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**SIGNIFICANCE**

Of significance this season to England's Trainer/ Coach and European League non-playing captain, Peter Simpson, is that with the exception of John Hilton, all his squad players have signed contracts to play in the Federal German Bundesliga whereas, last season, only Douglas was so contracted, for DVB Borussia Dusseldorf.

Such are the lucrative terms being offered by the Federal German clubs to attract top players from other countries that Paul Day, the reigning English closed champion, has abandoned his studies at Cambridge University after only one year.

His ambition, from being a junior, has been to reach the top as a world class player and should he blossom to the same extent as did Douglas last season then Eintracht Frankfurt will have made a sound investment. Douglas is now placed equal No. 7, with Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia in the world ratings, and at No. 4 in Europe, his previous positions being No. 25 and No. 8 respectively.

Nicky Jarvis has signed for T.T.C. Grun-Weiss Bad Hamm but the drain to the continent is not confined to the male fraternity. England's top three women have also contracted to Federal German clubs, Jill Hammersley with TSV Kronshagen, Carole Knight with VSC Donaunowerth and Linda Howard with Post SV Dusseldorf.

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By the Editor

Desmond Douglas elevated to joint world No. 7, with Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia in the revised International Table Tennis Federation rankings.

In a revised classification list issued by the International Table Tennis Federation on July 3rd, 1979, England's Desmond Douglas, following his remarkable exploits in the 11th European Championships last season in Duisburg, has been elevated from his previous 25th position to joint No. 7 with Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia.

Paul Day, the reigning English closed champion, has also been uplifted, from No. 40 and last to No. 30 but, from being No. 32 in the previous list Denis Neale has been omitted. So too have Kwik Johanlson of Sweden (13), Anton Stipanic of Yugoslavia (+15), Tetsuo Inoue of Japan (+17), Stanislav Gomozkov of the Soviet Union (20), Tetsuo Inoue of Japan (28) and Li Yu-hsiang (39).

Another English player to receive an uplift is Jil Hammarsten, the beaten finalist in Duisburg, who comes up to No. 8 having previously occupied the joint tenth position with Ann-Christin Hellman, Kayako Kawashigata and Lee Allen.

Desmond Douglas, from being No. 28 in the previous list, is omitted but Linda Howard, not previously listed, covers in at No. 39.

By tradition both Mitsuru Kohno of Japan and Pak Yong Sun of the People's Republic of Korea head the categories at the reigning world champions. The new classifications (previous positions in brackets) are:

**Men:**

1. Pak Yong Sun (KPR) (1)
2. Chang Li (CHN) (2)
3. Chang Te-yung (CHN) (3)
4. Yang Ying (CHN) (33)
5. *Gabor Gerenge (HUN) (10)
6. Istvan Jonner (HUN) (13)
7. Desmond Douglas (ENG) (25)
8. Milan Orlowski (CZE) (8)
9. Jacquet Secretes (FRA) (6)
10. Tibor Klaician (HUN) (11)
11. Norio Takashima (JAP) (13)
12. Stefan Bengtsson (SWE) (7)
13. Tier Kness (HUN) (15)
14. Li Chen-shih (CHN) (14)
15. Dragutin Saric (YUG) (15)
16. Wilfried Leick (GFR) (15)
17. Sarks Sirkohan (CSF) (17)
18. S. Oto (JAP) (19)
19. Anniitlik Strokkan (USO) (22)
20. Christian Martin (FRA) (31)
21. Lu Yuan-sheng (CHN) (9)
22. Ulf Thoresell (SWE) (23)
23. Lu Ming-Chang (CHN) (5)
24. Patrick Birocheau (FRA) (22)
25. Masahiro Maehara (JAP) (34)
26. Norio Takashima (JAP) (3)
27. Milan Karakasevic (YUG) (30)
28. Danny Seemiller (USA) (35)
29. Katsuyuki Abe (JAP) (39)
30. Paul Day (ENG) (40)
31. Tetsuo Inoue (JAP) (40)
32. Jochen Leiss (GFR) (19)
33.ワイン Mihael Matuska (YUG) (34)
34. Zoran Karanovic (YUG) (29)
35. Ilona Uhlikova (CZE) (9)
36. Norio Takashima (JAP) (13)
37. Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (7)
38. Estia Sander (BEL) (6)
39. Danny Seemiller (USA) (35)
40. Uchida (JAP) (18)

**Women:**

1. Pak Yong Sun (KPR) (1)
2. Chang Li (CHN) (2)
3. Chang Te-yung (CHN) (3)
4. Ke Hsian-ai (CHN) (4)
5. Yang Ying (CHN) (33)
6. Ching Hsiao Chiao (CHN) (6)
7. *Judith Magee (HUN) (6)
8. Jil Hammarsten (ENG) (10)
9. Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE) (10)
10. Kayako Kawashigata (JAP) (10)
11. Lee Allen (USA) (20)
12. Shinji Kawai (JAP) (13)
13. Iwaihi Shih-Hui (CHN) (10)
14. Maria Alexandre (RUM) (14)
15. Uchida (JAP) (18)
16. Ri Song Suk (KDR) (16)
17. Bettine Vriesekoop (NET) (16)
18. Beatrice Klaician (HUN) (7)
19. Valentina Popova (USS) (5)
20. Blanka Silhanova (CZE) (5)
21. Kim Soon Ok (KOR) (13)

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**The Continental World No. 7, 1979.**

Desmond Douglas elevated to joint world No. 7, with Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia in the revised International Table Tennis Federation rankings. Photo by Horst Muller, Dusseldorf.
Hungary's Gabriella Szabo elevated from No. 22 to No. 12 in the world rankings.

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22. Pak Yong Ok (KDR) (24)
23. Claude Bergeret (FRA) (23)
24. Gabor Gergely (HUN) (6) (2)
25. In-Sook Bhushan (USA) (27)
26. Chu Hsiang-yun (CHN) (5) (3)
27. Weike Hendrickson (GFR) (27)
28. Chu Hsiang-yun (CHN) (5) (3)
29. Gabor Gergely (HUN) (6) (2)
30. Kinl Chang Ai (KDR) (29)
31. Yen Kuei-li (CHN) (30)
32. Huang Hsi-ping (CHN) (31)
33. Ursula Hirschmuller (GFR) (8)
34. Siu Kit Man (HKG) (32)
35. Chang Siu Ying (HKG) (35)
36. Dana Dubinova (CZE) (-)
37. Gordana Perkucin (YUG) (-)
38. Narine Antonian (USS) (-)
39. Linda Howard (ENG) (-)
40. Branka Batinic (YUG) (-)

*European champion

China's Yang Ying has leapt from No. 33 to No. 19.

Paul Day (ENG) (20)

*Denotes tournaments in this season's Norwich Union Grand Prix Circuit.

Europe's new No. 1 Gabor Gergely of Hungary.

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EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS
1978/79

Men:

Round 1

Panel

Akedemic Svichtov (BUL)
Club 7 a 9 (SPA)
Olympiacos SFP (GRE)
Soham T.T.C. (ENG)

BTK Viby (DEN)
Fjell Kameraterns (NOR)
Palette Ham (BEL)

Palmeiros Lisboa (POR)
PSV Borussia Dusseldorf (GFR)

Club 7 a 9 (SPA)
Round 2

Sparta Praha (CZE)
Tempo Team (NET)
AS Cabourg (FRA)

Champions:

Sparta Praha (CZE)

Women:

Round 1

Women:

Akedamic Svichtov (BUL)
CSM Cluj-Napoca (RU-M)
Pioneer T.T.C. (IRE)
Atus Judenburg (AUT)

BTK Viby (DEN)
Fjell Kameraterns (NOR)
Palette Ham (BEL)

GBC Bari (ITA)
Fjell Kameraterns (NOR)
Pioneer T.T.C. (IRE)
St_egypt (HUN)

Men:

Ballerup BTK (DEN)
Palette Slave (BEL)

Ballerup BTK (DEN)

GBC Bari (ITA)
Club 7 a 9 (SPA)

EUROPE CLUB CUP

Sparta Praha (Czechoslovakia) retained their title in winning last season's Europe Club Cup of Champions. The team comprised Sido, Soos, Koczian and Varkonyi.

In Szolnok, BVSC Budapest (Hungary) won the Men's Section and Mladost Zagreb (Yugoslavia) the Women's Section of the European Fair Cities Cup.

In the Youth Championships played at Karaganda the boys' singles title was won by Ivan Minkevitch and the girls' by Flura Bulatova. Winners of the Cadet titles were Vladimir Dvorak (boys') and Irena Kowalska.

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aucklanders Kerry and Shelly Palmer achieved a unique brother-sister double when they won the open men's and women's singles titles respectively at the 1978 Skellerup New Zealand Championships in Napier. Kerry, 21, and Shelly, 19, both from Auckland's Renkell Club, played excellently in their finals, and throughout the earlier stages of the tournament, to upset the more favoured entrants.

Spartak Vlasin (CZE)

Bettine Vrieskoop of Holland, a newcomer to the world rankings at No. 17.
“Had a great time — see you again next year!”
was the general parting shot of the 200 odd
participants (many of whom had returned for
their second holiday at Tees Sport Summer School) who
attended the four courses during the month of
August at Durham Castle. And what a lot was
packed into those courses!

First of all the people — of all ages and from
so many different places: Texas and Minnesota,
U.S.A., Venezuela via Sweden, Bergen, Norway;
all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales,
including the Isle of Wight and Isle of Man. Some
stayed for one course, others for two, whilst Chris
Webster of Northern Ireland spent the whole
month with us. Many youngsters came on their
own — others were accompanied by their families
who took in some of the table tennis and spent
the good days sightseeing in the historic North
East.

There were some great times to remember.
“Fitness with Parker”, those punishing sessions in
the Sports Hall or out on the track, and the
interesting evening seminars. As the new National
Coach for the North and an England junior
captain, Donald should prove to be most
successful.

“The right bat for you . . .” Nicky Jarvis
continued his equipment talks and made up well
over a hundred bats during the courses before
retiring at night. If his eyes looked particularly
bright next morning, there were usually comments
from other staff members about his midnight
sessions with Chack.

Carole’s discos went very well, despite the lack
of partners on some courses. To see these coaches
practice what they preach is encouraging, and
Carole certainly kept feet moving even after a
busy day at the tables.

In addition to his coaching and physical condi­
tioning duties, Bob Wiley merrily drove the Tees
Sport Land Rover through the quaint streets of
Durham out to Maiden Castle Sports Centre, a
perfectly situated facility.

Alan Hydes, with his “Dunlop” smile was a
popular addition to the staff, whilst former
defensive international, Bryan Merritt, had his
work cut out in those demonstrations. Bryan may
be remembered for the umbrella he faithfully
carried — which he left on the last night!

