Pyongyang Pioneers
UNEASY COMPROMISE

It inevitably would it seem that sport and politics cannot be set apart and this was again evident in North Korea when both South Korea — for reasons which were neither too clear neither too invidious — refused entry visas. Therefore, there was no way that players from the Republic of Korea could have resolved the impasse when it came to the crunch. Despite a strong condemnation from a sizeable block of mainly European countries, no one went to the extreme of pulling out and so the championships proceeded just as they did in Calcutta back in 1975 when South Africa and Israel were refused entry visas.

No host Association, with the best intentions in the world, can operate contrary to its government's dictates and this was so in the case of the I.T.T.F. one cannot but agree with the compromise of accepting what is considered best for the most.

As it was in North Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, where it was patently obvious, despite prior promises, that there was no way that players from the Republic of Korea (the South) would be admitted as a separate entity. Re-unification was the constant theme and nothing short of that could have really put an impasse when it came to the crunch.

Israel presented a different problem — one of security — although without any great outward show one was always aware that Big Brother was sufficiently in the background to create apprehension in a country whose way of life is far remote from that of Western Europe.

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35th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
MAGYAR MAGIC IN PYONGYANG
by George R. Yates

It was back in 1952, in Bombay, that Hungary last won the Swaythling Cup when represented by Josef Koczian, Ferenc Sido and Kalman Szepesi — they beat England's Richard Bergmann, Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simon 5-1 in the final, but that protracted gap was well and truly bridged in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang on April 30, 1979 when Tibor Klampar, Gabor Gergely and Istvan Jonyer added to Hungary's two men's team titles to that of Europe which they won last season at England's expense in Duisburg.

Two victories over China, the first in the initial group matches by 5-2, and the second by 5 sets to 1 in the final, did the trick with a 5-1 success over Japan sandwiched between. At last Asian dominance was smashed and doubly so for in that first encounter in the group, two wins each for Klampar and Jonyer with a solo from Gergely brought triumph and, in the final, a repeat performance from Klampar, together with two from Gergely and one from Jonyer, burst the balloon.

In equating with their tenth position obtained in Birmingham, England could and should have done better but for a disastrous result against Denmark which was lost 2-5 and affected the Danes only their second win of their seven initial encounters.

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which Dvoracek, in beating Douglas, and Pansky, against Josef Dvoracek followed by a win for Commonwealth men's singles champion Vong Iu.

In the Czech match Hilton had a notable success, took command with Orlowski winning his three to leave Jarvis without success although he did take Ono to three.

A nail-biting penultimate encounter against Federal Germany kept England in with a chance of finishing ninth. In winning 5-3 Douglas, after winning John Leiss and Peter Stellwa, secured the win with a final victory over the tank-haired Engelbert Huging.

It was a set reminiscent of that at Preston's Guild Hall, in the European League, and again it was Douglas who, after walking the tightrope, regained his balance to win 24-22 in the third. Prior to Hilton had succeeded against Leiss and Jarvis showed commendable spirit in battling Huging.

The next opposition to be encountered was provided by Czechoslovakia whose Dana Dubinova hurled herself against the shoulders of young Karen, but Douglas won the encounter with ease by beating In-Sook. Karen was first to the table and lost, 20-20 in the third, to In-Sook. Jill, as ever, came to the rescue by beating In-Ja Lee but, Karen and Anita failed in the doubles only for Jill to come up trumps in the second time by beating In-Sook.

For, in the third set, a mighty weight was thrust upon the shoulders of young Karen, but the other team players failed to take advantage of an opening game win over Blanka Silhanova and Uhlikova.

Jill had a spectacular 21-5 opening win against Uhlikova, lapped in the second, 10-2, but came up trumps in the decider, 13. Thus was the stage set for Karen to beat Dubinova for victory but not so on this occasion for the Czech girl remained ice-cool throughout the two games needed for overall victory.

In taking on the United States in the third match it was, in reality, England versus South Korea for positions 9 to 12 that we were slotted with a cross-over match against Rumania for openers. But, in the penultimate first stage encounter, against the Soviet Union, it was back to a fifth place spot for openers.

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Eva Feneczci. Thereafter it was the redoubtable Maria Azeveda, still going strong, with wins over both Karen and Jill and lending a hand in the doubles, with Liane Mihut, against Karen and Anita.

Finally, against Hong Kong, for positions 11 and 12, Anita was given her chance to make a name for herself in singles to place in the exclusion of Jill. And what better than to open her account with a victory over the Commonwealth women's singles champion, Hui So Hung, 16, 4, 19!

Sadly this was to be our only success in the match for Karen was twice beaten in the singles and slid to yet another doubles defeat by Hui So Hung and Ching Yue Schao.

A look at the final placings will see Asia, with Korea DPR and Japan, still very much in contention with three main seeds not to reach the quarters when ousted by Lu Yaohua of China whose, compatriot, was Stefan Dryszel (Poland), Pinkewich (China), Lu Yaohua (China) and, in the semis, Stellwag (Germany FR), Huang Liang (China). Lu Geliang, also of China. Not a bad collection.

It was accompanied by the most frenzied applause that I have ever heard. Bordering on the fanatical and applause, could not fail to be missed. But what of Douglas, England's main contender in this event? Against the swarthy Czech, Dvoracek, who had quarter of the draw, had matters going for him in his first round victory against Ramesh Bunnal of the Union Soviet and Christian Martin of France.

The Birmingham left-hander then came up against the formidable pair of Mansour Ramzi and Orlowski. Take the scores, in the Poles favour 19, 21, 19, 12, 6, 21 and 12. The match to be held up for six hours.

Could it have been in this prolonged battle that the double was through to Peking for instructions for thereafter no Korean, opposed to a Chinese, was short of mercy.

DOUBLES

The doubles set that, for me, bettered all others was that in which the Polish underdogs Ryszard Czeczelinski and Andrzej Grubba eliminated the Australian/Indian combination of Gregery and Orjowski. Take the scores, in the Poles favour 20, 12, 18, 12, 21 and you will get some idea of the drama that was enacted on court in this men's doubles encounter.

There were other sets that went to five games but none could match the joy of the Poles when victory was achieved in this marathon encounter. Europe came out on top in this event but one felt that perhaps Klemper were not too disappointed when Sukberk and Stipanovic ultimately claimed the Gold medal.

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Cold chicken, a boiled egg and caviar in the middle of the night is not everyone's diet especially with precisely the same meal served up a few hours later.

PROBLEMS

Team manager Albert Shipley had his problems too, the hassle beginning at the North Korean Embassy in Geneva and continued in Pyongyang with, among other matters, money at the root of all evil.

Oh yes, the trip was unique, perhaps to be envied in a way, but the general approach washarga at the airport on the return, not only from the English party but from many others, was "Let's get to hell out of here!"

Nothing could rival the opening and closing ceremonies in the magnificent gymnasium. Floor control was controlled even to the extent of dehumanizing technicians from the playing area but there were faults mainly in the results service for the same journalists. Had John Woodford been asked to perform with this type of non-service heaven help the North Koreans!

Marrying the match-in of the teams was the surprising sight of Scott Bogan of the United States slouching along at the rear of the American contingent with hands thrust deep into his pockets. Not a pleasant sight! Nor were the toilet facilities at the airport in Newyork.

Results for the 35th World Championships begin on page six.

E.T.T.A. STAFF VACANCY

The appointment of an additional Development Officer is planned for this summer, with the object of extending the Association's development activities. Anyone who might be interested in applying for the new post should write to the General Secretary of the English Table Tennis Association at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1HA, before 30 June, 1979.

The Egypt Cup, conveyed from England to North Korea, and awaiting presentation by George Yates to Counsellor Amin Abou Heli who, in turn, presented it to the host nation for two years' keeping.

Jacques Secretin of France, the only foreigner to bring applause from the North Korean crowd with his spectacular lobbed-returns.

