Top Seed at Birmingham

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT
by THE EDITOR

NEW WORLD RANKINGS

Owing to insufficient evidence, Istvan Jonyer, of Hungary, the reigning world champion, has not been included in the revised Individual Classification List issued by the International Table Tennis Federation on September 21, 1976.

His former No. 1 spot has gone to the People's Republic of China's Liang Koi-liang, winner over the period April 26-May 7, of the men's singles title in the 3rd Asian Championships in Pyongyang, Korea DPR, and victor, last season, of the Stiga Welsh Open title in Cardiff.

Appropriately, Jacques Secretin, of France, winner of the European title in Prague, is brought in at No. 2, a leap of twelve positions from his previous placing.

Anatoli Strukatov, of the Soviet Union, the defeated finalist in Prague, is advanced thirteen positions, from No. 24 to No. 11, while China's Kua Yao-hua, the losing finalist in Pyongyang, comes in at No. 8, from nowhere, ahead of his compatriot Li Cheng-shih.

Both England's Desley Neal and Nicky Jarvis have been uplifted, the former from No. 25 to joint 10th, and Nicky from No. 34 to No. 22. Trevor Taylor, the former English international, now well established in Holland, is omitted, having previously been listed at No. 20.

On the distaff side, Pak Yang Sun (Korea DPR) retains her No. 1 position, afforded her after her women's singles victory in the last world championships in Calcutta, despite her defeat by China's Chang Te-ying in the semi-finals of the Asian Championships won by Chang Li (China), who still appears at No. 2. The previously unknown Chang Te-ying now finds herself at No. 5.

England's Jill Hamersley, due to her success in Prague, is moved up eleven positions, from No. 17 to No. 6, and included for the first time is Linda Howard, at No. 24, jointly with Yang Kui-li, of China.

Other players not included owing to insufficient evidence are:—Men: Hae Shao-fei (China), Hu Hu-lin (China), Gabor Gergely (Hungary) and Yoshitake Furukawa (Japan); Women: Judith Majes (Hungary) and Hana Riedlova (Czechoslovakia).

The new rankings (previous placings in brackets) are:—

Men
1. Liang Koi-liang (Ch) (8)
2. Jacques Secretin (F) (14)
3. Dragutin Surbek (Yu) (3)
4. Kjell Johansson (Sw) (6)
5. Stellan Bengtsson (Sw) (10)
6. Milan Orlowski (Cu) (13)
7. Anton Stipancic (Yu) (2)
8. Kua Yao-hua (Ch) (16)
9. Li Che,ng-shih (Ch) (11)
10. Nenio Takashima (Ja) (6)
11. Anatoli Strukatov (Bu) (24)
12. Mitsuru Kohno (Ja) (4)
13. Li Peng (Ch) (10)
14. Sarkis Sarkhshian (Bu) (13)
15. Jaroslav Kune (Cu) (31)
16. Jochen Lell (G) (17)
17. Katsuyuki Abe (Ja) (18)

European champion, Jacques Secretin, of France.

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S. !Bengtsson bt T. Klampar 11, 17.
A.-C. Hellman lost to B. Kishazi 10, -17, -17.
Kosanovic lost to Neale, -13, -14.
Orlowski bt S. Sarkhojan 18, 15.
Sarkhojan beat Jaroslav Kunz. Scores:—
Lead bt W. L. Howard 19, 14, 10.
though the men's singles title in the Asian Champion-
the National Exhibition Centre, in
Kunz lost to A. Ibrahov -10, -11.
Orlovski/M. Schenk lost to Sarkhojan/ Solar
P. Neale bt D. Douglas -15, -17.
B. Thorsell bt W. L. Howard 1, 1, 12.
B. Kishazi bt L. Howard -1, -1, -12.
Gergely bt Lavrentiev -16, 15, 14.
F. Palatinus bt E. Palatinus -13, -6.
D. Douglas lost to J. Leiss -19, -16.
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Liang Ke-Siang, of China, winner of the men's singles title in the Asian Champion-

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**EUROPEAN LEAGUE**

Two successive 6-1 thrashings, by France and Yugoslavia, in the freshly-titled Super
Division of the European League has left England in a somewhat precarious position with a great deal of leeway to make up if they wish to maintain their newly-acquired status among the elite.

In their first match, away to France, in

The French team, having just returned from a trip to China, were internationally

match, involving the Cleveland representatives.

In the absence of Jill Hamersley, recovering from an appendix operation, Linda Howard played well and fought hard but to no avail against Brigitte Thiriet.

Douglas played exceptionally well against Jacques Secretin, the European champion, in the final set—the score read 7-11 in the
decler—after Jarad had recorded our
only win of the evening in the penultimate set against Christian Martin. Scores:—

C. Martin bt D. Douglas 18, 18.
J. Secretin bt N. Jarvis 5, 16.
B. Thirst bt C. Howard -22, 18, 17.
C. Bergetz bt Douglas/Howard 18, 14.

Martin lost to Jarvis -15, -17.
Secretin bt Douglas -17, 16, 17.

On the same night, in Erlagen, Federal Germany brought off a shock 3-2 win over Yugoslavia, albeit the champions were without
Anton Stipanovic, whose services had been commandeered by the military.

Millwoi Kazakaswee was the stand-in but he, like Dragutin Surbek, fell to both Jochen Leis and Whilfried Lieck. Indeed, it was only in the sets involving Erzebet Palatinus that the visitors scored their wins. Scores:—

J. Leiss bt M. Kazakaswee 14, 10.
W. Lieck bt D. Surbek 14, -19, 22.
W. Hendsrksen lost to R. Palatinus -13, -6, 6.
P. Engel/Liecs bt Kazakaswee/Surbek 16, 19.
Ruezl/U. Hirschmuller lost to Surbek/Palat­
inus 21, -14, -14.
Leics bt Surbek 18, 16.
Lieck bt Kazakaswee -12, 13, 11.

Having languished throughout last season at the foot of the table with but one win—
over demoted Poland—Hungary rejoiced in the return of their top players to account
for Sweden in Karlshamn.

At one stage the Hungarians led 2-1 only for the Swedes to level at 3-all before Gabor
Gergely finished as he had begun with a
win, adding the scalp of Stefan Bergtsson to that of Jill Thorsell. Scores:—

S. Bergtssson bt T. Klampar 11, 17.
A. Ibrahov lost to S. Kishalat 10, -17, -17.
T. Anderson/Bergtsson lost to L. Jonyer/ Klampar -18, -18.
Thorsell bt Klampar 17, -15, -16.

In the fourth match of the night, at

Hamburg, from China were beaten 4-3 by the Soviet Union, who left it to the final set before securing the victory when Marko

Berkhofan beat Jaroslav Kunz. Scores:—

M. Orovski lost to D. Surbek -16, -11.
J. T. Ulitkova bt F. Antonius -12, -15.
Orlovski/M. Schenk lost to Sarkhojan/

Secretin bt Douglas -9, -22.
Orlovski/Tulivka lost to Barkhohan/ Antonius -9, -17.
Orlovski bt Strokovsk 12, -18, 12.
Kunz lost to Barkhohan -19, -19, -14.
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October 14 when England travelled to Lieb­
lina to take on Yugoslavia. Denis Neale
was brought in for singles play to the exclusion of Douglas, whose activities were confined to two double sets.

Linda Howard again deputised for Jill Hamersley but proved no match for Miss
Palatinus, who again shone in the mixed with Stipanovic, who was granted leave for

It was left for Neale to save the "white­

THEME WASTE" when, in the final set, he had a 2-

It was in the opening 'Set against iMartin.

Douglas/Howard 16, 18.

Douglas/Neale -19, 14, 19.

Palatinus/bt Douglas/Howard 16, 18.

Douglas/Neale 18, 18..
U. Thorsell bt J. Kunz 8, -13, 16. Injured Kjell Johansson, got back to win,­
Secretin, bt Leiss 23, 16, 16.
P. Birocheau/Secretin bt P. Engel/Leiss 16, 16, 16. Slovakia 5-2 with Thorsell accounting for
Gomozkov /Strokatov bt I. Jonyer-Klampar
Bengtsson lost to Kunz -16, -15.
Secretin/'Berg,eret bt Engel/Hirsehmuller
Bengtsson/, Hellman lost to Orlowski/­Milan, the former
Fed. Germany
Gomozkov bt Gergely -17, -20. Sarkhojan/E. Antonian lost
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Felici M. Sanahuja lost to Yule/Fleming 13, -7, -19
Felici lost to Mcnee -17, -19, -19.
Luxembourg 7, Switzerland 0
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J.C. Hutton travelling to Hamburg, beating the Oberalertar Club 5-1, faced up

PRESIDENT LAKATOS
Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos, a doctor of science and philosophy, has been appointed Pre­

Of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association
Born in Budapest in 1918, Dr. Lakatos began his playing career from 1936 to 1952. He
was the non-playing captain of the Hungarian Swcerting Cup team in 1953, 1954 and
1955. He then became General Secretary of the Hun­

management Committee since 1957.

Appointed to the Council of the World Assembly of Internationa

Barcelona, Dr. Roy Evans, President of the International Table Tennis Federation
was appointed to the Council of the World Assembly of International Federations.

Roy Evans is the only one of a strong seven-man council not appointed to an
Olympic Sport. He has also been appointed Chairman of the Group of Non-Olympic
Sports of whom there are now over 30 in the Assembly.

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J.C. Hutton travelling to Hamburg, beating the Oberalertar Club 5-1, faced up
to the challenge of another Federal German side 1 FC Saarbrucken, at Hyde, on October
27. After establishing a lead of 4–1 the visitors pulled back the next two sets only to lose out when Phil Bowen completed a
magificent treble with a final victory over Dittmar Kelkel 22-20 in the third, with expe­
diency coming in when the Lancashire No. 2 led 16-14. Scores:
D. Schofield lost to H. Cross -17, -17, -15.
H. Miller bt D. Kiekel 12, 16, 16.
BoweI bt Gross -18, 16, 30.
Hilton bt Gross -18, 16, 30.
BoweI bt Kelkel -20, 17, 20.

EUROPE CLUB CUP
By a 6-3 margin Ormesby beat the Danish champions, Zvenigorod, in Round 2 of the Europe Cup Club of Champions at
Ormesby on Sunday, October 17.

