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But having signed a contract, be it lucrative or otherwise, Douglas was obliged to honour it and one must not overlook the clause, insisted upon by the player himself, that England would have first call on his services when it came to international representation.

In this regard Douglas has been an ever-present for his country in the Super Division of the European League and wore the England shirt both in the Norwich Union International Championship­ships and the Stiga Welsh Open as he will in the forthcoming European Championships in Duisburg.

Lest others be tempted to seek re-­numeration for their skills in foreign parts, the sooner the formation of a national club league in this country — adequately sponsored and sufficiently magnetic to hold players — the better for all concerned. The day of the professional is here, like it or not.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR

HUNGARY TAKE OVER

Beating England 5-2 in Szolnok on February 9 Hungary, the defending Super Division champions of the European League, took over the leadership from the Soviet Union who, against Sweden in Mariestad, on the same date, were beaten 4-3.

To retain the title Hungary must now beat Czechoslovakia in their final match otherwise France, provided they beat the Soviet Union, will become champions on April 6 by which date the season's fixtures are due for completion.

Beaten for the sixth successive time, the Nether­lands are now doomed to be relegated after one season in the top flight.

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Secretin/Bergeret by Stipancic/Palatinus -19, 7, 17;
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Apart from one game taken from Jaroslav Kunz by Ronald Rijndorp who, together with Han Gootzen, were 'blooded' to the exclusion of Bert v.d. Helm and Nico v. Slobe, the Netherlands were sunk without trace in Zwolle. Not even Betine Vrieskleep could stem the Czech tide going under to Ema Utilikova in straight games.

Scores:­

R. Rijndorp lost to J. Kunz -18, -18;
H. Gootzen lost to M. Orlowski -19, -18;
R. Vrieskleep lost to E. Utilikova -16, -15;
J. van Sytnrj/Gootzen lost to Orlowski/J. Pansky -20, -17;
Gootzen/Vrieskleep lost to Pansky/D. Dubinova -18, -18;
Rijndorp lost to Orlovski -16, -14;
Gootzen lost to Kunz 13, 12.

Han Gootzen of the Netherlands who, in the Stiga Welsh Open, ousted the top seed Liang Ke-diang but got no change from either Milan Orlowski or Jaroslav Kunz when making his European League debut in Zwolle against Czechoslovakia.

Photo by Tony Ross, Hessle.
Architect of the Swedish victory over the Soviet Union was Stellan Bengtsson who had won over Anatoli Strokatov and Sarkis Sarkhojan as well as sharing in a men’s doubles success with Tommy Danielsson. Ann-Christin Hellman had a noteworthy win over Valentina Popova, the girl who finished second to England’s Jill Hammersley in the Top 12 in Prague.

Scores in the 5-2 victory at Pol Santa Fe Terez (Cadiz) were:

- J. M. Louca bt J. Szatko 16, 20
- E. Diakaios/Priftis lost to Dryszel/Kucharski 19, -19, -15
- Priftis/Louca lost to Kucharski/Szatko 18, 15, 16
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International relations look well cemented here between England’s Melody Ludi and Peter Stellwag of Federal Germany. The picture was taken at the Goldadd Finance Invitation Tournament at Rothwell.

Photo by Tony Ross, Hessle.
In defence of her European women's singles title in the Rhein-Haard-Halle, Duisburg (March 19-19) England's Jill Hammersley, although seeded No. 1, will not relish the prospect of a probable quarter-final meeting with Beatrix Kishazi of Hungary who as recently as January beat the English champion -16, 22, 18 in the Top 12 tournament in Prague.

Another of Mrs. Hammersley's conquerors in the Czech capital was Valentina Popova of the Soviet Union and she too is located in the same half of the draw being seeded at No. 3. Bettine Vriesekoop, the ever-improving Dutch girl, is at the opposite end of the draw, seeded No. 2, in whose quarter is located England's No. 2 Carole Knight with Ursula Hirschmuller of Federal Germany, seeded No. 6, barring her path. Former champion, Iona Uihikova (see Voitova) is the No. 4 seed, at the top of the second half, whereas Linda Howard has been drawn.

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INCENTIVE WORKS
by Geo. R. Yates

Most of England's top players, who boycotted the Lancashire 2-Star Open last season because of low prize money, competed in this season's event David Constance of Cheshire.

Having beaten the second seed, John Hilton, in the quarter-finals, Constance, aged 20, disposed of Nicky Jarvis, seeded No. 4, before winning the title. He beat Donald Parker, the third seed, in the final.

Surrey's Maxwell Crimmins, recently promoted from No. 8 to No. 3 in the English national rankings, headed the men's seeds but, alas, he went out in the second round to David Yallop of Australia who, as first seed, won the women's singles title partnered by Melody Ludi and Jarvis, took the

This season's Cotswold Junior was notable for the young Skylet who, taking the Boys' Singles for the second time (in successive years) and the Boys' Doubles as well

Once upon a time before tournament officials believed it possible for players to enjoy the pursuit of excellence, whilst concealing their bitter disappointment in defeat. A tale was played for the fun of it, junior tournaments were held throughout the length and breadth of the

UNSEEDED SKYLET TAKES TWO TITLES

by Dave Foulders

This season's Cotswold Junior was notable for the exceptional performance of one player — the young Skylet from East — Skylet Andrew, who was the first seed and the third ranked junior in his own county and has never won an under 17 Boys' Singles title outside his own county. Well, you would never have known it, for in partnership with ranked junior Donald Charley he took the U-17 Boys doubles as well as the Mixed with Shirley Cain.

However, the focus was really upon him when he found himself in the finals. In the first game, Green played his usual immaculate game to win 21-9 with his play reflecting his inexperience at this high level, but in the second game he fought back to win 21-18 and only lost the third -16. The crowd that had stayed to watch the finals were ecstatic during the last two games of this final as some of the rallies were highly spectacular looping encounters with both players changing from dynamic attack to balloon defence with both players receiving an ovation at the end.

Young Skylet should be heard of again in the near future because he was definitely the star of the show. His performance in winning the title and his second place in the U-17 Boys' Singles for the second time (in consecutive years) shows that one can create a new record as even previous winners such as Desmon Douglas and Paul Day did not take the title twice. In the Girls' U-17 Singles Gillian Galloway played very steadily, although without much attacking flair to take the title on the Saturday but then was beaten in the finals by Stella Smith. In the U-15 Girls' Singles by Jill Harris who surprisingly won the event beating County team-mate Shirley Cain in the final.

