esq., 26 Carbery Road, Newport, N.5 (Tele: Newport 71964). Entry forms and details of the A.G.M., to be held either late June or early July, will shortly be sent to all member leagues.

Maccabiah Games - Israel

by Frank Phillips

The 19th Maccabiah Games will take place in Israel during July, 1977. These games are described as the "Jewish Olympics" and are held every four years always in Israel.

In addition to the events that make up the normal Olympic sports, Table Tennis is one of the major competitions, with nearly every country sending a team for this event. In 1973 nearly 2,000 competitors from 28 countries participated in 21 different sports. New competitions for 1977 include Squash and Badminton. It is expected that an ever larger number of entries will be received next year.

Over the years this country has always provided one of the strongest teams. In 1973 our men's team reached the final pool but just failed to win a medal. In the single competitions two of our teams reached the quarter-final stage. Unfortunately no women's team was sent in 1973 but it is hoped to send two or three women next time.

Trials will be held later in the year in London and are open to any person of the Jewish faith. Application forms for the Trials can be obtained from the Maccabi Organising Committee, 1 Manchester Square, London W.1.

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NORTHANTS NOTES
by Dennis Millman
KEVIN THE STAR

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The men’s doubles went to Clayton and Fletcher, who beat Eckersley and Hilton 22-18, Ekersley and Marjorie Walker won the mixed, beating Clayton and Mrs. E. Baker (Bath) 11-22, 17-31.

DURHAM NOTES

By Edgar Reay

DOUBLE FOR PAXTON

Durham County completed their Durham Championships programmes on Saturday, April 3, when they met Cumbria Juniors at Shirley Row C.A. The home team were much too strong for the young Cumbrians and won 9-1.

Mr. Bob Wisby is now Coach-in-Charge at Monkseaton School, Sunderland, Coaching Centre, which operates one night each week and will continue to run until the end of June.

The Aycliffe League Closed was held on March 15. Results:

M.S.: N. Stark bt S. Haugland.
W.S.: B. Hammond bt S. Armegard.
B.S.: D. Darkes bt M. Darkes.

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In the same final, Barrow (Southend) in the quarters, won 11-4, 11-6, 11-6.

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RICHARDSON bt Davison 12, 13, 18.

B. U. 14—Final

A. HUBLEE bt S. Coyle 25, 13.

Girls' Singles—Final

J. PALMER bt S. Ellis 16, 15.

Veterans' Singles—Final


**MIDDLESEX NOTES**

by Laurie Landry

**WELL-SET**

Once again this summer Middlesex will be organizing U34 squads for boys and girls. We have been running these for a few years now and the fact that the senior County side has an average of 171 confirms the success of the system.

With young players coming through from Michael Gost in Wembley and Harrow and Tony Pacifico at Aylestone School, as well as regular talent from the North Middlesex setup, the County would appear to be well-set.

**What is really needed, however, is some sort of centralisation on a regular basis and like everything else, someone is needed to organise that. The U-14 County team has been successful so far in the Eastern Region matches, which have been very useful experience for all the young players.**

In the County Inter-League competitions there was a triple tie between North Middlesex I, North Middlesex II and Willesden in the Doubles (Victor Barnes) competition.

The County team have completed a fairly successful season. Pride of place must go to the Junior 2nd team, who won all their matches. The Junior Premier side were runners-up, only dropping points in matches with Andrew Bardin or Amanda Mitchell absent. The Senior Premier side were placed clear of relegation and in this team David Jemmett and Robert Aldrich were unbeaten in doubles.

The Senior Premier team finished in third place, thereby cementing the only County to have always kept its Premier place. In fact in the 29 seasons of the Premier Division, Middlesex have won on 16 occasions, seconded five times, thirded once and fourthed five (lowest position) only twice.

**WESSEX RESTRICTED UNDER-11 TOURNAMENT**

by Paddy Shepherd

The first Wessex Restricted Under-11 tournament was held in Plymouth on March 13 with six County teams from Devon, Cornwall and Avon competing.

In the boys' final Gary Lambert (Devon "A") emerged the victor over Mark Elliott (Devon "A") after a closely fought second match. Although only 9 years old these two Exmouth juniors displayed a maturity of skill and maturity beyond their years.

In the girls' competition, run totally on a round robin basis, Tamzin Smith (Dorset "B") was overall winner, with Caroline Trainer (Devon "A") in second spot.

In the Team Competition, Devon "A" won by a substantial margin with Devon "B" and Avon "A" sharing second place. Devon "A" have won the annual team competition of Middlesex (Exmouth) and Michael Carey and Caroline Trainer (Plymouth).

Hopefully this tournament will become an annual fixture with a greater number of Counties entering teams in future years.
ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

RELEGATION Averted

With relegation averted for our Senior and Junior Premier teams we can look forward to next season with renewed hope and vigour in the County Championships. Our congratulations go to the Senior Third team, who duly won Div. 3 (East), while our Veterans' First team became overall champions with a storming 8-1 win in the play-off with Notts. A special mention to Vic Ireland, who has had a particularly good season in the latter category.

Major honors in the Essex League program spotlight:

Seeler

Div. 1—Southend "A"; run-off: Romford "A"; Div. 2—Billericay "A"; Romford "B"

Junior

Div. 1—Dagenham "A"; Southend "A"; Div. 2—Harlow; Billericay

Veterans

Div. 1—Romford "A"; Billericay "A"; Div. 2—Barking "A"; Harlow "A"

On the Inter-League scene a number of our leagues have done well in the National Competitions. Both Chelmsford (D. Newman, S. Sheldon, and D. Bower) and East London (J. Horsham, D. Brown, and R. Potts) have reached the semifinal stage of the Wiltshire Cup.

In the Rise Bowl, Southend (L. Budd, L. Barrow, and M. Nash) reached the quarter-finals, as did Chelmsford in the Carter Cup (Newman, K. Owers, and T. Dowsett). The Fellows Crouchleigh Club (same team as East London League) are also doing well in the Club K.O., a nine-52 win over Teanpton (Burden, Mitchell, Landby) being the highlight to date.

Major leagues have been deciding their own individual champions and from all accounts the results of the Inter-League championship will be for "Finals Nights". Some champions noted were:

Barking

M.S.: K. Caldon bt L. Fountain.
W.S.: B. Bower bt P. Lachfords.
B.S.: Caldon bt S. Kimmo.
V.S.: R. Herber bt Fountain.

Billericay

M.S.: D. Wood bt T. Vincent.
W.S.: J. Flasingby bt S. Smith.
B.S.: D. Hobbitt bt K. Howard.

Borough

W.S.: J. Barrow bt K. Owers.
B.S.: J. Wright bt J. Cross.
V.S.: D. Partidge bt L. Fontane.

Chelmsford

G.S.: D. Dowsett bt L. Fontane.
V.S.: J. Lewington bt L. Bourns.

Colchester

M.S.: A. Schofield bt M. Buckley.
B.S.: A. Soper bt S. Goodwin.
V.S.: M. Buckley bt P. Kirkland.

East London

M.S.: D. Wells bt G. Bloomfield.
W.S.: B. Bower bt T. Pickard.

Harlow

M.S.: D. Ivens bt G. Bassett.
W.S.: J. Wright bt V. Worth.
B.S.: J. Ivens bt M. Downes.
G.S.: J. Smith bt S. Sears.
V.S.: D. Fuller bt E. Todd.

Romford

L.S.: M. Caldon (Baines) bt S. Stenell bt J. Livesey.