George Yates and Albert Shipley, England's delegates at the B.G.M. of the I.T.T.F.
SWATCHLING CUP

FIRST CATEGORY

BAN (6-1)
Birocheau lost to Cho Yong Ho -22 -13'

Positions 5-6
FRANCE 5
Korea DPR 3

Shevchenko bt Carlsson 15, 18;

Ono lost to Orlowski -13, -15;

v Czechoslovakia (lost 2-5)
Hilton bt P. Pinkewich 7, -16, 9;
v Japan Oost 3-5)
Hilton lost to V. Shevchenko -16, -19;

Douglas bt R. Tuckett -19, 15, 16;

Jarvis lost to Pedersen -18, -18.

v Denmark (lost 2-5)
bt Burnazian 16, 22.
bt lost to C. Pedersen -20, -15.

Czechoslovakia 5:4 5:1

Ono 18, 19.

Yule bt Cailetano 19, -19, 18;

rodger lost to S. Stephanov -14, -14;

Yule lost to B. Gotteried 11, -13. -6;

D. Seemiller bt Lan Hung Shing 16, -18, 17;

Positions 13-14
POLAND 5
Denmark 4

Stellwag bit P. Pinkewich -13, 14, 15;

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D. Seemiller bt Lan Hung Shing 16, -18, 17;

Positions 15-16

A/S/0 Poland 3 Hong Kong 2

Position 15-16 POLAND 3 Greece 4

S. Franchi vs R. Grimmer 16, 17, 19;

Griffiths vs J. Hunter 13, 15, 17;

Griffiths vs Korotkov 14, 16, 18.

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ROMANIA 6

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ROCK U-21 ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

by John Woodford

A rare combination of defensive skills and counter-hitting gave Drugge Johnson the men’s singles crown in the first Rock England U-21 Championships at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre over the weekend of May 26/27.

Johnson, the England No. 7, took the £500 top prize after an exciting final against Bob Potten, who is ranked No. 15 in England. Johnson triumphed 20, 18, 20.

The women’s singles final was also a tense affair as Karen Witt, the England No. 2, defeated Melody Ludi 19 in the third, finishing with a ball that just clipped the edge of the table.

Final results were:

Men’s Singles:
D. JOHNSON (Wa) bt R. Potten (E) 20, 18, 20.
Women’s Singles:
K. WITT (Bu) bt J. Payne (Sy) 17, 18.
Restricted Men’s Singles:
J. SMITH (Sy) bt J. Payne (Sy) 15, 17.
Restricted Women’s Singles:
C. MAISEY (Wi) bt J. Payne (Sy) 16, 16.
Men’s Doubles:
M. CRIMMINS (Sy) bt S. Hunt (Li) 19, 16.
Women’s Doubles:
LUDI/WITT bt A. Gordon/M. Smith (Bk) 18, 14.
Mixed Doubles:
POTTON/A. MITCHELL (Mi) bt D. Newman (Do) 16, 16.

It may not come as a surprise to most members to see that the E.T.T.A. is proposing an increase in the affiliation fees to the E.T.T.A. and that this increase is to be doubled. It may be a surprise to find that the proposal is to increase the fees by more than 100% and in additional the proposal comes in a season during which the association has made a profit.

There are the facts of the situation and it is up to the E.T.T.A. to justify the proposed increase.

On a cost of living basis since the last increase the new fee should be at least 50% above the current fee, but what the rate of inflation will be by then is unpredictable.

There has been no attempt by the E.T.T.A. to link affiliation fees to the inflation index and the politicians in the recent election have freely admitted that the value of the pound in spending power has halved in the past five years. Inflation is still running in double figures and it will be considered an achievement if it can be kept within single figures in each of the next five years. On the other hand wages have generally kept in line or slightly ahead of the rate of inflation in prices so there should be no widespread hardship by members in meeting the increase now required. It just seems a lot all at once but it is surely justified.

The impact of the Worlds in 1977 was two fold.

First there has followed an increased interest in the game in many aspects; second there was a loss of £50,000 with the departure of the top players to foreign associations. These are the facts of the situation and it is up to the E.T.T.A. to justify the proposed increase.

The nonprofit organisation to which the association has made a profit, the E.T.T.A., is proposing an increase in affiliation fees to the E.T.T.A. from £15 to £25 per annum. It is unnecessary to spend time explaining that the cost of administration can only be paid for by the fees from the members supported by grants from the Sports Council. In fact the present position is that the grant from the Sports Council is about two and half times greater than the income from affiliation fees which makes it abundantly obvious that the fees are totally inadequate. This fact has not escaped the notice of the Sports Council and it is time we put our house in order by asking the members to pay a realistic fee.

It is appreciated that this really means a drastic increase of over 100% but let us remember that it is as it first seems! The increase is 25p per annum or one half penny per week making a full year's fee of 30p.

It is unnecessary to spend time explaining that 30p per annum is hardly a burden on the pocket of anybody these days; just let us remember that it is only one penny per week. That is all the E.T.T.A. is asking from its members, the players.

The additional money received will be used to finance a substantial increase in administration, to build up a reserve fund to provide new premises in due course and to build up a balance to be used for the benefit of members generally.

For those who prefer financial statistics the following facts are worth noting.

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The requirements of the E.T.T.A. for the spectator sport and I fully expect new sponsorship is a family sport which projects a good clean healthy image. We are in the business of carrying families and table tennis sponsorship could give us a sound return for our investment. I also know that Milton Keynes has been the location for some of the world's top tournaments this year and this has created a tremendous local interest. Our sponsorship now allows this level of play to be seen on a regular basis in the new city. Considering all the commercial possibilities, we felt justified in supporting such a venture.

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Revised Senior Rankings

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Biggest drop is that of Paul Day who, despite his selection in the Pyongyang party, goes down from No. 8 to No. 14. On the men's side Mike Mitchell moves up from No. 10 to No. 7 and Helen Williams from No. 12 to No. 9.

Out from the previous list are David Wells (18) and David Newman of Essex (30) together with Angela Tierney (14) from the women's list. The new rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:-

Men
1. Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2. John Hilton (La) (5)
3. Nicky Jarvis (Ca) (2)
4. Jimmy Walker (Ca) (3)
5. Donald Parker (La) (4)
6. Mark Mitchell (Mi) (7)
7. Dougie Johnson (Wa) (5)
8. Alan Fletcher (Y) (9)
9. John Davis (K) (10)
10. Graham Sandley (Mi) (16)
11. Colin Wilson (Mi) (12)
12. Maxwell Cernmns (Sy) (14)
13. Kenny Jackson (El) (13)
14. Paul Day (Ca) (8)
15. Bob Potten (E) (17)
16. Nigel Eckerley (Ch) (11)
17. Keith Richardson (Ca) (—)
18. Richard Jermy (Ye) (—)
19. Peter McQueen (Ca) (13)
20. David Barr (Bk) (—)

Women
1. Jill Humphreys (Ba) (1)
2. Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
3. Anita Stevenson (Le) (4)
4. Carole Knight (Ca) (5)
5. Linda Howard (Sy) (3)
6. Melody Ludi (Y) (6)
7. Angela Mitchell (Mi) (10)
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Biggest drop is that of Paul Day who, despite his selection in the Pyongyang party, goes down from No. 8 to No. 14. On the men's side Mike Mitchell moves up from No. 10 to No. 7 and Helen Williams from No. 12 to No. 9.