The home victory can be attributed to a good all-round team performance with all
Ormesby's girls, Carole Knight, Angela Tierney and June Williams each winning two. But the "star of the match" award must
goto Suzanne Poulsen, Denmark's No. 1, who won 3 narrow victories for her

The best set was the battle of the big loopers, between Suzanne Poulsen and
Carole Knight. The Danish girl was a worthy winner 21–17 in the decider.

Individual scores:
A. Tierney bt B. Jenon 5, 9.
C. Knight bt B. Crone 11, 14.
J. Williams lost to P. Poulsen 17, -20, -19.
Knight bt Jensen 4, 4.
Thurley lost to Poulsen -17, -20, -19.
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In a turbulent women's singles final, Carole Knight again got the better of Susan Lisle, the only real shock of the day being that at the starting time when not a table was to be seen. But when they did arrive, some 15 minutes overdue, they were put up in record time by so many willing hands, it was untrue. Resuults—

**Women's Singles—Quarter-finals**
- C. Knight (Cv) bt S. Dickerson (V) 21, 11, 13.
- J. Inch (Du) bt J. Clewett (La) 14, 16, 14.
- S. Lisle (Ch) bt M. Wallace (Sc) 21, 10, 10.
- K. Paxton (Du) bt K. McLean (Sc) 21, 6.

**Women's Singles—Semi-finals**
- J. Inch (Du) bt J. Clewett (La) 14, 16, 14.
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One would wish to record due thanks on behalf of the National Coaching and Schools' Committee to the firm of John Jaques & Son Limited, for their generous contribution towards the production costs of the publication.

It must be stressed, however, that the main function of the Manual is as a reference to the training of coaches. It is not intended to be used as a training programme for use with pupils on table tennis courses.

As from October 1, all student coaches' assessments and qualifications will be in agreement with the coaching Manual. This standardisation is carried further with a revised paper on coaching awards procedure for use with pupils on table tennis courses.

As from October 1, all student coaches' assessment procedures for all grades of coaching which again will be in line with the Manual.

CO-OPERATION

Coaches who administer coaching on the various Panels should have the co-operation of the Counties within their panel. It is difficult to plan a complete training course and, only to find that a County has arranged a squad-training session for the next available date. This is most likely if the coach qualified a number of years ago. It could be a good idea to book on to the next available course for the methods and content are continually being updated, and the present format is the result of many hours of discussion and research by the National Coaches in consultation with senior coaches throughout the country.

Congratulations are due to Bob Wiley, of Cleveland, on his upgrading to 3-Star coach. Bob is well known in the coaching field, not only for his instruction but also for his expertise in physical training, for which there is a great need in most parts of the country.

When the National Coaching and Schools' Committee meet, the agenda is such that the meetings may go on into the small hours. At the last meeting Ron Crayden, chairman of the National Selection Committee, was in attendance, and the members took the opportunity to question him on many aspects concerning the workings of his committee.

Ron explained the current policy of the selection committee, and took note of the feelings expressed to put forward to his own committee at a future meeting.

NEW METHOD FOR YORKSHIRE

"CADET" ASSESSMENT

by Eric Hill
(Yorkshire Coaching Secretary)

This year it was decided that for the Under-14 trials instead of just having a trial we would have assessments and then a selected Under-14 trial.

Nominations were requested through coaching secretaries and coaches from all parts of Yorkshire. The result was that we received applications from 49 boys and 23 girls. On the actual day 38 boys and 15 girls turned up to be assessed.

The next step was for teams of three coaches to assess each player on rating, uniformity and consistency of stroke, accuracy, co-ordination, dexterity and anticipation. The individual marks of the coaches were then transferred to a "master copy" so that an average assessment for each player was obtained.

Copies of the "master copy" were returned to coaches so that they could see in the opinion of other coaches the strengths and weaknesses of their pupils. Selections were made from these forms along with advice from senior coaches, for our Under-14 trials. We believe that these assessments will be of great help in the future and that we are setting table tennis on a sounder basis. We now have a file on 53 players, which means we do not have to rely on memory alone, or on the odd over-zealous coach being too ambitious for his particular pupil.

It did entail a lot of hard work and I should like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Simpson, whose idea it was, for showing me the way, and all the coaches for their most generous help on our first assessment day, held at Moor Grange School, Leeds, on September 5th, 1976.

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It did entail a lot of hard work and I should like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Simpson, whose idea it was, for showing me the way, and all the coaches for their most generous help on our first assessment day, held at Moor Grange School, Leeds, on September 5th, 1976.

Coaches who administer coaching on the various Panels should have the co-operation of the Counties within their panel. It is difficult to plan a complete training course and, only to find that a County has arranged a squad-training session for the next available date. This is most likely if the coach qualified a number of years ago. It could be a good idea to book on to the next available course for the methods and content are continually being updated, and the present format is the result of many hours of discussion and research by the National Coaches in consultation with senior coaches throughout the country.

When the National Coaching and Schools' Committee meet, the agenda is such that the meetings may go on into the small hours. At the last meeting Ron Crayden, chairman of the National Selection Committee, was in attendance, and the members took the opportunity to question him on many aspects concerning the workings of his committee.

Ron explained the current policy of the selection committee, and took note of the feelings expressed to put forward to his own committee at a future meeting.
Danny Seemiller, of Pittsburgh, Pa., won the C.N.E. Open for the fourth straight year, beating Zlatko Cordas in the finals 16, 10, 17, 16. Danny's closest match was in the semis, where he edged Errol Castano 22, 15, 14, 17, 18. Cordas had an easier semis, beating D.J. Lee 15, 16, 18.

In a book published in Korea, and starting to play again) 19, 10, 13. In the Women's match, Korea beat Angelita iRo8al 15, 13, 14 and Irena Cordas and Vi N'esukaitis in four games. The doubles beat Dan and Rick Seemiller in four tough games. Zlatko and E.rrol won the Caetano/Irena Cordas in five tough games.

Peter Joe over Pierre Normandin, and Angelita beat Violetta for the first time.

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By BILL HEATH

Newbury Junior 2 Star

Played over the weekend of October 2-3, the Newbury Junior 2-Star attracted a much larger entry than usual with 260 boys and 130 girls.

Seventy-odd entries on the day before the close meant we could not accept them all. A day's off-programme, which started on Friday afternoon, decided to cancel the mixed doubles. We were reluctant to drop what was largely a "fun" event, it seemed to be the best way of providing games for the largest number of players.

We would like to thank the band of over-worked umpires and the players for their co-operation, which enabled us to get through a very tight schedule, to plan on Saturday and only 20 minutes late on Sunday.

There was a lot of entertaining play and, as usual, in the junior game, a number of surprises. Joe Kennedy (Kent) confirmed the rule over Pierre Normandin, and the boys' singles from another left-hander, Kimm came back from 12-18 down in the first to level at 20-20 but only lost 21-19.

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The U.S. won the Junior Men's match 5-1, Normandin beating Collins for Canada's only win. Except for this, Perry Schwartzberg, Greg Collins and P. H. Luy had little trouble with Pierre Normandin, Juggz Padda and David Williams. Canada won the Junior Women's match after trailing 0-2. Kaia Dewey beat Gloria Neukaitis, then Pia Yen Lin beat Christine Forrest. Christine and Nadi Allcroft then beat Anita Bunting and Denise Horn in the doubles.

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Elaine Lamb (Devon) beat No. 1 seed Mandy Smith 16-1 in the third.

As expected, David Reeves (Berks) and Kevin Edwards (Wilt's) won the boys doubles from Colin Wilson and Bryn Tyler, but Helen Williams and Mandy Reeves (Wilt's) did the doubles double by repeating their Cadet doubles success in the U-12 event beating Wendy Parker and Mandy Smith.

Keith Nicholl gave Colin Wilson (Hants) excellent support to enable him to beat John Routier and Richard Hermann in the Cadet boys' doubles. Kevin Batchell had a tough-duty 20-23 in the third set over No. 2 seed, Mark Oakley, but succumbed to Routier in the semi-final of the Cadet singles.

Wilson beat Souter in the final though it went to three with the extra weight of plaster on John's arm probably getting him down at last.

Mandy Reeves beat her doubles partner, Helen Williams, in the Cadet girls' singles final. Unseeded Cheryl Creasey made her mark by reaching the semi-final with some very sound play. She later reached the U-12 semi from an unseeded position and looked a good prospect. Sarah Cresswell (Middlesex) did the doubles double by beating Adrian Moore 17 in the third to a good boys' U-11 Final--86 entries which augurs well for the future.
Belinda Chambers, our leading junior girl, deservedly heads this column this month having obtained a No. 19 national junior ranking. The St. Neots girls had previously been in the "A" Group for the past two seasons. The new rating is well justified and before the end of the season a higher ranking still may well be merited.

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Lamprell similar performances will be the order of the day. Belinda Chamberlain and Melanie Ringrose are given by the St. Neots men who have obtained WELL JUSTIFIED

The County's three member leagues, Hunts, Central, St. Neots and Peterborough, have entered the largest-ever number of representative teams in the inter-league competition of the S.E. Midland League. An early warning has been given by the St. Neots men who have obtained 1st Division wins over Bedford and Watton, 6-4 on each occasion, after gaining promotion.

Hunts Central's second men's team went under to an experienced Cambridge side 1-9. The "white-wash" was prevented by Mark Fisher beating Ken Green. Central's vets had their usual close match with Wellingborough, a 5-3 draw being the outcome. The same league's reserve team go.

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**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES by Christopher Hillian**

**DETERMINATION**

On the playing side, Bucks finished last season on a very low ebb with our senior team finishing rock bottom in Div. 3 South. But far from giving the county’s management council the depths of despair, and along with the realisation that our playing standards can hardly yet worsen, a sense of determination is rapidly developing within, the country to put firmly back on the map.

The county’s A.G.M. approved the running of second senior and junior teams both in Div. 3, but it is now being developed on senior, junior and cadet levels. The senior and junior selection committees are now meeting and working together under the very able chairmanship of Phil Wilshere to ensure that the basic policies are carried out harmoniously at all levels.