Winawston

W.S.: T. Pickard bt A. Hall.
V.S.: P. Curtis bt R. Herber.

ESSEX CLOSED

This season's Essex Closed Championships were staged at Illford Ltd, Bullool, whose staff rendered yeoman service in conjunction with the County officials.

The; senior events were well supported and the men's singles events were quite entertaining yet outside entirely in style. David Brown and David Ivens, both with big forehand kills were always out to get the big one in and it was County skipper David Brown, who got the most. The other semi between Ian Horsham and David Newman had longer rallies and more variations, with Horsham the winner.

Fortunes fluctuated in the final with Brown having the best of the opening exchanges and winning the first game but after leading in the second Horsham came back to level matters. In the third it was point for point until at 14-all Horsham forged ahead to reverse last season's result.

Linda Budd, the fast-improving Southend girl with the big forehand, nearly caused an upset in the women's singles where she finally extended the Essex No. 1 and England No. 5, Lesley Radford. After losing the first game Lesley had to pull out every ounce of her experience to keep the younger player out. After getting an early third game lead, Lesley had matters in control, but Linda fought to the end.

The Junior Championships were highly competitive and there were some outstanding performances. One of the most determined came from Jule Dowsett in the U-14 events. After eliminating top seed Maxine Abbott, she came back strongly in the final against an equally determined Kay Tillery. Trailling one game and 612, it looked all over for Jule, but she dug her heels in and came back to level and required the performance in the decider to win the 22-20.

Desmond Charlery, an outstanding prospect from Silvertown, duly won the boys' U-14 event but not without a few moments of anxiety. Against Stephen Edwards in the final he really had to work hard for his win.

The U-16 events were dominated by David Newman and Helen Gore. Helen had a fairly comfortable passage in winning the G.S. title and was partnered by Clacton's Susan Clark to success in the G.D. Newman was in unassailable form in the B.S., pulverising all opposition to win from his arch rival, Kevin Caldon, in the final.

Results

Men's Singles—Semi-finals

D. Brown bt L. Izatt 15, 15.
T. Horsham bt D. Newman 18, 16.

Final

HORSHAM bt Brown 18, 13, 16.

Women's Singles—Semi-finals

L. Radford bt J. Livesey 18, 16.
E. Budd bt E. Sayer 19, 13.

Final

RADERD bt Budd 11, 14.

Men's Doubles—Final


Women's Doubles—Final


Mixed Doubles—Final

HORSHAM/RADFORD bt M. Watts/Budd 13, 17.

Veterans' Singles—Final

V. Ireland bt L. Fountain 14, 19, 15.

Boys' Singles—Final

NEWMAN in Caldon 15, 5.

Girls' Singles—Final

GORE bt M. Abbott 20, 16.

Boys' Doubles—Final


Girls' Doubles—Final


Junior Mixed Doubles—Final

CALDON/P. ABBOTT bt Newman/V. Joel 13, 16.

E-14 Boys' Singles—Final

D. CHARLERY bt S. Edwards 8, 14, 17.

E-14 Girls' Singles—Final

DOWSETT in T. Tillery 13, 19, 20.

SOUTH YARDELL SPORTS CLUB

The First Restricted Hard Rubber Bat Championships at South Yardley Sports Club, priced by the Birmingham and District T.T.A., and confined to members or ex-members of the B. & D.T.T.A., is to be held at South Yardley Sports Club, Redhill Road School, Hay Mills, Birmingham 25.

Women's events will be held on Thursday, June 17 and men's events on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 and 18. From can be had from Mr. B. Johnson, 107 Pelham Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham, B12 2PT (021-326 7311) the closing date being Saturday, June 12.

One of the main aims of the tournament is for everyone involved to have an enjoyable evening's table tennis, using original hard rubber bats. If you know anyone who has "retired" from the game, please "persuade" them to play—these are the people we would love to meet again. Play Romford top players when they cannot use tricky spin serves and vicious loop drives.

STOP PRESS—Be warned, Maurice Goldstein is coming out of retirement!!

DOING THEIR BIT

Birmingham clubs continue to do their bit for "The World's" Handsworth Victoria raised a splendid £25 at a recent "B.A.A. Sheldon, with considerable support from South Yardley, raised £21 during social evening and an idea at the Social proved good fun.

Barry and Dougall Johnson played one game of singles and people were asked to guess how long the game would last, gambling 50p for blocks of 10 seconds between 4 and 42 minutes. The two players provided some good table tennis mixed with plenty of clowning and the correct forecaster won £1 with £3.60 going to the cause.

Helen Gore, winner of the girls singles in the Essex Closed. Photo by Geoff Newman.
SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE

Pride of place in this month's report goes to Milham School Boys' U-16 team of Chris Reed, Neil Smith, Ian Reed and Diccon Gray, who successfully defended their ESTA team championship title at Lea Green.

Wins of 6-2 and 5-3 made them clear winners of their group and the stars of the side were Chris Reed and Smith, who both remained unbeaten, and Gray, who only lost once. Ian Reed did not see a hat-trick and surprisingly failed to win any one of his four sets.

Two defeats for the Girls' U-16 team meant that they finished third in their group. Miranda Gray was the pick of the team and took three of their four wins with Gill Smith gaining the other. The wealth of talent at the Milham club, coupled with the rapid rate of improvement shown by the youngsters, ensures a bright future for annual championships for many years to come.

The final round of County Championship matches brought Chris Reed's fine unbeaten form for the Junior 2nd team to an end as the side crashed to their heaviest defeat of the season against Durham. No disgrace for Chris, however, after losing in the decider to both Keith Paxton and Tony Gelder, and the County No.1 can look back upon his third successive unbeaten performance as one of his many personal successes of the season. The one win for the visiting Cumbrians was a mixed doubles for Miranda Gray and Ian Reed.

The Junior 2nd team went down 4-6 in their final match against Clevedon and Diccon Gray and Ian Harrison again proved the backbone of the side by taking the four wins between them. Ian continued his good form and gave his third successive unbeaten performance for the side. Diccon, however, was denied one of his singles and ultimately a point for his team with an 18-15, 21-16 defeat by the home No.2, G. Jones, in the first set of the match. Performance from both players throughout the season have certainly earned the team the respect of the 'A' side in that division, and it is unfortunate that the season which saw the formation of the team also saw Ian playing his last season as a junior.

The Senior team ended their season on a good note with a close 6-4 win over Northumberland, and to crown it all, had their first County successes of the season—and John Willis, formed the basis of the win which saw them complete with one win each for Alan Fay and Jennifer Pachul. Defeat, in all three doubles, apart from producing a tighter match, meant the first defeat of the season for Jennifer and Clare Rose in the women's doubles.

Two local tournaments have proved beneficial to players in recent weeks and Chris Reed made a clean sweep in the Bawtry Closed tourney by taking the men's and junior singles, and doubles with Neil Smith, his final opponent in the former two events. Jennifer Pachul took the women's title.

Jimmy Cummings followed suit in the West Cumbria Closed and won the men's and handicap cap singles, and doubles with Stephen Crosby who, as before, also contested the men's final.

Milham's Carter Cup hopes came to an end in their fourth round match away to a Strongbuckland side which contained three England-crush juniors in Paxton, Gelder and Andrew Clark. The Cumbrians' two wins came with excellent victories for Neil Smith and Ian Reed over Gelder.

IN THE COACHING FIELD

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

Difficulties often arise when schools' league matches require travelling long distances to the various venues and obtaining staff for supervision during play.

During a conversation with Mrs. Phil Clark at a County Match in Northumberland, the question was raised of the system operating successfully in that area.