Out from the previous list are David Wells (18) and David Newman of Essex (30) together with Angela Tierney (14) from the women's list. The new rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:-

Men
1. Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2. John Hilton (La) (5)
3. Nicky Jarvis (Ca) (2)
4. Jimmy Walker (Ca) (3)
5. Donald Parker (La) (4)
6. Mark Mitchell (Mi) (7)
7. Dougie Johnson (Wa) (5)
8. Alan Fletcher (Y) (9)
9. John Davis (K) (10)
10. Graham Sandley (Mi) (16)
11. Colin Wilson (Mi) (12)
12. Maxwell Cernmns (Sy) (14)
13. Kenny Jackson (El) (13)
14. Paul Day (Ca) (8)
15. Bob Potten (E) (17)
16. Nigel Eckerley (Ch) (11)
17. Keith Richardson (Ca) (—)
18. Richard Jermy (Ye) (—)
19. Peter McQueen (Ca) (13)
20. David Barr (Bk) (—)

Women
1. Jill Humphreys (Ba) (1)
2. Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
3. Anita Stevenson (Le) (4)
4. Carole Knight (Ca) (5)
5. Linda Howard (Sy) (3)
6. Melody Ludi (Y) (6)
7. Angela Mitchell (Mi) (10)
8. Mandy, Smith (Bi) (7)
9. Helen Williams (Mi) (12)
10. Suzanne Hunt (Lo) (9)
11. Alison Gordon (Bk) (11)
12. Karen Rogers (La) (8)
13. Sally Midgley (Y) (13)
14. Lesley Radford (E) (—)
The fee required by the E.T.T.A. in respect of next season's home matches in the Super Division of the European League is £800 (plus VAT). Early application is invited from any league contemplating such an undertaking, the three matches on offer being against France (Oct. 11/79), Yugoslavia (Nov. 14/79) and Sweden (Feb. 14/80). Friendly matches to be held in conjunction with the foregoing European League encounters will cost £500 (plus VAT) and, here again, applications are invited to stage. The full European League programme is:

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**WINNERS IN THE WORTHING JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Boys' Team: FRANCE
- Girls' Singles: S. KOVÁK (Yugoslavia)
- Girls' Doubles: RIBAUT/GERMAIN

Owing to pressure of space a full report with pictures will be held over until the September/October issue of T.T. News.

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**PING COMMENTARY**

*by JOHN WOODFORD*

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*"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"*

The overcrowding of fixtures, tournaments old and new, continues unabated, so it is not surprising that the European Table Tennis Union has "agreed" that pressure should be brought on the E.T.T.A. to run the Norwich Union International Championships every other year to alternate with the Stiga Welsh Open.

What I would like to know is whether or not the continental body has the power to enforce their wishes on England and Wales in the face of what should be total resistance?

Following my comments on the Welsh Open's press facilities and Roy Evans' reply, I hope that I shall not find hordes of angry Welshmen waiting for me at the Severn Bridge on the next occasion, because I had the nerve to criticise! My remarks represented the national press men at Cardiff, not just myself and it is only by airing views publicly and without acrimony that improvements can be made. Fleet Street expect up-to-the-minute results from all the major international events. Cardiff has now reached that status, so let's not think in terms of an Anglo-Welsh war, just fast results and please no unscheduled breaks in the programme for dinner, leading to midnight finals.
SHETLER TO RETIRE

Well, all right, I agree I was wrong in criticising the entry of the second senior mixed team. They gave me the best possible answer to my criticism in winning all their matches to take the Division 3 (SM) championship ending with a 7-6 win over Oxford. The team went through the season unchanged with Steve Kitcher (Portsmouth), Dave Large (Hampshire), Chris Wilshere (Southampton), Ann Longland (Southampton) and Kathy Cotton (Hampshire). The problem now is that the first team have been so successful, that the Hampshire veterans' first team in their final match against Avon. A win, or even a narrow defeat would have given them the championship and a place in the play-off. The result - a 21-23 victory - bad ball!

In the inter-town league Bournemouth mixed won the mixed division, Basingstoke the men's and Portsmouth the veteran division. Aldershot won both the junior divisions.

Now a round up of the various closed tournaments. Strange how everyone seems to have their tournaments around the same time with three, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester all on the same day. Surely there should be some contact between the various Associations so this does not happen. Don't they know some players play in more than one league?

First the Gosport and Fareham Closed played at the St. Vincent Activities Centre at Gosport. Bob Cox (HMS Centurion) won the men's singles beating Steve Barker (Fareham) 23, 15 in the final. Good to see about 75% of the entries from junior in this men's singles. Wendy Lewis retained her women's singles title with a 14, 10, 14 win over Di Winmill. In the juniors Steve Balmore knocked out No. 1 seed Mark Saywell in the semi before losing to Graham Trotter 21, 21 in the final. Julian Richards beat Darren Woods to win the U-15s. Steve Barker's potential singles winner was Brian Compton who beat Albert Winnall 13, 15, 13 in the final. A close men's doubles final ended with Barker and Kurt Donaldson beating John Dubber and Trotter 17, 11, 11. Another close set saw Barker a second title when he partnered Geraldine Reinhorn to win the mixed against Dubber and Di Winnall 17, 13, 13.

Record entries for the Portsmouth Closed at Wombledon Park. In the men's Ray Lamb, the holder, went in the quarters to Stuart Langridge. Stuart went on to reach the final by beating Len Plant while Alan Willock beat Andrew Lee at the semi. Alan won the final 15, 17 to retain his title last held in 1970. Commemorate Centre players Serina Sinanan and Angie Gilbert contested the women's singles finals with Serina confirming her county number 1 ranking. I ranked with a 18, 11, 11 win. Trotter beat Mark Saywell 19, 13 to take the junior singles after reversing his defeat in the Gosport event by beating Steve Billmores in the semi. Mary Barron lost the first round to the women's event. Colin Holly being his final victim 20, 15. In the men's doubles Steve Barker and Bob Cox beat Steve Billmore and Lee 17, 11, Angie Gilbert and Mary Barron took the women's doubles beating Hazel Clement and T. Keiffer 14, 11, 11. Mike and Serina Sinanan knocked holders Ray Lamb and Mary Barron at the semi-final stage of the mixed and went on to beat Bill Martin and Angie Gilbert 19, 19, 19 in the final.

The Southampton Closed was held again at the University Sports Hall. The Title holder of the men's singles Phil Brown (Snows) went out in the 1st round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he was turned out in the 2nd round to Steve. Ultimately, in the semi-final stage of the mixed ranked 1 Mr. R. Bennett of 54 Brookwood Road, Millbrook, Southampton.

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Finally my commercial! The Four T's one-star tournament will again be held at Southampton University on Sunday, Sept. 16. Entry forms from Mr. K. Bennett of 54 Brookwood Road, Millbrook, Southampton. (Tel. 781201).
UNUSUAL FEATURE

With the season now appearing to last for thirteen months in every year, it gets increasingly difficult to cover all the events flooding into the latter part of the season's activities, and our Editor — George Yates, is to be congratulated on the expertise with which he chronicles world table tennis affairs, when even parochial happenings seem too extensive for Northants Notes.

The most unusual feature of the month, was the successful attempt, on Friday April 13, by the Wellingborough Coaching Club, to set an entry in the Guinness Book of Records, with three teams of three players, putting their skills against three Sitco Robot machines, kindly loaned for the occasion by John Panton of J.E.F. Sports, Bishop Street, whose enthusiasm also led him to take part in a trial completed by Dave Marr and Mr. Peter Hackin, the first six months.

Coach, and Les Rayment the Norfolk County League with equal success, is again in the news circles, are so numerous as to be almost legendary, with each player completing an average of 15,840 strokes during their allotted time.

At 8 p.m. on Saturday April 14, nine weary players emerged, not quite triumphant, for the Sitco Robots were still going strong, when they were finally switched off, and so the epic struggle concluded with honours even.

Earlier in April the respective T.S.B. Squads of Northants and Norfolk had competed for the Tina Coleman Trophy at the beginning of the season and if the enthusiasm of these newcomers is to be concentrated at the Junior end of the table tennis world, the oldest established of these competitions is most certainly the Rothborough Invitation Handicap, with its excellent entry and the diversity of ability of the players reaching the finals, it proved one of the most successful to date. There were nine entries, with group winners including Keith Nicoll (–12), Steve Wooll and Graham Fookin (–6), John Horne (–5), while at the other end of the scale there were Bob Jones and Caren Wallis (–5) and Gary Taylor on +12. In the event, Keith Nicoll was unable to defend his title because of school examinations, leaving him master John Horne to take the honours.

The supervisors were Ken Marchant, Northants County Chairman and E.T.T.A. Councillor, and Peter Kendall the Wellingborough and District League Secretary, who both stayed the twenty-four hour scene, when the players alternated thirty minutes playing, thirty minutes retrieving and with the machines programmed to feed thirty balls per minute, thirteen machines executed a total of 142,360 balls, with each player completing an average of 15,840 strokes during their allotted time.

The St. Neots Table Tennis Club Ladies Committee laid on a superb tea for both sides and all the officials, assisted in creating the splendid efforts made recently by such a go-ahead league.