But wait, discord was about to raise- its ugly head, as Black Bearsworth that naughty piratical Country boy Andrew Poor, unseeded, in his place. No.5 seed had got to be moved to the No. 1 position. There was only one thing for it. The dilemma! There was only one thing for it. The

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COTSWOLD JUNIOR OPEN 2 STAR TOURNAMENT
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SPONSORSHIP AND PROMOTION

I do not believe it is necessary to reply to Alan Shepherd's letter in the February newsletter since I agree with a few of his ideas. Any further comments would be tedious since everybody connected with our sport has different ideas, particularly with regard to promotion and sponsorship. However, having read his letter expressing his views, I feel the T.T.A. are not reaching out to the public, press, T.V., and most of all—the players.

We wish to organise a national handicap tournament which will give large cash prizes, possibly down to the last 32 players. This event will give everyone competing an equal chance to win because the handicap will be given according to standard. Obviously there will be difficulties, but these will not be unmountable. To coincide with this event we are considering holding a Top 10 tournament so that the public can see our very best players in action. It is our intention to make this tournament the most attractive spectacle possible with good class players, colourful clothing, good conditions, entertainment and a team of attractive hostesses selling programmes etc.

After the completion of this event I intend to follow up with programmes of either first-class matches, hand-plays, graded or regular tournaments, all with top promotion and the sponsor in mind.

As the events progress we expect to see that the public, press and T.V. will recognise that Table Tennis is a major sport and that the players are sportsmen and not just players.

We have had a lot of response from players, ummets and organises showing their enthusiasm for our ideas and willingness to help stage the events.

I would like to thank everyone, including Alan Shepherd, for their interest.

In order that we can start to organise our first event—the National Handicap—I would like all those interested in competing to write to me giving their name, address and standard of play, singles or doubles and we will promote the game in the best possible way so that it will appeal to the public, T.V., and most of all—the players.

As a result of this reply, I would like to suggest a few alterations to the rules which will improve the standards of play, particularly, in my estimation, those involving serve and receive.
Halex Sport
Kent 2-Star Open
by Cyril Burden

This season's championships at Folkestone on Jan. 25/26 saw Kent and South East teams with entries from Australia, Canada and New Zealand with the two girls from Canada, Birute Plucas and Marianna Donomkos, enjoying their weekend by carrying off between them the women's singles, U-20 girls singles, women's doubles and mixed titles.

The entry this year was on a par with recent years with five of the top men's 20 competing but the men's singles was somewhat marred by the No. 1 seed and defending title holder, Max Crimmings, getting in the wrong portion of the draw and arriving over 2 hours late and having to be scratched.

This allowed Kenny Jackson, the up-and-coming Essex player, to reach the semi alone with John Dabin (Kent), Martin Shuttle (Surrey) and Mark Mitchell (Middlesex), the latter disposing of the No. 2 seed Ian Horsham (Essex) in the quarters 16 and 12. The semi were rather contrasting affairs with Shuttle overcoming Jackson 12 and 19 while the other one between Dabin and Mitchell, watched by an enthusiastic crowd, was full of exciting rallies and ended with Mark victorious.

The finals themselves started promptly at 6.30 and wrapped up by the Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr. Mrs. Allen and her husband, and the audience were given seven finals of excellent table tennis with the two encounters between Mitchell and Shuttle being the pick of them. Both went to Shuttle which should do his confidence a power of good. All-in-all, an entertaining weekend of table tennis helped in no small way by the hard-working band of umpires under the direction of the new National Umpire Joan Zeiske of Kent.

Results:
M.S. M. Shuttle (Sy) bt M. Mitchell (Mi) 15, 16, 16.
W.S. B. Plucas (Canada) bt M. Reeves (Mi) 16, 20.
X.D. Newman/M. Donomkos (Canada) bt I. Horsham/L. Barrow (E) 14, 16, 16.

EXETER 1-STAR OPEN
by KEITH PONTING

The outstanding performance in this year's tournament was that of Cheryl Creasey, from Wimborne, Dorset, who won all the girls singles events. In the many years of this tournament no player of either sex has accomplished this. Cheryl is a player of immense promise and will take with her to the United States. Dorothy has produced over the years. Another to catch the eye was 18-year-old Carl Harvey, from the Isle of Wight who captured the boys' U-13 title. Both Cheryl and Carl are very fortunate in having the full support of their parents - a priceless asset at such a young age who are prepared to travel around the world with their children, and I am sure we are going to hear a lot of these two youngsters in the years ahead.

David Harvey was outstanding in the men's singles beating John Robinson in straight games. Godwill's Glen Baker was the boys' U-13 champion by some steady play against Paul Stratton, from London.

Another near-record entry was received and the organising Committee decided not to proceed with our tournament and our thanks go to him and the organising committee for getting through well before 10 p.m. The awards were presented by the Chairman of the Exeter league, Mr. Mike Lycaoms.

Results:
G.S. U-15: Creasey bt C. Butler 17, 13.
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NORTH BOURNEMOUTH CLUB 1-STAR
by C. Bashall

The North Bournemouth Club 1-star tournament attracted a full entry, some 26 forms having to be returned. There were many close games and Referee A. Briddle and his helpers worked hard to finish the tournament at a reasonable hour.

David Harvey was outstanding in the men's singles beating John Robinson in straight games in the final. Cherry Creasey, a much improved junior showed excellent form in winning the women's singles.

Results:
M.S. Semi-finals:
D. Harvey (Es) bt M. Smith (Av) 18, -19, 11.
J. Robinson (Do) bt E. Wilkes (Mo) 11, -12, 19.

Final:
Harvey bt Robinson 14, 13.

W.S. Semi-finals:
C. Creasey (Do) bt J. Applin (Do) 15, 13.
S. Sinanan (Ha) bt C. Robb (Gc).

Final:
Creasey bt Sinanan 13, 14.

M.D. Final:
Harvey/M. Lane (Gc) bt J. Creasey/R. Lee (Do) 14, 20.

W.D. Final:
Applin/Sinanan bt J. Coop (Do)/Creasey 20, 12.

X.O. Final:
T. Smith (Ha) bt Coop bt Robinson/J. New (Do).

B.S. Final:
M. Francis (Es) bt Wilkes.
G.S. Final:
C. Webster (He) bt Sinanan.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE
March
10-11 - Ho. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
12-13 - ENGLAND v NETHERLANDS
14-15 - Kent Junior Authorised Open (Kirkby).
16-17 - Yorkshire Selection Tournament (Bradford).
18-19 - South Yorkshire Selection Tournament (Sheffield).
20-21 - Middlesex Junior Open (Kew).
COMPREHENSIVE "both" finalists last year — went College and Guildford C.E. who have teams in the strong at this stage. Lister School and Brampton Manor expected to “sudden-death” doubles matches but the match-points he missed against Donald Parker at Woking.