The total number of schools in any one division meet at one venue on the same night. If there are 30 teams in the division, five matches take place at the same time, which can be controlled by a minimum number of staff.

The advantages of the system seem to far more than the few disadvantages that may arise. Only one teacher need be present. All results are immediately in the hands of officials—none forgotten to be purloined.

There may be difficulty in some areas in finding a venue with suitable tables, but in most cases this problem can be overcome. Upon mentioning this system to other potential school leagues, they have expressed great interest and may adopt it on the basis.

Over the weekend of April 9/11 a Coaches' Refresher Course was held at Carnegie College, Leeds. This is one of the courses which usually attracts entrants from far and wide, and this year 28 coaches, from the Midlands up to Carlisle, attended.

Standard varied from Club Coach to Diploma AStar, but the level of qualification did not stand in the way during the practical sessions and seminars. Organised by Peter Simpson, he used the various coaches to set up their own training sessions, and hadunder the guidance of the more experienced coaches, five groups were formed comprising all standards.

Information was not only gained from the course programme but also from the interchange of ideas between the coaches. Physical training was administered by Bob Wiley and many differing limb grouped to his expertise in this field. It is good to have a coach who has taken the trouble and time to study the correct approach to this very important aspect of coaching.

I have attended all the courses held at Carnegie and have found them very interesting. I will certainly keep the date free for next year, if only to get what must be the best food offered on any course I have been to.

Going further North, Carlisle and District T.T.A. are holding coaching sessions for juniors of various standards, divided into three sessions—Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced, supervised by three coaches.

Up to 20 pupils attend each session and after 9 minutes in operation, improvement in pupils is now becoming apparent. Carlisle Sports Council have started a School of Sport and during a 5-day course for schoolchildren, 16 sports will be catered for, one of which will be Table Tennis, to be run by National Coach Peter Simpson.

In Wakefield a school for table tennis coaching was started in May last year providing the institution of the Wakefield Youth Service. Premises were acquired through the Youth Service and were available every third Sunday from 10 to 4.

Table tennis had to be transported from club to schools but because of the success of the venture, the Youth Service purchased the tables and stored them at the venue. As the sessions continued, further equipment was acquired, mainly through the Youth Service, but also through the Wakefield T.T.A., and fundraising schemes by the members.

Over 100 children, aged from 5 to 17, are now on the register, and any number which have to be completed and returned to reserve a place on the next session. A further session, each Monday night, has been obtained, and coaching for advanced juniors takes place each week.

With the approach of the Assessment Camps, Panels are arranging inter-panel trials to help with the selection of the top quality juniors to attend each camp. Three camps in all will be arranged, all to be directed by National Coach Bryan Merrett, from which the juniors to attend the final trial will be selected.

What with the U-13, U-14 and the Junior Challenge matches, some juniors are having an exceedingly busy time.

As I have now seen some fresh faces at coaches’ refresher courses, some who have not been on a course for six years or more, I trust the necessity for such courses is now getting home. I hope to see a lot more of new and old coaches at future meetings.
CORNWALL SILVER JUBILEE TOURNAMENT

This season the Cornwall County T.T. Association is celebrating its 25th anniversary and 72 players from six Counties met in a Silver Jubilee tournament at St. Austell. Events included men's, women's, boys' and girls' singles, which incorporated separate Senior and Junior team competitions, and two magnificent perpetual trophies were donated by Mrs. M. T. R. Pearce, the County Association President, and by Mr. H. Temple, the tournament sponsor.

The tournament was played at the Polkyth Recreation Centre, which provided first class facilities and playing conditions, and the programme kept abreast of a well-paced schedule.

The finals were started on time, which meant that the play was finished by 9 o'clock, leaving ample time for players and officials to assemble in the Bar for drinks and buffet refreshments, a feature which was enjoyed by all.

It was especially pleasing to see Mrs. Frances Jarvis, President of the Devon Association. We remember her late husband, Roy, playing against us for Plymouth and for Devon in 1952. Many other old friends were an active part in the proceedings, including the men's winner, Barry Davis, who has been either playing against or for us for the past 15 years, Roy Philpot is another who first appeared against us in 1966. It hardly seems 13 years ago since we first met John Hartry, and in the same year, 1965, Adrian Wright came down to St. Austell as the Devon Junior champion, to compete in the "West of England Open".

Mike Rattue has been a regular opponent since 1962, and in 1970 we first met Paul Stone, Brian Reeves, Sue Beazer and Rebecca Bryant, and yet another Somerset player, Jimmy Andrews, first played against us in 1969.

On the six tables Devon were the most successful County, winning three of the four individual titles and both Senior and Junior team trophies. The Devon players dominated the senior events, gaining 35 points out of a maximum of 36 in the team competition.

However, the Junior team competition was a much closer affair. With only the boys' final to play, Devon 'A' were just one point ahead of Cornwall 'A' and victory for Cornwall's Ian James would have gained the home team three points and the Cup, but Devon's Michael Shearman proved just too good in a very close match.

In the Men's Singles seven of the eight seeded players came through their groups successfully. The exception was Brian Reeves, the fancied Somerset player, who fell to Mike Sykes, of Worcestershire. Sykes won an exciting encounter by 17, 18, 20. Mike was himself eliminated in the quarters by Devon's Keith James in another excellent match.

Cornwall's main hope, John Bassett, played well in his group and then disposed of Devonian Paul Stone easily enough in the quarter-finals, but he was no match for the Devon champion, Mike Rattue, in the semi-finals.

Devon's Number 1, Barry Davis, played exceptionally well in the lower half of the draw. He beat Roger Morris, of Somerset, in double-quick time in the quarters, and allowed his team-mate, James, only 14 points over two games in the semi.

The all-Devon final had flashes of brilliant table tennis from both players, but with Davis always in control and looking all over a winner. His match-winning point, a running smash played from yards behind the table, received prolonged applause and underlined his confidence and superiority on the day and was a magnificent end to a very successful and enjoyable tournament.

The trophies were presented by Mr. H. Temple and by Mrs. M. T. R. Pearce.

RESULTS

Men's Singles—Quarter-finals

J. Bassett (Co) bt F. Stone (De) 11, 11.
M. Rattue (De) bt J. Hartry (So) 13, 17.
J. James (De) bt M. Sykes (Wo) 15, 15, 16.
B. Davis (De) bt R. Morris (So) 14, 8.

Semi-finals

Rattue bt Bassett 14, 9.
Davis bt James 6, 8.
Final

DAVIS bt Rattue 14, 12.

Women's Singles—Semi-finals

Elaine Lamb (De) bt Jill Wilson (So) 17, 11, 14.
Kathy Rowe (De) bt June Farmer (De) 11, 9.
Final

LAMB bt Rowe 19, 18, 21.

Boys' Singles—Semi-finals

Michael Shearman (De) bt Barry Cornelius (Co) 14, 9.
James (Co) bt Terry Fairbanks (De) 13, 17, 20.
Final

SHEARMAN bt Ian James 14, 15, 23.

Girls' Singles—Final

JANET NEW (De) bt Susan Tilley (De) 11, 13.

Team Competitions—Leading Scores


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Smiles all round as I.T.T.F. President, Roy Evans, presents the boys' trophy to Sam Harmer who, with Linda Hrysko, links up with E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles Wyles.

Fifteen-year-old Linda Hrysko, a tall, slim brunette, from Bradford, Yorkshire, and little Sam Harmer, aged 14, from Leighton Buzzard, are the "News of the World" "Girl and Boy of the Year".