John Hornsby, the Marketing Manager for the South Western Region of the Trustee Savings Bank, was the first Northants recipient of the Tina Coleman Trophy, but not before Rod Marchant, the T.S.B. Squad Coach, and his son Raylee, whose Kettering coach had directed two hours of training on that table.

In the challenge match, both Counties fielded full squads, and the final result was a draw, so the trophy was presented by John Panton, Chairman and to Raylee Mack, who was the first Northants recipient of the Tina Coleman Trophy.

The Corby Junior League continues to prosper, from seven teams in Div. II Midland. In the ordinary matches, the Corby Juniors played a powerful Wyton side, with three players, pitting their skills against three Sitco machines, on a table that earned Cambs. their first point against this opposition. Joe Fowkes at the beginning of the season, while the Juniors, Robert Swift and Andy Whiting, were once again in the No. 1 position. Mr. C. Fowkes at the junior end of the table tennis world.

The increase of activity at Junior level has been marked much earlier, but unfortunately it does draw attention to the lack of suitable coaches, in the Corby area, the enthusiasm of these newcomers is so to be maintained and their standards improved, more consideration should be forward to swell the ranks of these currently unable to stem the tide of younger keen to make progress.

The Corby Junior League continues to prosper, and the Kettering Junior League has just completed its most successful first season, indicating that the work put in by Ian Nicoll of Corby and Steve Wooll, who were the unsung heroes of the season, is most certainly the Rothborough Invitation Handicap, with its excellent entry and the diversity of ability of the players reaching the finals, it proved one of the most successful to date. There were nine entries, with group winners including Keith Nicoll (–12), Steve Wooll and Graham Fookin (–6), John Horne (–5), while at the other end of the scale there were Bob Jones and Caren Wallis (–5) and Gary Taylor on +12. In the event, Keith Nicoll was unable to defend his title because of school examinations, leaving him master John Horne to take the honours.

Handicap Singles:

Kevin Rogers bt Kevin Baldwin (Scr) 19, 20.

Handicap Doubles:

Paul Murphy/Kimbell bt Ian Gannan (9), 18, 19.

U-15 Handicap Singles:

Mark Nannery bt Egan 17, 21, 14.

U-17 Doubles Final:

David Adams (t) bt Nannery (1) –15, 20, 17.

Mystery Doubles:

Paul Murphy/Kimbell bt Egan (1) –14, 19, 17.

Kettering Under 17 League

QUEENSLAND ROAD Garage Singles:

Stephen Rogers bt Kevin Baldwin 9, 19.

Handicap Singles:

Agers (–3) bt Graham Ayres (Scr) 19, 20.

Mystery Doubles:

Andrew Fennessie/Simon Foster bt Rogers/Jackie Brooks –16, 19, 19.

Meanwhile the senior leagues have been drawing to a close with Rothborough "A" thanks to some splendid performances from Gary Alden and Keith Nicoll, retaining the Wellingborough "C" title, and Kettering "C"A just making it four wins in a row in the Kettering Premier Division.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

FATE KNOWN

Having won the Division II East title of the County Championships, Cambridgeshire now face a final decision to be made on the teams that will participate in the semi-finals of the County League, which are due to be played-off on April 29 and by the time these notes are in print they will have known their fate. Cambs achievement in winning their division is all the more notable when one realises that they lost their top player Paul Day who is now a professional in West Germany. Their progress has been a real team effort with all the players winning vital sets in one match or another.

Keith Richardson and M. Cooper, the only survivors of their previous championship was in 1974-75 and 1975-76, have shouldered the burdens thrown upon them by the departure of Day and they have responded brilliantly. Both players have won eight of their ten singles matches and have also partnered each other in four doubles victories out of five. Geoff Davies who filled the gap vacated by Day, has won six of his 10 singles, which included a vital win over Richard Jermy in the last match decided against Hortfordshire.

Joanne Palmer, a junior last season, is now a professional at this level, but her ambition to bring her up to the top level. She won two of her five singles matches and has also partnered each other in doubles victories out of five. Geoff Davies who filled the gap vacated by Day, has won six of his 10 singles, which included a vital win over Richard Jermy in the last match decided against Hortfordshire.

Meanwhile the senior leagues have been drawing to a close with Rothborough "A" thanks to some splendid performances from Gary Alden and Keith Nicoll, retaining the Wellingborough "C" title, and Kettering "C"A just making it four wins in a row in the Kettering Premier Division.
In the Cambridge League, Soham I, the leaders of Div. I, were hard-pressed by St. Ives, and indeed it was their closest match of the season, and only a dumped home 6-4. St. Ives matched the leaders set for set to 4-4 but a win for Brian Rickwood over Alan Smith and a doubles win for the Richardson brothers saw Soham home.

Mick Palmer had his worst evening of the season in the doubles over Northamptonshire with a 7-3 win. Also combined with John Thurston to win the Embassy National Team Trophy, where they will meet Lancaster 1st.

Young won his 3 sets, and one apiece from Paul Wilson and John Burton was enough to give Cambridge the 5-1 win over Impington HI.

The Derbyshire Challenge Cup, a handicap knock-out team event has reached the semi-final stage, and the draw is Tipton 3rd (Cheshfield) v St. Andrews’ Masters (Derby) and Derby Lancaster 2nd (Derby) v Royal Oak (Burton).

As far as I am concerned, it is the teams of the Derbyshire League that are being selected for the Derbyshire Closed Championships being sponsored by a Derby Sports Company, and this could bring a boost to a competition which has not received enough support for some time. Derby were a record-breaking match which means that Bedford are now certain of winning the league.

Mike Rayner was "man-of-the-match" when competing in eight teams of 2, playing four singles and two doubles. Mick Byrd, a last minute substitute, also combined with John Thurston to win the Derbyshire Challenge Cup.

In the S.E.M. League, Cambridge have avoided relegation from Div. I in the Men's Section with a thrilling last match decider against Bedford.

Cambridge's "under-14" team completed the season unbeaten, while the "under-16" team lost only once to win the S.E.M. League Championship, and their victory over Paul Randall was vital in a 3-1 win over York.

The sudden death of Mike Yallop on March 20 was a sad loss for the Derbyshire table tennis, his family and many friends. Mike was an inspiration to all those who came into contact with him. His club, St. Andrews, the Derby League and the University, of which he was Vice-Chairman until his death, are all looking forward to his memory with pride.

The Derby League headquarters resulted from his period as Chairman of the Derby League. His influence and of organisers, making sure that the Derby League is always up to date for easy reference. Besides the Derby League, he is also responsible for raising money for Clubs or the D.T.T.A.; have represented Derbyshire at County level. The Derby League is riding high.

A new venture in Derby was an end-of-season "Bijou" League, and typically he was there on the night prior to his fatal heart attack. I am sure he would have been proud to see the superb results in tournaments, as it is updated throughout the playing season.

For over 20 years Tony Brotchie has been the Secretary of the Cambridge T.T. League also the Derbyshire Challenge Cup and the Derbyshire Closed Championships being sponsored by a Derby Sports Company, and this could bring a boost to a competition which has not received enough support for some time.

A new Club is being formed, the Derbyshire T.T.C., with men who have represented Derbyshire at County level. The Derby League will play exhibitions or challenge matches to raise money for Clubs or the D.T.T.A.; have regular get-togethers and increase interest in tournaments. As far as I am concerned, it is the teams of the Derbyshire League that are being selected for the Derbyshire Closed Championships being sponsored by a Derby Sports Company, and this could bring a boost to a competition which has not received enough support for some time.

Surrey Notes by Ted Breaksin

The technology innovation, news of which was foreseen in a previous issue, is approaching the breaking point. Points are now at an advanced stage, and the agreement of its A.G.M., the Guildford League will be using its computer-produced ranking list before the commencement of the new season. The ranking list is to be proposed and it will be able to show the result of fluctuations in form, and the effect of above or below previous results on their ranking. As far as I am concerned, it is the teams of the Derbyshire League that are being selected for the Derbyshire Closed Championships being sponsored by a Derby Sports Company, and this could bring a boost to a competition which has not received enough support for some time.