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THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by ALAN CAVELL

The Telford T.T.A. has continued its policy of providing interesting competitions for all age groups. The most recent tournament was the Telford School’s Tournament which was very well supported by players from all divisions. The event was a great success and helped financially self-supporting. In a slow final Terry Weatherby beat Dave Elkins 19 and 18. Both played off on a three-minute handicap.

The Telford T.T.A. has given much support to the Donnington firm of C. & W. Walker Ltd., Gas Engineers, is sponsoring the Telford Schools Tournament this year. The Albrighton T.T.C. is running a tournament open to members of the Albrighton T.T.C. and the nearby Shrewsbury World Travel Co., for boys and girls U-11, U-14 and U-17. Details of the tournament can be obtained from the Telford Schools Advisory Council’s area.

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SUFFOLK JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Julian Hall of the Bury League's W.E. Home Guard Club, last season's Suffolk Junior Boys' champion, retained his title again this year at the Thurleston School, Ipswich.

In a final of the highest standard he overcame the extremely stiff opposition and experience of Stuart Palmer. Stuart had, in fact, defeated him earlier in the final of the Under-15 Boys' Singles.

With Gary Douglas, Julian also carried off the Boys' Doubles title and was runner-up in two further events.

The pick of the older girls came from the Lowestoft League but the Bury League provided the large majority of the title winners. Gary and Nigel Douglas, Anthony Booth, Shaun Carvalho, Andrew Bentick, Jane Leonard and Jane Richards have all benefited from very good coaching and have made exceptional progress in just one year.

Their turn to represent their county as Juniors cannot now be very far away.

Results:

- V-17 B.S.: J. Hall bt S. Palmer 17, 16.
- V-17 G.S.: Debra Hubble bt Louise Harris 11, 8.
- V-IS G.S.: Jane Leonard bt Dawn Harvey 10, 13, 16.
- U-13 B.S.: S. Carvalho bt A. Bentick 12, 14.

The form of Anthony Booth (Newmarket) in these championships was so exceptionally consistent that he was immediately promoted in the County Junior Ranking List from No. 10 to No. 4.

The recent remarkable form of Julian Hall has also earned him the No. 12 place in the Senior Ranking List which now reads:

1. John Kitchener
2. Robert Hellaby
3. Mick Palmer
4. Russell King
5. Terry Kirby
6. Andy Schooler
7. Rob Mims
8. David Henderson
9. Dave Halliday
10. Chris Shephard
11. Stuart Palmer
12. Julian Hall
13. Clive Woodfield
14. Barney Garrod

JUNIORS WIN

Stuart Palmer and Julian Hall, of the Bury Table Tennis League helped Suffolk Juniors to a handsome 8-2 win against Hunts Juniors at St. Neots in the County Championships.

Stuart and Julian each won both of their singles games and also combined to take the boys' doubles.

Further wins by Michael Shortes (two) and Louise Harris brought the total of Suffolk games to eight.

This was a most encouraging result for Suffolk's very keen and talented youngsters.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by DOUG MOSS

BIG AGE GAP

The County Closed Championships held recently in Worcestershire have highlighted the situation that it is mainly veterans who are of the highest standard and then there is a big age gap to 15 year-old-players of talent. It is at least most encouraging that some young players have made considerable progress and are challenging strongly to be at the top in the County. The aim must be to speed up the progress of the young players and produce more of them.

The Championships were a personal triumph for Brian Belcher, who won the Men's Singles for the first time. He also took the Veterans' Singles title, the Veterans' Doubles and was runner-up in the Men's Doubles (in each event his partner was Mervyn Wood). He was unable to enter the Mixed because of a restriction on the number of events in which a player can take part! Everyone was impressed by his play throughout the Championships and the standard of fitness he displayed.

There was also, of course, a great deal of determination. It must have given Brian great satisfaction, especially having started the season in the County 1st team but having been left out of the team in the match preceding the Championships.

Joyce Lloyd, who, at the beginning of the season, asked not to be considered for County play, came along to the Championships and reached her 20th Women's Singles final, winning the event for the 13th time, which is a truly remarkable record – added to which she represented the County in over 100 National Championship matches. Andy Jones, who has lived in the County for five years or so, has recently rejoined Worcestershire from Warwickshire and showed her value in reaching the finals of the Women's Singles and Doubles events.

Steve Moreman, who joined Worcestershire from Gloucestershire at the beginning of the season, made a very good debut in the Worcestershire Championships. Partnered by Simon Gray he won the Men's Doubles and was runner-up in the Men's Singles. In this event he beat two County first team players in Derek Beddowley and Cliff Bennett.

It was pleasing to see that Beryl Shammon appeared in her 5th Veterans Women's Singles
Other players of the County Junior team distinguished themselves. One of the big surprises was provided by Ian Langston and Adrian Russell who knocked out Derek Belle and Mike Sykes, the No. 2 seeds in the Men's Doubles. They progressed further and were finally beaten by the Champions Steve Moreman and Simon Gray. It was also significant that Adrian Russell beat Phil Knights in the Men's Singles and was finally eliminated by Mike Sykes. Jeremy Duffield also reached the quarter-final before losing to the most experienced Mervyn Wood, who has played in County I team matches this season.

The County Junior Championships had been held earlier. Duffield retained the Boys' Singles Championship and also the Doubles — this time with Nicky Oakley as partner. Mandy Mytton excelled in winning the Girls' Singles for the third time.

It is remarkable that Duffield has three seasons left as a Junior. It is good news to see that he is currently ranked No. 11 in the England Cadet Ranking list but with Worcestershire not represented in the National Ranking lists, rather frustrating to see that he is listed as a Hereford representative, which is not the case! However, a correction will be brought to notice!

The detailed results of the two County Closed Tournaments are below.

### Worcestershire Closed Championships — 1978

- **Seniors**
  - V.D.: Belcher bt S. Moreman 18, 19.
  - W.D.: L. Weld/M. Mytton bt S. Randell 18, 17, 22.
  - V.M.S.: Belcher bt Wood 12, 15.

- **Junior**

### Warwickshire Notes

by K. J. Moran

The first of this season's U-16 ranking trials was held at Tamworth in January and representatives from Birmingham, Coventry and Tamworth paraded their skills before the selection committee of Stan Parr, Don Richards and Don Storr who issued the following ranking list for February:

1. A. Pilgrim (Cov)
2. S. Brett (Birmingham)
3. N. Thomas (Birmingham)
4. C. Higgins (Birmingham)
5. A. Batch (Tam)
6. D. Storr (Tam)

It is to be hoped that Nuneaton, Stratford and Leamington will send their youngsters to the next trial. The response to this same series of trials last season was, at best, apathetic so come on you juniors that depends on these players.