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Le Wooding has returned to the fold this season and he described from start to finish, being unbeaten throughout. He knocked out Alec Watson. The excellent form shown by John Lees indicated that, he will make a move from useful to the premier league. But no doubt even more useful playing captain for the second team. The fact that Robert Harman, who showed great promise in the first team games last season, will be starting off in the second team this time demonstrates the greater all round strength of our men, whilst at the same time I cannot resist mentioning the likely revival of the Wat-Wood double combination, the thought of which can only send shivers down the spines of prospective opponents.

The Men’s Ranking List has recently been decided upon but as it is at present in Mick Willner’s little hands I will reveal it next month, by which time we will hopefully decided upon our Women’s list. Well organised, aren’t we.

A further Women’s Trial will be held by them, in which the main successes of the original trial, Stephanie Lines, Sue James, Ivy Dean, Joyce Coop, Janet New and Sarah Tomlinson, will be given a chance of proving their worth for the benefit of the county, which will continue to make rapid strides forward, was a clear indication of the county’s interest in the junior trials.


during the Boys’ trial, but both the Management Council and John Selection Committee backed up its organisation and common sense eventually prevailed when the Junior Ranking Lists were finalised. They were:-

Boys:- 1. C. Wilson (Bo), 2. R. Bergemann (Bo), 3. T. Boyle (Ba), 4. S. White (S), 5. K. Batt (G), 6. G. Summerbell (S).


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**WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES by Grove Motlow**

**BACK IN STYLE**

Bristol, returning after just one season’s lay-off, were a cut above the rest and did exceptionally well to win 6-3. Gordon Milward is in fine form for the visitors piling Bristol’s way to an ultimate victory in beating Frank Bailey, Ken Oung and Richard Neale.

Tony Brown had two wins over, Benwell and Horfield, which was the second best to the experienced Bailey at 10 in the third. Bristol’s form was excellent as well as their line-up. We are all aware that Tony’s only win came from Bailey who beat Stephen Bailey and Horfield. Again, it is clear he is at his best when he is in a comfortable situation. He was also in a comfortable situation, and his second place in the senior trials, while the third place was gained through unbeaten throughout. He knocked out Alec Watson.

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The county’s main problems this season look certain to be centred around the places to be occupied by the females. The senior trials delayed by the late finishing of the juniors, the results were completely inconclusive as most top players had only played a few of their trials by the end of the season. Past records based upon county and city league, therefore, had to be taken into account by the selectors before the following Ayres and Haines were amongst the absentees who, the selectors feel, must be given a chance of proving their worth for the benefit of the county.

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ning Marie Lindblad.

The Cadet Boys' Singles was won by the Swedes and win the doubles with Harrison,
whilst in the final against the English pair Shuttle and Paxton, Shuttle won both of
their games saving Harrison and Beadls to beat Paxton and win the
doubles to clinch the title.

The Cadet Team event was won by the Swedes and beat Karen Witt and Angela
Mitchell 3-1 in the final.

The Cadet Boys' Singles saw the top
two, Colin Wilson and Sandley, battle out
at the final, this time Wilson getting home.
whilst the Girls' Cadet Singles was won by
Alison Gordon, who defeated Mandy Reeves.
The Under-14 Boys' Doubles was won by
A. Devitt, of Staffordshire, who beat North-
umberland's A. Kelly comfortably in the
final. Results—

**Cleveland Junior Select**

by Alan Ransom

Sweden dominated the Cleveland Junior
"Select", played at Thornaby Pavilion from September 18-19, with Ulf Bengtsson winning the
Boy's Singles, beating his Swedish team-
mate, Bjorn Anderson, in an entertaining
test, while on the distaff side the Swedes
again had both finalists with Anneli Hern-
val. All four seeds reached the semi-final of
the Boys' Singles with Keith Paxton going to
Andersson in the final, while on the distaff side
the Swedes dominated the competition
by winning the Mixed, Bengtsson and Herr-
val beating Shuttle and Witt in the final.

The two events which remained for the
English teams to win were the Boys' and
Girls' Doubles. The former was taken
by Suzanne Hunt, who reached the
finals, while the latter was won by
A. Devitt, of Staffordshire, who beat North-
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**National Leagues Championships**

by KEITH PONTING

By the time these notes are read another
season of League Competition will be under
way. We are still carrying on without
sponsorship and the entry and has kept quite stable,
the relevant figures being:-

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I am always pleased to receive entries
from old friends and most of the familiar
faces will be in action again, including all
the winners from last season's Cup. How-
ever, we do hope to improve on the East
London League. This league has always been a real force in the competition for many
years and has appeared in many finals, and I hope circumstances will enable us to take part
again as soon as possible.

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**HINOKI — THE NEW POWER GAME FROM BUTTERFLY**

Respectable Ulf Bengtsson and Bjorn
Anderson, of Sweden, in play at Thornaby.
Photo by Geoff Newman.
Spain 'A' won Group B but lost to France 'A'. John McNee achieved his greatest success in the European style. Group A Scotland in the final lost the group decider to France 'A' 1-6.

Rescue with a first-ever win over Pilar Yule John McNee and Patrice Fleming, under the captaincy of John Braithwaite, beating Michel Hoffstetter (France) in the Granada. Our team consisted of Richard Tupper, Tom Devers—who had been in fine form and showing a sureness of stroke coupled with determined aggression, he went through the field to win the Men's Singles title, beating Michel Hoffstetter (France) in the final; Richard Tupper had to Hoffstetter in the semi-finals. Richard and John also reached the Men's Doubles semi-finals.

Spanish Open Team Event
- The Spanish Open Tournament was held in Granada, Spain in two groups with all the matches being played European League style. In Group A Scotland lost the group decider to France 'A' 1-6. Spain 'A' won Group B but lost to France 'A' in the final.

In the Individual events which followed, John McNee achieved his greatest success to date by winning the Men's Singles title, defeating Michel Hoffstetter (France) in the final; Richard Tupper had to Hoffstetter in the semi-finals. Richard and John also reached the Men's Doubles semi-finals.

European League, Division II
- Spain v Scotland

Scotland commenced its renewed challenge for Division II honours against Spain on October 13 in Granada, that fabulous city of Moorish splendour below the high Sierra Nevada. The match started badly with Yule losing to Jose Felix and McNee to David Sanchez, but Patrice Fleming came to the rescue with a first-ever win over Pilar Lapon to start the revival. From then on it was all Scotland, the final scoreline being Spain 2, Scotland 5.

The Spanish Open Team Event
- A round dozen of our best Junior and Cadet players made the annual pilgrimage to Thornaby for this major event in the Junior calendar. David McIlroy, Colin Harkins, Kenny McLean and Fraser Stewart were amongst the more successful. The tournament was wide open. However, in spite of a large contingent from Tyne & Wear, and other places South of the Border, all the titles remained in Scotland. McIlroy was in fine form and showing a success of stroke control with determined aggression, he went through the field to win the Boys' Singles without dropping a game, his last three victories being David Fraser, Phil Bowan and Tony Goldie. John also won the Men's Doubles with David Fraser.

Youth Singles
- Thirteen-year-old Carole Dalrymple, of Falkirk, had a marvellous day winning the Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles and the Mixed Doubles. She also reached the Final of the Women's Singles, losing 18-13, and 19-19 to Grace McKay.

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This month JOHN PIKE talks to the women's European champion from Surrey, Jill Hammersley. A short spell in hospital in September put her pre-season training back a little, but she wishes her a speedy recovery back to full fitness, as there is little doubt Jill will be our main hope for honours when she leads the England challenge at Birmingham next March.

Birthplace: Carshalton, Surrey.

Which school did you attend?-Langley Secondary Modern.

Hobbies: Most sports, dressmaking, but mostly looking after my three goats and baby calf.

Favourite T.V. Programme: Survival.

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What is your pet dislike in life?: Violence.

Favourite Singer: Elton John.

Favourite Colour: Blue.

Favourite T.V. Programme: Survival.

What is your pet like?: Peaceful.

Birthdate: December 6th, 1951.

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Your thoughts on the World Champions: I am looking forward to the Birmingham World Championships in '77. I think it will bring Table Tennis more into the limelight because of the television coverage. With the added interest and publicity, more clubs and institutes will adopt this sport on a professional basis and provide more youngsters to play. Also I think the standard of play can only improve by watching and studying world class players'.

Next month "Profile" takes a look at Denis Neil.

Letters to the Editor

TO THE PRIME MINISTER . . .

I am writing to you because I feel that you should be informed direct about a situation which has occurred in the Table Tennis world in this country.

Next March, in Birmingham, the English Table Tennis Association are staging the World Championships. This is obviously the greatest tournament any country can hold. Almost certainly the best tables in the world are made by a British company, John Jaques & Son Ltd., of Thornton Heath, who introduced the game at the turn of the century and whose tables have been used at most major events throughout the world ever since.

But now, the E.T.T.A. have decided to offer to use a foreign table tennis despite the fact that Jaques had agreed to meet the required sponsorship costs in full for the use of their tables.

I feel so strongly about this that I think the whole situation should be investigated, especially as the tournament is very heavily sponsored by the Sports Council and, of course, involves a large expenditure of Taxpayers' money.

I await your favourable reply and trust that you will make some constructive action taken either by yourself or the Sports Council.

KEITH BUCKLE,
Press Officer of the Players' Association of Table Tennis; Press Officer of North Middlesex Table Tennis League.

11 Fairfield Road,
London N8.

E.T.T.A. REPLY

You will have received a letter dated 9th October, 1976, from Mr Keith Buckle, who is the Press Officer of the Players' Association of Table Tennis and of the North Middlesex Table Tennis League. It is not clear from that letter whether he was writing in his private capacity or in his capacity as Press Officer of both these bodies. I make this observation because the letter was not written on headed notepaper.

Mr. Buckle voices his protest that the English Table Tennis Association should have chosen a foreign table for the World Championships, to be held next March, in Birmingham. He says that this is so "despite the fact that" John Jaques & Son Ltd., the well-known British company, "had agreed to meet the required sponsorship costs in full for the use of their tables".

Mr. Buckle's letter is correct insofar as it goes, but the officers of the English Table Tennis Association have directed me to write to you to correct any wrong impression which you may have gained from Mr. Buckle's letter. It is considered that his letter could give the impression that the E.T.T.A. were bound by some form of agreement to John Jaques & Son Ltd., for there to be the sponsors of the World Championships. This was not so as all they had agreed, in the sense of "offered", to sponsor the World Championships was that the offer had not been accepted by the E.T.T.A. The E.T.T.A. considered John Jaques & Son Ltd., offer most carefully and they also considered that the offer made by Stiga AB was more advantageous to the E.T.T.A. and all its members than that made by John Jaques & Son Ltd., although their offer was a good one. I do not propose to go into the details and reasoning why this decision was reached but I am instructed to say that the E.T.T.A. are only too willing to defend this decision openly and in detail if so required.