Surrey League is as far as I am concerned, it is the teams of the Derbyshire League that are being selected for the Derbyshire Closed Championships being sponsored by a Derby Sports Company, and this could bring a boost to a competition which has not received enough support for some time. Guildford's annual individual tournament again took place in the house at the University, and the 2-day event, this time more efficiently organised by Mike Gorman, was again the highlight of this season's activity. Competition was as sharp as ever, and the approach to the final of the Hard Bat, in which see defender Cliff Keen kept his place in the final, was narrow victory over Ramesh Balia.

A new venture in Derby was an end-of-season "Bijou" League, and the top 16 players competing in eight teams of 2, playing four singles and one doubles, will be the best-of-five games.

I am sure we will have some tired players when the season ends.

The Derbyshire Challenge Cup, a handicap
The intermediate events saw a lot of new faces engaged in the closing stages, and, surprisingly not all from the U-17’s this time. Winners were, Jim Foulkes over Mark Handbeck, and John and Tom Bonall over Hammond and Tony Bartlett, and it was particularly pleasant to see Bob Hammond for a long a key man in the management committee, push through to a medal.

Youthful charm of a very high order was abundantly evident in the final of the women’s doubles in which Nicky Olds and Clare Gibbs beat Kim Merritt and Michelle Bland. The mixed title went to Mike Flett and Jane Mitchell over Steve Croquet and Sue Kerton, and newcomers Rob Williams, with Cliff Keene, failed to clinch the men’s doubles from Conquest and Fisher. This last mentioned event is not producing the excitement of the finals we used to see regularly from such players as Jack Harrington and Eric Graeble.

There was keen battle in the lower division events, in which Martin Kingsease beat Richard West, and the same two combined unsuccessfully at the peak single’s finals against the two Jones’s, M. and L. in a tense match.

Keith Mantell writes that due to the exceptionally large player entry for the Sutton and District League’s ‘Closed’ in February, it was found necessary to continue the tournament on Sunday, Apt. 1. Unfortunately a small number of players were unable to attend on this later date, but it is very doubtful that anyone would have succeeded in upsetting the magnificent play of triple winner Emil Emece.

In the main singles event, Emece showed no mercy to Chris Harper in the semi’s and little more resistance to the eventual runner up, Roylott. Proceeded by Zenon Schramm in the double event, with a win over Harper and Crowley in the final, Emece went on to win his third title by defeating Schramm in the veteran’s division.

Because of the superiority displayed by Emece, the best final of the day from a spectators’ point of view was that of the Vet. ‘s singles won by Steve Davis over Lee Farrier, in the third. The ‘restricted’ singles, not open to first division players, resulted in a win for Mick Leggett over his local rival, whilst the men’s doubles final was a ‘thundering’ win by Nicky Hoare and Michael Hammond.

John Garland reports that all titles changed hands for the third successive year for the Lazenby’s finals held at Kingston Grammar School on Apt. 6. The whole afternoon was worthy of the men’s singles final in which Steven Penney showed at his brilliant best Capella over the Capella of former years. Steven showed some very exciting rallies and with Steven in such good form John was forced to work very hard, but he played a very sensible attacking game to just edge out John in the third, to win.

The women’s singles final brought the junior Premier side had some fine results and in David Baxt we had a reliable and highly talented No. 1. The second team’s performance was inconsistent and a great deal of work is needed by our local coaches if the present level of expert of our top junior squad is to be maintained.

Reading took their departure from the Wilmot Cup when they were well beaten by North Middlesex 6-4.

Omega of Reading are still pressing onward in their season and have chosen teams in accordance with the Berkshire ranking list but have lost their No. 1, division 4 at Oxford 1-3. The 2nd team also have a win.

The relegation of our Premier Division side has been granted with dismay in Berkshire table tennis circles. With three matches to play there was a chance of escape and matters were improved by a stunning win over Middlesex. Unfortunately the irrevocability of several of our top stars, due in the main to international calls, cost us the last two matches against both Berkshire and Essex. The irony of the situation is that the recognition that our players have received at the highest level has undermined the juniors.

The selection committee has played safe this season and have chosen teams in accordance with the Berkshire ranking list but have lost their No. 1, division 4 at Oxford 1-3. The 2nd team also have a win.
Senior Veterans.

Girls' U-17:
J. Freeman bt V. Harding 17, 19.

Boys' U-11:

Boys' U-17:

Veteran Singles:

Girls' U-11:

Girls' U-13:

Women's Doubles:
A. Burke/ L. Green bt Andrews 13, 12.

Boys' Singles:
D. Jones bt B. Halliday 18, 10.

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The final round of matches in the Premier
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unbeaten with a 100% record against the northern counties, could only manage one point from their
four matches to finish in fifth place above Essex,
Cheshire and Cleveland. Although a disappoint-
ment, it is important to remember that they
were without top players Andrew Bellingham and
Prescott. Bellingham and Prescott are two of the
best players in the country and their absence had a
vital impact on the match. The southern counties
managed to win three of their four matches,
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AVON NOTES

The week following the Avon Closed, Martyn wrapped the Bristol Closed cabinet John Harry of Somerset in a close final. An early casualty 'n this men's singles event was Brian Reeves who failed to reach any final for the first time in fourteen years. He lost to Avon No.4 Lloyd Stewart before Stewart lost to Weston's Y.M.C.A. teammate Harry in the semi-final. In the girls' singles the fair-sized crowd saw yet another thrilling encounter between the top two Avon girls Geraldine Sandford and Tina Shortman, this time a reverse result to the Avon being obtained with Geraldine winning 'deuce' in the third. Four titles for the veteran 'master' Mike Baker this season winning the Mendip, Bath, Avon and finally the Bristol closed titles.

by J. S. Penny

CHESHIRE CHAT

by Dick Turner

CHESHIRE WIN - THAT'S THE SPIRIT

Cheshire are champions. They have won the Premier Division of the County Championships for the first time ever and in their first season back up among the elite. Playing ability and team spirit have won the day for a Cheshire team that has swept the board with seven wins out of seven.

One county official commented on Cheshire's excellent team spirit following an unexpectedly heavy defeat. Only two counties came close to beating Cheshire, Midlesey at the start of the season and Glamorgan at the end, Cheshire beating both 5-4.
by Philip Reid

...singles. A convincing winner of the men's singles was Brian Johns. With brother Ian in Chester, Ian was surprisingly beaten by Chris Rogers in the semi, in the final. Unfortunately Dougie Speakman bt Harper -16, 14, 10.

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GREAT SEASON

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WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

CRITICS SILENCED

"Time for the Regional Roundup and the "men for this season" must be Pat Glynn. This transaction, character, one of the few "penny/pound" style players on the county scene, silenced all the critics, who thought he was lucky to win the Birmingham Closed Men's Singles, by winning the title at the Warwickshire Closed.

At the Birmingham event after beating Barry Johnson in the semi, Pat was all set to play brother Dougie Johnson, companion of Barry Haywood in the other semi, in the final. Unfortunately Dougie left his foot under a falling table and hopped out of the event. In the Warwickshire Closed Pat emerged unbeaten after some fine tennis. The final was a tough one, but with the event being staged in the country (Lutterworth) the home side should not be looking for a shock.

A pleasing presentation was made to Bryan Hall, captain of the Veterans' team at their last match against Lincolnshire. Bryan has virtually run the team single-handed since its inception and the tankard with which he was presented was no more than a token gesture for his efforts from athankful County Association.

There was a good entry for the 'Leicester Closed' and there were some surprises. Perhaps the biggest was in the Men's Singles where Paul Randall showed that nobody in Leicestershire can take him lightly when he beat Chris Rogers 16, 17 in the final. Karen Rogers had much things her own way. With Alan Stevenson missing, it seemed she would have little trouble and so it proved. She easily won the Women's Singles and, with Phil Smith as her partner, annexed the Mixed Doubles as well. Chris Rogers and Graham Hall, now a fine partnership, took the Men's Doubles in convincing style. A girl, Brian Mayfield gave another fine display. He took Randall close in the third on the way to the Men's Singles and whilst his Veteran's Singles final with Geoff Aldwinckle also went to expedit, Brian won comfortably.