A new and successful innovation this year was
the table tennis quiz held during the 9-day course.
It was the main topic of conversation for two days
beforehand as the participants tested their know­
ledge amongst themselves, and the coaches
prepared their questions, all the while conscious of
The group from the Fjell-Kameraterne Club, Bergen, Norway, who attended Course No. 2, with Nicky Jarvis, Carole Knight, Donald Parker and Alan Ransome.

The evening seminars, which included talks on physical conditioning, winning, special sessions on how to play, ... (a dropper, looper, counter-hitter) in the world before the practical demonstrations, table tennis in China and international matches on video, were held this year in one of the University lecture rooms at New Elvet.

Participants also had the opportunity to buy equipment and take advantage of specialist advice in the shop at D3, which was usually packed out during its daily hour of opening. Those on Course 4 received a copy of the new Tees Sport catalogue hot off the press on Friday night.

And not forgetting the table tennis itself; the sessions began with the coaches showing a particular movement in a match situation. The stroke was then shown slowly and described by the Course Director, Alan Ransome. The players, and the several coaches who had come on the course to refresh their knowledge, then spent the remainder of the 45 minutes session practicing that stroke. Other sessions were devoted to physical conditioning, and personal tuition in which the players decided which part of their game they needed help with. Two afternoons were devoted to match play in team and individual tournaments, with useful equipment prizes being presented at the final evening party.

Yes, a good time was had by all. Even the staff, who had worked so hard for so long, enjoyed Durham. It's something to do with the Castle and course atmosphere, and the common interest of all who come to Tees Sport Summer School.

TOP CLASS COACHING HOLIDAY AT DURHAM CASTLE

by Graham Davies, Isle of Man T.T.A.

For the second summer running, Tees Sport held a series of table tennis coaching holidays in Durham this August. I attended the 9-day course and beforehand I was looking forward to playing under the eyes of coaches of the calibre of Alan Ransome, Bob Wiley, Donald Parker, Bryan Merrett, Nicky Jarvis and Carole Knight. My expectations were more than lived up to.

The fitness programme, organised by Donald Parker and Bob Wiley, at first woke muscles which we didn't know existed, but which we soon realized would come in handy at twenty-all in the third game. I can remember how tired most of us were after running around the Maiden Castle track six times, whereas Don and Nicky Jarvis galloped merrily around twelve times without hardly seeming to break into a sweat.

On certain evenings discos were held in the Undercroft. Although the lack of girls on my course seemed to be a problem, some players took great delight in practising their backhand loops on the dance floor to the strains of “Saturday Night Fever”.

A friendly atmosphere was evident all week as we all had one thing in common and the coaches were always ready to discuss any aspect of the game “after hours”.

An innovation this year was the table tennis quiz which everyone enjoyed, although Carole Knight was most annoyed when none of us knew who was the last English player to win a singles title at the English Open!

The varied food and excellent accommodation at the Castle made the holiday complete and I shall be one of the first to book for next year.
followed by a short but adequate demonstration and explanation of the programme.

The course was divided into three groups of sixteen, decided by playing ability. The coaches worked in pairs in a carefully prepared programme so that they coached each of the sections in rotation. The programme also included periods of personal tuition and the physical training aspects of table tennis. The course provided very interesting evening lectures on Physical Training for Table Tennis, Equipment, Table Tennis in China and How to win at Table Tennis.

The very full programme ensured that the five days passed very quickly and the course closed with individual tournaments for each group with good equipment prizes being presented during the final evening party.

In retrospect, I feel that the course was most suited for improving table tennis players of all ages with some ability or knowledge of modern table tennis techniques and a reasonable standard of fitness was essential to obtain full benefit from the course. I certainly thought the holiday good value for money and my young companions look forward to the opportunity of a return visit.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

October

November

CHANGE OF DATE

Would all readers please note that the European League match between ENGLAND v CZECHOSLOVAKIA at Batley Sports Centre, Howden Clough, Batley, Yorkshire, will now be held on TUESDAY, Dec. 5th, 1978, commencing at 7.15 p.m. This is two days earlier than advertised in order to meet a request from the Czechoslovak Association.

55% OF THE PLAYERS IN THE BIRMINGHAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS USED BUTTERFLY
Under the inspired leadership of Haif Sang Gook, President of the Korea Republic, the Table Tennis Association, his charges almost took charge of affairs at Worthing Sports Centre over the weekend of May 13-14th winning no less than six of the seven titles at stake.

Federal Germany's Monika Stark spied the blushes of the Europeans with a fighting display in the final of the girls' singles after losing the first game to Cho Wol Youn of the Korea Republic.

The Asian visitor's Kim Wan was the player to take the eye for he collected these 'goldie' from the boys' team, singles and doubles. So too did Cho Wol Youn in the girls' team, girls' and mixed doubles. Quite a pair these two with a great future in store.

Not so England's representatives on the evidence of this gathering more as the home country was defending five titles and lost them all. Karen With her girls' title single to the mercurial Cho Wol Youn at the semi-final stage.

Karen and Angela Tierney did reach the final of the girls' doubles but their attempt to win this title was far from inspiring, in fact it was dreadful and only going down 26-28 in the third to Kim Youn at the semi-final stage.

Doubtless it was good to have the experience of the girls' team, girls' and mixed doubles. Quite a pair these two with a great future in store.
SCOTLAND TO HOST 5TH COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Scottish Table Tennis Association, in conjunction with General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Limited, the main sponsors, announce that the 5th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships will be held in the Meadowbank Indoor Sports Centre, Edinburgh, from 12th-18th April, 1979.

Already 14 countries - Hong Kong, England, India, Ghana, Guernsey, Canada, Northern Ireland, Jersey, Malta, Trinidad, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda and, of course, Scotland, have intimated that they intend to participate. It is confidently expected that Australia and Wales will also compete.

The Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships were inaugurated in 1971 and are held every two years immediately prior to the World Table Tennis Championships. All associations affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation whose territories are, or formerly were, within the British Commonwealth are eligible to compete. The first championships in 1971 were held in Singapore; the second in 1973 in Cardiff; the third in 1975 in Melbourne and the fourth in 1977 in Guernsey.

The Championships are organised on the same lines as the World and European Championships. The first three days will be concerned with the team competitions; men will play in teams of three (nine singles matches) and the women in teams of two (four singles matches and one doubles). After a rest-day, the five individual events - Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles - will be played over the last three days.

England swept the board in the first three championships, winning all seven titles each time, with Trevor Taylor and Jill Hammersley each winning the singles titles three times in succession. The strongest challenge to their supremacy came from India, Australia, and Canada. However, in 1977, in Guernsey, Hong Kong, strengthened by the inclusion of several immigrants from the People's Republic of China, took over as Commonwealth Champions, winning six of the seven titles, leaving only the Women's Doubles title in English hands.

Scotland participated in the 1973 Championships in Cardiff when our No. 1 man - Richard Yule (Aberdeen) reached the Men's Singles semi-final and our No. 1 woman - Elaine Smith (Forfar) - the quarter-finals of Women's Singles. Last year in Guernsey, Scotland's team were placed seventh in each team event and our top players Richard Yule and Grae McKay (Edinburgh) attained Commonwealth ranking at No. 12 in the men's and women's lists.

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BUTTERFLY - EVERYTHING FOR TABLE TENNIS - BUTTERFLY Page 9
The National Selection Committee of last season compiled an end of season list of rankings which will remain operative until the end of this year, exempting juniors of last season now over age.

Both Desmond Douglas and Jill Hamersley did well in season 1977/78 and naturally retain their No. 1 positions, but Paul Day, previously No. 2 gives up his place to John Hilton, and Nicky Jarvis, rapidly regaining his old form, rises from No. 7 to No. 4.

The news is bad, however, for Andrew Borden of Middlesex, whose unconvincing form last season has seen him drop from No. 7 to No. 12 and now right out of the list.

LANCASHIRE'S JOHN HILTON NOW NO. 2 IN THE LAND.

Photo by John De Pledge, Rochdale.

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Group 1 consisted of John Hilton (England), Graham Davies (Wales) and David McIlroy (Scotland) whilst Nicky Jarvis (England), Alan Griffiths (Wales) and Keith Rodger (Scotland) made up Group 2.

Group 1: First match was young McIlroy v Hilton. Our "Wee Davy", showing no respect for the reputation of his more illustrious opponent, attacked from the outset, a very early ball and seemed unworried by John's variation bat to lead 6-0. However Hilton came back to go ahead 16-13; still attacking, McIlroy made it 1-all and went on to win the first game. In the second David stormed to 14-9 and 19-12 and it seemed he had the Englishman 'in the bag'. But try as he might the two points would not come. Hilton won and led 100 in the third before the young Scott won another point! By now John has found a length and run out the winner 21-7. Davies also beat McIlroy after dropping the first game. In the group decider Hilton narrowly edged out Davies 22-20 in the first but then ran away with the second to 7.

Group 2: Jarvis, once he got used to the natural lighting, was in impeccable form, beating both Griffiths and Rodger in straight games. Alan, showing much better form than in this event last year, seemed unworried by John's vari-spin bat to land) whilst Nicky Jarvis (England), Alan Griffiths (Wales) and Keith Rodger (Scotland) made up Group A Boys:

Group B Girls:

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JUNIOR IMPROVEMENT

September has seen a stepping up of the search for new talent in Wales despite the much improved performances of our juniors and cadets during the summer.

At Bradford, in the English Schools International Tournament we finished third, next to the two English sides, and above France, Scotland and Ireland. This was followed by the trip to the European Youth Championships in Barcelona, where our juniors improved to 20th place, and our cadets reached 13th place, a truly fine performance.

But although our cadet team of Mark Thomas and Andrew Jones remains intact, we are losing Jeff Morgan and Nigel Thomas to the Senior ranks, and our reserve store of juniors looks a bit thin at the moment.

In an attempt to find youngsters to bring into our squads, two Assessment Courses are being held, one at Lilleshall for the North, and the other at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff. Leagues have been invited to nominate youngsters likely to be trainable to international levels, and in the Round Robin tournaments which will be held at each venue, note will be taken of the best talent available.

A check up on our seniors is also taking place, and the top senior men and women, together with the top juniors will play in a round robin event so that present form can be assessed.

There is an immediate object in view in this last exercise because at the end of October we go to Finland for a friendly visit to help them celebrate their 40th Anniversary, and although we beat the Fins in the European Championships in Prague in 1976, we shall need a strong side to repeat that result.

We also need strong men and to find at least one strong woman player for the European League Third Division Matches which are to take place prior to the Stiga Welsh Open in February. This will be the biggest ever gathering in this event. Denmark, making a return to the European League, have to start at the bottom, whilst Romania, Portugal and Iceland will all be playing for the first time. To these have to be added Norway, Switzerland, Malta, Guernsey, Jersey and Wales, so that there will be three days of sustained endeavour. All will then stay to play in the Stiga Welsh Open, which, being the last in the Norwich Union Grand Prix Circuit, has already attracted promises of participation by Sweden, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Federal Germany, and Luxembourg, and the North Koreans have said they are coming again!