This was the verdict of a star-studded panel of judges—led by former World Champion, Johnny Leach, and including the current No. 1 player of Europe, England, Scotland and Wales—when the Grand Finals of the 1975 National Coaching Scheme were staged over Easter at Butlin's Barry Camp. No competitive games were played in this competition, but marks were awarded during special coaching sessions. The finalists were the survivors from some 40,000 entrants who took part at eight Butlin Holiday Camps last Summer.

The trophies were presented by Roy Evans, President of the I.T.T.F., Nancy Evans, Secretary of the European T.T.U., and Charles Wyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., before a large and enthusiastic audience in Barry's Gaiety Theatre.

Linda Hrysko, an all-rounder who has greatly improved her game since being selected for the finals by Denis Neale at Butlin's Skegness Camp last August, was the unanimous choice of all five judges.

Jill Hammersley, herself a former "News of the World" "Girl of the Year", and now reigning European and English Champion, thinks Linda has all the hallmarks of an England international star of the future. Jill also had a special part on the back for 15-year-old Mandy Wallis, from Wellingborough, Northants, who finished runner-up for the second year in succession. Mandy, too, could go far.

For Sam Harmer, however, it proved fifth time lucky. Sam, who had already contested four finals unsuccessfully since first entering the scheme at the age of nine, this time narrowly edged out two strong challengers in 13-year-old Graham Sandley, of Potters Bar, Herts, and 12-year-old John Souter, of Neasden, London N.W.

Sam's success should now give him that extra confidence he will need if he is to emulate such triumphant "News of the World" former champions as Chester Barnes, Trevor Taylor, Alan Hylies and Paul Day.

The two new champions opposed each other in the final of the thrilling Pupils Challenge Cup Doubles competition. Linda partnering Graham Sandley and representing Butlin's Skegness Camp, while Sam, a member of last year's winning team, paired up with Nicola Haywood to represent Mainhead. In the event, the Skegness pair were in invincible form and gained victory by 21-14, 21-6.

April 24th saw the start of the 1976 Coaching Scheme at Butlin's Bognor Camp.

HERTFORDSHIRE JUNIOR CLOSED

Results in the Herts Junior Closed, at Hatfield, on April 4th, were:

Under-17 Events:
B.S.: Gavlin Booth bt Paul Mason 14, 19.
G.S.: Lindsey Booth bt Frances Stephens 21, 19.
X.D.: Keith Heseman/Frances Stephens bt Gavlin and Lindsey Booth 11, 12.

Under-16 Events:
B.S.: Andrew Smith bt Mark Ives 18, 14, 11.
G.S.: Meryon Cox bt Janice Harding 21, 20, 17.
X.D.: Peter Brownlow bt Keith Hardwell 15, 11, 22.

G.S.: Helen Hardwell bt Anita Jermyn 16, 14, 27.

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The general line-up at Barry Camp with Johnny Leach (centre, back row) flanked by Richard Yule and Nicky Jarvis on one side and Graham Davies and Linda Howard on the other. Jill Hammersley is located in the centre of the front row.

The Bairstow Essex Open

**BIG SHOCKS AT BARKINGSIDE**

by Geoff Newman

The Bairstow Essex Open, played over the weekend of May 8-9, at Redbridge Sports Centre, Barkingside, Ifield, was a huge success being far and away one of the best Open tournaments that Essex has ever had. Play was fast and furious throughout the weekend, with a number of really outstanding games punctuated by a number of shock results.

The organisation was first class and the County Association were indebted to the magnificent work of the Barrow Essex Co., and to the Essex Co., who supplied the equipment.

**Men's Singles**

One of the big shocks in this event centred round the elimination of the two top seeds, Andy Barden and Paul Day. Barden was surprisingly put out by the veteran Welsh "chopper", George Evans. The Middlesex boy, usually so good against defensive players, appeared to lose his appetite in this set and Evans forged ahead in the decider to win 19-15 and 11-6. Bob Porter took advantage of Barden's demise by putting an end to the Welshman's hopes and then going to score a first-ever win over John Hilton, Paul Day also came unstuck against the Welsh, Alan Griffiths, in sparkling form, romping away to win in the third by 21-14. Griffiths carried on the good work by winning well over Mark Mitchell in a cliffhanger. Lancashire's Donald Parker surprised John Kitchener but found the home county's Ian Horsham far too hot to handle. Scuttish No. 1, Richard Yule, made his way to the last four but both Nigel Eckersley and David Brown fully extended him.

Both semi-finals were fast and furious, Horsham out-pgelling Porter, that little extra expertise showing and ensuring Horsham's appearance in the final. In the other semi, Griffiths was in superb form and he gave Yule no chance to settle at his game all at all. In fact it was really all one way traffic, particularly in the second game, when Griffiths charged out winner after winner.

In the final there was just no stopping the Welshman. Although Horsham took the second game it always looked odds-on Griffiths winning. Full of tenacity, he just wasn't going to lose this one, and his quick-fire bursts of play finally shot down the Essex player's hopes.

**Women's Singles**

Tina Pickard was the surprise packet in this event, taking out Essex's Linda Budd and Elaine Tarten, and then a magnificent win over Ireland's Karen Senior. Lesley Radford brought her down to earth, however, but no one could take away what had happened previously.

Linda Howard crushed to the final although Sheila Heston, as ever, fought to the end. 'In the final Linda made few mistakes and Lesley never allowed to settle down at all. The Surrey girl's forehand was always prominent and the points built up in her favour.

**Women's Doubles**

A very good win in the final for the Essex pairing of Lesley Radford and Sheila Heston over Linda Howard and Karen Senior, the Essex duo retrieving a 16-19 deficit in the third game.

**Intermediate Boys' Singles**

Day and Barden didn't make any mistakes in this event but Barden had to go all out to keep out Horsham, who was only reputed in the third. Porter had a useful looking win over Mitchell but he couldn't keep Day at bay in the semi.

The final produced the usual high class encounter between England's top two juniors. On this occasion it was Barden who came out on top in the third game after some early pressure.

**Intermediate Girls' Singles**

Linda Howard dropped a game to Elaine Tarten before recovering to glide serenely into the final against Angela Mitchell, who had scored a nice win over Karen Senior. In the final Linda appeared to have the first game won with an 8 points lead but a lapse in concentration allowed back in the game and from then on Linda really had to struggle to win this title.

**Veteran Singles**

A tremendous win for Laurie Fountana, retaining the title he won last season. Shock for Ronn Alexander, going out to Ronnie Herber. George Evans looked all over a winner of this event but Fountana's tenacity once again won the day.

**Men's Doubles**

Day and Barden won this event without too much ado. Their stiffest test came in the semis when they were 7 points adrift at one stage against Barden and Dave Brown in the third. A great fight-back ended the hopes of the Essex pair. Hilton and Phil Brown fought valiantly in the final, but the younger pair were always in the driving seat.

**Mixed Doubles**

A brilliant final between Barden and Angela Mitchell against Day and Linda Howard with the Middlesex pair winning by a very narrow margin.

**Men's Singles—Quarter-finals**

R. Potton (Essex) bt J. Hilton (Chesh) 17, 18, 19. I. Horsham (Essex) bt P. Bowen (Lanes) 14, 9. R. Yule (Sc) bt D. Brown (Essex) 15, 16, 17. A. Griffiths (Wales) bt M. Mitchell (Men) 15, 13, 23.

**Semi-finals**


**GRiFFIchs**

Horsham 7, 17, 33.