Simon Hall, who is playing quite brilliantly these days won the Boys' Singles beating Trevor Kendall - barely fit again — in a very good set. It seemed difficult to keep the 'Halls' out of the titles. Grahame gave a fine display against Chris Rogers in the Intermediate final whilst Yvonne played some good table tennis against the winner of the Cadet Singles, Simon Groves. Simon is now showing immense promise and has already had a couple of outings for the County Junior first team where he has contributed to excellence.

The results from the Stratford Closed show four Main Men's doubles, finishing second to Coventry "B" player ranked well below Bertie and Tannor.

BIRMINGHAM CLOSED

Men's Singles:
- P. Glynn w.o. D. Johnson.
- Women's Singles:
- J. Cormack bt K. Groves.
- Mixed Doubles:
- B. Hayward/J. Johnson bt P. Glynn/J. Rudd.
- Women's Doubles:
- Cormack/G. Groves bt H. Peckman/Peckman.
- Mixed Doubles:
- J. Corrigan/C. Hayward bt K. Groves/G. Groves.
- Veteran Singles:
- M. Wood w.o. D. Basset.
- Boys' Singles:
- J. Green/Smith bt Bertie/B. Tanner.
- Girls' Singles:

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LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES by Philip Reid

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E. Shaler bt Mrs. M. Lasek -22, 17, 19.
Peter Brugge/Sue Adeane bt K. Pilgrim/Shaler.

Veteran Singles:
U-19:
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COVENTRY CLOSED
Phil Burwell's County Premier team suffered great
dent devoted a great deal of his column
issue to extol the virtues of Derek Munt, his
reliability, consistency and temperament. All who
for the last few seasons will know what he meant.

Derek has now passed the milestone of 100 appearances for the County and to mark this
towel, a presentation was made to him by Warwickshire President Cyril Hames at the
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CUMBRIA COMMENT
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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Disappointment for the County Junior 1st team, who have just beenปฏed for the Div. 2 (North)
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Lancashire, the team needed a 9-1 win over Derbyshire to avoid demotion and the
team selections. The 8-2 result gained however left
both Cumbria and Lancashire 'deadlocked' on sets and
Lancashire finished on top of virtue of their
services of Chris Sewell. Chris who represented
Gloucester Leisure Centre, the scene of the English
Trophy competition. A tremendous achievement
in itself, and one that has given the team a boost for the
upcoming season.

That crucial Lancashire match also brought the first
defeat of the season to the Barrow boys. Dave Gray and
Ian Red at the hands of the Lancs No. 1, Paul Rafterf, although it is worth mentioning
that neither Dixon nor Ian were fully fit at the
time of this match. The Barrow team are still
in Division 2 South after only one season in
Division 1.

The Senior and Junior II sides both had
improving ends to the season with the seniors
losing their last two matches 9-10 and 10-0 to
Lancashire II and Derbyshire II respectively and the
Juniors losing 2-8 at home to Durham. The
Juniors in particular have had a barren season and
the regulars from the last three matches, Jamie
Cummings, Kiri Jobling and Bill Robinson are
all as fit as a fiddle and should be on top of their
form should they come up against their local
rivals.

CUMBRIA OPEN 1979
Bad news with regard to next season's Cumbria
2-Star Open with the news that the calendar working
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GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES
by Leslie Smith

TITLES RETAINED
With the season drawing to a close, in two of the three leagues in Gloucester, the Division 1 champions have retained their titles. The Gloucester championship was won by Tavistock and Tibberton from the Gordon League club, while the Strend League champions are again Nailsworth "A" with Sheepwash runners-up.

The new champions in Cheltenham are Windcombe "A", runners-up last season, with Civil Service "A" second.

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Kent were relieved to win their first match against Wiltshire on the Saturday evening 8-1, with the team of Dabin, Morris, Kennedy and Labrador being their first team. The second team of Davis, Mitchell, Scott and Bird were also victorious 8-1.

All the Kent players put in a fine performance in front of a large crowd of supporters.

Case of "arm-twisting".

The Sussex selectors have under-rated his efforts which are now offering his services to Kent as he feels the game is too easy for him.

The big question now is, will Kent be swamped without even a junior international player for the last time before he is due to play in the Premier Division. Finally, praise is due to Bob Bridges for the excellent organisation at the play-off, and to Steve Pritchard, South Elmsall's 5 and 3's, as well as to Brian Rogers, Graham May and his team of willing helpers.

The Yorkshire League 1977/78 season closed results are as follows:


Women's Singles: M. Shearman bt M. Short 15, 19.

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In the final section of the Yorkshire League 1977, the winners will be invited to play in the various divisions in the coming season.

CHAIRMAN HARRY RETIRES

Defeat. The first team of Davis, Shapland and Bird were defeated by the second team of Short and Scott 3-4.

Many congratulations to our top junior team who have really done us proud this season. They have been精彩的表演 on the court.

The final of the women's section has not yet been played, but is being deferred to the end of the season.

Devon Notes by Keith Ponting

Mike Shaerman gets his just reward

At the County Senior Championships held at the Devonport Academy in Plymouth, Michael Shaerman won the Men's Singles in his second successive season. His father, Mike Shaerman, won the Men's Singles in his second successive season as well.

The semi-final clash between Short and 12-year-old Gary Sheard was a close match, with Michael Shaerman just taking the second set.

For his service to the game, in June 1963, Harry was awarded a special medal by the E.T.T.A. and in 1964 he was elected a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A.

By 1963/64, Harry regularly played in the middle divisions of the Hull League. Always ready to assist young players, he has travelled thousands of miles to take players of both the Hull and Yorkshire Associations to matches and tournaments.

In the Yorkshire League, the winners and runners-up in the various divisions, together with the winners of the Merit Awards, are:

Div. 1 - Sheffield; Hull; S. Mills (Sheffield).

Div. 2 - Not yet known.

Div. 3 - Bradford IV; Wakefield; D. Lamb (Wakefield).

Div. 4 - Not yet known.

Div. 5 - Sheffield III; Selby; N. Thorn (Selby).

Women's Div. - Bradford; Hull; Miss H. Shield.

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Very few more league closed results have filtered through. In Leeds, veteran Len Brooming won the men's doubles title, a title which he first won 32 years ago! In Huddersfield, a mother and daughter team of Janet and Richard Whiteley were runners-up in the mixed doubles to John Droughton and Yvonne Abell. Results were:

Women's Singles: A. Alger bt P. Cottingham.

Women's Singles: J. Abdallah bt J. Smith.

WEST MIDLANDS CADETS LEAGUE by Philip Reid

VITAL MATCH

The final matches in this season's East Midlands Cadets League produced plenty of exciting play as the final match between Chesterfield and Leicester. It was a match worthy of the occasion.

Darren Burton (Che) had no answer to Andrew Williams who put Chesterfield ahead and Simon Green's 100% record went when Alan Cooke won in straight games. Yvonne Hall – an outstanding prospect -- then beat Angel Franks but was level when Green won an exciting encounter with Burton. Leicester thought they were on level terms again when they easily took the doubles. Wells was unable to hold Henry and when the score was 2-3 the game was over.

In what was probably the best all of the competition both players showed maturity beyond their years with both hitting and counter-hitting magnificent - two players destined to go places.

Eventually the Chesterfield boy got home at 19 in the third set. And after the second set was won by Green it was not going to be Henry but far out in a while he failed to show his best form.

Millom School's two main hopes were among the early casualties with Diccon Gray going out to Taylor in Rd. 2. The same two then went on to win the A-17 boys' doubles with a close win over Harmer and Pachul.

Jen Martin (Warrington) retained her £17 singles title and in a repeat of last year's final turned the current England rankings upside down with a very comfortable win over Joy Grundy (Chesham). Stephen Dixon (Kendal) scored a great triumph for the home county by winning the U-14 boys' singles with a close win over David Illingsworth (Barnsley) in the final. Locke, seeded No.2, earned his final place with a semi-final win over Cleveland's Jevon Chan, the victor in the previous round over the No.1 seed Chris Bryan (Grantham).

The U-14 girls' singles was won by Jean Parker (Preston) who returned to her colours enough to win the final two games after surprisingly losing the first two.