The Welsh Junior Open provided further proof of our improving standard, with several of our players reaching later rounds - Cathryn Jones, finalist in the Junior Girls' and Mark Thomas, semi-finalist in the cadet boys.

The event attracted an enormous entry from 25 countries, 161 in the boys' singles, 51 in the girls' singles and 76 in the cadet boys. Over 500 matches were played, and so popular has the event become that is it intended to hold it over two days next season, with the group system offering more matches to the weaker players.

Results:
B.S. Semi-finals:
Ken Jackson bt Malcolm Green 13, 13.
Final:
Jackson bt Sandley -16, 18, 8.
G.S. Semi-finals:
Mandy Reeves bt Linda Holmes 14, 12.
Cathryn Jones bt Helen Williams 19, 19.
Final:
Reeves bt Jones -19, 18, 9.
B.D. Final:
Desmond Charlery/Skylet Andrews bt Jackson/Green 18, -16, 16.
G.D. Final:
Gina Pritchard/Williams bt Angela Tierney/Holmes 18, 11.
X.D. Final:
Jackson/Tierney bt John Souter/Williams 11, 14.
C.B.S. Final:
Mark Oakley bt Souter -15, 18, 21.
C.G.S. Final:
Williams bt Pritchard 8, 13.

NEW FACES

Seven new councillors have been elected onto the National Council of the E.T.T.A. and they are
B. Halliday for Berkshire (formerly Peter Charters),
Peter D'Arcy for Cheshire (Derek Schofield), Mrs.
Pat Archdale for Cornwall (Laurie Landry), H.
Albery for Hampshire (Mike Greatrex), Bill Moran
for Lincolnshire (Joan Robinson), Mrs. Doreen
Stannard for Middlesex (John Wright) and A. Hills
for Somerset (A. R. E. Richens).

PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

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In the summer heat of Spain, Jindrich Pansky of Czechoslovakia and Romania's Eva Ferenczi became Junior Champions of Europe. The 21st European Youth Championships held in Barcelona during the last ten days of July proved a triumph for those two individuals who twelve months before in Vienna had been losing semi-finalists.

The defending girls' champion, Bettine Vriesekoop of Holland, one of four current world-ranked women taking part in Barcelona, had to file taken away in the semi-final by Ferenczi, herself a former world-ranked player.

Pansky justified his top seeded position but few would have forecast the 21-6, 21-12 blasting he gave the No.2 seed, experienced Russian defender Igor Solopov in the final. Ferenczi's final victory over Gordon Pervin of Yugoslavia was a much closer affair with the advantage frequently changing hands before the Romanian's more aggressive forehand took command for a fifteen in the third win.

Only the Swedish Cadet boys prevented a clean sweep of the Gold Medals by Eastern European countries. Eric Lindblom took the Cadet Boys singles title (and with Niklas Persson won the team event matches Karen had led Ferenczi 18-17 in the third with service to come, before losing. The quarter-final match saw Karen "bottled" from leads in both games to lose two deuces to the girl later to be crowned Champion. English players to reach the third round were

Mandy Smith, Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson and John Souter. Mandy had a fine win over English Junior Open Champion, Monika Markovic from Federal Germany before going out to the all action Czech No. 1 Dana Hermannova. Graham lost to the eventual Silver Medalist Solopov whilst Colin went out to the powerful Hans Christian Kubilis of Austria.

In the Cadet Boys' singles John played as well as he had throughout the Championships to lose only 19-21 in the third to the seeded Czech Zbynek Stepanek.

Karen and Mandy also got to the quarter-finals of the Girls' Doubles where they lost to Ferenczi (again) and Vriesekoop. The Mixed and Boys' Doubles were a disaster with only Sandley and Alison Gordon in the Mixed getting as far as the third round.

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21st EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys' Singles Round 4

4. J. Pansky (Czechoslovakia) 21-7, 21-12, 21-7, 21-12
5. E. Vriesekoop (Holland) 21-8, 21-11, 21-8
6. M. Markovic (Federal Germany) 21-12, 21-11, 21-10
7. I. Solopov (USSR) 21-15, 21-14
8. H. C. Kubitschka (Austria) 21-11, 21-12, 21-15
9. Colin Wilson (Scotland) 21-7, 21-11, 21-8
10. T. Gregersen (Norway) 21-15, 21-17, 21-16
12. T. Bottomley (England) 21-15, 21-13, 21-10
13. A. Skefko (Czechoslovakia) 21-18, 21-10, 21-13
14. D. Hermanova (Czechoslovakia) 21-11, 21-8, 21-10
15. Torkel Grefberg (Finland) 21-18, 21-16, 21-13
16. G. Pritchard (England) 21-8, 21-11, 21-13
17. D. Sheer (England) 21-8, 21-11, 21-13
18. Alain Vriesekoop (Holland) 21-15, 21-13, 21-10
19. Helen Williams (England) 21-15, 21-13, 21-10
20. A. Skefko (Czechoslovakia) 21-18, 21-10, 21-13
22. Mandy Smith (England) 21-15, 21-13, 21-10
23. Graham Oakley (England) 21-18, 21-10, 21-13
24. Colin Wilson (Scotland) 21-15, 21-13, 21-10
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Quarter-finals:

Girls' Singles Round 3:
V. Popova (USS) bt B. Abgrall (Fra) 16, 6.

Semi-finals:

Quarter-finals:
Parietti bt Bisi 18, 11;
Pansky bt Parietti 18, 11;
K. Witt (Eng) bt R. Pavlov (Yug) 6, -18, 17;
B. Vriesekoop (Net) bt H. Lindvall (Swe) 13, 13;

Semi-finals:
E. Ferenczi (Rum) bt D. Minska (Pol) 9, 12;
Pansky bt Kriston 7, 16, 16.

Boys' Doubles Quarter-finals:
Stefko bt Bohm 10, 17;
G. IPerkucin (Yug) bt N. Daviaud (Fra) -25, 13, 16;
Heggenberger/M. Hrachova (Cze) bt Lindblad/Lindvall 18, 19;
Pansky/Skefko bt Jankovic/Kovac 10, 10;
Ferenczi bt Vriesekoop 18, -12, 18;
N. Antonian (USS)/Popova bt M. Stork/So Wenzel (GFR) 18, 19;
BOHM/CRISAN bt Pansky/Skefko -16, 12, 22.
FERENCZI bt Perkucin 17, -12, 15.

Final:
Janista/Z. Stepanek (Cze) bt U. Carlsson/A. Thunstrom 18, 19;
BOHM/Ferenczi bt G. fPekar (Hun)/Bolvari 19, 13;
Bolvari/Perkucin bt Ferenczi/Vriesekoop 14, 19.

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
ANTONIAN/POPOVA bt Bolvari/Perkucin 19, -8, 11.
Appelgren/Lindvall bt Parietti/Daviaud 20, 16.
Semi-finals:
BOHM/Ferenczi bt Appelgren/Lindvall -18, 13, 12.
Ferenczi/Vriesekoop bt Smith/Witt 18, 15;
I. Frank (Yug)/Perkucin bt Solopov/Bulatova 15, 17;
FRANK/PERKUCIN bt BOHM/Ferenczi 13, -18, 18.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
N. Persson (Swe) bt Kroslak (Cze) 15, -13, 18;
Lindh bt Dvorak 18, 18;
Lindh bt Stepanek 20, 11, 16;
Assner bt N. Bjorkbom (Den) 16, 21.
Ovcharov bt Urban 11, -19, 13;
Kovalenko bt Pravdikova 20, 17;
Frank/Perkucin bt Solopov/Bulatova 15, 17;
I. Minkevitch (USS)/Popova bt Bisi 16, 14, 18;
FRANK/PERKUCIN bt Bisi/Popova 13, -18, 18.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
Heggenberger bt Soderberg 19, -10, 19.
Heggenberger bt Karner 14, 10;
K. Nilsson (Swe) bt D. Hauth (Den) 18, 16.
W. van Rijswick (Net) bt A. Olchevski (GFR) 6, -20, 11;
Stork bt Nilsson 17, 16.
Soderberg bt Michel 14, 16.
Semi-finals:
T. Karner (Aut) bt T. Cabrera (Bel) 16, 6;
Stork bt A. Gordon (Eng) 23, 19;
C. Michel (GFR) bt P. Korus (Pol) 15, 15.

Consolation Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
I. Frank (Yug)/Perkucin bt Solopov/Bulatova 15, 17;
G. Prichard (Eng) bt M. Monteux (Fra) 16, -13, 16;
J. Uhr (Yug) bt B. Holmsgard (Den) 16, 14;
M. Ovcharov (USS) bt D. Astegiano (Ita) 12, 14;
Assner bt Zehetbauer 7, 21.

Consolation Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
H. Hermanova/Hrachova 18, 12;
K. Witt (Eng) bt R. Pavlov (Yug) 6, -18, 17;
Kovalenko bt Hrachova 18, 11.
Consolation Boys' Singles Quater-finals:
M. Ovcharov (USS) bt D. Astegiano (Ita) 12, 14;
J. Uhr (Yug) bt B. Holmsgard (Den) 16, 14;
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CADET GIRLS

F. Bulatova bt R. Pradikova 7, 18;
C. Wilson bt D. Leroy 12, 10;
K. Jackson bt L. Dandoy -10, 15, 11;
S. Sandley bt Leroy 16, 11;
Wilson lost to G. Bisi -11, -6;
Sandley bt P. Canguelosi 9, 12;
Wilson lost to Schirrmeister -18, -16.

Wilson bt Astigiano -18, 17, 17;
v Italy (won 5-2)
Jackson bt Bisi 19, 17.
Jackson bt Ratti 13, 14;
Wilson lost to M. Plum -13, -11;
v Federal Germany (lost 1-5)
Jackson bt Canguelosi 9, 15;
Jackson bt D. Astigiano 14, 13;
Sandley lost to Bisi -15, -9;
Jackson bt J. Schirrmeister 20, 19, -22, 19;
Wilson lost to Ovcharov -18, -5.
Sandley lost to Plum -11, 18, -10;
Sandley lost to A. Assner -16, -15;
v U.S.S.R. (lost 1-5)
Sandley lost to
Wilson lost to S. Crisan -11, -10;
Wilson lost to I. Solopov -20, -13;
v Rumania (lost 1-5)
Sandley bt D. Badea 21, 15;
Sandley lost to Solopov -14, -15;
Jackson lost to Assner -20, -13;
Bottomley lost to Badea -8, -15.
Wilson lost to Bohm -19, -14;
v Austria (lost 3-5)
Sandley lost to Crisan -15, -15;
Sandley lost to Minkevitch -21, -20;
Jackson bt M. Ovcharov -12, 14, 18;
Borovsky bt S. Bohm -8, -11;
Sandley lost to H. Koller -21, -18;
Jackson lost to A. Zehetbauer 16, -13, -18;
Wilson lost to H. C. Kubitschka -14, -11,
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NEW ADDRESS
Wazwickshire dailymart Derek Hunt has moved to 8 Fern Croft, Lichfield, Staffs.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who so generously contributed to the very acceptable gift presented to me at the recent Annual General Meeting, and also for the very kind letters I have received on the occasion of my retirement. I would also like to thank the members of the 108 Club for their kind gift and the Hastings Staff for their gift of a car glass-decorder.