Michael Lawless,
Director; World Table Tennis Championships and Exhibition.

11 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex.
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OUT OF REACH

Having just received another copy of a certain retailer's table tennis catalogue, the fourth from the same company, I was prompted to look closely at the current prices of table tennis equipment. At first I thought there might have been some printing errors!

A year ago the Bishops High started to save up for a Stiga Robot, a table that would not have meant any sacrifice because we have two excellent coaches in Mr. Dick Rutnagur, table tennis correspondent to "The Daily Telegraph", and Mr. Keith Buckle, Press Officer of the Players' Association of Table Tennis.

I am also concerned about the steep rise in bat prices. What about the other factors that have contributed towards the position in the table tennis and badminton racket market? The table tennis and badminton racket market requires a great deal more machinery and craftsmanship in manufacture, the table tennis racket is very poor value for money. At the Bishops High High T.C., is a school club I am involved with the time with beginners who are introduced to the sport when they are 11-12 years old. Having their first bat presents no problems, as there are many reasonably priced ones on the market. Apart from the above prices, which are now too willing to defend their decision openly and in detail if so required.

Peter A. Webb,
Hon. Sec., Bishops High T.C.,
Bishops Stortford, Herts.

BomBay Bound . . .

Dicky Betnague, table tennis correspondent for the "Daily Telegraph", left England on November 3 for India, to cover the World Test Matches. He is not expected to touch down at Heathrow until November 26. Until that date John Woodford will be covering all major events and international matches for the "Telegraph".)
Four T's Club

“One Star’ Open

By DAVID COSWAY

Once again record entries for this popular tournament with, for the first time, restriction necessary and over thirty entries returned. Peter Thorpe, taking over as referee from the late Kay Waters, did well to get through well over 200 sets in the day. The sponsors again came up trumps, enabling prizes valued over £100 to be provided.

Snow's Office Supplies, Elkins Engineering, Anthony Porter & Co. and John Jaques are the firms to whom the club are indebted.

The men's singles, with a maximum entry of 128, provided early shocks with only half the eight seeds reaching the quarter-finals. No. 1 seed, Mark Mitchell, reached the semi with a win over R. Oldfield, while Roger Chandler accounted for Simon Heaps at this stage. Unseeded Max Crimmins beat Graham Pugh and Mats Wellbass, a Swedish player, now living in Reading, followed his win over Roy Morley with the defeat of D. Harvey in the other half. In the semi, Chandler beat Mitchell while Crimmins beat Wellbass in a set that probably provided the best rallies of the day. Although the score was convincingly in Crimmins' favour, the see-saw final again provided a nail-biting finish to the tournament. Crimmins trailed 7-13, levelled at 15-all then lost three set points before clinching the title.

Considering the overall entry the women's singles was disappointing, with only 29 entries. This time the seeds went more to form, with the top four reaching the semi. Janet New, No. 1 seed, was hard pushed to beat Peter T's Jane Whitcher at 17-15, 13-21, 15-7. Jane Whitcher had advanced to the final by defeating No. 2 seed, Julie Reading, who could not repeat her recent form over Joyce Coop. They met again in the final with New winning 17-13, 18-15.

Mixed Doubles-Final

COOP/READING bt S. Wilson (Do)/New 17, 11.

Girls' Singles-Final

NEW bt W. Parker (Wi) 17, 13.

Bournemouth's Trevor Smith and Steve Wilson, beating the No. 1 seeds, John Clarke and Graham Pugh in the semi, and No. 2 seeds, Mark Mitchell and Mike Douglas in the final.

The home club came close to causing an upset in the mixed when Steve Kitcher and Jane Whitcher beat top seeds John Robinson and Janet New to reach the final. Sussex County players Clarke and Carol Randall justified their No. 2 ranking with a two-straight win in the final.

The boys' singles went completely against both rankings and seedings. Neither of the top seeds, David Cammack or Kevin Edwards reached the semi-final stage. Cammack went out to Ian Janes in the quarters while Edwards went out even earlier to S. Moore, Ian Janes, from the far west, appears to be out of sight of the England ranking committee. He went on to beat Keith Batchel in the final. Janet New had a two-straight win over Wendy Parker in the girls' singles.

RESULTS

Men's Singles-Semi-finals
M. Douglas (Do) bt M. Mitchell (Mx) 9, 23, 17.

Final
C. Robinson bt C. Robinson 17, 14, 22.

Women's Singles-Semi-finals
J. Whitcher (H1a) bt M. Douglas (Do) 15, 9.

Final
C. Robinson bt J. New (Do) 17, -13, 18.

Mixed Doubles-Semi-finals
C. Wilson bt D. Harvey/S. Morgan (Do) 9, 17.

Final

Men's Singles-Final
J. Cooper (Sx) bt M. Mitchell (Mx) 19, 17, 17.

Final
J. Cooper bt J. Reading (Ha) 15, 16, 16.

Women's Singles-Final
J. Whitcher (H1a) bt S. Wilson/Coop 17, 11.

Final
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Boys' Singles-Final
JAMES (Co) bt R. Stacheck (Wi) 19, 15, 19.

Girls' Singles-Final
NEW bt W. Parker (Wi) 17, 13.

MERTON

RESTRICTED OPEN

by C. G. Fogatt

The Merton 1-Star, held on Sunday, October 19, came to its conclusion by 8.45 p.m., which impressed Tournament observer Mr. G. Evans. The big disappointment for the organizers was the scratchling of No. 1 seed, David Tan. This left the tournament wide open and produced some exciting matches. Congratulations to John Clarke, the Surrey No. 2, who lifted the Men's Singles title, and then, partnered by Carol Randall, won the Mixed. Carol also completed a double by winning the Women's event. Gloucester's D. Harvey and S. Moreman won the Men's Doubles by defeating Merton Club pairings of the Wilson brothers, Steve and Colin. The Women's Doubles went to Mrs. J. Coop and Mrs. P. Oung (Swindon).

RESULTS

Men's Singles-Semi-finals
M. Douglas (Do) bt M. Windsme (Guernsey) 15, 16, 20.

Final
C. Robinson bt J. New (Do) 19, 17, 17.

Women's Singles-Semi-finals
J. Whitcher (H1a) bt J. Whitehead (Ha) 15, 16, 17.

Final
J. Reading bt J. New (Do) 19, 17, 17.

Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals
C. Wilson/B. Wilson (Ha) bt Clarke/Clarke/Do 15, 16, 16.

Final

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ESSEX NOTES
by Geoff Newman

DEPRESSING RESULTS
Our first County Championships weekend brought some very depressing results. The Senior 1st team entertained Warwickshire before stranglehold that the visitors put on the match. The result was not a very auspicious start for new senior match secretary Ron McKenzie but all the other arrangements were first class and it augers well for the Senior squad this season.

WOMEN:

GIRLS:

SILVER JUBILEE YEAR
At the AGM of the Association the financial affairs were reported to be in a quite a healthy state, in fact the best situation since the Association was formed. This is rather gratifying especially in the Silver Jubilee year. The event will be celebrated at the end of the season.

County Match Results: The County senior teams have made an excellent start this season. 1st team beating Gwent 9-1 and the 2nd team defeating Avon II 7-1.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES by Tony Ross

NEW RANKINGS


INVITATIONAL CHANGES

Following the very loss of President Wally Sharpies, and Chairman Frank Thomas, who passed away during the course of last season, the County has had to replace and re-organize its offices. The new Chairman is Mr. H. Falin of Macclesfield, and the new Secretary is Mr. J. Martin of the Epsom Club.

HOTEL REPORT

At least 20 guests were stayed at the hotel. In the men's list, Alan Hyde returns at No. 1, while Mrs. S. Watson (Bradford) is at No. 2. In the women's list, Margaret Sargent is at No. 1, followed by Sylvia Mordin in No. 2.

CONCLUSION

The Yorkshire County closed for the season with a final match against the West Riding team. The final score was 6-4, with the Yorkshire team winning by a convincing margin.

Specifically, the Yorkshire team included Alan Hyde, Tony Clayton, Martin Fletcher, and Margaret Sargent. The County is now preparing for the next season, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1976, at Parkside Stadium, Redditch.
**WARWICKSHIRE NOTES** by Richard Habgood

**IT'S BEEN A GOOD START**

After the threat of relegation last season and faced with a really difficult cupping programme this season, our first team did themselves proud with the results they achieved in the East and Midlands. Last season, we beat East Beds 6-1 and actually lead Cleveland 3-1 is a fair indication of just how well Des Douglas, Derek Mint, Douglas Johnson and Karen Groves actually performed.

In my book, no praise is too high for their performances. The team have really pressed home a one time 4-2 advantage.

**NORFOLK NOTES** by J. S. Penny

**TWO OUTSTANDING**

Norsemen are competing in the Championship leagues in the same divisions as last season. Last season, as well as their record for next month’s copy.

**SHEFFIELD NOTTS**

After studying results in the recent trials in Ipswich and the promotion to the top flight, the selection committee have issued the following Senior team information.

MEN: 

WOMEN: 

Robert Helly has recently moved into the Suffolk area and the county committee, placing him No. 2 behind Kitchener, are delighted to add such a talented and experienced player to add to the three players with the best performance. He has lost only 14 points, the Silver to Tracey Powell, who lost 12, and the Bronze to Chris Neal, who lost 48.

**SUFFOLK SCENE** by R. C. Langridge

**SENIOR RANKINGS**

By Richard Habgood

The report was prepared by the West Midlands Standing Committee of Sport's Organisation and the various Sports Advisory Councils (SACs) in the county. The formation of a Junior team was agreed by the SACs in the county and the junior team will continue to work with the co-operation of the junior teams and the Junior Sport Centre. The SACs and Junior Sport Centre will continue to work with the co-operation of the junior teams and the Junior Sport Centre.