MILFORD JUNIOR 1-STAR TOURNAMENT OF SURPRISES by JOHN TAYLOR

Milton School's Junior 1-Star Open proved to be a tournament of surprise and no more so in the main event, the U-17 boys' singles, where most of the top seeded players, Sam Harmer excepted, fell in the earlier rounds.

Harmer (Bucks) remained in control throughout the day and went on to retain his title with a comfortable win over the seeded Kevin Quinn (Cleveland) after earlier wins over Terry Bruce, Bill Moulding and Alison Boyce.


BRYAN/P. Jackson bt Duffield/F. McEwan.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN

LANCS GIRLS DOMINATE by Norman Berry

Andrew Bellingham, although taken to the limit in the final match against Coventry and gained runner-up position on sets difference. Grims won all three comfortably but Nigel Tucker's 22-20, 21-19 win over Yvonne Hall was vital, together with an excellent doubles win which earned the juniors the two points needed.
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN
by Chris Wright

The first open tournament ever to be held in West Kent was held over the week-end of 28-29 April at Sandown Court School, Blackheath Lane, Tunbridge Wells and with an almost capacity entry of 120 (it has not been held for some years) it was time for an organizing committee with fairly limited experience in open tournament organisation, indeed the organiser/referee kidnapped Peter Rusen from Essex and Jean Zeiner from Gravesend (who 'borrowed' twice qualified umpires from the south-east heart of the country) to make the nucleus of an experienced group with him.

Due to a change in the P.A. system the tournament start with the U-12 events disappeared on Saturday with the U-12 matches being played until late at night. The U-12 boys' doubles with a number of the top players in the country who made their first visit to the table and the No.4 failed to arrive. The U-14 girls' doubles saw the tightest final of the week-end with the Bellinger sisters beating a comfortable final win over Moore/Stunden. This conversion a very successful day for Teresa Moore who appeared in three finals, though winning only one.

The U-17 events on Sunday saw a prompt start at 9 a.m. with an entry of 126 for the boys' singles. The vultures were kept working overtime to ensure a very good match was an even contested event. No real upsets occurred and the final result was certainly expected. The U-17 girls' singles continued the pattern set in the juniors and being knocked out with nootropology, indeed the Nos. 1 and 3 seeds (Kim Mudge and Lisa Bellinger) lost on their 1st visit to the table and the No. 4 failed to arrive. All that was left was for dishes to be served to the unseeded mania Ball (Folkestone) in the final this making up in a small way the embarrassment to clan Bellinger who confidently predicted of a third round demise of Lisa. The U-13 boys' singles continued the 'beat a seed round' theme established during the week-end with the biggest shock coming in the quarter-final with Gilbert/S. Moore losing to the eventual runner-up Colin Chamberlain.

The U-17 girls' doubles saw the tightest finish of the week-end with the Bellinger sisters beating a very strong team of Ridgewell/Prachal.

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Division I

FAVOURITE RESULT

Suffolk scene by Steve Richards

Drawn seem to be the favourite result in East Anglia. Norwich City are Football League specialists, Suffolk Senior County side have drawn with Norfolk and Herts, the 5-5 result with Herts was a vital one as Suffolk needed a point to save relegation. There did which due to the men who played above themselves namely John Chambers, Ron Chambers and Mick Palmer. Against Norfolk Janet Fairies and Sue Welcome played as did Palmer.

The Senior II team have also drawn their two final matches against Beds and Norfolk. Veterans and juniors who make up the teams and players have included Terry Kirby, Bob Milne, Dave Henderson, Chris Shepherd, Debbie Wootten, Kirti Brittle and Jane Richards. I thought that Bob Milne enlightened the evening with his expressive and mugging which were enjoyed by all who were present.

Suffolk Juniors found Beds and Essex too strong and lost both matches although all the team will be available next season. Team included Julian Hall, Anthony Boulton, Sue Leonard and Jackie Bird. We congratulate them on winning the boys' singles at the Derby 2-Star competition and the juniors' doubles. David Rawlinson, Stephen Barby and Ron Chambers all won one singles which gave us our first points of the season.

The second team just failed to make it a last trip of wins over the Suffolk side when they drew 5-5. Paul Birch played well to take both his singles. David Sharp and Ron Chambers each won a singles with David and Paul taking the doubles. Dave Rawlinson, Stephen Barby and Ron Chambers all won one singles which gave us our first points of the season.

TITLED CLINCHED

Congratulations to the Juniors, they clinched the 3rd South East title with a remarkable win over a very strong Suffolk team, when they met Beds last weekend. We have had trouble with the weather and they did not let us down, convincing winning the singles and doubles.

But the boys also came up trumps. David Sharp won his restricted singles in a particularly praiseworthy way, his very mature win over the experienced Nigel Hallowes. Stephen Barby also beat, David and Stephen also took the doubles after losing the first game making the final result 7-3. Well done, you are making the future of Beds T.T. look very rosy.

The Semi-final followed up the success of the Juniors by defeating their Suffolk counterparts 6-4. Barbara Hammond and Jackie Bellinger both played well winning their singles and the doubles. David Rawlinson, Stephen Barby and Ron Chambers all won one singles which gave us our first points of the season.

The Dunstable and Div. League are holding their second open at A.C. Delco on Saturday, May 26th, when all county players are invited to attend.

GWENT OPEN

GWENT PLAYERS BEATEN IN FIVE TITLE BIDS

by Grove Motlow

Gwent were represented in the finals of the seven finals in the Gwent Open, held at Comber Stanfield, but failed on each of them due to traffic congestion on the match.

Unluckiest competitor was undoubtedly Brenda Ansell of Newport who was narrowly beaten in two singles finals and went down in the semi-finals of two doubles events.

The Open was severely hit by bad weather. Many players from the Midlands, North Wales and North East of England, including several doubles, could not make the trip because of the snow and the organizers had to make some last minute re-shuffles to the programme.

The changes went well and there was an earlier finish to the proceedings than usual.

Ansell was beaten in the Junior girls' singles by Catherine Jones of Swansea, going down 16-13 in the final game.

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The HALEX ESSEX 3-STAR OPEN

MITCHELL MAKES HIS MARK
by Alan Shepherd

Although the England Squad were missing from this, the 21st Essex Open, 20 ranked men and women were in action. However, the usual forces were the local players in the half of the draw, notably the holder and runner-up from Middlesex, runner-up at the Yorkshire Junior Select Championships at the Y.P.I. Recreation Centre, Hull on April 14/15, with only one entry and there were plenty of surprises. Scratch pairing Graham Blomfield/T. Cawser put out David Mitchell and Angela Mitchell - all in straight games.

The semi-final and finals were played in the main hall of the Essex Riverside Leisure Centre, Hull on April 14/15, with only one seed, Carole Knight and Melody Ludi. Carole showed some signs of her old fire, and reached the final with an implosive victory over Elaine Bolton, Lesley Radford and Helen Williams. Melody had slightly more trouble in the delightful shape of Alison Gordon whom she bested only 13, -15, 19. Her other victim was Jackie Bellinger and Angela Mitchell. The final was touch and go until the deciding game, when Carole "drew away" to pocket the £90 first prize.

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Carole Knight and David Newman both added to their winnings by taking the mixed event. They lost their first game in the final itself but Sandyley, Alison Gordon, their opponents had found it a struggle all the way. In Round 2 Chelsea/Gina Ritchard were defeated by only 18, -16, 15 and in Round 3 Horsham/Lesley Radford by 21, -16, 20. The semi-final saw Graham and "Ally" winners over Andrew/Mandy Smith by 18, -16, 19.

The Veteran's event saw arch rivals Gordon Chapman and Peter D'Arcy dogging it out, with Gordon the winner on this occasion.

Most people will agree that this was a smoothly running tournament, the prize money for which, exceeded £800. Grateful thanks for this are obviously due to Barking Eves, the well known estate agents, to new Essex sponsors Barclays Bank Limited, and of course to the overall sponsors Halesport.