You have made the last eight years as your Chairman a very happy time for me by your unstinted support and loyalty, for which I am most grateful. I trust that together we have been able to achieve some measure of success within our sport during that time. Thank you one and all.

My very best wishes go to my successor, Tom Blunt, and his fellow officers, George Yates and Mike Greatrex, and I am confident that they will continue the traditions for which the Association is noted within the sporting world.

CHARLES M. WYLES.
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have also had a spell at the holiday camps this summer developing the skills of many table tennis youngsters as well as getting some practice for themselves, whilst Brian Johns has been keeping fit in full-time work and part-time squash. Possibly three former juniors, Mark Hankey, Ken MacFarlane and Ron Weatherby will give the established seniors a run for their money. Brian has been getting plenty of practice at the Y.M.C.A., Ross has been busy trying to improve his handicap four at golf and Ron has continued with his built-in table tennis environment — the Weatherby family of four young table tennis players.

On the women's side, England's Sue Little and Doreen Schofield will be out to withstand the growing challenge of the two rapidly improving younger Janet Denker and Lyn Ferrall. After finishing runners-up in the Third Midland, Cheshire's Senior Second Team hope to go one better this year, and with a new Cheshire team, the Senior Thirds, in Division Three North, Cheshire have increased their representation in the County Competition. Two Veterans sides will be competing against each other in the Veteran Midland League and a new junior side will compete in the Junior Third Division following the success of the Junior First Team in winning the Play-Off to reach the Junior Premier. So Cheshire can look forward to a busy, and let us hope successful, season.

August and September — in spite of holiday commitments — were selected as the time for the tournaments and victory in the juniors, the Seniors and Veterans have been busy competing against each other. In the top tournament, ten of the top juniors all played each other on Sunday, August 21st. In spite of a few very close encounters, John Weatherby managed to remain undefeated to take top place, whilst Tony Taylor, Worthington, took second place, and Worthington by beating Terry Turner 26-24 in the third, pipped him for third place. The final ranking order was:—

1. John Weatherby
2. L. D. Worthington
3. Tony Wortbington
4. Terry Turner
5. M. Johns
6. W. Percival
7. John Langley
8. W. Hulme
9. D. Kohno
10. A. Howell

Four holiday absences have been placed as follows by Karen Tonge, Coaching Secretary—
5a. D. Kohno
5b. J. Ellen
6a. R. Cherry
10a. A. Howell

A number of the North West was blessed with a spectacular table tennis event in August when North West Sports Centres in the North West were able to action the National Knockout Cup. Newcomers to the competition, the Cheshire Senior Cup was put back, twenty four players competed over the two days. Nigel Eckersley retained his No. 1 spot by remaining undefeated whilst Brian Johns, although losing to brothers Mike, became joint third in the ranking with Cheshire's current Closed Title Holder John McNee who defeated Mike Johns. Mark Hankey did well to finish with the two Weatherby brothers Ron, new into the senior ranks, and John, current No. 1 junior, gained very satisfactory positions at numbers ten and eleven.

The full ranking list is as follows:—
1. N. Eckersley
2. D. Constand
3. R. Johns
4. J. McNee
5. M. Johns
6. M. Hankey
7. W. Percival
8. W. Hulme
9. D. Kohno
10. J. Eckersley
11. W. Wood
12. D. Roberts
13. C. Taylor
14. G. Kent
15. D. Kenney
16. L. D. Worthington
17. A. Howell
18. E. MacFarlane

WELL DONE REG!'

First congratulations are due to our President Reg Bilton on being made a Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association. Reg has worked for many years for league, county and nationally. At league level he has been the custodian of the Leicestershire League, posts he has held for many years. Besides being President of the County he has invariably run the County Closed Championships when they have been held in Leicestershire, which is fairly often. Reg too is a County Umpire. He is best known nationally, however, for his super handling of the English Junior Closed Championships which have had almost a permanent home at Leicestershire since their inception. Reg himself has never played the game. He became interested when his son Ron played and became good enough to win County honours as a junior before retiring whilst still a junior. Daughter Janet achieved both Junior and Senior County honours and was at one time ranked three in Leicestershire, behind England-ranked Karen Rogers and Anita Stevens-sox. Janet, too, has now retired but fortunately Reg's enthusiasm shows no sign of abating.

The Town and Country Building Society continue to sponsor both our County 1st team and County Junior Closed Championships. This is, of course, excellent news and Leicestershire are most grateful for their continued assistance.

There have been a few changes locally but the two major ones concern the Leicestershire League where naturally Ian McNee and Angela Smith stood for re-election as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Ian McNee has won re-election comfortably and has an adequate notice of this. Fortunately we were able to find people of the required calibre in Tony Lillie knitting and Bob Kenney to take on these two time-consuming posts.

With 20 divisions last season one can appreciate how time-consuming they are and Junior 2nd team.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR HARRY

At the Norfolk County T.T.A.'s Annual General Meeting, on June 21st, 1978, Gerry Roe of Norwich was selected President of the Norfolk County T.T.A. and appointed Vice-Chairman in place of Jack Fuller of Yarmouth, who wished to retire. Harry Corrington, Treasurer of Norwich league, was made Hon. Life Member, joined by Garry Ross and Eric Fairhead, Derek Aboud, Junior Hon. Secretary, became the Hon. President. Neville Glover is to continue as Hon. Secretary and David Skeggs as Hon. Treasurer.

Last season, Laurie Landry became the second player to represent Middlesex in the County Championships on a hundred or more occasions. (The first was Dave Rowe who played 197 times). At the Annual General Meeting in July Laurie was presented with a map of old Middlesex etched on copper and suitably inscribed. Is this a record for appearances in the County Championships for one County?
News of Norwich successes in the National Police Championships would thus be:- Senior I - 2nd Div. (Chris Maddison); Senior II - 3rd Div.; U-14 Boys' - 2nd Div. (Tony Ross, Tom Matthews); U-12 Boys' - 1st Div. (Peter Barnes). The latter team title was finally won by Chris Bensley and Bob Mitcham, who won the Mixed with Bob Mitcham, who was thus deprived of a Norwich, Norfolk and E. Anglian grand slam.

Our new Treasurer is Mike Jarvis (Rotherham). The important post of Coaching Secretary remains vacant - volunteers should contact our new President, together with retiring Y.T.T.A. Secretary, Paul Dykes (Harrogate) as Social Secretary, and Tony Ross (Hull) as Development Officer. The prime sponsors, Clevelan.d County Council, have hardly anything worthwhi.le to promote or gain. prestige remaining members of the England squad, our prime sponsors, Clevelan.d County Council, have hardly anything worthwhile to promote or gain. prestige in the purse will total around £350. It is a condition of playing in the Bundesliga that the Germans continue with this line of action again, for the World Schools Gymnasiade Games and our new President will wane like skateboards remains to be seen. Cash prizes will total a grand £350.

By John Woodford

SPONSORSHIP BREAKTHROUGH

It has taken some time to make the cash the same of the game down in true-blue Sussex. As of now, all three major tournaments, the L.T.T. Sussex Open, the Lombard Sussex Closed championships and the East Sussex championships, sponsored by the "Sussex Express" all have substantial cash prizes.

Sussex Notes

By John Woodford

Should anyone sweep the board in all three and win some of the doubles as well, they would be able to afford a swim holiday next season, as the conditions in the P.E. syllabus with Leonard North Central will contribute a handsome round of cash. Indeed, if the Union's computer was used in Europe, it would receive the Brighton League of the European Games, which has dug itself ever since its inception nearly 30 years back. Cash prizes will total a grand £350.

By this time the column appears in print the East Sussex event will be over and £300 will have been won that will be closely followed by the Sussex Open, with their main sponsor L.T.T., heavily involved for the second time and £125 to the winner of the men's singles.

Four more or less experienced men and two of the future, strive for domination at the East Sussex (See page 14). Roger Chandler is still the man-to-beat with John Clarke not far behind. George Gillett was detection. E.T.T.A. Chairman and last year's Stanner goes to Graham. He is already President of the U.K. Association and a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. Our new Treasurer is Mike Jarvis (Rotterdam), our second change, including the switch of Richard Scruton (Harrogate) from Development Officer to Tournament Secretary (after a ballot) and the election of Keith Sutton (Leeds) as Umpires Secretary, Paul Dykes (Harrogate) as Assistant Secretary, and Tony Ross (Hull) as Development Officer, in addition to his existing role as Press Officer. The important post of Coaching Secretary remains vacant. Volunteer should contact County Secretary Frank Briggs, 10 Morten Gardens, Finchley, N3. West Yorkshire LS28 2DZ. Our thanks go to those Officers and Executive Members who retired from office at the end of last season.

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Traffic Controllers' dispute in France. The interest lay - in the ultimate confrontation of some excellent open table tennis from both players. Then . . . towards the end of the Vets. In their history. Cheltenham gained Div. 1 status by taking top honours in Div. I for the first time. Last season saw Birmingham "A" take the top

**WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES**

by Grove Motlow

BATH AND EXMOUTH RETURN

At the A.G.M. held at the National Dock Boarded Boarders in Exmouth a very warm welcome was extended to all by our President John Ford and Chairman Reg Salway. Reg was congratulated on his recent marriage and all were glad to see him as he was unable to be present at the previous A.G.M. Plymouth championed the League last season and set the Trinity and individual awards were presented to them by John Ford. 

- HMA Sec. Grove Motlow (concluding his 30th

year in the post) reported the return of Bath to the League after many years absence. A subsequent to the meeting, Exmouth have also returned to join the fold in Div. 2 this season. Hawkley showed that they are not short of decent players for their "B" team by finishing top of Div. 4, and Bromsgrove took second place to be promoted to Div. 3 with them.

On the Junior front Wolverhampton "A" proved that their success in winning the Div. 2 title proved in no way a fluke, for they were as good "B" in the pan, by taking top honours in Div. 1; for the first time in their history. Cheltenham gained Div. 1 status after winning Div. 2 and Coventry will start the new season with only one team in the 1st Div., because their "B" team were relegated. Chesterfield, Div. 2 runners-up, will take their place. After the setback in Div. 1 Coventry had to look to their

- E.T.T.A. at the time of writing. They have

their 1st team last season, his victory emphasised the Junior Section and I am sure all our member leagues will join me in wishing them "bon voyage" in their first season and in hoping that they go from strength to strength.