Press deadlines being what they are, I am writing this article before certain events take place but for the magazine issue published after they happen. Accordingly I can only tell you at this time that entries for the first-ever Coventry 3-Star Open and for the Warwickshire Closed are excellent in both quality and quantity.

Head of the list for the Coventry Open is Nigel Jervo who four other England-ranked sockets have entered. Top prize money is on offer and the ambitious Coventry Association have aims of making this tournament an annual event with eventual 1 or even 3-Star rating.

Congratulations are due to Dougie Johnson who has moved to No. 10 from No. 16 in the England Senior rankings, led of course by Des Douglas who confirmed his position at No. 1 when winning the recent Stiga Welsh Open against the might of the Orient.

News on the County Championships front is not so bright, only the Juniors brought home the bacon in the last fixtures. Ron Kin, Dave Ward, Lester Bertie, Julie Harper and Sue Hemming contributed to beat Shropshire 2-1 despite a last minute change of venue, a late start and being without a captain! The "B" team failed by the same score against a very strong Leicester team, Barry Johnson and Ralph Gunning winning a singles each.

The Premier Division team went down 4-5 to Surrey, sets were won by Johnson, Derek Munt and Barry Hayward with Johnson/Munt winning the doubles. I hope to bring you the results of both the Tournaments, the County matches versus Essex and Yorkshire, plus news of the Warwickshire League in the next report but I would still like your regional news so please write.

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**LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES** by PHILIP REID

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In the second team set, Rogers played a brilliant game against David Gannon, winning the first set 15-3 and the second 15-9. The third team set was won 15-10 in the first, 15-10 in the second and 15-10 in the third.

The Leicestershire second team took on Warwickshire II in the 2nd Division, and after prevailing in the first rubber, they were leading 3-2. However, they lost the last two rubbers to lose the match 5-4. Despite the defeat, it was a good performance by the Leicestershire team.

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In news from the Staffordshire leagues, mention should be made of the new facilities at Norton, one of the leading clubs in the Potteries League. Claimed to be the first purpose-built table tennis hall in Staffordshire — and possibly the Midlands — the work started last May and was completed in time for the start of the season in late September. Costs were kept down by do-it-yourself contribu­tion from members, but the 5th Creation scheme and a grant from the Sports Council helped considerably towards the hall which is valued at about £2500.

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Beatings!

RICHARD JERMYN - Men's Champion

Clashing styles caused greatest surprises in the Women's Singles event at the Herts Closed. At the finals on Feb. 12 when only Lindsey Booth of Barnet on Feb. 12 when only Lindsey Booth of

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effects of a bad injury received falling from a

regularly so far this season due to injury and

no. 2 seed Daphne Baines was eliminated at the

M.S. Quarter-finals:


M. Jackman (Mar) bt D. Bedall (Bed) 20,9.

B. White (Ches) bt D. Seaholme (Wat) 17, 16.

Reserve Division

Roberts bt Taylor 17, 13.

L. Booth (N. Herts) bt C. Webster (Sco) 19, 16;

S. Proffitt (St. A) bt G. Bax (St. A)/Baxter 15, 13.

Ken Green having previously disposed of John

Frost in three. the last game going to

of young players to skilfully play the ball.

Players in this country so many times in such a

in a hundred, but many players, all with individual

have played some Table Tennis by trial and error

to teach or like teaching.

Players start on the right foot.

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V.D.: R. Stubbs (St. N)/S. Roberts bt

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bad habits and once ingrained are very hard to

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had the best chance with Bedford and Milton Keynes

recently lost to Ely. In Div. II Bedford also lead

Milton Keynes in that order. I feel that Ely have

doing exceptionally well although the latter

beaten. Northampton are also in a good position

do the double which will be quite unique. In this

division March (newcomers to the league) are also

in a good position in


X.D.: N. Ringrose (HC)/Ringrose bt L. Thompson/D. Campbell (Bed) 17, 18.


Leading League positions:

M.S. Div.

Bedford 5 4 1 0 37

Northants 6 4 1 3 35

Milton Keynes 4 4 0 3 34

Wellingborough 5 4 0 44

Northamptons 4 2 1 1 24

Kettering 4 2 1 2 22

Peterborough 4 2 1 2 22

Bedsborough 2 0 1 0 12

Northampton 4 2 1 1 36

Dunsley 2 1 0 1 10

ON THE COACHING FRONT

by DOREEN HENDERSON

As a result of the wide television coverage of players with the Prudential, the Coaches have received many requests for coaching sessions in schools, clubs and by individuals. To do justice to this we need more Coaches, players who would like to take up coaching, teachers who would like to attend Coaching study courses in order to
teach Table Tennis as a subject, to help young players start on the right foot.

Many of our young players come to us who have played some Table Tennis by trial and error and

We would like to hear from anyone over the age of 21 who would like to take up coaching. We

would organise the eight initial sessions, for Coaches within your own county if possible. After

the initial 8 sessions we would suggest Centres where you could practice your coaching with other

coaches, where you could gain experience and see what you like teaching. Not all players are able

to teach or like teaching.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

It is very nice to go into School Centres where coaches are working regularly to see the young

players with their Proficiency Badges. It is an advantage if you are a visiting coach being

allocated a team. It would be desirable to know the ability of your group of young players, and
can straight away proceed with your coaching session with them.

It is very time consuming coaching a group of young players, and not know their skill - time is

precious when you are coaching, the time you have to spare must not be wasted. By not coaching in

easy stages you could take a player forward too soon, and do more harm than good.

Coaches make sure your players are progressing by taking these Awards. It is amazing to see that

at least half your young players had their Gold Awards. Let's make 1975 an outstanding year for

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SCOTTISH NEWS

by DENIS GEORGE

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Division II
We finished our European League programme with the match against ITALY in Milan on 1st February, when we sought a 7-0 win to give us a remote chance of topping the divisional table. The match started disastrously with John McNee losing to Stefano Bosi, Richard Yule to Massimo Constantini and Grace McKay to Sonia Milic. The Scots fell 3-0 down and one set from defeat. Then the Scots struck back winning both doubles and Yule beating the Italian No. 1 — Bosi — two straight to level the match score at 3 sets each. In the final set Constantini narrowly edged home 19 and against McNee to give the Italians a 4-3 victory. So we finished in the middle spot in the Division II status.

Scores—
Stefano BOSI bt John McNee 16, 9.
Massimo CONSTANTINI bt Richard YULE 20, 14, 16.
Sonia MILIC bt Grace McKAY 19, 17.

Results:­
ITALY 4 SCOTLAND 3
Division I status.
Massimo CONSTANTINI bt Richard YULE 19, 17, 20.

ORENTO SINGLES:­
M. Milos bt L. Montague 22, 9, 10;
C. Dalrymple bt P. Fleming 20, 14, 14.