**Women's Singles—Semi-finals**

L. Howard (Surrey) bt S. Heston (Essex) 8, 12. I. Radford (Essex) bt T. Pickard (Essex) 7, 3.

**Final**

HOWARD bt Radford 10, 17.

**Women's Doubles—Semi-finals**


**Final**

HEADING/RAFDORF bt Howard/Senior 14, 11, 19.

**Intermediate Boys' Singles—Semi-finals**

A. Barden (Middlesex) bt Horsham 19, 11, 18. P. Day (Cambs) bt Potton 18, 16.

**Final**

BARDEN bt Day 18, 10, 16.

**Intermediate Girls' Singles—Semi-finals**


**Final**

HOWARD bt Mitchell 23, 20, 16.

**Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals**


**Final**

BARDEN/Mitchell bt Day/Howard 22, 15, 18.

**Men's Doubles—Semi-finals**


**Final**

BARDEN/DAY bt Brown/Hilton 19, 18.

**Veteran Singles—Final**

L. FOUNTAIN (Essex) bt G. Evans (Wales) 14, 18, 18.

**BAIRSTOW ERES**

The Essex-based group agency of Estate Agents, Surveyors and Valuers, were delighted to have the opportunity of sponsoring the 1977 Essex Open Championships. Through the programme media Colin J. Finch, F.R.I.C.S., the Managing Director, passed on the good wishes of his directors and staff to both competitors and spectators.—Editor.

**SPOTLIGHT ON COLEBRIDGE**

Colebridge have achieved more this season than possibly any other club in Warwickshire ever have in any one season. The honours which they have added to their credit are—League Div. 1 winners (second year running); Birmingham League Div. 1 winners at the first attempt; South Birmingham Div. 1 winners; and also the Warwickshire League (the South Birmingham team consists mainly of Colebridge players and friends). The highlight of the season was undoubtedly reaching the semi-final of the National Club Competition, which makes Colebridge one of the top four clubs in the country.
HAMPSHIRE NOTES
by David Cosway

MIXED SEASON
A very mixed reason for the County teams in the County Championships. The first team, after three disappointing defeats which put them in the theory of relegation, came back to form with a good 6-4 win over Essex II, Trevor Smith, Keith Summerfield and Bob Doe dropped for this match and replaced by Steve Kitcher and Andrew Foers. While the quality and knowledge of the game, could well present an excellent Captain for this team in the future.

The junior first team, who started the season with championship hopes, did not realise their potential and the team performance did not live up to their individual ability, and only two of the six matches were won. Colin Wilson and Ray Lush who have formed the backbone of this team and with Julie Reading, "wore 自动生成的文本内容。
SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Since we are now close to the end of the 1975-76 season these notes are a summary of some of the more important events.

County Teams

Our Junior first team maintained its Premier Division position by winning its remaining two matches against Kent and Cheshire and coming third in the Division. Our Junior second team, which included several players from the under-15 team, was also promoted to the Premier Division for next season. The Junior third team was closely fought but eventually went down to the Northamptonshire team.

Teams from Essex and Surrey came second and third in the County Championships, with Essex having defeated the previous year's winners, the Kentish side, by the narrowest of margins in the final. Our own boys' side was defeated by Essex but our girls' side was victorious.

County Finances

Our financial position has improved significantly over the past year, largely due to the successful fundraising activities of those interested in Junio-r Fund, which is largely supported by the reasonably satisfactory Junio-r standard.

County Championship

The M.E.I. Closed Championships, which was very well supported, was won by John Boulton, who also won the Men's Division 1, Junior Div. 2 and 3. He is now at the dosing stage in a memorable final.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Colin Hammond

VETERANS' TRIUMPH

Pride of place must go to the County veterans' side, which clinched the veterans' title, with a superb 5-4 victory over our favourites, Cheshire. John Burston took a lot of the credit, winning both his singles, including a brilliant victory over England's number one seed. The other matches could hardly have been closer, Ron Bolton winning the decisive third at the hands of Stanley and Ron and John again being supported by John Ellis and Pat Boulton. Ronnie's first appearance now foreshadows a memorable season.

Women's Division

The only other recent County match resulted in an unexpected and very heavy defeat for our team against the London team, without given Stredder, and taking into account the strength of the opposing girls, a 3-2 defeat at the hands of Dulwich in the semi-final, Ron and John again being supported by John Ellis and Pat Boulton. Ronnie's first appearance now foreshadows a memorable season.

S.E. MIDLANDS TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

(leading positions as at 17th April, 1976)

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Juniors 1

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Northampton

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R.A.F.

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S.E.M. CLOSED

Graeme Durrant, of Bedford, retained the men's singles title at this season's tournament, played at Cambridge Car Exchange, with Dan Swann of Wellingborough, being a close second. Both players were hard pressed in the semi-finals, Durrant being taken to the wire by Tim Palmer, of Ely, as this was Dave Taylor's only match, of Milton Keynes.

Ann Walls, of Wellingborough, was successful in the women's singles final against Jean Allinson, of Peterborough, whilst her sister, Murray, was won by the experienced Ann Walls, being 21-19. The final was won by a margin of 2-0.

Richard Jermy, of North Herts, won the boys' singles by beating Ian Allen, of Wellingborough in the final. In all there were 17 matches played, with the whole event being a great success.
at Ipswich, in Div. 3 East, and Norfolk Juniors.

Miss W. Hogg bt Mrs. R. Hogg 14, 17, 16.

Wendy Hogg is the Norfolk Schools’ League was won by

WENDY'S victory over Norfolk veteran.

G.O.D.: W. Hogg (N)/Paula Ribbons (Y)

in Div. 2 East,

M.G.: C. Benneytt bt R. King 8, 11.

Final

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Girls' Singles-Final


Not too bad

at the University of East Anglia, on March

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INTERNATIONAL RUBBER BAT TOURNAMENT

by David Luddy

There was a double Middlesex triumph at the Fifth International Club rubber bat tournament at the Barnes Table Tennis Centre on Sunday, April 11.

Former England International Laurie Landry cruised to the men's singles—Richard Bergman trophy—title, winning all five of his sets in straight games, and beating Derek Schofield (Cheshire) 21-14, 21-17 in the final.

Marjorie Walker took the women's—Victor Barnes—contest, defeating Jean Williams (Buckinghamshire) 22-20, 21-19 in her final encounter.

Landry added the men's doubles title for the third successive year, again partnered by Schofield, but Miss Walker completed a double, winning with Beryl Clayton (Middlesex) in the women's doubles and Schofield in the mixed.

Results:

Men's Singles—Semi-finals
Landry bt Gordon Holmes (Middlesex) 30, 12.

Schofield bt former England No. 2, Derek Burrage (Middlesex) 15, 13.

Final

LANDRY bt Schofield 18, 17.

Women's Singles—Semi-finals
Marjorie Walker bt Margaret Cherry (Middlesex) 96, 15, 18.

Jean Williams bt Beryl Clayton 20, 15.

Final

WALKER bt Williams 20, 19.

Men's Doubles—Final

Landry/Schofield bt Vernon Adams/Colin Feldham (both Somerset) 5, 21.

Women's Doubles—Final

Walker/Clayton bt Williams/Sylvia Tyler (Middlesex) 17, 18.

Mixed Doubles—Final

Schofield/Walker bt Landry/Gillian Piron (Middlesex) 15, 19, 14.

Men's Singles Consolation—Final

Adams bt Joe Brandner (Essex) 8, 10.

Women's Singles Consolation—Final

Tyler bt Marilyn Nash (Essex) 10, 12.