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Midland T.T. League by Tony Darbyshire

NEW ENTRANT

After a successful 1977-78 season in which 90 teams from 28 towns took part, the 1978-79 season sees a slight reduction in numbers with 89 teams from 27 towns playing. Whitchurch and Stone have


**DERBYSHIRE NOTES**

by Malcolm Alisop

HIGH NOTE ENDING

The 1977/78 season ended on a high note for Derbyshire 2nd team player Martin Kinella when he won the Derbyshire Men's title for the first time.

The 1977 Champion David Yallop went out 15-13, 19-16 in the quarter-finals to David Rayner, who then beat another former Champion, Bill Gourley 14-12, 17-15 in the semi-finals at which stage Kinella battled out a hard match against David Warren 7 and 12.

Kinella beat Rayner in the final, and then the pair turned up to take the Men's Doubles crown from the grasp of David Yallop and Philip Vickers.

Although Martin was not included in the Derbyshire 1st team, nor was there any victory emphasised that we have no outstanding player, but a great depth in strength.

The Junior Singles went according to the rankings with the respective No. 1's Stephen McCarthy and Karen Smart overcoming the No. 2's in the final, Stepney shop and Anne Fearnow.

Mandy Mellor retained her Women's Singles title against Joanne Billington, whilst the Mixed was retained by Marcia, Neil and Alyson, against Vickers and Karen Smart.

The Under-14 Champions were David Hindle Andy Ford and Steve Orchard.

Derek Marples had his reign as Veterans Singles champion ended by the young (I) Tony Hunt; and with Dave Mills eligible for the Veterans this season the competition looks rejuvenated.

The Officers of the Derbyshire Association are intent on carrying on Derbyshire on the table tennis map, and offers of sponsorship are being sought by the County. If anyone is interested in sponsoring Derbyshire and is willing to be in contact with either the Derbyshire Chairman or myself, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Derbyshire thanks are extended to Bill Drane and Billy Foxon, who retired as Chairman and the present Secretary respectively of the Association this year, owing to business pressures. Bill Drane had only one year in office, they have given Derbyshire a firm foundation upon which the new Committee are working.

Dennis Motlow stepped into the Chair with Les Allwood into the Secretary's shoes, and already they have impressed everyone with the enthusiasm, hard work and attention to detail.
Cheltenham Closed Senior tournament. As usual Singles was won by Cathy Robb which was no surprise for the first time whilst Steve and Harvey beat Dave (surprisingly for the first time) whilst Steve and Dave were also well attended, and League Cups were presented to the following winners: 

B: Bryson (Premier Division and Men's K.O. Cup), Procter and Gamble (Div. 1), Byker C.C. (Div. 2), Wrekenton C.C. (Div. 3B). This was a most encouraging season, as we shall now be very aware of our surroundings. It has been decided to run a second county senior team, which although not playing in the County Championships will play as many friendly matches as possible, in order to give representative opportunities at this level. However, now that both our teams are in higher divisions, more of the above matches will be more difficult, particularly as both Cathy Robb and Vanessa C. are playing in the premier division, all junior girls playing or being coached in the Gloucestershire area. With the handbooks for Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stroud being closely followed, we are looking forward to a successful year.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES by Daveoulser

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S.E. MIDLANDS NOTES by Leslie Constable

ELY THE CHAMPS

Ely won the Men's title in the S.E.M. League by a margin of 7 points and Milton Keynes were runners up for the 1977/78 season. Milton Keynes succeeded in winning the Junior title by an even bigger margin with Wellingborough gaining the women's title. Wisbech gained admission to the Men's 1st Division by winning Div. I and March gained admission to the Junior 1st Division.

Cambridge won the Veterans Section with Kettering winning Div. II in that section. Northumbria won the Junior Girls title, in the inaugural season, the League also won the Reserve Division. This season will see 80 teams in action in 11 divisions comprising Men's I, II and III, Junior I, II and III, Veterans' I, and II, Women's Reserve and Girls.

At the A.G.M. of the League held at St. Neots the following Officers were elected:- Gen. Sec. and Treasurer - H. Fox, Chairman - D. R. Harper, Vice-Chairmen - J. L. R. Fish, Secretary Sec. - Mr. D. Rawlinson, Tournament Sec. - Mr. J. W. W. Evans, Presidents Officer - L. L. J. Cotton, The Tournament Committee was elected as follows:- Messrs. L. Saywell, J. Jeffs, D. Rawlinson, G. Hammond, K. Reddick, M. Jackson, Mrs. Jenyns and the Chairman, Secretary and Tournament Sec. ex-officio.

Mr. M. H. Webb who did not wish to stand for Chairman during the coming season, spoke of the growth of the League during his seventeen years in office and hoped it would continue in forging the bonds of friendship between leagues and players.

Mr. Rawlinson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Webb and Mr. Fox (Hon. Secretary) for their help in forming the League and their work for the past 17 years.

Lotions will be participating in the League for the first time this season and no doubt will make their presence felt as the season gets under way.

The Annual Tournaments would be held at St. Neots T.T. Club and the 1979 A.G.M. would also be held at St. Neots.

FINALE LEAGUE TABLES 1977/78

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**DEVELOPMENT NOTES by Keith Ponting**

**SPORTS COUNCIL GRANT A "GOOD SEND"**

I feel my first notes of the new season would not be complete without reference to the Management Committee's decision to allocate some of the Sport Council grant to County Associations. In my view the National Council were right to support the recommendation of the Management Committee and as far as Devons is concerned it will enable us to organise a full administration in a far more efficient way giving our leagues a much better start. I hope it will also stop individuals "dipping" into their own pockets to keep the Asso- ciation going, thereby giving a true reflection of how much the administration of the county cost and what must be paid to the Sports Council.

At the A.G.M. held in July all the officers of the League were elected for a further year and I am pleased we shall again be guided by our popular Chairman, Don Rattue. Don has been a faithful servant to the association for many years and it is a tribute to his courtesy and fairness that he was elected unopposed.

At the first Executive meeting the following items were discussed:

Mens
1. Chester Barnes
2. Paul Whiting
3. Paul Stone
4. Keith James
5. Michael Sharran
6. Mike Short
7. Adrian Wright
8. Peter Shepherd
9. Bill Northcott
10. Barry Davis

Women:
1. Elaine Lamb
2. Gill Pritchard
3. Patsy Murriner
4. Carol Butler
5. Kathy Jones
6. Julie Pritchard
7. Morris Scott
8. Susan Tilley
9. Nicola Pine

Boys:
1. Paul Whiting
2. Shaun Gayman
3. Gary Lambert
4. Colin Bunch
5. Paul Giles
6. Paul Weldon
7. Gary Withille
8. Graham Worsley
9. Mark Elliot
10. Mark Lambert

Girls:
1. Gill Pritchard
2. Carol Butler
3. Julie Pritchard
4. Nicola Pine
5. Debbie Roberts
6. Theresa Stephen
7. Christine Moor
8. Sarah O'Leary

**WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES by Doug Moss**

**KIDDERMINSTER FIRST**

All is set for the new season with players coming to the end of their cricket and tennis activities and having the proverbial "knock up" and friendly matches before getting down to League programms. Kidderminster is always the first League within the County to start their organised programms.

Too early yet to comment on how the number of teams in the League compare with last season. Worcester has 8 Divisions of 10 teams plus a Youth Division. In all but Div. 1 teams are 4 a side (8 singles and 2 Doubles). It seems there are many new players including youngsters, who wish to take part in League play. However in the top Division the standard gradually declines as the average age of players increases and there are not yet the youngsters capable of replacing them. However excellent coaching services are being provided by Molly Hough, Frank Southam and John Turner in Worcesters and Ron Prince in Bromsgrove. Worcester has made a big increase in team entry fees — but they were previously very low. This is part of a fund raising effort as the League Committee is determined to obtain their own H.Q.

On the subject of Coaching the County Association intends a small number of the most promising juniors be given individual and intensive coaching. Arrangements are being made by Molly Hough, the County Coaching Secretary. Thought is also being given to a new Competition for Juniors.

A pre-season event is the showing of two films in collaboration with the Civil Service Sports Council for the Worcester area. These see "Battle of the Bats" and a film on the Montreal 1976 Olympics and Winter Games. The Association again has 4 teams entered in

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CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP

Officers appointed for the new season at the Annual General Meeting held on Tue., Oct. 1st.
Chairman: Roy Gale
Secretary: Miss Clarice Rose
Treasurer: John Taylor
Vice-Chairman: Miss Pat Staton
Tournament Secretary: Ron Rigg
Match Secretary: John Taylor
Junior Secretary: Chris Reed
Umpire Secretary: Colin Taylor
Vice-Treasurer: Neil Smith

The Association is very pleased and ships Committee.

The Worcestershire Association County and Worcester City Committees has been
Championships. The Junior events will again be
arrangements within prescribed periods as in the
past 2 seasons, will not be playing in 1979.

The County League has been a disappointment over the past few seasons, with difficulty in getting
players are arranged to take place at the Abbey Stadium, Kidderminster, as on Oct. 6th. A newcomer will be Ray Williams, who had such an excellent season in the past. It is understood that Trevor Washington (Dudley) will be returning to the same side. Bob Brocas, who opted out of County play last year, will again be competing. The other side of the coin is the news that Cliff Hensman (Kidderminster), a regular team member, will be missing for the first time.

The Junior events will again be
finishes last season, which speaks well for the handicapping system. The final saw Ledbury
be Ray Williams, who had such an excellent season getting 3 A's at A-level. Unfortunately while at university she will not be able to play for Lincoln
which require all year round effort. Ron has
prominent members in the coming weeks when
rounded off as expected. Staffs. beat Herts. 9-2. Bellingham
dropping both his singles. Staffs. were allotted the
circular to play Huntingdonshire away.

The summary of results showed that all the players contributed equally to Staffs. In the final
Bellingham dropped both his singles. Staffs. were allotted the
championship held at the Richard Dunn Sport Centre, Bradford, in mid July. Dickson
defeated Smale in the last round of County Championships held at the
1st team were Ray Williams and Bob Brocas, both
the tournaments. The top three players. The captains are Veterans - M. Shosher, Junior 1 - A. Worrell, Junior 2 - A. Norman, Senior - P. Taylor

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The close season has once again belied its title, with a flurry of activity throughout the summer months, as coaching and committees worked to maintain space.

The County A.G.M. had more than its usual quota of shocks, with the Chairman, Treasurer and County Secretary all losing their re-election, which were relatively accepted. As the former Chairman, Mr. Ken Merchant, had also relinquished County League Sec., and as the previous holder of the position, Mr. Stan Hulme, had retired, the County Secretary, Eric Bryson, had to prove his case to the Committee, and as the present holder of the position, Mr. Stan Hulme, had retired, the County Secretary, Eric Bryson, had to prove his case to the Committee, and a new face was recruited. However, with Ken Merchant continuing as Chairman, Brian Wooding as Treasurer, Charnie Price as Joint Secretary and Innocent Godden as Joint Secretary, only the important post of Coaching Sec. remains vacant. We will have to wait to see his respective position, as in the last three years since his election, he has been successful in winning the Women’s Doubles.