Finals:
Nelis bt Dalrymple 21, 18, 8.
OPEN JUNIOR SINGLES Semi-finals:­
D. McIlroy bt D. Morrice -21, 12, 11;
K. Rodger bt P. Matthew 14, 12.

Finals:
Rodger bt McIlroy 25, 15, 15.
CADET SINGLES Final:
D. Campbell bt M. Neish 11, 15.

MEN'S DOUBLES Final:

MIXED DOUBLES Final:

WELSH OPEN — Cardiff
OUR team of Yule and McNee achieved their best results in an international tournament outside Scotland by beating JERSEY 3-0, AUSTRALIA 3-1 and ENGLAND II 2-1 before losing 0-3 to CHINA I in the Semi-finals. Max Grimms, newly promoted England team player, was beaten by both Scots in the 1st final match.

Conflicting their good form into the individual events Yule defeated China's Wu Chun-Hua (who had beaten Neziki Jarvis in the team event) 2-1 in Round 1 and went on to win a 1st final place where he lost 0-3 to Des. Douglas. McNee beat David Constance 3-2 and Max Commons (again) 3-1. Rylett beat Wang Chi-Chuan (China) in Round 3. Richard and Jette combined well in the Men's Doubles beating Bob Fusten and Commons 3-1 in the 1st Round and despite being placed in the Semi-finals where they lost 0-3 to Xing Ke-liang and Wang Chi-Chuan.

LANKSHIRE OPEN — Coventry
Our top 3 in Italy for the European match, the chance was created for lesser lights to shine. Keith Rodger (Edinburgh) seized the opportunity to win his first senior title whilst still in junior ranks. Carole Dalrymple, also a junior, won the Women's title from Patrice Flemming. Rodger also won the Open Junior title.

Results—
MEN'S SINGLES Semi-finals:
K. Rodger bt J. Graham 10, 14;
J. Wilson bt J. Batis 16, 11.

Final:
Rodger bt Wilson 14, -15, 17.

WOMEN'S SINGLES Semi-finals:
C. Dalrymple bt M. Neish 6, 17;
P. Fleming bt J. Ferguson -18, 12, 17.

Finals:
Dalrymple bt Fleming 12, 15.

JUNIOR SINGLES:
Rodger bt D. McIlroy 11, 16.

CADET SINGLES:
D. Lewis bt R. Fletcher 20, 21.

OPEN DOUBLES:

BENOEAS WHISKY OPEN — Perth
8th April, 1978
Preparations are now well under way for this major event in the Scottish T.T. calendar as £500 in prize money will be at stake. Entries from South of the Border will be welcomed and should be sent to Mr. J. Maiton, 29 Murieston Avenue, PERTH, by 22nd March.

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HINOKI — THE NEW POWER GAME FROM BUTTERFLY

DERBSHIRE NOTES

by ANNE FEARNEOUGH

WENCHING

In the quarter-final of the Wiltt cup, a place in the semi-final is being strongly contested by Chesterfield and Derby after the former had a very convincing win over Leics. with Maurice Billington in great form, winning his three sets with fine wins over Paul Randall and Chris Rogers (ranked 16 in England). Well done.

In the National Club Competition, I only have two results — both from St. Andrews of Derby who both go through to the next round.

The men had a very exciting game against Barwell Liberals with all the players being extended to their limits. Philip Vickers and David Yallop won two each and whilst Philip Vickers played some great table-tennis to beat Randall after three very close games — he then only just lost to Maurice Newman who in turn lost to David, who with Philip and Steven, all beat John Ebbage to clinch the match 5-4.

In the women's match, St. Andrews played Pinewood away with all of us expecting a tough match — but surprisingly the match was won quite comfortably 7-2, when I won all three (beating Lynn Fennell), with Marilyn and Karen losing to Lynn, so we all had our fish and chips earlier than anticipated!

In the January County matches, both Derbyshire junior teams came through unscathed.

For the 2nd team, Dickie Marples got into his rhythm straight away and had no trouble in winning both his sets in comfortable fashion. whilst Alison Marples and Jane Griffin had to fight for their points but nevertheless won. Martin Kinella lost both his — perhaps unluckily — and Vickers lost one of his, so the team ended up winning 7-2.

The 1st team beat Northants 7-3, Neil Marples, (following in his father's footsteps), won his two and Marilyn Deakin also had 100% after winning both of his sets comfortably. Jackie Billington broke another record in this match — she split the two previous unbeaten County record when she lost -19, -18 to Ann Wilson and then afterwards she was promptly awarded her County badge from the Chairman, Bill Druce. What a pity you had to lose to receive it Jackie! Both Iver Warner and David Yallop had 50%, after winning both of their two games equaling as easy!! Nevertheless we won 7-3.

In the Midland League 2nd Division, Derby "A" must be due for promotion after beating Derby "B" 9-1. (Chris O'Sullivan of Leics), was the match winner. Barry Meisel, (of Leics) had no match left which is against Leics. "B".
The 1978 Stiga Welsh Open Table Tennis Championships

ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Singles:  
DESMOND DOUGLAS  
(England)

Women's Singles:  
CHANG LI  
(China)

Men's Doubles:  
LIANG KE-LIANG and WANG CHEN-CHIANG  
(China)

Women's Doubles:  
LI MING and YEN KUAI-LI  
(China)

Mixed Doubles:  
DESMOND DOUGLAS and LINDA HOWARD  
(England)

Men's Team:  
CHINA I

Women's Team:  
KOREA DPR I

DOUGLAS THE PRINCE

by George R. Yates

Incredible reflex play often leaving his Chinese opponent shaking his head in bewilderment carried England’s Desmond Douglas to final success over Yang Chuan-ning in the men’s singles event of the Stiga Welsh Open played at the National Sports Centre for Wales over the period Feb. 3/5.

Having suffered a final defeat twelve months previously in the same arena at the hands of Wilfried Lieck of Federal Germany, the Warwickshire left-hander played with the determination not to let it happen a second time nor did he as the English No. 1 shrugged off an opening game defeat to assume the ascendancy which became more and more pronounced as the final set progressed.

Prior to, in the third round, top seed Liang Ke-liang, world ranked at No. 4, had fallen to the comparatively unknown Dutch boy Han Gootzen, aged 18, from Masstricht, who in the deciding game of five struck a purple patch on which he will be inclined to dwell for many years to come.

Not content with appearing in one final Douglas also made an appearance in two others being partnered by Nicky Jarvis in the men’s doubles and by Linda Howard in the mixed. But Des would hardly dwell on the loss of a triple crown when measured against the glory of success in the blue riband event - the men’s singles - last won by an Englishman eight years ago by Chester Barnes. But although the men’s doubles was lost, the English pair did win the mixed.