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Congratulations to the Ipswich and District League on being selected to stage the English League at Russia International on Nov. 3. Mrs Joyce Love and her committee have been busy these last few days to make the event a success.
NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

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John has been absent from the County time of Senior Championships Organiser; Junior Trials at Watford, which included, three years ago.

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L. A. CLAYTON (Secretary),
D. NEALE (Chairman),
Players’ Association of Table Tennis.

HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES

By “SUPER LOOP” CHANGE OF COLOURS

A number of changes have occurred during the close season and Hertfordshire looks different in most sections.

In County matches, out has gone the familiar Bectile Green and Grey, and in comes Royal Blue and Navy (should be interesting when Middlesex and Herts clash. Middlesex being the team playing in the more “tasted” Royal and Navy).

Martin Smithies is now looking after any money the County has after Jack Thompsonson had taken care of what we had last season, and one other new Secretary is the return of John Jerryn in the capacity this time of Senior Championships Organiser. John has been absent from the County scene after giving up the Umpire’s job some three years ago.

Late September saw the completion of Junior Trials at Watford, which included, for the first time, an effort to recognise officially the Under-14s, quite a large job undertaken by Cecily Booth, Ray Harper and Len Howick. Junior (Under-17) rankings are:

Boys
1. Richard Jerryn (North Herts)
2. Gavain Booth (North Herts)
3. Terry Pleasance (Bishops Stortford)
4. Paul Mason (North Herts)
5. Andrew Smith (North Herts)
6. Bryn Williams (North Herts)
7. Chris Ogle (Watford)
8. Peter Brownlow (Cheshunt)

Girls
1. Janice Glazebrook (North Herts)
2. Carol Webster (Cheshunt)
3. Gillian Webb (North Herts)
4. Janice Harding (North Herts)
5. Ann Westland (Watford)
6. Gillian Smith (North Herts)

Senior Trials were held at Barnet on October 16, and whilst reports doing the rounds afterwards said that Jonathan Prentice was favourite to retain his No. 1 spot, there are some doubts as to his availability, since he’ll be spending most of next season at a well-known university on the South coast.

OBITUARY

ALAN TOWE

Leicestershire lost one of its best-known personalities when Alan Towe collapsed and died whilst playing for his Belvoir Y.M.C.A. Club at Jones & Shipman, on October 14.

Alan had stepped in for a team-mate at the last moment and had just finished a game when he collapsed and died.

Alan was not one of the best players in the Leicester League but he was one of the keenest and most popular. He loved playing table tennis and was a player who really was not much worried whether he won or not. He had been secretary of the Belvoir Y.M.C.A. Club for ten years and successful years they were, with the club running six teams for the whole of this period. He also did a lot of coaching at the club and many youngsters have reason to be grateful for Alan’s patience and advice during their early days.

A pen-holder grip player, Alan would never miss the chance to play and loved to talk about the game.

Hardly known outside Leicester (he was a Freeman of the City), Alan was a man of sincerity, a man with a warm personality, a man who would help anyone.

Many people in Leicester have lost a real friend with his passing.

PHILIP REID.

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Well represented by former international star Alan Hydes, was probably most notable whether he had shot his bolt and the challenge of the rising Paul Day with which he has been missing for some two seasons, was the obvious determination Jarvis in the other semi-final, figured in one of the other great moments of the days when he was the undisputed champion, only to go down at 21-23 and, when he trailed in the second one wondered whether he had shot his boil and the younger Douglas was going to cash in with the next two.

Back came Neale, however, with all the old grit, only to go down at 21-23 and when he again fell behind in the final game, he had it all to do again. Yet back he came again to square matters off and leap high with delight as he finally edged home at 19.

Having held off the challenge of arch rival Douglas, there was no stopping the Teesider now and, although he dropped the middle game at 19, he smashed aside the challenge of the ranking Paul Day with single figure scores in the other two.

Jarvis, who crashed an out of touch Nicky Jarvis in the other semi-final, figured in one of the earliest and most interesting of this year's tournament when he put an end to the chances of Duggle Johnson in the last eight.

Here we had yet another set of cut and the results, however, before Day's superbly controlled top spin finally brought him a 2-0 win in the third in a set which neither player desired to lose.

Elsewhere, with the exception of Jan Howard who, with the ever dangerous John Hilton, the seeds came through as predicted, and it remains only to note good with by Joe Kennedy over the higher ranked Keith Paxton—his second of the tournament—by Clayton over former England international Jean Horsham, who displayed a very good all round game, and the prospect of an upset when Donald Parker took the first set off Neale in a Rout 2 match. Moving over to the distant side, there were a few surprises a plenty after the event had been thrown open by the withdrawal of the usual Hilton, and here, too, we had a heroine who "did a Johnson".

June Walkin still in the junior ranks and not considered among the seniors, opened her programme with a win over Ormsby colleague, Angela Tierney, went on to dismiss Karen Rogers in three long games to carry a semi-final crack at Linda Howard, who had taken over the top seeded position from Mrs. Hamersley.

This task would have daunted most, but the flame-haired Teesider bore into her innumerable rival to take the first at 14 and, although Linda recovered her composure somewhat in the second, it was too late and the final lay between June and Carole Knight, top of the pack at Ormsby.

Once again, however, the final failed to live up to any expectations, the younger girl, who had looked so good in the earlier round of 32, being out of sorts and, with Carole picking up the points at her leisure.

There was congratulation for Miss Williams in the Women's Doubles where, partnering Linda Howard, she was on the winning side against Anita Stevenson/Susan Lisle, who had themselves shot out second-seeded Jarvis/Walker.

The Men's Doubles saw the singles winner Jarvis with semi-final victim Douglas to take the title in two single-figure games against Parker/Alan Hydes, who brought to an end the hopes of Hilton/Phil Brown, who had themselves shot out second-seeded Jarvis/Walker.

Other good results in this event were the victory of Ian Horsham/Rob Potter on the second pairing of Day/Brian Ekersley and the defeat of Derbyshire youngsters David Valley/Mike Vickers in three by Neale/Douglas.

Both Douglas and Linda Howard added a second title as they won the Mixed at the expense of Day/Angela Mitchell, who had made the last hurdle over the backs of the second seeds, Neale/Miss Knight.

With the juniors, Kennedy had the first of his wins over Paxton to clinch a final against the scratch pairing of Day/Nigel Eckersley and the defeat of Derbyshire youngsters Day/Paxton to clinch a final against the England No. 1 seed, Martin Shuttle, but, although he held his own at the start, the second and the final, the England No. 1 came through comfortably enough in the end.

Karen Witt won the Girls', again in three, with good expectations, the runner-up, while in the Veteran event Semi-finals, a favourite on Humberside, was the winner over County colleague Peter Darby.

RESULTS

Men's Singles—Quarter-finals

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Semi-finals

Neale bt Douglas 14, 21, 19.

Day bt Jarvis 12, 17.

Final

Neale bt Day 6, 19, 7.

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M. Lidly (Y) bt L. Hyskova (Y) 15, 19.

J. Hicks (Ch) bt Neale/Miss Knight 13, 19.

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Semi-finals

Lidly bt Howard 14, 21.

Final

Williams bt Howard 22, 18.

Women's Doubles—Quarter-finals


Hydes/D. Parker (La) bt P. Bowen (La)/L. Howard (Ch) 15, 21.

Douglas/Neale bt Hydes/Parker 9, 9.

Women's Doubles—Semi-finals

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Lidly (Ch)/A. Stevenson (Le) bt C. Knight/K. Rogers (Y) 17, 24, 29.

Final

HOWARD/WILLIAMS bt Lidly/Stevenson 17, 15.

Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals

Douglas/Howard bt J. Walker (Ch)/Witt 14, 16.

Final

Day/Mitchell bt Neale/Knight 12, 18, 16.

Final

DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Day/Mitchell 11, 23.

Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals

M. Shuttle (Ch) bt C. Rogers (Le) 14, 16.

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K. Paxton (Du) bt I. Reid (Cu) 8, 14.

Semi-finals

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Final

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Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals

P. D'ay (Ch) bt T. Donjon (Ch) 13, 8.

S. Schofield (Ch) bt D. Marples (Ch) 13, 13.

Final

Schofield bt D'ay 12, 16.

Semi-finals

Mitchell bt P. D'ay 14, 15.

Veteran Singles—Semi-finals

P. D'ay (Ch) bt T. Donjon (Ch) 13, 8.

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Final

Schofield bt D'ay 12, 16.

Timetable


Stiga Equipment for 1977 World Championships

Stiga AB, of Tranaks, Sweden, announced on August 6, that their table tennis equipment has been selected by the English Table Tennis Association for use at next year's World Table Tennis Championships being held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

This will be the second World Championship running for which Stiga AB have been the major equipment supplier. They provided the equipment for the last Championship which were held in Calcutta, India, in 1976.

For the Birmingham event, Stiga AB will be providing 40 of the "Expert VM" tables, four for use in the Centre Court Arena, 20 for the practice and training area. The company will also be supplying 40 "Clipper VM" net posts and sets and over 500 playing area surrounds.

Stiga AB now joins the Norwich Union Insurance, the main sponsors, in supporting this major project of the English Table Tennis Association in its Golden Jubilee year.

The 1976-77 season will also see major Stiga sponsorship at the Commonwealth Championship in Guernsey and the Stiga Open in Cardiff. Other international events, which will receive equipment support from Stiga include the Scandinavian Open, and the European Table Tennis Union's "Super League" Championships.
Press Conference

Statements

From: J. M. McDonnell Public Relations Manager, Norwich Union Insurance

Four years ago we came into table tennis and have since financially helped the English Table Tennis Association to stage the two premier competitions in the Association's year, the Norwich Union English Championships and Norwich Union International Championships. Our contract with the English Table Tennis Association finished with the Norwich Union English Championships in April, 1978.

We have asked you here today to tell you of our continuing involvement in table tennis. We have agreed to three years further sponsorship in a package which will include all the major table tennis championships (in England for the next three years, including the 34th World Table Tennis Championships, which will take place from 29th March to 5th April, 1977, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham). The Norwich Union involvement in the English and International Championships continues, therefore, until 1979.

In 1926 the first World Championships were held in London, with seven countries taking part, when, believe it or not, sponsorship was around, but of a different kind. The Championships were sponsored personally, at a cost of £300, by the Hon. Ivor Montagu. Seven countries in 1926—we hope to have more than 70 in 1977, where finances for the English Table Tennis Association in the region of £1 million will be involved.