She will be greatly missed, but it is fitting that the trophies donated by her family and friends will be played for annually in both County and Kettering leagues, to leave a permanent reminder of her very special contribution to the game.

### Obituaries

#### JEAN F. REAY

Jean F. Reay, 85 years old, of the Northampton Table Tennis Association, was a member of the 1920’s, not long after the English Table Tennis Association was founded. He was a member of the first two years of the Women’s Championships in 1920/21. He was also a member of the first two years of the Women’s Championships in 1924/25.

He was presented with a President’s badge. Our condolences are extended to Edgar who has given 57 years to the game.

#### CHARLES WILLIAM FORBES ALLWRIGHT

Mr. C. W. F. Allwright, a former table tennis player, was born on August 10th, 1978, represented England in the English Championships.

For many years, he was a member of the Women’s Singles and Mixed Doubles teams. He has continued to play Cricket and Football for the London Business Houses Championship. He played in international matches against the USA in 1925/26 and 1926/27, and in 1927/28.

In 1927/28, he won the newly instituted London Business Houses Championship. He played in the London Open Championships in 1927/28, and in 1928/29, he was runner-up to T.N. Nanda in the English Open Championships in 1924/25. He played in international matches against Wales for the Four Nations 1924/25 to 1927/28 inclusive.

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WORLD SCHOOLS GAMES
( Gymnasiade)
by David Lomas

ENGLAND STRIKES GOLD INIZMIR!

England's first venture in the biennial World Schools Games in Izmir, Turkey from July 18-24th proved very successful with every member of the team returning home with a medal and the crowning glory of winning the last day of the Games when Sally Midgley (West Yorkshire) and Malcolm Green (Salop) won the gold medal with a scintillating performance in the Mixed Doubles event.

Highlights of the week's table tennis for the English players was undoubtedly their first taste of competition against the Chinese. The oriental players proved far too strong in the team events, winning both with ease, but it was a different story in the Individual Championships.

The Girls' Team were first on the medal trail when a close 3-0 verdict over France put them in the Final against the Chinese. Although outplayed the team of Mandy Reeves (Berkshire), Sally Midgley (West Yorkshire) and Jill Purslow (Berkshire) never gave up and Jill and Mandy even took a game off their opponents in the doubles before England went down 3-0 with the consolation of silver medals.

Having emerged from their preliminary group - where they were undefeated, including a 5-0 victory over Turkey 'A' - the Boys Team met France, Turkey 'B' and China in the top group to decide places 1-4.

Although the team of Malcolm Green (Salop), Andrew Bellingham (West Midlands) and David Barr (Berkshire) trailed 0-2 to France they fought back to lead 3-2 and eventually won 5-3 with Barr scoring maximum wins.

Paul Whiting (Devon) replaced Bellingham for the tough match against China but the England team was thrashed 5-0.

Then came the party's first bad luck when only minutes before we were due to play Turkey 'B' for the silver medal David Barr was ruled out with food poisoning - an illness that was also to force his withdrawal from the individual events at the end of the week.

The match, however, was very closely fought. Much to the delight of a crowd of over 600 consisting mainly of noisy, fervent partisan students who applauded every point, Turkey 'B' took a 3-0 lead which could easily have been 3-0 to England (with two of the three deciding games going to 'deuce') and then made sure of victory winning the next two sets to win 5-0.

Team Results:

Boys:
1. CHINA
2. TURKEY 'B'
3. ENGLAND

Girls:
1. CHINA
2. ENGLAND
3. INDONESIA

Sally Midgley was England's most successful player in the individual events in which she collected three medals to add to her silver medal in the team event.

Paired with Menyayati of Indonesia she went out in the semi-final of the Girls' Doubles to Shia Lin-ming and Ni Shia Lien of China, 13-13, 11-10, and the French pair of Laureanche and Rouel. This was disappointing as the French had been beaten in the team event.

The Boys' pair of Bellingham and Green were not as successful in losing in straight games to Ingraflua and Mariani of Italy in the second round.

There was mixed results for the Girls in the Singles event. Jill Purslow lost narrowly to local girl Mustecaploglu, Mandy Reeves went out in the quarter-final to Nl Hsia Lien of China who went on to beat Sally Midgley in the semi-final.

It was a similar story in the Boys' Singles. Only Green reached the quarter-finals losing 8-8, to eventual winner Yang Lin of China with three other Chinese joining him in the semi-finals!

But the final day proved to be England's most successful. In the Mixed Doubles quarter-finals Bellingham and Mandy Reeves defeated the Chinese pair of Liu Ping and Chen 17-15, 16-14 and the scratch pair of Vergnet (France) and Jill Purslow defeated Yang Lin and Ni Li Lien (China) 17-18, 19-17.

WANTED

Having tried unsuccessfully to obtain a copy of Ann Haydon's book "Tackle Table Tennis This Way" published by Messrs. Stanley Paul of Gt. Portland Street, London, W.1, an appeal is hereby made by Mrs. Sheila M. Randle of 12 Domar Road, Kidderminster, Worcs., DY11 5PJ to any reader who may be able to help. Can you?
The Chinese again fell in the semi-final — to Vergnet and Purslow, whilst Green and Midgley didn’t have things entirely their own way in beating Bellingham and Reeves 17, -15, 10.

So the Final involved Green and Midgley and Vergnet and Purslow. Green and Midgley went on to win the gold medals decisively, 21-8, 21-17.

Thus the English Schools team returned with eight medals and some unenviable experience of very humid and unusual conditions. It was the first time that the Gymnasiade had included table tennis. The other sports were athletics (no English entry) swimming and gymnastics.

Non-playing Captain was Eddie Mitchell (St. Bede’s School, Redditch), chaperone Mrs. Dolly Harmer (Wualds Infants School, Luton) and Team Manager was David Lomas (Shirley High School, Croydon).

The party was sponsored by Mileta Sports and the E.S.T.T.A. readily acknowledges this support and that of the Sports Council without which the Turkey visit would have been merely a dream.

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STIGA SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by David Lomas

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England players dominated the fourth Stiga Schools International Championships held at the new Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford on July 14th, 15th and 16th.

This year’s Championships involved a record number of players (150) and included continental opposition for the first time with the entry of a team from Northern France — and Scotland made a welcome return to the event.

The Team Championships got under way on the Friday evening on 18 tables and were contested in three categories (boys and girls) with teams consisting of four players and matches being on an all-play-all basis.

The England ‘A’ Intermediate Boys team of David Barr, Andrew Bellingham, Graham Sandley, Paul Whiting and Colin Wilson achieved the most outstanding performance in winning their event without conceding any sets. Although there were some close results amongst the other competing countries England’s ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams were rarely troubled in the team competitions.

There were some exciting matches in the Individual Championships. Chris Rogers (Leicestershire) lost his Senior Boys title to Malcolm Green (Salop) but Mandy Smith (Berkshire) retained her title defeating Angela Torney (Cleveland) in straight games. David McIlroy collected Scotland’s only medal in coming joint third in the Intermediate Boys event which was won by Colin Wilson (Herts) over David Barr (Berkshire).

Ireland’s Ann Leonard fought hard against Helen Williams (Middlesex) in the Intermediate Girls’ Final and lost narrowly 22-20 in the deciding game.

John Souter (Middlesex) proved too strong for Jean Christophe Aernout of France (Junior Boys) whilst the Bellinger sisters fought out the Junior Girls’ final with 13-years-old Jackie pipping 11-years-old Lisa 22-20 in the third after being 19-18 down.

Team Events

1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. ENGLAND ‘B’
3. IRELAND ‘A’
4. IRELAND ‘B’

Senior Boys Group One:
1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND ‘B’
4. FRANCE
5. WALES

Senior Girls Group One:
1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND
4. WALES

Group Placements:
1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND
4. FRANCE
5. WALES

Junior Boys Group One:
1. ENGLAND ‘B’
2. WALES
3. FRANCE
4. IRELAND ‘B’

Junior Girls Group One:
1. ENGLAND ‘B’
2. WALES
3. FRANCE
4. IRELAND ‘A’
5. IRELAND ‘B’

Final positions:
1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND
4. WALES
5. FRANCE
6. IRELAND ‘B’

(ENGLAND ‘A’: K. Bradiey, M. Green, K. Paxton, C. Rogers, B. Tyler).


Senior Boys Group Two:
1. ENGLAND ‘B’
2. WALES
3. FRANCE
4. IRELAND ‘B’

Group Placements:
1. ENGLAND ‘B’
2. WALES
3. FRANCE
4. IRELAND ‘B’

Junior Boys Group Two:
1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND
4. FRANCE
5. WALES

Junior Girls Group Two:
1. ENGLAND ‘A’
2. SCOTLAND
3. IRELAND
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Senior Girls Group Two:
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Group Placements:
1. ENGLAND ‘B’
2. FRANCE
3. WALES

(continued on page 30)
The image contains a page from a document about table tennis championships and the results of various matches. The text includes mentions of England A and B teams, Scotland, Ireland A and B teams, along with individual performance highlights and coaching insights.

**Final positions:**
- **Intermediate Girls:**
  - 1. ENGLAND 'A'
  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'
  - 3. FRANCE
  - 4. SCOTLAND
  - 5. WALES
  - 6. IRELAND

- **Intermediate Boys:**
  - 1. ENGLAND 'A'
  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'
  - 3. SCOTLAND
  - 4. IRELAND 'A'
  - 5. IRELAND 'B'

- **Junior Girls:**
  - 1. ENGLAND 'A'
  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'
  - 3. JUNIORS

- **Junior Boys:**
  - 1. ENGLAND 'A'
  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'
  - 3. SCOTLAND

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  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'

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  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'
  - 3. SCOTLAND

- **Intermediate Girls:**
  - 1. ENGLAND 'A'
  - 2. ENGLAND 'B'

**Individual Events**

- **Junior Girls:**
  - Malcolm Green (Salop) bt Chris Rogers
  - Sally Midgley (West Yorkshire) bt Angela Tierney

- **Junior Boys:**
  - Donald Parker (Middlesborough) bt David Barr
  - Graham Sandley (Herts) bt David McIlroy

- **Intermediate Girls:**
  - Jackie Bellinger (Beds) bt Lisa Bellinger

- **Intermediate Boys:**
  - Colin Wilson (Herts) bt David Barr

**Full text:**

Looking back at the 1977 World Table Tennis Championships at Birmingham there were at least a dozen players who 'on their day' could have won the title. Although one individual has a higher skill level he may lose to an individual with a lower skill level if he is playing only average and his opponent is 'peaking'.