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Facts and Figures

The letters in the last issue of "I.T.T." made interesting reading. I only wish they had prompted me to go and get a few facts and correct a few errors.

First for Mr. Mundy: Every time an increase in fees or a levy has been made during the past 20 years, the punters have prophesied a drop in membership and "outlaw" leagues springing up. In fact it has never yet happened. Following the largest increase ever made, in the current season, the membership has not decreased—it has increased by a small margin of 1.5%. Mr. Mundy never mentions the returnable aspect of the guarantee fund. He probably does not know about it. Every effort will be made to make the Worlds worth the money, and the whole of the fund returned to the players to do with it whatever they wish. It is not a levy and has never intended to be; it is a returnable guarantee. The comment that those left will have to pay more shows a complete lack of understanding of the position. I recommend you read the January issue of "I.T.T.", page 29.

Also, Mr. Mundy, if the cost of the Worlds is only £150,000 there would be no problem and a large profit would be made. The actual figure is nearer £200,000 and for the I.T.T. to pay out of its funds would require an annual fee of £2,000 at least, from every member association! The Sports Council pays for table tennis every season to the extent of 143,000 per annum, which is three times what is paid by the members! It is also quite likely that the biggest single contribution towards the Worlds will, in fact, come from the Sports Council. As for 60 minutes on television, Mr. Mundy, just settle down every night, some afternoons and two Saturday afternoons and you might well close up between 3 and 4 hours on the box.

Just in case you have forgotten, the decision to run the Worlds in England was a unanimous one when the A.G.M. met in January. Also, the decision to operate a returnable guarantee fund was an unanimous, previously decided at the recent S.G.M. You had your chance then Mr. Mundy, to voice your views.

Why does the E.T.T.A. organise a Lincoln Lottery? To make money, of course. The actual profit made is only £10,000 and it is not worth all the bother. What raffle lost money four months ago? The last one I know of was a failure of £500.

The spectacle of the Worlds will have an exhilarating effect on all players throughout the country and every league should benefit.

Next, Mr. Prean. The Worlds in 1954 was watched by 25,000 spectators. The Wonkeley stand had a capacity of 7,000. The maximum accommodation in 1971 will be about 10,000, and a normal number of spectators expected to attend is 50,000.

The norwich union

by Richard Habgood

To say that this season's Championships will not dull us is a bit of a long shot. Just to state that new European Champion, Jill Ham, won't be coming our way and that Desmond Douglas three would also be unfair. What the Worlds will give us this year is a new triple-Champion—DOUGLAS DESMOND DOUGLAS is the name.

You've heard it before? Of course you have—but he's the player that's just about won every tournament in England this season? Again you're right! But isn't he the player that was so disappointedly dropped from the English team, carrying the call for data do some fundamental thinking and is not short of ideas or enterprise? It may be that our communications could improve and I hope this letter has done just that.

Tom BUuNN

Hone, Treasurer, E.T.T.A.

NORWICH UNION

ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Richard Habgood

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Yes, but he did only reach the second round, losing to Kjell Johannsen in FIVE games. Still that's not surprising—he isn't only played in two foreign "Open" this season—the Federal German and the Welsh.

Oh well then why and how did he win the English, only dropping just one game throughout the whole tournament? Maybe he's a good player and at 20 years of age in England's best prospect for years. Oh, I didn't know that his first-ever tournament was the Burford Junior Open in 1971. Five years to reach the top—can't be bad. Still I'm sure you get my point; if ever Douglas needed to prove yet again that he's not bad, a fair crack of the whip with regard to England individual appearances. Then it came at this year's Norwich Union.
ITALY.

WORTHINGTON JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL

by Geo. R. Yates

Only in doubles play in the individual events did English players finally make their presence felt following total eclipse in the main singles events of the Worthing Junior International Championships over the weekend of May 15-16.

Top seed Andy Barden fell to Hans Joseph Peters, of Federal Germany, in the semi-finals, Paul Day, the No. 3 seed, being surprisingly eliminated in the 2nd round by Paolo Bargagli, of Italy.

Hans Joachim Nolten, of the P.S.V. Club, Berensch Dusseldorf, was the ultimate winner, adding to his similar success in the French Junior Open played in Vichy, over the period April 30-May 7. In the first day’s team events Barden and Day beat the Federal Germans 3-1 with Belgium gaining a like success over England in the girls’ match. It was the first time that Belgium have ever won a international team title at any level.

On the eve of the Championships, again at Worthing Sports Centre, England’s boys triumphed 3-2 over Federal Germany in two international matches played side by side. Scores—

Boys

Day bt U. Meyerhoff, 12, 9, 12.
M. Shuttle lost to H. J. Peters, 18, 11, 12.
K. Witt bt M. Sedlmair, 11, 12, 9.
D. Johnson (Law) bt P. Bargagli (It) 16, 13.
Witt bt Licher, 9, 26.
Nolten bt Johnson 19, 12.
Peters bt Barden

Peters bt Barden

Germati/Germati bt Lieder/Mitchell 11, 16.
Nolten bt Johnson 19, 12.
Peters bt Barden

H. J. Peters (Fed) bt M. Shuttle (Eng) 2-3, 19.
H. J. Nolten (Fed) bt J. L. Roques (Fr) 1, 18.
Germati bt Donne 1, 8.
Nolten bt Johnson 11, 22.
Barden/Mitchell bt Shuttle/Witt 12, 16, 16.
Final
DAY/LUDI bt Barden/Mitchell 11, 15, 16.

FRANCE JUNIOR OPEN

Boys’ Team Final—Sweden 3, England 0
T. Danielsson bt Day 15, 15.
L. Franklin bt Barden 11, 12.
Danielsson/Franklin bt Barden/Day 14, 17, 19.
Girls’ Team Final—Hungary 3, Belgium 0
Olah bt V. Germati 2-0.
Bogyo/Olah bt Germati/Germati 2-0.
Boys Singles—Final
NOLTN EN bt Franklin 15, 12.
Girls’ Singles—Final
Bogyo bt M. Germati 18, 15.
Boys’ Doubles—Final
FRANKLIN/DEGENER bt Barden/Day 14, 15, 15.
Girls’ Doubles—Final
NOLTN EN/LUER bt Danielsson/Hernsval (Sy) -18, 20, 21.

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LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE ROUND-UP

by George R. Yates

For the first time in their history Hyde and District took the Division 1 title in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, coming through all divisions to do so after lapsing their membership five seasons ago.

Wigan Hallows became the first men’s singles champion of the Bolton League with final victory over his Little Lever C.C. team­mate, Graham Hoy, the defending title-holder.

Jennifer Dixon retained her women’s singles title and Stephen Cowley succeeded Hoy as the junior champion.

Blackpool’s seahorse players made inroads into the County and into the prizes of the Lancashire Closed at Bolton B.I.T.

Roy Frankland took the men’s singles title, Connie Ford (née Moore) the women’s and the pair combined for success in the mixed.

And for good measure Derek Hill beat Liverpool’s George Smith for the veterans’ title.

Frencho’s Ian Smith and Alex Sweeney came into their own in the two junior events.