Linda Howard apart little in the way of success came England’s way in the women’s events with the exception of Anita Stevenson who had a second meritorious success of the season over Carole Knight in the singles from which Jill Hammersley departed in Round 3 when beaten by Li Ming of China.

TEAM EVENTS

England I, represented by Douglas and Jarvis, had 3-0 victories over both New Zealand and Norway but failed by two sets to three against China II in the semi-final although, here again, Douglas had wins over Wu Chin-hsin and Yang Chuan-ning.

The second string, comprising Maxwell, Crimmings and Robert Potten - Paul Day did not participate — began shakily with a 3-2 win over Turkey with Potten the hero in winning both his singles and sharing in a doubles success. But when that particular set was lost in the subsequent match against Scotland, so was the match 7-3 with Crimmings going down (twice to Richard Yule and John McNea.

As with the men so, on the distaff side, England’s first women’s team reached the semi-finals with Jill Hammersley and Carole Knight recording 3-0 successes over Norway and Belgium. But, against China I, the scoreline was effectively reversed.

England II, represented by Linda Howard and Karen Witt, began brightly enough with a 3-0 win over Canada’s Brigitte Philip and Marianne Dousounias but, inevitably, 0-3 was the defeat at the hands of China II in the next round. But it wasn’t China that took this team title but the duo of Korea DPR whose Ri Song Suk and Pak Yong Ok triumphed 3-1 over China I in the final. Their world champion, Pak Yong Sun, although present, took no part in the championships, being somewhat under the weather healthwise. It did rain in Cardiff, and then some, but that was not the reason.

HIGHER RANKED

Apart from the failure of Liang Ke-liang to reach his allotted position, the three remaining top seeds all reached the semi-finals Yang Chuan-ning coming through in place of his higher ranked compatriot.

Jarvis and Day, the latter coming in for the individual events both joined Douglas in the quarter-finals but the Cleveland man went out to Ku Cheng-chiang and Day to Wang Chien-chiang.
Karen, in partnership with Potton, did reach the penultimate stage of the mixed but then had the misfortune to come up against Douglas and Miss Howard in full flight and in no mood to be hampered. Jill and Nicky lost to Wang Chen-chaig and Li Ming.

But what of the Welsh? Only Andy Griffiths, a non-starter in the team events, made the third round of the men's singles beating Alexandrovs of Turkey and Steven Mills of Yorkshire before losing to Yang Chian-ning. Graham Davies, after winning off the challenge of Brian Keen, retired unwell after losing the first five points to WeIsman in Round 2.

Veteran George Evans was not abashed at having to tackle the top seed. Liang Ke-liang, in the first round, but scores of 8, 9 and 4 must have seemed like swimming against the tide and George is not a bad swimmer.

As always, at an event in Wales, Roy and Nacey Evans gave of their all, more than setting an example to less willing souls but still finding happy their sponsors and many visitors even in the extent of welcoming them to Cyncoed Road where the root crops of Korea DPR were much in evidence — bountiful their (relatives)?

But from Newport, on to soggy Bolton it was rain, rain all the way but even that could not dampen the joy experienced in having witnessed Dearton Douglas' greatest triumph.

**TEAM EVENTS**

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**Scotland 3 Jersey 0**

| McNee/Yule bt Bourgeard/Sunier 10, 20 | McNee/Yule bt Bourgeard/Sunier 10, 20 |
| McNee/Yule bt Bourgeard/Sunier 10, 20 | McNee/Yule bt Bourgeard/Sunier 10, 20 |

**Luxembourg 3 Wales I 2**

| Wang Chien-chiang bt Wu Yung 19, 19 | Wang Chien-chiang bt Wu Yung 19, 19 |
| Wang Chien-chiang bt Wu Yung 19, 19 | Wang Chien-chiang bt Wu Yung 19, 19 |

**Netherlands 3 Wales II 1**

| Wu Chin-hsin bt Gootzen 10, 17 | Wu Chin-hsin bt Gootzen 10, 17 |
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**CHINA II 3 Malta 0**

| Yang Chuan-ning bt A. Anastasi 4, 7 | Yang Chuan-ning bt A. Anastasi 4, 7 |
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**Turkey 3 Guernsey 0**

| Wu/Yang bt Douglas/Jarvis 18, -16, 18 | Wu/Yang bt Douglas/Jarvis 18, -16, 18 |
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**Netherlands 3 Wales I 1**

| Birel/Stebins bt Morgan/Thomas 17, 19 | Birel/Stebins bt Morgan/Thomas 17, 19 |
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**CHINA I 3 Luxembourg 6**

| Stebens bt Thomas 17, 14 | Stebens bt Thomas 17, 14 |
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**CHINA II 3 Netherlands 6**

| McNee/Yule bt Bourgeard/Sunier 14, 4 | McNee/Yule bt Bourgeard/Sunier 14, 4 |
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Pak's teammates RI Song Suk and Pak Yong Oh, winners of the women's team event.
Women's doubles winners, Yen Kuai-li and Li Ming of China with the beaten finalists Chang Li and Li Shu-ying on the second step of the rostrum. Nancy Roy Evans, Hon. General Secretary of the Table Tennis Association of Wales passes the awards to presenter Patrick Arkell.

Korea DPR II Malta 0
Chang Li bt Ri Yong Sil -17, 16, 21;
KOREA DPR I 3 China I
Ri Song Suk bt Chang Li -11, -13;
Pak/Ri bt Yen Kuai-li -12, 18, 19.

Korea DPR I 3 Jersey 0
Chang Li bt M-F. Germiat 8, 7;
Korea I 3 Luxembourg 0
Ri Song Suk bt P. Soper 9, 6;
Howard/Witt bt Domonkos/Plucas 11, -18, 10.

Korea II 3 Wales I 0
Li Ming bt D. SYlnons 8, 10;
Belgium 3 Wales I 0
Risch bt Leonard 7, 14;

Korea II 3 Wales II 0
M. Toussaint lost to A. Leonard -14, -13;
England II 3 Canada 0
K. Witt bt M. Domonkos 14, 15;

England I 3 Norway
Yen Kuai-li bt S. Coulson 12, 6;
Belgium 3 Wales II 0
C. Knight bt G. Hundveen 11, 9;

England I 3 Japan
C. Verachtert bt D. Coulthard 14, 11;
Korea DPR II Malta 0
Ri Yong Sil bt M-T. Chalmers 10, 6;

England II 3 Ireland
M-F. Germiat bt K. Wheatley 13, 9;
Korea DPR I 3 Malta 0
Ri Yong Sil bt M-T. Chalmers 10, 6;

HONG/LI bt ChalmersjPullicino 6, 11.
Hong Gil Son bt M. Pullicino 3, 7;

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M. Domonkos (CAN) bt A. Leonard (IRE) 18, 13.