DONALD PARKER

Donald Parker, the ranked number 5 in England, has signed a 2 year agreement with Federal Germany's largest table tennis equipment manufacturers JOOLA. JOOLA equipment is available from their main suppliers in the United Kingdom, Ten Sport Ltd of Middlesborough.
optimum level. Therefore skill at the highest level, international standard, is not as decisive a factor as is often considered. It is not always the best player that wins but the best prepared player. The Olympic Games of Munich showed that it was not always the best man who won but the one best prepared at the right moment (1).

For many years this has been the major problem of British Coaches (2), how to get their performers to peak at the right time. On a long term basis nobody is really that interested in who wins a domestic 2-Star tournament. However people are interested in the European or World Championships yet a lot of our players always seem for one reason or another to do poorly in the 'big one'.

An increasingly popular approach to peaking, initiated by a Russian psychologist, Professor L. P. Matveyev, is periodisation. The most coherent and comprehensive definition of periodisation is provided by Harris (3), 'a division of the training year that is made with the idea of an optimal improvement in performance and the preparation of an athlete for a decisive climax, and for the competitions connected with it'. Matveyev's main work was published in Moscow in 1965 and was translated immediately by most other Eastern European nations. The first western translation was made by Peter Tschone in 1968 for the West German Sports Federation, but this version only had a limited circulation.

Basically Matveyev took the athletic performance of several thousand top class athletes of the world in several events where one can objectify the results and intensity of training of the same athletes, as far as he could get hold of this data. From this comparison, he came up with a set of theories as to how one can reach the peak performance at the proper time.

1) A training cycle should contain a preparatory, a competitive and a recuperatory period.

2) There should be no more than two cycles per year.

3) Three cycles with one, two or more peaks.

4) In endurance events with a high technical component (jumps, throws) there may be several peaks, in explosive events with a low technical component there may be as many as three, in endurance events preferably only two.

Using Matveyev's work as a guide I would like at the conclusion of the research to be in a position whereby I could use a player's training programme, technically, physically, psychologically and in some cases technically so that he can achieve optimal improvement in performance, play well in the 'big one' and indeed play well enough to get picked for the big ones!

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NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Coincident with Tom Blunn switching from his former role of Honorary Treasurer to take over the reins of Chairmanship from his predecessor Charles Wylez the management structure of the English Table Tennis Association has also undergone a significant change.

Henceforward the members of the Management Committee will be known as Vice-Chairmen and each will be responsible for a particular aspect of the Association's work and, in alphabetical order, they are:

Colin Clemett (Vice-Chairman Competitions)
Ron Crayden (Vice-Chairman Selection/Coaching)

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Additionally the Management Committee, as before, will be headed by the Chairman, Tom M. Goldstein (Chairman). The new Hon. Treasurer is also entitled to the title of Vice-Chairman of Finance.

On the Administrative side sub-committees approved by the National Council at their first meeting on July 22nd will comprise under the Vice-Chairmanship of George White:

### Rules

### Life Members and Vice-Presidents
- T. Blunn (Chairman), C. J. Clemett, M. Goldstein and E. G. White.

### Victor Barns Award Panel

### The Competitions Department under the Vice-Chairmanship of Colin Clemett will comprise:
- English Championship:
  - G. M. Daniels (Chairman), H. Webb (Secretary), Umpires and Referees: Mrs. D. Stannard, M. D. Watts, L. Pilditch, J. Heritage and J. M. Wright.

### Tournaments
- A. J. H. Wickens (Chairman), M. D. Watts (Secretary), T. M. Channing, J. Freeman, A. M. Ross and D. A. Young plus one representative from the Umpires and Referees Committee.

### Calendar Working Party
- C. Burden (Chairman) plus representatives from interested committees.

### County Championships
- T. Blunn (Chairman), R. Bridges (Administrator), T. M. Channing, S. Parr and D. Moss.

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### The Finance Department under the control of new Hon. Treasurer Mike Greatrex will have no sub-committees, but under the Vice-Chairmanship of Norman Reeve a Press and Publicity Committee will function with K. Mathews as Secretary together with J. A. Cram, D. Lomas (E.S.T.T.A.), A. M. Ross, R. D. Tammadge and J. Woodford with Norman Reeve as Chairman.

Finally, under the Vice-Chairmanship of Ron Crayden the following sub-committees will operate:

### Selection
- P. Charters (Chairman), R. J. Stevens (Secretary), L. A. Clayton, M. Kercher, B. Merrett and P. Simpson plus the Chairman of the Coaching Committee (Gordon Steggall) and Donald Parker to attend as required to advise on the playing skills of juniors.

### Coaching
- A. G. Steggall (Chairman), Mrs. Elsie Carrington (Secretary), J. H. Carrington, Mrs. D. Henderson, one representative from National Coaches (Messrs. Simpson, Merrett, Hirst and Parker), Chairman of Selection Committee and one representative from E.S.T.T.A.

The Scottish T.T.A. has suspended Russell Brown of Bawhirley Road, Greenock from all Table Tennis in Scotland, for the period September 1st to November 30th, 1978, both dates inclusive.
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G. Sandley bt Hill 13, -11, 16; bt Roper 11, 16.

**Bromfield Trophy**

North Middlesex 5 Nottingham 3

D. Devine lost to P. Cameron -13, -17; lost to Holmes 16, -16.

H. Williams bt K. Lindsey 16, 12; bt Cameron 13, 16, 19, 15; bt Holmes 15, 17.

L. Tyler lost to Holmes 6, -6; bt Lindsey 18, 17; bt Cameron 15, -15, 12, 17.

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**National League Championships**

**Junior Double for North Middlesex**

by Keith Ponting

Major Dom Domo Alan Shepherd with his winning North Middlesex Junior teams.

Photo by Leo Black, London W.11.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### NEW NAME ON ORMESBY CUP

by Keith Ponting

For the first time in the history of this competition a new name will appear on the Ormesby cup, that of the Soham Club from the Cambridge League who travelled to London and defeated the Ellenborough Club from North Middlesex 7-2. Soham had previously beaten Ormesby in the semi-final, Gertie inflicting the first-ever defeat on the Cleveland club in this competition which provides a passport into Europe. Although I was unable to see the final I understand that Soham were good value for their win and a good crowd assembled to witness the contest at the Ellenborough CRP.

Scores:-

Soham (Cambridge) 7 Ellenborough (Nth. Middlesex) 2


M. Mitchell bt D. Douglas 22, 16; bt Potton 14, 9; bt Mitchell 5, 23.

A. Barden bt Kitchener 14, 16; lost to Potton -18, -17; lost to Mitchell -19, -19.

**ORMESBY RETENTION**

The final of the men's event for the Gainsford Cup was held at Stroud on May 21st with the holders, Ormesby, being challenged by the Ellangate Club from the Blackwell League. Omega are a comparatively new club and did very well to reach the final, but the more experienced Ormesby team were always in control. The best set was between the respective No. 1s Carole Knight for Ormesby and Karen Witt for Omega which Miss Knight won after three exciting games.

Scores:-

Ormesby (Ormesby) 5 Omega (Bracknell) 2

C. Knight bt A. Gordon 13, 10; bt M. Smith 11, 19; bt K. Witt 21, 16, 15.

A. Tyler bt Smith 18, 19; lost to Witt 16, -17.

J. Williams bt Gordon 20, 17, 6; lost to Witt 15, -9.

### PING COMMENTARY

by JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent *THE DAILY TELEGRAPH*

**DARTMOOR NEXT STOP?**

If I were a parent of a junior player involved in the County Championships play-off matches at the end of last season, I would certainly want to know how it came to pass that the venue was one of H.M. Prisons, near Stafford. With the greatest respect to the establishment concerned and the people who run it, I just do not believe that playing this sort of event in a prison is the right thing to do, either for the residents or the visitors.

Only a two-table venue was needed. There must be a number of table tennis clubs around who could have coopered with this event without reserving a venue that is most certainly unsuitable for young girls.

I have personally spoken with officials who were there. They agree that playing was excellent but the atmosphere was entirely unsuitable.

I can recall that not long ago the senior play-off weekend was held at Shrewsbury Hospital, a mental institution of great renown but not for this type of event. There were a number of complaints at that time.

Something ought to be done to ensure that suitable venues are found in good time, otherwise I am thinking of running a competition in this column to see who can forecast this season's venue from this list — Dartmoor, Parkhurst, Wormwood Scrubs, Holloway or Broadmoor!

Alan Shepherd's question at the E.T.T.A. annual meeting regarding national Press coverage gives me another opportunity to give a more specific answer. The N.C.C. report mentioned "excellent coverage in the quality papers". By that statement we understand that the reference is to "The Daily Telegraph", "Sunday Telegraph", "The Guardian" and "The Times".

As I am the person mainly responsible for the space we obtain in the two "Telegraphs", he will know that precious few opportunities are missed. Certainly, the coverage of the European Championships in Dublin was excellent, with 14 stories, some of them occupying huge chunks of space,
enlish ‘ Gold Cup’
Under-14 Singles

MIDDLESEX DOUBLE
by Alan Dines

The Finals of the E.T.T.A. U-14 Singles were
carried at Wembley Sports Centre, Reading on
7th May. The sponsor this year was Actif Sports
Ltd., who also provided Gold Cup equipment
and the Finals were staged by the E.T.T.A. by
L.P.M.A. Freehand of Match Play and
Coaching Techniques).

The 16 boys and 16 girls in the Finals had
reached this stage via regional competitions,
with each region providing its first, second
and third players and the E.T.T.A. nominating
direct the English No. 1. Play in the Finals was on a
group seeded by the E.T.T.A., with four
groups of four players in each event. The winners
of each group then went through to semi-
and then the final and play-off for third
and fourth positions. The second, thirds and fourths in
each group then played their corresponding
groups in a system to determine places 5
and 16. In the Boys event, J. Attridge survived the
A group with wins over J. Stoddart, A. Dixon
and K. Green. In groups ‘B’, ‘C’ and ‘D’ M.
Oakley, P. Rainford and J. Souter won all
straight to reach the semi-final stage relatively
unity. In the first semi-final Mark Oakley secured a
comfortable win over Ian Attridge 10, 17.
The second semi-final was more closely contested but
John Stoner ran out winner over Paul Rainford
16, 15. In the match between the losing semi-
finalists Attridge won a close contest against
Rainford 22, 18. In the Finals, fortunes ebbed and
flowed — Oakley won the first 21-11, looked as
if he would take the second but lost it 17-17 and
Souter took firm control in the third to win 21-14
and become English Under-14 Champion.