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SENIORS

Girls

1. D. Douglas (Wa) (1)
2. N. Doris (Cv) (2)
3. A. Barden (Mx) (4)
4. A. Hydes (Sx) (5)
5. L. Howard (Sy) (6)
6. C. Rogers (Le) (7)
7. J. Howie (Sl) (8)
8. K. Rich (IC) (9)
9. J. Proffitt (He) (11)
10. A. Mitchell (IMx) (11)
11. T. B. Godfrey (Y) (13)
12. D. Parker (La) (14)
13. M. Milne (Y) (16)
14. A. Reading (IH) (19)
15. A. Fletcher (Y) (20)
16. A. Sewell (Av) (20)

Boys

1. M. Oakley (Sy) (1)
2. H. Robinson (Cv) (2)
3. G. Sandley (Mx) (3)
4. A. Proffitt (Mx) (4)
5. M. O'Connell (E) (5)
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17. A. Reading (IH) (19)
18. M. Midgley (Y) (10)
19. D. Parker (La) (14)
20. A. Sewell (Av) (20)

JUNIORS

Girls

1. R. Howie (Sl) (1)
2. L. Howard (Sy) (3)
3. C. Knight (Cv) (5)
4. S. Liddle (Ch) (4)
5. S. Harman (Bd) (8)
6. A. Johnson (Wa) (6)
7. J. Howie (Sl) (8)
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19. D. Parker (La) (14)
20. A. Sewell (Av) (20)

CADETS

Boys

1. C. Wilson (Ha) (2)
2. G. Sandley (Mx) (3)
3. A. Proffitt (Mx) (4)
4. J. Seaton (Mx) (5)
5. J. Seaton (Mx) (6)
6. C. Papastam (Mx) (10)
7. M. B. (Cv) (7)
8. S. Harman (Bd) (8)

Girls

1. A. Gordon (Bk) (2)
2. A. Brown (Cv) (3)
3. M. Reeves (Mx) (4)
4. H. Robinson (Cv) (1)
5. J. Purslow (Bk) (5)
6. R. Bolton (E) (4)
7. S. Gibson (Do) (5)
8. C. Colegate (E) (6)
9. S. Midgley (Y) (10)
10. L. Garbett (Sy) (9)

Obituary

BILL SPRY

Table Tennis followers in Exeter, and indeed Devon, were stunned to learn of the sudden death of Bill Spry, on Sunday, 11th April, at the age of 66.

Bill was actually playing in a match, during his club's championships when, bowing down between games, collapsed and died at once.

Bill's love for table tennis was such that he never gave up playing from the time he started and there are many excellent players who would vouch for the fact that he was most difficult to beat even in his advancing years.

Although being given the honour of Life Membership of the Exeter Table League many years ago, Bill continued to play an active part in committee work for both Exeter and Haldon County Leagues.

Bill was the Devon County Umpires' Secretary and always encouraged people to take the County Umpire test. He was, however, an excellent umpire who officiated in many championship events, both locally and nationally. Competitors from Devon and elsewhere will, no doubt, remember him as an understanding Referee of the various championships held in Exeter.

Those of us who were fortunate to know and work with Bill have lost a real friend and colleague. He was a most likeable and modest man who gave unselfishly to our sport for the enjoyment of others.

No sport can afford to lose his like. No one gave more to table tennis and, perhaps, it was fitting that his life came to an end in the way it did. Bill would not have wished it any other way.

K. T. O. PONTING.

CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

ADVANCEMENTS FULLFILLED

Cleveland's ambitions for this season have been fulfilled in the last week of the season with our Senior Team winning the Premier Division title and the Juniors, admittedly by a rather unorthodox method, avoiding relegation from the Junior Premier.

Within the Junior League those who "was not in the mood for playing table tennis" after the Northern Championships, settings at Luton, Cleveland put up a tremendous display to clinch the title with a 5-1 lead over Essex. Nicky Jarvis and Jimmy Walker both put in competent performances, whilst Carole Knight turned in her best County display of the season to beat Lesley Radford.

On the same day, at Cleator, the Cleveland Junior Team went down narrowly to Essex 4-6 after a good fighting display. After this game we were resigned to Second Division title until next season when Rob Bridges asked us if, as Durham, Derbyshire, Cumbria and Northumberland were unable for one reason or another, to challenge for the title, we would like to participate in the play-offs at Shiny the 1st and 2nd May.

It took a minimum of time to get this decision from us to play and with victories of 6-4 over South, Hampshire and Lancashire, back into the Premier we went. Our girls Angela Williams and Helen Reuben completely dominated their departments of the matches, whilst Mark Murphy and Michael Laird rose to the occasion to pull us through.

We have already decided that next season we will again run a maximum of senior and junior County teams in the three divisions, but now, with all of our team still juniors next season, instead of looking to avoid relegation, we are after that title, too.

STIGA ENGLISH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LUTON—NO PLACE FOR "OUTSIDERS" by David Lomas

The spacious Luton Regional Sports Centre was the venue for the third annual Stiga English Schools' Individual Championships on May 6th, which were part of Luton's centenary celebrations programme.

Eighteen tables were in use to cater for the record entry of 251 players—each player being the schools' champions of their own County in each of eight events.

Organiser Eddie Mitchell said that such was the strength of the entries in some events that it had proved difficult to determine the seedings in some cases, but as it turned out no "outsiders" came through to the finals and six of the events were won by the number one seeds, although there were some upsets in the preliminary groups.

David Newman (The Plume School, Maldon) overcame No. 1 seed Duggie Johnson, ranked 10 places higher on the England Junior list, in straight games to win the Boys' Under-19 event to add to the Essex player's School's International Intermediate crown.

The Girls' Under-18 trophy went to Karen Witt (Balmersal School, Woodley) for whom special arrangements had been made for leave of absence from a training camp. She recovered from a poor first game to beat Mandy Mellor, who was runner-up in the same event last year.

RESULTS

Boys' Under-19
1. DAVID NEWMAN (Essex County)
2. Douglas Johnson (West Midlands)
3. Andrew Wellman (Berkshire)
4. Simon Clayton (Hereford & Worcs.)

Girls' Under-18
1. KAREN WITT (Berkshire)
2. Mandy Mellor (Berkshire)
3. Jane Skipple (Cleveland)
4. Julie Reading (Hampshire)

Boys' Under-16
1. KEITH PAXTON (Tyneside & Wear)
2. Stephen Boxall (Surrey Met.)
3. Kevin Edwards (Wiltshire)
4. Douglas Bennett (Norfolk)

Girls' Under-16
1. SUZANNE HUNT (Lincolshire)
2. Angela Tierney (Yorkshire)
3. Linda Brygel (West Yorkshire)
4. Mandy Smith (Berkshire)

Boys' Under-14
1. RICHARD BERGERMANN (Dorset)
2. Paul Whiting (Devon)
3. John Louise (Middlesex)
4. Mark Oakley (Surrey County)

Girls' Under-14
1. ALISON GORDON (Berkshire)
2. Lorraine Garber (Essex County)
3. Maxine Abbott (Essex Met.)
4. Julie Bowett (Essex County)

Boys' Under-11
1. JEMMY DUFFIELD (Norfolk & W)
2. Graham Russell (Surrey County)
3. Andrew Dinsa (W Midlands)
4. Chris Bryson (Lincolshire)

Girls' Under-11
1. SARAH CRUSEWELL (Surrey County)
2. Jackie Marsh (Kent County)
3. Nicola Hamilton (Bucks)
4. Janice Clark (Essex County)
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### 3rd NORTH

- **Men**
  - B. Johns (Cheshire) 8 100
  - T. Burrows (Cheshire) 8 100
  - C. Heap (Lancs) 6 88
  - G. Hey (Lancs) 7 99
  - A. Reed (Cambridgeshire) 8 77