We have enjoyed our four years in table tennis. We have come to know a lot of wonderful people. The very dedicated permanent officials all round the country who help to keep 9,000 clubs, a quarter of a million players, leagues and championships all thriving. I am delighted that our new agreement extends to 1979 and that we can play our part in helping the development of table tennis after the World Championships.

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE

Founded in 1797, Norwich Union is one of the two half-century groups, with a world-wide staff of 10,000 and operations in over 60 countries. Thirty-six per cent of their premiums were earned abroad last year.

The parent company is the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, which is a "mutual" company—meaning that there are no shareholders, so that all profits revert to the policyholders.

The main subsidiary, Norwich Union Fire, specialises in fire, accident and marine insurance, and the group also includes Anglo-Portuguese Bank and Norwich General Trust, which provide banking services to the insurance and commerce. Total assets of the group are now over £1,250 million.

Norwich Union's first venture into sponsorship came in 1969, with their involvement in show jumping events at the Royal International Horse Show and the Horse of the Year Show. These events (including the Puissance at the Horse of the Year Show), are still under Norwich Union sponsorship.

English table tennis has been sponsored by Norwich Union since 1973, when the English Closed and Open Championships became known as the Norwich Union English and the Norwich Union International Table Tennis Championships.

In 1974 and 1975 the Norwich Union sponsored a world open snooker championship in London.

IN REPLY . . .

From: C. M. Wyles, O.B.E., Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association.

That financial support by commerce and industry is vital to the development of so many sports is so often quoted does not deter me from again referring to it. However, we of the English Table Tennis Association have never regarded sponsors as benefactors and have always looked on our agreements as "partnerships", in which mutual satisfaction is as important as the overall success of the sponsored event.

That our approach to sponsorship is correct is emphasised by the fact that a company of such prestige as Norwich Union Insurance—and one no doubt inundated with sponsorship proposals—should be pleased to enter into a second agreement with the English Table Tennis Association, which when it expires will show that company's continuous involvement with table tennis for seven years. I am confident that we will at that stage overcome any "seven year itch" and go on to further the association between the two parties.

I would like to record our thanks to Mr. McDonnell for his company's continued support and thus their show of faith in our management abilities.

One of your esteemed colleagues, Frank Butler, referring to the 1977 World Championships which we will be staging, wrote: "The Birmingham venture—which will take place from March 28th to April 5th, 1977—will be the biggest thing that has happened to table tennis."

I will go further. These championships will be the largest single-sport event held in this country and will attract the participation of far more countries than any other sporting occasion ever before held in England.

John McDonnell has referred to the first-ever World Championships held at the Memorial Hall in 1926 when the Hon. Ivor Montagu met the cost—some £300—from a legacy. Ivor is today the Life Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association, but, after careful thought, we decided that it would be wrong for him to have the opportunity of again sponsoring a World Championships and we turned to our friends from Norwich to help us meet the estimated cost of the £1 million pounds!

Although I see that the assets of Norwich Union Insurance now total over £1,250 million, we agreed on a smaller but nevertheless very substantial sum of over £50,000 for the three years sponsorship package.

Background notes on the arrangements of the World Championships are in the folder you have been given, but I would like to mention, with pleasure, two further points. We have been informed by the Sports Council that in the special year of 1977 we can incorporate the word "Jubilee" in the title of the events; 1977 will also see the 50th Anniversary of the English Table Tennis Association and of the International Table Tennis Federation, and it is hoped that table tennis will be featured in a set of stamps to be issued by the Post Office early in 1977.

These two points really do stress the importance of these Championships and the
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**EUROPEAN SUPERSTARS**

by David Deiler

The British heat of the European Superstars competition, presented by Trans World International, was staged at the Recreation Centre, Cambridge, on June 3-4. The Superstars competition is now sponsored by National Westminster Bank, and is being held in several European countries and later this month in the USA.

Table tennis was featured as one of the nine sports together with swimming, canoeing, weightlifting, gymnastics, pistol shooting, soccer, cycling and athletics. Our sport was featured on the first afternoon in the main sports hall with an audience of around 300.

A late lunch brought about by several hitches at the cannoring gave the competitors little time for practice and the first reaction being that most of the stars looked more at home in the other sports than T.T.

Two new tables were used, one for the tournament proper and the other for the finals, each of just one game.

John Conteh, the world light-heavyweight champion, and undoubtedly the crowd’s choice, started proceedings with a 21-6 win over World speed skating champion, Pat Kuilme of Holland. Late replacement, skier Christian Neurett, was then matched with Henry Dwilnart (World professional ski champion).

Both players arrived at the table with similar coloured shirts and the latter had to go through a workmanlike few minutes as he chased no fewer than five times before one was found suitable for the box. Neurett won 21-12.

Following two skiers the third quarter matched Belgium football captain, Maurice Martens with Peter Shilton (Stoke and England). Shilton found the net more times than he usually hopes his opponents would do and went out 13-21. Thomas Magnusson, Sweden’s leading cross-country skier, then encountered Bernard Round, an Olympic Gold Medallist and the last of the eight stars.

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Cadet Rankings

No Change at the Top

Both Colin Wilson (Hants) and Alison Gordon (Berks) retain their previous No. 1 position in the new Cadet ranking lists which read:

Boys
1. C. Wilson (Ha) (1)
2. Graham Sandley (Mi) (2)
3. John Scouler (Mi) (6)
4. Mark Oakley (Sy) (5)
5. Steven Young (Dy) (—)
6. Richard Bergemann (Ha) (7)
7. Bryon Johnson (Bl) (—)
8. Paul Hainford (La) (—)
9. Paul Whitby (Dy) (—)
10. Michael Owen (Bi) (—)

Girls
1. A. Gordon (Bl) (1)
2. Mandy Reeves (Mi) (3)
3. Helen Robinson (Cv) (4)
4. Elaine Bolton (K) (6)
5. Helen Williams (Mi) (—)
6. Julie Dowsett (E) (—)
7. Pauline Townsend (Wi) (—)
8. Talia Butler (Dy) (—)
9. Lorraine Garbett (Sy) (10)
10. Shirley Cain (Sy) (—)

What's On This month & Next

1976 Nov. 12—Nissen Invitation Tournament (Sale, Cheshire)
13-14—Southend 2-Star Open (Rayleigh)
13-14—Woodfield Restricted Open (Wolverhampton)
20—County Championships (3)
21—Midland Counties 2-Star (Warshall)
21—Hastings Tiger 1-Star Open (Bexhill)
27-28—J. Kent Junior Open (Folkestone)
28—Glasgow Open
Dec 4—County Championships (4)
5—Middlesex U-15 (Edmonton, London)
11-12—Wayfarers English Junior Closed (Reading)
15—Sweden v England (European League)
18—Norwich Union International Invitation Tournament (Wigan)
19—Norwich Union Trophy (Wigan)
18-19—Yorkshire Junior Select (Hull)

National Championships 1976-77


Note: These championships include Cadet (U-14) singles events.

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The senior trials produced more than a few surprises and the county match was keenly contested at Westhoughton (Lancashire) where the opposition was strong. The North-West North-West exhibited their finest form and ran out winners by a score of 6-4. Previous re-haps for the future were held to a draw by North Herts at 13 all, with a score of 13-13. The third team from the south, Scunthorpe (Lincs), emerged victorious by a score of 5-5.

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The veterans did not hold a trial, the ranking being similar to last season. We in the North have been promised an inter­national match, which will benefit from the club have yet to join. A jumble and buy something to make your visit worthwhile.

HC: D. Hobbis (A)
2. B. Williams (R)
3. J. Hollowton (W)
4. A. Ralls (W)
5. H. Brannick (W)
6. N. Field (EF)
7. C. Tyson (EF)
8. M. Hughes (EF)
9. D. Hobbis (EF)
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VETERAN WOMEN:
1. S. Rogers (W)
2. B. Williams (W)
3. S. Bennett (EF)
4. C. Simpson (EF)
5. M. Kevan (EF)

Key: A—Anglesey; EP—East Flint; L—I—Lin­coln; R—Rhyl; W—Wrexham.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES
by Joan Robinson

SOUND START
Lincolnshire made a sound start to the season in their 2nd Division. Junior match, against Foxton. The match was won by Lincoln and the play was of a very high standard.

The county ran kings are as follows:
1. S. Bennett (EF)
2. B. Williams (EF)
3. M. Cartwright (W)
4. V. Ralls (EF)
5. H. Brannick (W)
6. W. Nield (EF)
7. S. Bennett (EF)
8. R. Gittens (EF)
9. J. Jones
10. P. Oakes (EF)

BOYS:
1. A. Williams (R)
2. M. Thomas (R)
3. M. Byrnes (EF)
4. G. Gibbons (EF)
5. D. Powell (EF)
6. H. Brannick (EF)
7. M. Kevan (EF)
8. R. Gittens (EF)
9. J. Simpson (EF)
10. D. Butterworth (EF)

GIRLS:
1. S. Bennett (EF)
2. C. Simpson (EF)
3. C. Williams (R)
4. M. Kevan (EF)
5. D. Hewitt (EF)
6. S. Rape (EF)

In the Butcher Cup, Louth (M. Norman, M. Emerson and G. Baker) (N. Parr, L. Nambert, G. Elham) emulated their senior teams with a 3-3 score. Lincoln gave a first outing to Paul and Marcus Emmerson, Paul won two sets and although Marcus did not win any, at 13 he showed a lot of promise and could be one for the future. Brassington (D. Gittens, K. Poppett) entertained Skegness (C. Gardiner, T. Matthews, F. Pirrie) and won 3-3. Lincoln 3 Poppett winning 3 each and Hill 2, Fielding a lot of good play from South Boston were fully justified with this fine win.

It has just been learned that Lincolnshire will be without Boyd Voss for the season as he will be making an addition to the Voss household. No doubt the club will wish her well.

Congratulations to Cheryl Batterby who has forced her way into the National Junior Ranking for the first time.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCENE
by Leslie Constable

DRAGONS' START
After being relegated from the Premier Division, Castelo Juniors made a disastrous start to the new season in Div. 2 (Midland) by losing 0-10 to Staffordshire. The Cambridgeshire team of Andrew Hubble, Stuart Calvert, with W. Wilson, Andy Withers (Haverhill), Joanne Parsley (EF), and Rachel Morris (Haverhill) found the opposition too strong but hopefully will improve as the season goes on. The squad who lifted this team from the obscurity of the East­ern Regional Division to the Premier are now all over age and these fresh juniors must try and establish themselves.