The Girls’ event produced some close encounters
but more clean cut wins. ‘E’ group winner was
H. Williams, with one close match against J.
Bellingham which was won 18, 17. Winner of ‘F’
group was L. Taylor with one close match against
G. Garbutt which was won 20, 21, 11. ‘G’ group
winner was C. Creasey who had a difficult
time against L. Fennah but ran out winner 16, 16.
L. Bellinger was unable to play in this group
and was replaced by S. Conway. Group ‘H’ was
won by G. Pritchard without being extended.
The first semi-final was contested by H. Williams,
L. Taylor and was won comfortably by the former
and the final was closely contested but
Gina Pritchard made sure of a place in the
final by beating L. Taylor 17, 15, 16. C. Creasey
however secured third place by beating L. Taylor
in the play-off for third. The second semi-final was
also closely contested but a dead heat was
reached between G. Garbutt and C. Creasey
with 18, 16, 16. The final produced some good table
tennis with a scoreline of 21-15, 21-16 securing
the title for Gina Pritchard.

Presentations were made by the Mayor of
Reading with Arthur Simox, M.D., of Actif Sports
Ltd. (and the E.T.T.A. held a dinner at the
Maidenhead Hotel for the English No. 1s and
the English U.13 coaches. Thanks are due to all the officials
who assisted with the competition and
who contributed to the success of the
Dinner).

NEWCHURCH PREP SCHOOL

Girls:
1. H. Williams (North Middlex)
2. G. Pritchard (Esher)
3. C. Creasey (Bournmouth)
4. L. Taylor (Reading)
5. L. Garbutt (Leatherhead)
6. J. Bellingham (Luton)
7. S. Crosswell (Guildford)
8. L. Fennah (Wirral)
9. K. Mudge (Barking)
10. C. Fenton (Glasgow)
11. E. Parker (Kensington)
12. L. Brookhew (Bradford)
13. S. Conway (Guildford)
14. T. Roberts (Bradford)
15. J. Todd (Bradford)
16. J. Cheetham (Shrewsbury)

Whilst the Finals were acknowledged as
very successful, the basis of selection for the last 16
needs review. Apart from the problem of reserving
that League nominate players (there were a number
of mix-ups and mix-ins last season)
there is the difficulty of regional or playing
standard selection for the finals and the degree of
comprise that is inevitably essential. There was
contention last season Girls’ Final which
included the top ranked girls but there were
a number of others who considered they
could have achieved mid-way positions.
A simple improvement would be to revert to the
formula devised by the writer for the old
English Under-13 Singles with the E.T.T.A. nominating
the top six players and
the regions providing the other ten places. The
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Perhaps those who have views on the subject
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I.M.P.A.C.T.
‘AGSO BUTTERFLY’
Under-14 Team Compt.

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by Alan Dines

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and lost identical number of points, so Wolverhampton and Guildford had to share the runners-up position. The Wolverhampton team did have some consolation in that they were undefeated throughout the day but three drawn matches in the final group meant the title eluded them. The Girls’ event was won by the Luton team of J. Bellinger, L. Bellinger, J. Miles and J. Dimmock. This was a strong event in depth with teams evenly matched. Luton had some very hard and close matches and won by beating Barking 5-3, Swindon 7-1, Oxford 8-0, Reading 5-4 and a 4-4 draw with Guildford. The Barking team of K. Mudge, J. Askem, P. Taylor and D. Taylor took second place with wins against Reading 6-2, Oxford 6-2 and a loss against Luton 3-5, Guildford’s S. Coweswell, J. Mills, S. Conway, C. Gibbons finished in third position having beaten Oxford 6-2, Reading 6-0, Barking 6-2. 

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The Girls’ title was won by Wolverhampton represented by Stephanie Hadley, Fiona Elliot, Vicki Bellingham, Kate Garmon and Tracey Spencer. They won the title with wins against Barking 8-0, Swindon 6-2, Reading 6-2, Guildford 7-1 and Shrewsbury 7-1. The Swindon girls Helen Wilson, Michelle Cook, Sarah New, Jill Keen and Claire Hunter took second place. Third place went to the Reading girls, Linda Green, Julie Andrews, Heidi Vallis and Sian Herbert and fourth place to the Guildford team of Jane Mills, Nicola Taylor, Debbie Simmons and Carol Longhurst. Referee for the competition was Alan Dines. 

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**1. Exeter**

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**I.M.P.A.C.T., 'GOLD CUP' Under-12 Team Comp.**

EXETER AND WOLVERHAMPTON SUPREME by Alan Dines

Reading’s Bulmershe Centre was again the venue for this competition. The Referee was John Freeman, I.U., N.R. and the Organiser, Alan Dines.

### Final Positions

**Boys:**

1. Exeter
2. Wolverhampton
3. Oxford
4. Barking
5. Downley
6. Reading
7. Bradford
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10. Plynouth
11. Oxford
12. Derby

- **Wolverhampton**
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- **Derby**
RANKING POLICY 1978

by PETER CHARTERS

Chairman, National Selection Committee

The new Selection Committee met recently and discussed in detail its intended ranking policy for the 1978/79 season. It is very important for both ranked players and those aspiring to a ranking to take note of the following points. For the guidance of Tournament organiser the Selection Committee intends to produce three seeding (or ranking) lists covering Seniors, Juniors and Cadets.

In order that ranking should become more factual, certain results only will be used for ranking purposes. The players will then know when they have to get good results to obtain or improve their ranking and the Selection Committee will not have a preconception of results (in many cases contradictory results) on which to form a list. Some will feel that all results should count towards ranking and this may come about when computer analysis becomes viable.

It must be understood that ranking and selection will be considered separately with ranking used as a guide to selection. Players will be selected for England on the basis of who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, will do the best job for their country. Events that will be used for ranking purposes this season will be as follows:

Seniors:

- World Championships
- European Youth Championships
- International Friendly matches
- National League and Club
- Other open events - ranking position already held and the tournaments etc.) will be collated and noted by the Selection Committee for use in selection. Rankings will be issued as follows:

1. By the end of December 1978
2. By the end of February 1979
3. By middle of May 1979

Girls:

1. By the end of December 1978
2. By middle of March 1979
3. By middle of May 1979

Juniors:

- English Junior Open Championships
- European Youth Championships - Cadet events
- International Cadet Open events
- English Cadet Closed Championships
- Cadet events in Select Tournaments
- International Friendly matches
- Events - ranking positions held or by way of regional nomination. To close, I wish you all a successful season.

IRISH RANKINGS:

Men:

1. Colin Sleven (2)
2. Kevin Keane (3)
3. Thos Heasley (5)
4. Alan Cairns (4)
5. Joe Hickey (8)
6. Derek Weir (10)
7. Brian Larrigan (5)

Women:

1. Ann Leonard (2)
2. Deirdre Kilpatrick (2)
3. Liz Cash (4)
4. Deirdre Kilpatrick (2)
5. Mary Sheehan (5)
6. Valerie Moore (6)
7. Jillian Brennan (7)
8. Karen Witt (8)

IRELAND put up some very creditable performances at the European Junior Championships in Barcelona, Colin Sleven, who incidently was the first Irish player ever to be seeded at a European Championships, justified his seeding (5) by reaching the quarter-finals of the cadets. In the team event, the cadets finished 15th. In the Junior Girls, Ann Leonard lost narrowly to the No.3 seed Miss Firenczi (Romania), -24, -22 in the 1st Round. In the Junior Boys team event we lost to England 3-2 after Ann Leonard had scored a great win in the singles over Mandy Smith, and together with Deirdre Kilpatrick beating Mandy Smith and Karen Witt in the doubles. In finishing 13th we improved by 5 places, and if the groupings had not been re-arranged, we believe we would have finished in 11th position.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

KAREN WITT

Karen has come to the end of an outstanding junior career. Unbeaten by any other English Junior girl last season in any event having played in all major junior tournaments and a round robin junior trial.

A good record which may not have been achieved before. She was the only girl on five occasion throughout the season, twice each by classmates Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith and once by Yorkshire's Sidney Brightwell.

She played for England in the European Youth Championships as a Cadet and since then, for the last three years, has gone to the same champion to find that the club provided three girls to achieve before. She was only taken to three on five occasion throughout the season, twice each by classmates Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith and once by Yorkshire's Sidney Brightwell.

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Committee of the E.T.T.A. Members (as before) leading English Players contracted to TSP, Linda Howard, Karen Witt and Anita Stevenson, who teamed up with Kohno and Douglas to play a series of exciting mixed doubles matches.

Douglas gave coaching clinics during the day to Watts and John Zenthon with the secretary to be re-appointed as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

Anita Stevenson, who won by four matches to one, in front of capacity crowds in Southampton. Des Douglas, himself tipped by many as a World Champion to come over from Japan to play our own leading English Player Des Douglas, especially as both players use TSP equipment. The response has been tremendous and I am sure that the game itself has benefited from the publicity this tour has received through the Press and Television", says Eddy King.

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### MESSAGE FROM SALFORD

It is with regret that we have to advise that we are unable to offer sponsorship for the Salford 1979 Open Tournament which was to be held on Nov. 26, 1978 that we must take therefore the necessary steps of cancelling event. We are working on a sponsorship for 1979 and are hopeful at this stage of obtaining this for 1979 and 1980 that we will keep you informed.

Hon. Gen. Secretary,
Salford, Eccles and Dist. T.T.L.
Cleveland Bombshell

Cleveland will not be playing to retain the County Championships Premier Division trophy they have held for the last three years. At the Championships Conference in June they withdrew from the Premier Division after the Conference had rejected a Management Committee proposal to alter the playing order; the home side number one will now have to wait from the first set to the last set to complete his games, but the formation of a County side was not altered.

COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

For October

Premier

2nd South

Junior 2 North

Cleveland

Buckinghamshire

Cumbernauld

Lancashire

Northamptonshire

Yorkshire II

Junior 2 Midland

Buckinghamshire

Cambridge

Gloucester

Hertfordshire

Warwickshire

Junior 3 South

Berks II

Bucks II

Hants II

Kent II

Norfolk

Suffolk

Junior 3 North

Cheshire

Derbyshire

Hertfordshire

Leicestershire

Lincolnshire

Northumberland

Junior 3 Midland

Cleveland

Gloucester

Hertfordshire

Salop II

Staffs II

Worcestershire

Junior 3 West

Avon

Cornwall

Devon II

Hampshire

Somerset

Wiltshire

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER

A. Croome (Ng) 10 9 1 90
B. Colevy (K) 10 10 0 100
C. Parkins (He 2) 6 4 2 67
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Oct. 21-Clwyd v Worcestershire

Oct. 22-Devon v Wiltshire

Oct. 23-Dorset v Hampshire

Oct. 24-Shropshire v Northumberland

Oct. 25-Midland v Lancashire

Oct. 26-Midland v Northumberland

Oct. 27-Midland v Devon

Oct. 28-Midland v Dorset

Oct. 29-Midland v Shropshire

Oct. 30-Midland v Worcestershire

Oct. 31-Midland v Lancashire

Nov. 4-Cambridgeshire v Gloucestershire

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