Korea DPR I 3 China II
Semi-finals:
DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Liang Ke-liang/Chang Li
Wang Chien-chiang bt June 20, 15, 7.

Quarter-finals:
DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Liang Ke-liang/Chang Li
Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Liang Ke-liang/Wang Chien-chiang bt N. Eckersley (C/)
MINA/Yu (W) bt C. Cummings (ENG)/Petron -19, 11, 20, 18
Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Douglas.bt Wang Chien-chiang -19, 20, 10, 16

Women's Singles Round 2:
Douglas/ Jarvis bt A. Clayton (Y)/C. Sewell (Av)
McNee/Yule bt M. CrImmins (ENG)/Potton 16, 18, 20, 16

Women's Singles Round 1:
Douglas/ Jarvis bt Wu Chen-hsinjYang Chuan-ning 8, 9, 12
McNee/Yule bt M. CrImmins (ENG)/Potton -19, 11, 20, 18

M. Toussaint bt A. Leonard 13, 8;
Douglas/ Jarvis bt Wu Chen-hsinjYang Chuan-ning 8, 9, 12

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DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Liang Ke-liang/Chang Li
MINA/Yu (W) bt C. Cummings (ENG)/Petron -19, 11, 20, 18

DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Liang Ke-liang/Chang Li
LANCASHIRE NOTES
by GEORGE R. YATES

GRANADA PROGRESS
All the big four are still there, Liverpool with a
tremble from Tony O'Gorman, helping over­
whelm Wrexham in Group 1, Preston 940 winners
over Barrow, Manchester progressing by a similar
score against St. Helens and Farnworth at the
expense of Bolton. Second round results were:
Group 1
Barrow 2 Burnley 1
Southport 0 Wrexham 0
Llanelli 0 Tranmere 0
Preston 1 Barrow 0
Wigston 1 Gorton 1
Farnworth 1 Bolton 0
Wrexham 0 Runcorn 0

Group 2
Barrow 3 Doncaster 0
Stapleford 2 Crewe 1
Wrexham 0 Southport 0
Doncaster 0 Wrexham 0
Tramore 0 Barrow 0

Group 3
Barrow 2 Widnes 0
Llanelli 2 Tranmere 1
Bolton 0 Tranmere 0
Tramore 0 Barrow 0
Bolton 0 Wrexham 0

Group 4
Barrow 0 Widnes 0
Tramore 0 Barrow 0
Wrexham 0 Southport 0
Barrow 0 Widnes 0
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Maximum wins were recorded by Don Hobbs
and Enrleys Coupe (Angelsey), Charlie Potts
(Chester), Roy Franklin and Brian Carney
(Rochdale), Steven Turner, Alan Whittle and
John Harker (Preston), Arthur Hilton, David
Newton and Jack Kershaw (Bolton), Ceece
Sharpley (Lutwight), Derek Abbott (Widnes),
D. Sharpey (Chester), Phil Brown, Brian Ken
and Mark Hankey (Manchester), David
Moran and Paul Steele (Chester), Derek Schofield and
D. Stalburg (Mid-Ches.), Phil Bowen, Brian Kean
(Farnworth), Alan Grimshaw (Black	
den/ten) and Mark Hankey (Manchester),

WIDNES TALENT ABOUNDS
The writing room in the home of the
Widnes Table Tennis Club at Widnes is
always evident, at least when it is
necessary to support his letter of protest. Chairman
Bert Frethewell decided to allow a discussion on
what was a committee matter, whereas his pre­
decessor Keith Watts might well have referred
the whole thing to the selectors without the members
airing their views. But, possibly as Sam is a vice­
captain, discussion was permitted, but the un­
avoidable result was that it was referred back to
the selection committee, who are regarded as
brave for issuing a list anyway.
I have always said, “You need broad shoulders
and a thick skin to be a selector and there comes
a time when harassed by parents and coaches you
have a right to say that if they do not like
certain decisions they can do the other thing
and even vote for new people at the next A.G.M. if
they can find them”.

SUSSSE NOTES
by JOHN WOODFORD

SAM’S MUSKET DROPPED
How many players in England who have played
the English tournament circuit in the last ten
years would agree with Sam’s latest Sussex ranking
of No. 137! The answer is probably none at all!
Sam, a former Nigerian international, current
holder of the East Susse,s “Sussex Express” title
when he beat Roger Chamberlain in the final, was
on the sunshine list of winners over the non-current
England international, Bob Potton,
managed a semi-final place at Woking but has
to be content with a reserve position for England’s
team for the French Junior Open at Luneville on
March 25/26. Well done Kenny a deserved honour
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circuit. Young Kenny Jackson continues to storm
along on the junior front and he annexed his
second “Select” title at the weekend.
Derbyshire's Martin Kinsella (formerly Notts) are expected to achieve by Castleford/Pontefract and York in Div. II (8-2), they require one point from their two remaining matches to put the issue beyond doubt.

Success has rekindled local interest in the team, who have been provided with a smart new playing strip of orange shirts and black shorts by the Sheffield League. Current County No. 6 Steven Mills, former county man David Rayner and In Div. 2, Doncaster II and Huddersfield are Sheffield look set to take the Div. 1 Yorkshire League title. Mills has scored four times and is leading the Division with 8 points. His firm aim is to play on the Div. II Yorkshire League title for the first time since 1960/61. Mills is a regular in the side and is one of the well-known ex-English Internationals playing. He is left-handed and has a distinctive playing style.

The sponsored 20-hour table tennis marathon organized in Wakefield to raise money to provide specialist treatment for a brain-damaged local boy, is expected to, set a new record. Over 50 youngsters played non-stop for 12 hours at the Wakefield Youth Table Tennis Coaching School and their efforts realised over £400.

In the Cup, Halifax (Beadsley, Tony Bottomley and Adrian Roper) beat Leeds 5-2 and next face up to Ormesby in the quarter-finals.