After only two weeks play in the Cambridge League, we had the rare situation in Div. 1A of no team having gained two wins. Such is the equality of the time arrived. Four teams were drawn and five results of 6-4. It is interesting to note that the points system has been changed a little to mean points and identical sets averages of 11-9. The remaining division was true to form with no real shock results. Div. 1, champions, Solihull, has had two wins over New Canons Institute II (6-4) and Snareswell II (8-2). Guildhall II, this time with a narrow 5-4 victory over Telephone II, with three wins from Albert Jackson.

On his return to the game after a lapse of two years, former County champion Tony Littlechild had to be satisfied with only one win in the drawn game between University Press and Telephone I. He lost to both Bob Pettit and Martin Mitchell, the latter gaining a narrow win 21-26, 26-20, 20-14. Solihull I V. E.M.A.C. I beat Mel­borne I 10-10 to take an early lead in Div. II, but all thoughts of an early return to Div. I must be put aside until they meet stronger oppo­nents. If they do so, it will be their fifth consecu­tive championship.

Woburn started their challenges for the East­lingham League Div. 2 titles when they visited Bury St. Edmunds and beat a team containing Halstead Arthur Rudd and Joyce Hunter all scored maximums, with excellent support from Stuart Calvert.

Their Juniors met with less favourable results, both the "A" and "B" teams losing to Nor­wich with "A" and "B" teams losing to Nor­wich with "A", Russell and "B" teams losing to Nelson and "A" teams losing to Nelson. Young James Frost scored both Woburn wins for the "B" team.

In the Woburn League, Woburn Institute are hot favourites to retain the title, although the early leaders are newly-formed Diary Cars, with two wins and a draw in their first three matches. The quartet of Malcolm Gilmour, Paul Bevan, Steve Callaby and Bert Quick look like ensuring Thamesides H.P. make a similar effort to Div. 1.

In their first match in the South East Mid­lands League, Cambridge (last season's cham­pions) were held to a draw by North Herts at Cambridge V.M.C.A. For Cambridge, Albert Jackson had three wins, with 19 and 18, and Ken Green scoring the other two victories.

Six years ago Terence Newman crashed his motor
cycle and was paralysed from the waist down. Eight months later he was released from hospital, continued to walk a wheelchair, and faced the prospect of a life without table tennis, a sport he loved. Last year, however, he won his first major title, sponsored by the Cambridge Open.

In the not too distant future players in the Cambridge League and perhaps others League will be seeing ten-year-old Mandy, Nando in action. At St John's School, Droitwich, people sit up and take notice at Impington Village College, where her father, Brian Judd, is a member of the Impington team, and who predicts a great future for his daughter.

CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

GREAT TRUMPH

Chris Reed scored a great triumph for himself and his family by winning the boys' singles title at the Cumbria 3-Star Open with a well deserved final victory over Liverpool's Tony O'Connor.

Favourite Keith Prieston was unable to play on the day, and O'Connor stopped in his tracks over the place of the No. 1 seed, Chris, seeded No. 3, and the tougher road to the final and had to overcome No. 2 seed Kevin Beadsley in the semis, this he did with scores of 20 and 17. The final proved to be a rather one-sided affair with O'Connor maintaining his form and Chris emerged a comfortable winner.

Our congratulations go to Chris for his outstanding effort, and our gratitude to all those who made the event such a success.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Phil Reid

NO CELEBRATION

Leicester's first in the Premier Division match gave the hunting hares little cause for celebration, losing 2-7 to Cheshirle at Birkenthal, Paul Randell had a win over Nigel Eckersley in the opening set and was out of patience with his set to Mark Hankey by a game and 20-14 in the second only to lose that one 20-22 and the decider as 14-12. Chris Reed was outstanding for the Barrow team with three singles and the doubles with Neil Smith who took the other set for the home side. Peter D'Arcy and Hankey won two each and Rose McFarlane the other for Manchester.

Barrow's junior team of the Reed brothers and Neil Smith have their best ever chance in this season's Carter Cup and the team should go. A strong team by the standards of any other division, they are the main threat in the season's Carter Cup and the team should go. A strong team by the standards of any other division, they are the main threat in the season's Carter Cup and the team should go. A strong team by the standards of any other division, they are the main threat in the season's Carter Cup and the team should go. A strong team by the standards of any other division, they are the main threat in the season's Carter Cup and the team should go. A strong team by the standards of any other division, they are the main threat in the season's Carter Cup and the team should go.
EGYPTIAN SEMINAR
by Alan Hydes

The first seminar for Table Tennis Coaches from African and Middle Eastern countries took place in Alexandria during late summer.

The International Table Tennis Federation were the organisers and I was charged with the responsibility to create a programme suitable for the 30 delegates in attendance.

Mr. Roy Evans, President I.T.T.F., Hans Giesecke, I.T.T.F. Rules Committee— he ran an umpire seminar concurrently with my own for coaches — and I were met in Egypt by Mr. Abou Heif, the Egyptian Table Tennis President.

In the course of the seminar detailed discussion took place on the development of a pupil from three stages—beginner, intermediate, through to advance stroke play. I lectured on strategy combined with the development of a pupil’s natural characteristics.

Due to many of the coaching delegates being unable to understand the English language, I used an interpreter, who proved a valuable asset. I must say that my coaches impressed me with their open and genuine sincerity with which they approached the seminar. They were prepared to work and crave for knowledge of the game in Asia and Europe.

The coaching films I showed were popular, as in this part of the world there are no films on Table Tennis coaching. The course was, I believe, a success in propagating Table Tennis to coaches in this part of the world.

Mr. Roy Evans and I had many discussions during the seminar. I think it worth mentioning to those in any doubt that the President has a total commitment to the I.T.T.F. and sets a pace of life difficult to follow. I must say it was a pleasure to be invited to take on this task and would like to thank my Company, Dunlop Sports Company, in particular David Sealey, for the consideration in allowing me time off from my business commitments.

ALAN HYDES
English table tennis star, Alan Hydes, is product manager for the game with Dunlop Sports Company. Having studied for ten months in China and Japan as a result of winning the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Award, and gained practical experience in New Zealand as National Coach, his expertise proved invaluable to those attending the conference.

Alan Hydes’s competitive career spans 12 years from the time he played in the local boys’ club league in his home town, Barnsley. Since then he has played for Yorkshire and England and has competed all round the world in over 100 international matches. He was the English Men’s Doubles Champion four times and, on another occasion, the Mixed Doubles Champion.

After the Table Tennis Conference in Egypt Alan toured several Dunlop Sports Company export markets in the Middle East.

Stop Press

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

England lose to Russia

England crashed to their third successive defeat in the European League Super Division when they lost 7-0 to Russia at The Corn Exchange, Ipswich, on Wednesday, November 3rd, 1976.

England’s four players, Denis Neale, Nicky Jarvis, Paul Day and Jill Hammersley, fought hard but the Russians were always in command.

This defeat makes England’s chances of avoiding relegation slim indeed, especially as the next match is away to Sweden on December 15th. Scores—

D. Neale lost to A. Strokatov 17-21, 11-8, 21-19.
N. Jarvis lost to S. Sarkhojan 21-19, 19-21.
Mrs. J. Hammersley lost to Miss Z. Rudnova 21-19, 10-21, 19-21.
Neale/Mrs. Hammersley lost to Sarkhojan/Miss E. Antonian 18-21, 13-21.
Neale lost to Sarkhojan 18-21, 15-21.
Jarvis lost to Strokatov 12-21, 16-21.

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PLAY WELL — PLAY BUTTERFLY
Letter to the Editor

CLARIFICATION

I wonder if you would be kind enough to clarify a point for me. Several people have noticed that quite a wide range of TT bats are now being advertised with 2.5 mm thickness. Is this the combined sponge and rubber measurement? For if it refers to just sponge or just rubber, surely it contravenes the bat regulations unless, of course, these have been altered since 2 mm was the maximum thickness as far as I was aware.

Another point of recent contention has concerned the Expedite rule. In a recent game in which one end took 33 minutes, the general opinion amongst the players seemed to be that Expedite Rule could only be applied if both players had been notified by the Umpire prior to the start of the set that Expedite would be applied if necessary. I understood that the Expedite was just like any other rule, e.g., volley, service, etc., and would be applied as and when necessary. Could you please resolve this for me.

LESLIE P. M. SLEIGHT

Brockhurst, Fridaybridge Road, Elm, Wisbech, Cambs.

Colin Clewett, Secretary of the National Umpires’ and Referees’ Committee, replies:
I am fairly sure that the advertisements to which Mr. Sleight refers are for bats covered with sandwich rubber of one type or another, as most are nowadays. If so, the permitted thickness is up to 4 mm and these bats are well within the limit. The 2mm limit applies only to what used to be known as “ordinary, plain, pimpled rubber”, which noted that this was the exception, rather than the rule for bat coverings.

Mr. Sleight is perfectly correct in his understanding of the Expedite Rule. It is an ITTF law and, at the ETTA, plays under these laws, it is to be applied to any match. I think the confusion arises from the fact that, originally, this Rule was compulsory only for certain international events and, at other events, the organiser could decide whether or not it would be applied. However, this situation changed in 1967 and the Expedite Rule became part of the laws.

New Rankings
NEALE TAKES TOP SPOT

Denis Neale, the most experienced English player with nearly 250 caps, takes over the No. 1 position in the revised ranking lists issued by the National Selection Committee on October 29. Neale (32) replaces Desmond Douglas.

For Douglas this was a disappointment coming on top of his non-selection for the European League match against Russia on November 4. The move from No. 5 to No. 3 by Paul Day underlines this youngster’s determination to be among the leading contenders for the English team in the World Championships at Birmingham, while another of England’s hopes for the future, Doug Johnson, continues to show improvement by coming into the list at No. 6.

European, Commonwealth and English champion, Jill Hammersley, continues to reign supreme in the women’s section, while battle for the No. 2 spot between Linda Howard and Carole Knight continues. For the moment Carole takes precedence.