- **Women**
  - N. Wason (Cheshire) 2 200
  - W. Shaws (Cleeve) 3 267

### 3rd MIDLAND

- **Men**
  - D. Marples (Derby) 8 100
  - S. Johns (Warwick) 9 90
  - M. Griffiths (Warwick) 6 80
  - N. Marples (Derby) 6 75
  - C. judson (Nottingham) 4 75

- **Women**
  - J. John (Cleeve) 6 65
  - P. Spencer (Nottingham) 6 64
  - M. Arathun (Derby) 3 67
  - J. Riffey (Staffs) 10 66

### 3rd WEST

- **Men**
  - W. Glynn (Cheshire) 10 100
  - B. Maley (Essex) 6 61
  - P. Hunt (Essex) 4 41
  - S. Wilde (Shrops) 10 80
  - T. Davies (Cambridgeshire) 8 67

- **Women**
  - E. Simpson (Cheshire) 6 67
  - L. Bedd (Essex) 2 267
  - J. Allerson (Shrops) 3 267

### 3rd SOUTH

- **Men**
  - C. Heap (Lancashire) 10 80
  - B. Maley (Essex) 8 88

- **Women**
  - J. Nell (Cambs) 2 267
  - C. Heap (Lancashire) 7 71

### JUNIOR 2nd NORTH

- **Boys**
  - B. K. Paxton (Durham) 10 100
  - A. Clark (Northumberland) 12 95
  - M. Jenkins (Derby) 8 88
  - S. Mill (Yorkshire) 10 80
  - G. Gelder (Cambridgeshire) 10 80

- **Girls**
  - L. Black (Yorkshire) 10 100
  - E. Scatter (Yorkshire) 10 80
  - K. M. Lindsay (Yorkshire) 10 80

### JUNIOR 2nd MIDLAND

- **Boys**
  - C. Rogers (Leicester) 8 88
  - D. Gannon (Worcestershire) 6 88
  - S. Martin (Yorkshire) 10 90
  - G. Allen (Northumberland) 8 88
  - D. Johnson (Warwick) 8 88

- **Girls**
  - J. Thompson (Warwick) 10 80
  - M. B. Rees (Yorkshire) 12 97
  - J. P. Rachel (Warwick) 10 80
  - J. B. Johnson (Yorkshire) 10 80

### JUNIOR 2nd WEST

- **Boys**
  - J. New (Dorset) 6 610
  - J. Reading (Hants) 6 583
  - A. Gudge (Worcestershire) 6 480
  - J. Beulter (Essex) 4 375

- **Girls**
  - M. J. T. Read (Wales) 6 610
  - J. Reading (Hants) 6 583
  - A. Gudge (Worcestershire) 6 480
  - J. Beulter (Essex) 4 375

### JUNIOR 3rd NORTH

- **Boys**
  - T. Fairbanks (Devon) 6 610
  - I. James (Corkwall) 6 610
  - J. Musselwhite (Ayles) 6 610
  - M. Shearman (Devon) 6 610
  - P. Lewis (Ayles) 6 610

- **Girls**
  - S. James (Corkwall) 2 2100
  - E. Lamb (Devon) 2 2100

### JUNIOR 3rd MIDLAND

- **Boys**
  - M. I. Griffiths (Warwick) 5 40
  - J. Burtann (Nottingham) 12 108
  - D. Shufeldt (Warwick) 12 108
  - R. Bliston (Clwyd) 30 880
  - R. Bliston (Nottingham) 12 980

- **Girls**
  - P. Shearman (Warwick) 6 610
  - R. Ludlow (Essex) 6 610
  - E. Harris (Kent) 12 970
  - M. Wilson (Kent) 6 610

### JUNIOR 3rd SOUTH

- **Boys**
  - G. S. Blunt (Kent) 6 610
  - D. Gannon (Worcestershire) 6 610

- **Girls**
  - J. Cupitt (Warwick) 6 610
  - C. Rowell (Cambridgeshire) 6 610

### JUNIOR 3rd WEST

- **Boys**
  - R. 'Bishton (Clwyd) 10 140
  - J. Burtann (Nottingham) 12 108

- **Girls**
  - S. James (Corkwall) 6 610
  - D. Gannon (Worcestershire) 6 610

### PRICE INCREASE

Deflation has not chased in the printing world nor has it in respect of postal charges. Both have enjoyed a current rates which, regrettably means that for next seasons the magazine will cost £1 per copy, and a full postal subscription (4 issues) £2.75.

### THANKS

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Oxfordshire
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Warwickshire
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Obituaries

JOHN CORSER

It is with profound regret that we report the sudden death, in late April, of John Corsor, who was the Table Tennis Correspondent for “The Observer”. Working for that newspaper, and the “Daily Telegraph” in Prague, John covered the 10th European Championships and was last seen by the Editor of this magazine handing out chocolates to the telephone switchboard girls in the Press Room in the Czechoslovakian capital, for services rendered. His untimely passing is regretted.

KATHLEEN WATERS

Also to be regretted is the death, in hospital, of Kathleen “Kathy” Waters, the National Councillor for Wiltshire, who was to have been the Referee of the Worthing Junior International Championships. Kathy was a member of the English Umpiring team in Prague, together with colleagues Tony Chatwin, Les Smith and Jack Melnick, in Prague, under much happier circumstances, a picture taken by Denis George of Scotland. Her passing is deeply lamented.

EXHIBITIONS OF WORLD CLASS TABLE TENNIS STAGED BY THE ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

DETAILS FROM SQUAD MANAGER
KEN MATTHEWS, c/o E.T.T.A. OFFICE
COSTLY LAPSE

Although Yorkshire are still in the Premier Division next season, their 4-5 reverse to Lancashire on April 21 will cast a shadow (in terms of hard cash) since this defeat relegated them from the top flight for the first time. Cleveland, who are in being runners-up in 2 North, gave their first team theaddItem of a move to Ballycull in Hertfordshire, and this they accomplished successfully.

With Yorkshire definitely doomed, Essex, who had been worried about their own fate, went into the final match, against Cleveland, only trying to stop them from winning the Premier title at the first attempt. Cleveland, without Denis Neil, who had gone to Yorkshire, and Cleveland contested the second of 2 North, without Denis Neil, were in no mood for runners-up, after both they and Surrey dropped points to Berkshire and Cambridge respectively.

Cambs were due for relegation anyway when Essex and Cleveland contested the second relegation space; Essex won the match and were relegated, although they get to the Junior Promotion Challenge in some manner or form and continue in the Premier again next season.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONFERENCE

By virtue of Durham's withdrawal from the Promotion Challenge (Junior) invitations were extended to the other teams in 2 North until Cleveland (second from bottom and relegated) accepted. Under a proposal by Buckinghamshire, to be considered at the Annual Championship Conference at the Caistor Hall, London, on June 13th (2.30 p.m.), Challenge Playoffs be open to teams finishing in the top three of any second division.

SENIOR PROMOTION CHALLENGE

Yorkshire keep their place in the Premier Division as a result of the Promotion Challenge matches at Shirley over the weekend of April 24/25, thanks to their second team qualifying as representatives from Division 2 North. Leicestershire were promoted to the first time ever in the Premier by finishing second in the Challenge.

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Leicestershire bt Cambridgeshire 7-2

Leicestershire's all-round strength above that of Cambridgeshire, except, of course, for Paul Day.

2nd Session

Berkshire bt Leicestershire 6-3

First match in Berkshire's bid to stay in the top flight played at the 2, Alan Fletcher. Berks led 2-1 and were level 3-all after Karen Witt had beaten Melody Lid; 15, 12, 17. Yorks then "rumbled-off" the last three.

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