Standing at the ready for 12 gruelling hours of non-stop table tennis at the Wakefield Youth Table Tennis Coaching School.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES
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Suffolk | 5 3 0 2 | 28 22 6 |
Northants | 4 1 1 1 | 28 11 6 |
Sussex | 4 0 0 4 | 7 33 0 |
Northumberland | 3 1 2 1 | 15 29 2 |
Kent | 4 3 0 1 | 25 15 6 |
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Shropshire | 5 0 0 2 | 38 12 10 |
Northashire | 4 1 0 3 | 13 27 2 |
Leicestershire | 4 0 1 3 | 11 29 1 |

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Nottinghamshire | 4 0 0 4 | 2 28 0 |
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North-west Staffs | 4 0 1 3 | 11 31 2 |

3rd East
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Derbyshire | 4 3 0 1 | 24 16 6 |
Worcestershire | 3 2 1 0 | 23 7 4 |
Cleveland | 3 1 1 1 | 18 12 3 |
Northumberland | 3 0 1 2 | 3 28 0 |
Huntingdonshire | 4 0 0 4 | 2 28 0 |
North-west Staffs | 3 1 1 1 | 16 14 3 |
Northants | 4 0 1 2 | 12 18 2 |
Bedfordshire | 4 0 0 4 | 8 32 0 |
Lancashire | 5 3 0 2 | 28 22 6 |

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Cambridgeshire | 4 0 2 2 | 20 14 9 |
Cheshire | 5 4 0 1 | 33 17 8 |
South Yorkshire | 4 2 0 2 | 25 15 4 |
Shropshire | 5 1 0 4 | 17 33 2 |
Derbyshire | 4 1 0 3 | 13 27 2 |
Cornwall | 4 0 0 4 | 6 34 0 |

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS Fixtures for April, 1978

Premier
Yorks v Warwickshire.
Essex v Middlesex — Rainford School, Chelmsford, 7.00 p.m.
Essex v Devon — Middlesbrough, 7.00 p.m.
Worcestershire v Yorkshire.
Surrey v Hertfordshire.
Hampshire v Sussex — Redhill, 2.30 p.m.
W. — Middlesbrough v Middlesex — Ormsby, 7.30 p.m.

2nd North
Yorkshire II v Essex.

3rd South
Essex II v Derbyshire.
Yorkshire II v Cheshire.

4th
Middlesex II v Warwickshire.
Middlesex II v Yorkshire.
Surrey II v Yorkshire.
Surrey II v Northamptonshire.
Worcestershire II v Northamptonshire.


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WARWICKSHIRE DOOMED?

Every game of the remaining matches in the Premier Division will be decisive, but the team more so than the top of the table clash between Surrey and Yorkshire on April 29th. Both sides are locked together at the top of the table and should, barring catastrophes, win their other matches.

Yorkshire are quietly surging evermore by disposing of other contenders in no uncertain terms. Their 8-1 destruction of Essex in January was followed last month by the disposal of Cleveland. Cleveland must now despair any chance of their third successive Premier Championship; but Surrey, who went to the head of the table after their close win over Middlesex are Yorks- hire's most important opposition.

Warwickshire's 6-5 reversal by Essex puts them in line for relegation and with their remaining matches against Yorkshire and Cleveland, their future certainly looks bleak.

Sussex look good favourites to win 2nd South and will play Kent to substantiate their position at the end of the season. Their predictions have often been proven wrong, but can Kent beat Sussex?

Already playing for a place in the Premier next season are Cheshire, and they will be loose for the senior challenge matches at I.C.I. Hyde on April 29th. Suffolk had a replayed goal on the grounds that the referee had insufficient information — this in Div. 2 (East).

Hertfordshire muffed their chance of going to the Play-offs by dropping a point to Norfolk, while Cambridgeshire, even without Paul Day in their final matches, look certain to finish behind Essex II in 2nd East.

On the junior front, Junior Premier Leaders Middlesex took a tighter hold on the division with the 10-0 demolition of Surrey, while other main contenders Yorks- hire and Middlesex lost two matches and could only manage draws against Surrey and Cleveland.

At the foot of the Division, Devon look going downhill along with the other promoters last season Lancashire, or Cheshire. No doubt the small improvements at the Junior Promotion Challenge matches (players must be juniors next season) will have to wait and see who is the capable County rate their chances, perhaps even about their top juniors this season. Sussex look only contender from the southern section, Cheshire and Staffordshire head Junior 2nd North while three Counties from Junior 2nd Midland will be fighting for the two available places — Buckinghamshire, Warwickshire, and Hertfordshire.

Junior Challenge matches will be played in Staffordshire.

PREMIER

Middlesex 4 Surrey 5

The match had everything to please the large crowd filling the Staines Sports Center which eventually went Surrey's way with Dave Wheatman winning the final set at 4-11 against David Tan 25-18, 25-22, 5-11.

A. Burden bt M. Crimmins 21-18, 18, 15;
B. Veasey bt M. Mitchell 15, -16.
D. Tan lost to Crimmins -22, -12;
lost to B. Veasey 12, 23, 20.

M. Mitchell bt Shuttle 17, 14;
lost to Shuttle 14, 2, 11.

D. Veasey bt Mitchell -15, 16.

Mitchell/Tan lost to Crimmins/Weitman -14, -16.
Angela Mitchell lost to Linda Howard -19, -9.
Burden/Mitchell lost to Shuttle/Weitman -17, -15, -13.

Warwickshire 4 Essex 5

Victory for Essex after trailing 6-2 — the turning point coming when Potton defeated Johnson 3-11. Derek Munt must definitely the best player on view and his opening set victory over Potton superb to say the Jest. For Warwickshire perhaps their most famous spectator non-other than Des Douglass!!!

D. Johnson lost to R. Potton 20, -19, -12;
lost to D. Newman 17, 13.
D. Newman bt Potton 18, 12;
lost to A. O'Connor -13, -15, -17.

B. Howard lost to Newman -12, -16;
lost to Gibbs -15, -15.

Johnson/Mitchell bt Newman/Porton -21, 19, 12.
Rachel Mckrell lost to Lenley Radford 6-8, -8.

Hawkins/Miss McKrell lost to Gibbs/Williams -9, -10.

Yorkshire 6 Cleveland 3

Cleveland — without Denis Nesi — well beaten although Yorkshire required the decider for four of their successes; in a nutshell, Nicky Jarvis and Carole Knight didn't get the support to clinch a Cleveland win.

A. Fletcher bt Newman -9, 14, -9;
lost to A. O'Connor -21, 15, 17.

B. Howard bt McKrell 17, 15, 14;
lost to Jarvis 13, 15, 15.


Warwickshire's Miss McKrell lost to Jarvis/Williams -13, -13, -15;
lost to Jarvis -12, -14, 15.

Visitors, looking for honours and promotion let their chances of going down, along with the other promotees last season when they won two of the three sets

Middlesex 10 Surrey 0

G. Sandley bt S. Holloway 11, 18;
lost to M. Mitchell 13, 12.

B. Tyler bt G. Gamble 23, -13, 17;
lost to M. Mitchell 12, 12.

C. Wilson bt M. Mitchell 23, 18, 19.

Middlesex 10 Surrey 0

L. A. Tyler bt G. Gamble 23, 18, 19;
lost to M. Mitchell 12, 12.

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Middlesex 10 Surrey 0

S. Holloway bt S. Mitchell 18, 18, 19;
lost to L. A. Tyler -12, -12, 15.


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