The surprise name in the list is June Williams, a 17-year-old red-head from Cleveland, in for the first time at No. 9. In placing this No. 5 junior in the senior list, the selectors were, obviously influenced by her performance in the Dunlop Humber-side tournament when she beat Linda Howard (No. 3), Karen Rogers (No. 9), Angela Mitchell (No. 11) and Angela Turner (No. 12).

Full lists, with previous positions in brackets read—

Men
1 Denis Neale (Cr) (3)
2 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
3 Paul Day (Ca) (5)
4 Nicky Jarvis (Cr) (3)
5 Jimmy Walker (Cr) (4)
6 Donald Parker (La) (10)
7 Andrew Harden (Mi) (6)
8 John Hilton (Ch) (9)
9 Ian Horsham (Rk) (8)
10 Douglas Johnson (Wa) (—)
11 Tony Clayton (Y) (11)
12 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (14)
13 Chris Sewell (Av) (20)
14 Robert Forson (E) (12)
15 John Kitcner (Sk) (16)
16 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (13)
17 Martin Shuttle (Gr) (18)
18 David Brown (E) (18)

Women
1 Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
2 Carole Knight (Cr) (3)
3 Linda Howard (Wy) (5)
4 Susan Liddi (Ch) (4)
5 Sheila Beacon (E) (5)
6 June Williams (Cr) (—)
7 Melody Lardi (Y) (9)
8 Karen Witt (Bk) (8)
9 Karen Rogers (Le) (6)
10 Anita Stevenson (L) (7)
11 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (11)
12 Angela Tierney (Cr) (12)
13 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (—)
14 Diane Johnson (Ch) (—)

In the men’s list Alan Hydes (Y) was not considered for ranking.

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New Rankings
HIGH STANDARDS IN THE ‘NEWS OF THE WORLD’ COACHING SCHEME

John Souter, of Neasden, North West London, and Helen Williams, of Enfield—both 12-year-olds—are the “News of the World” “Boy and Girl of the Year”. They were selected as the best of 16 finalists, and so best of the many thousands of Under-18’s who took part in the 22nd annual scheme at Butlin’s holiday camps throughout the summer. They received their prizes from Charles Wyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., at Butlin’s Minehead Camp on September 25.

John and Helen are the youngest ever champions of the scheme, and, according to Johnny Leach, the director of coaching, and European champion Jill Hammersley, the chief judge, they rank alongside the most exciting of the discoveries—one of which was Jill herself (back in 1966).

“Like Jill, I shall be most surprised if they don’t reach the top world class”, says Johnny Leach.

John Souter’s success was the more remarkable since he was obliged to compete in the finals with a broken arm, the result of a football injury suffered only four days beforehand. “My arm hurt a bit, but I was determined to take part and win”, said John.

Despite his handicap, John was the unanimous choice of all four judges—Jill Hammersley, Alan Hydes, Suzanne Kavelieri and Paul Beck. Runners-up to him were 14-year-old David McIlroy, of Glasgow, and 15-year-old Malcolm Green, of Shrewsbury, who were within two points of each other.

Helen Williams had a much closer battle in the girls’ section, with 15-year-old Mandy Wallis, of Wellingborough, narrowly missing out for the second year in succession. Thirteen-year-old Janet Deakin, of Warrington, Cheshire, was third.

The system of judging is unique in that no matches are played throughout the competition. Competitors are awarded marks at coaching sessions for ball control, stroke production and general promise. And results over 22 years prove that this is the most effective method of discovering future champions.

Winners of the Pupil Partners’ Challenge Cup were Butlin’s Minehead Camp represented by Malcolm Green and Helen Williams. In the final Malcolm and Helen defeated David McIlroy and Joanne Palmer (Butlin’s Filey Camp) by 21-18, 21-13. This popular event was very strongly contested, and the standard of doubles play has seldom been higher. David Green (14) is a member of the Stanley Square Club, Stalybridge, and Joanne Palmer (15), a member of the Soham Club, near Newmarket.

SELECT TOURNAMENT

by ALAN RANSOME

The “Select” system has been criticised in recent months due to its apparent lack of success. There is nothing wrong with the select system. It is ideal for our requirements, just as the 3-Star system is right for the Senior tournaments.

The problems in recent months that have led to the criticism of “select” tournaments have been caused not by a bad system, but by unco-operative players and poor organisation.

The Cleveland Select in September proved the value of the system in providing Junior international experience, not just for the players chosen to represent England, but for many other youngsters who entered as well. Virtually all the top juniors in England entered, plus the Scots. The tournament ran exactly to time throughout the weekend and playing conditions and auxiliary facilities at Thornaby Pavilion were good.

There is nothing difficult about running a successful “select”. The key is to obtain a venue with good facilities and not try to do too much in the way of events or too many matches. The time schedule operated on 20 minute sets gives the organiser the breathing space he requires. The “select” tournament run on a 15-minute schedule with four players in a preliminary group is paramount to success. We now have the cooperation of the players that is required to make a select system work is to get the organisation right.
The hosts, North Korea, had to content themselves with a bronze medal as they lost to China 3-0, although leading 3-0 at one stage, and to Japan 1-5. Indonesia stood fourth, Vietnam fifth, Malaysia sixth, India seventh and Hong Kong eighth in the final placings.

In the women's event, in a three-cornered fight, China and North Korea entered the finals beating Japan 3-0 and 3-2 respectively. Although the Japanese women's team lost to North Korea, they played superbly in this encounter, which was the best women's match of the competition. Then the host nation put all their resources together and backed by loudly cheering spectators, defeated China, the World Champions, 3-1 to claim the gold medal and the honour of being the best Asian women's team for the next two years.

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

Shifting the spotlight to the individual events, the placing of the top 16 men left much to be desired. How could four world-class players meet each other in the last 16 is difficult to comprehend when no other such ranked players were in the draw.

Japan and north Korea each had four players in the quarters. The final was an "all-China" affair, as an unknown, Chang Te-ying, counter-attacked fearlessly and beat the current World Champion, Pak Yung Sun, in the semi-final. The other Chinese girl, Chang Li, who had lost tamely to the same North Korean in the Calcutta final, thus won the Asian crown, beating her compatriot over four games.

The men's final was also an "all-China" affair. It was therefore more of an exhibition match than a real test of superiority. Liang Ke-liang the winner over Kuo Yao-hua.

In medals tally, China claimed three gold (M.B., W.D. and Men's Team), Japan corronted two gold in paired events (M.D. and X.D.) while North Korea had to be content with two gold (W.D. and Women's Team).

From an Indian viewpoint, where does one go from here? The World Championships in India have come and gone. The Asian Championships are now over, the next in line being the Afro-Asian Latin-American Championships in Mexico. And then it will be the World Championships again in the U.K. Will Indian standards never improve?

**Results at P'yongyang—**

**Men's Singles—Semi-finals**

Kuo Yao-hua (Ch) bt N. Takashima (Ja) 18, 11, 18
Liang Ko-Liang (Ch) bt Li Peng (Ch) 16, 12, 17

**Final**

LIANG KO-LIANG bt Kuo Yao-hua 20, 17, 17

**Women's Singles—Semi-finals**

Chang Te-ying (Ch) bt Pak Yang Sun (Korea DPR) 13, 7, 17
Chang Li (Ch) bt Ke Hsian-ai (Ch) 13, 16

**Final**

CHANG LI bt Chang Te-ying 17, 19, 10, 12.

**Men's Doubles—Final**

T. INOUE/M. KOHNO (Ja) bt Liang Ko-Liang/Li Chen-shih 8, 9, 10, 20

**Women's Doubles—Final**

KIM CHANG AE/PARK YUNG SUN (Kd) bt Chang Li/Chana 21, 15, 16

**Mixed Doubles—Final**

INOUE/SHIMAMOTO (Ja) bt Liang Ko-Liang/Ke Hsian-ai 18, 14, 10, 13

**Boys' Singles—Final**

CHANG YA-NAN (Ch) bt Wei Ching-sheng (Ch) 14, 15, 19, 8, 13

**Girls' Singles—Final**

CHANG YA-NAN (Ch) bt Kuo Kang-Ja (Ch) 15, 15, 20, 15, 15
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DAVIES IN COMMAND  

Graham Davies took his first title of the season when he won the Glamorgan Closed Championship at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff, on October 16. Graham's final victim was George Evans, and the score was 21-14 in the first game, but much closer in the second when Graham won 21-19. Graham had a convincing two-straight win over Robert Hubble in his semi-final whilst George had beaten Fraser Anderson, Anthony Crook in good semi-final style.  

Once again the old firm of George Evans and Ken Bull took the men's doubles, beating Davies and his bridge-end mate, Walter Husey, 17-13. Graham was, of course, without his usual doubles partner, Alan Griffiths, who could not come Centre, Cardiff, on October 10.  

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Whilst there seems to be no doubt at the top, the rest of the division is falling into battle.

Of the matches played over the weekend of October 9-10, the Junior section provided the largest programme and four very close sets in the Junior Premier Division.

Cleveland, relegated last season, but back this season, confirmed Alan Ramsley's forecast that they'd be good enough to hold their own in this season's Premier with a fine 6-4 win over Sarkhill.

Junior teams promoted from Third Division level to Second Division status generally had a good month. The exception was Clwyd, who fell 0-110 to Yorkshire II in their two-match trip to the South-East, with a 10-0 'thrashing.'

S. Lyons lost to N. Jarvis -117, -14; lost to J. Kimm -16, -16.

Miss A. Smith bt Miss S. Little -16, 16; bt Miss K. Scott -16, 16.

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Australian Open Doubles.

The first set of matches were played by the three-quarters played by Cleveland in front of a sizeable crowd, but there were worthy winners with Sue Leake managing the composition of the teams into the last two sets, and Carol Knight (result reversed the following evening) were the highlights of the final of the North of England.

J. Hilton lost to D. Douglas -18, 18, -18; lost to Miss S. Dicker -16, -20.

N. Eckersley lost to Miss L. Hryzsko -8, -15, -19; bt Miss A. Mitchell -15, 20.

Miss S. Little bt Miss A. Stevenson -14, 19, 21.

Northam:tonshire Schools' Tournament ended.

Eckersley/Hampson lost to Jarvis/Walker -15, -18; lost to Miss S. Dicker -20, -15.

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