Results:

Barclays Bank Men's Singles Quarter-finals: M. Crimmins (Sy) bt. J. Souter (Mi), 18, 19; K. Jackson (E) bt. B. Potton (E), 14, 14; K. Richardson (Ca) bt. J. Jermy (He), 15, -17, 19; M. Mitchell (Mo) bt. G. Staley (Mo), 16, 18.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Crimmins/J. Souter (Mo) bt. K. Jackson/L. Riddell (E), 15, 18; M. Mitchell/A. Knight (Sy) bt. G. Staley/H. Williams (Mo), 19, 19.

Men's Singles Final:


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Girl's Doubles Semi-finals:

JONES bt. CONSTANCE (Mo) 13, 15; JONES bt. GILSON (Sy) 11, 8.

Boy's Doubles Semi-finals:

SMITH bt. CONSTANCE (Mo) 13, 15; SMITH bt. GILSON (Sy) 11, 8.

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**Hartpool 1-Star Open**

**COMEBACK SUCCESS FOR ALDERSON**

Cleveland's David Alderson, making a comeback after a lengthy absence from tournament play, met up with another former star in Brian Burns — now leave from Saudi Arabia — in the final of the men's singles at Hartlepool on Mar. 18.

Clinically, Burns must have been at a disadvantage for the forwards, dominating on the court, taking them to the limit when only four women arrived and they played a round robin with Amy Martin.

But, far from the scorching sands, Burns failed to make his festal mark unlike Alderson, who in addition to winning the singles, also took the doubles, with Tony Martin. Results:

**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**
- D. Alderson (Cu) bt D. Pollock (Cu) 9, 14;
- G. Sandley (Mi) bt D. Wells (Mi) 17, 14;
- R. Potton (E) bt P. Taylor (He) 12, 15.

**Semi-finals:**
- A. Dixon (Sc) bt B. Brunskill (Cu) 18, 15,
- Green/Taylor bt S. Brunskill (Cu)/ Pott (Cu) 12, 11.

**Final:**
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**Western League Notes**

**GROVE MOTLOW**

Prior to the Yorkshire Junior Select, a friendly junior international match was held at Rotherham Sports Centre, Leeds on Good Friday, 13th April 1958.

As part of the exciting event, a Ladies' Singles Match was played between a Yorkshire team and a Northern team. The match proved to be a highly competitive one, with the Yorkshire team emerging victorious in an amazing final of 3 games. The result was finished with a final score of 17-15, 14-16, 15-13.

The match was marked by exceptional athleticism and a high level of skill displayed by both teams. The Yorkshire team, led by a strong performance by Olive A. Hopkins, managed to secure a hard-fought victory in the third game, which was particularly intense and saw both players pushing their limits to the maximum.

The Yorkshire team, comprising A. Hopkins and M. Briggs, dominated the early stages of the match, with impressive serves and accurate returns. However, the Northern team, led by a determined performance by E. Taylor, managed to make a comeback in the second game, and the match went down to the wire. The Yorkshire team eventually secured the win, which was a testament to their resilience and determination.

This match not only showcased the talent and hard work of the young players but also reinforced the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork. The event was a great opportunity for these athletes to develop their skills, gain experience, and learn from each other. The Yorkshire team's victory serves as a motivation for their continued growth and success in the future.
The women’s doubles final was once again, a repeat of the Durham event, Debbie Coulthard and Anne Sweeney of Manchester meeting Mandy Mellor and Gillian Murphy of Loughborough. The tables were turned this time, however, with Mandy taking the initiative and receiving good steady service from her partner the Loughborough pair got home.

The beaten semi-finalists were S. Jackson and L. Bradburn from Sheffield and the East Anglian pair of M. Tish and S. Lupton.

The mixed doubles was a very open event but it was still surprising that Andy and Sally Wellman went out in the first round to P. Baker and his “Swedish blonde” partner B. Hagemann. Number 3 seeds Rogers and Sarah Jackson got through to the final after a series of close calls, not least against Vickers and Linda Fox (in the semi-finals).

The other semi was contested by Paul Batthard and Mandy Mellor up against the unseeded L. Shah and P. Barnes of Manchester who had made the most of the withdrawals of number two seeds P. Luoma and J. Williams of Exeter. At this stage of the proceedings Paul was almost collapsing with migraine but managed to keep going until victory was assured. Again, we saw a repeat of the Durham final and this time there was no change of title. A revitalised Paul Batthard and a weary Mandy Mellor were too steady and consistent for the Sheffield pair and won fairly comfortably.

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TEAM EVENTS

TITLES RETAINED BY HONG KONG

Thursday, April 12, saw the opening of the Championships at Meadowbank but with three countries missing from the schedule—Nigeria, Niger and Uganda—Pakistan accepted as a late entry.

Naturally, these upsets caused a few headaches and with the subsequent alterations to the programme an alternative arrangement was a few created by George Pardon, the Canadian team manager. His team was kept waiting on the morning of the second day by India whose men failed to turn up at the new time.

The Indians arrived at the new timings when, later that same day, their women again "drew" in an evening match against England. By this time Bryan Merrell too was getting a little hot under the collar but, in line with the hitherto friendly spirit of the championships, matters were settled and both matches duly took place.

Both team titles were retained by Hong Kong and, as in Guernsey at the last championships, England had to content themselves with the runners-up positions.

One had visions of England's women sweeping the board particularly as the team was spearheaded by Linda Howard with Carole Knight as her main teammate. Their progress to the final was particularly impressive as they won all their first three games in progress.

The defending singles title holder, aged 39 and a typical executioner's axe which was swung down with a vengeance by Hui So-Hung who cut down Carole in much the same fashion as Linda, 11 and 12. It proved to be flattery to deceive for Ma's forte was breath-taking and against who the English girl simply had no answer.

As in Guernsey at the last championships, the players were down to a minimum of six. Latif, their captain, in this all-important match put on a dominant performance and, in much the same way as Hui So-Hung, he won 11 and 12. He was considered to be the best performer upon the day.

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It proved to be a battle to decide for Ma's teammates were made of much sterner stuff particularly Yong by Yong who, in the Hong Kong team, whose three visits to the table resulted in wins over Alan Fletcher, Dabin and finally Jimmy Walker.

Walker had previously lost to the bespectacled Chen Sheng-Shih but in the lead up to the final the Cavelandster had been beaten just once, by Paul Pinkewich of Australia, in Hong Kong.

Never was his contribution more valuable than in the match against late entrants Pakistan who strove to turn the English team to the very English. One can, perhaps, query the Pakistanis' decision to play S. Latif, their captain, in this all-important match for he was their Achilles heel to provide both Fletcher and Dabin with their only wins in this encounter.

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For Positions 3 and 4 for Pete Joe (Canada), Alan Fletcher (England) and semi-finalist Donald Parker, also of England. Parker, deserving of much praise, arrived at the last four spot in a style so reminiscent of the late Hans Aiser, lobbing and scrambling his way past Majit Dua (India), Steve Knapp (Australia) and Sohail Hayat (Pakistan) the latter having disposed of the ageing Chan Icheng Shun of Hong Kong.

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not 'Top of the Pops' for Ian Wooldridge for 'The Daily Mail'

There is this martial pop song which starts 'Pyongyang, Pyongyang . . . .' and goes on to extol the glories of living under the benign patronage of Comrade President Marshal Kim II Sung in the capital of the world's most extreme Communist state.

It's a bouncy little tune, sung by a heavenly voice which is near to the Lancashire County Cricket ground. They played it at the American table tennis games in the men's singles.

Douglas, particularly, was consumed by a lethargy from which he never recovered and his farewell games in the men's singles personified his unhappiness. He just blew it and got out as fast as he could.

This is never an edifying spectacle but, for once there may have been some justification. Pyongyang's 21,000-crowds were consumed by an irrational patriotism which made them the most prejudiced in the world. They erupted at a North Korean point. They erupted even more loudly at an American error. They had no conception of the accepted standards of sportsmanship and, since they were conducted by cheer-leaders, it is quite feasible that they had no real conception of the sport they were watching.

Ultimately this was a constant irritation to the players. The Americans suffered to a far greater degree than the British. Their players, some of whom weren't even born at the time, were being held personally responsible for the American bombing of Pyongyang in the Korean war. They had a tough ride. That is no atmosphere in which to conduct world championships.

To be fair, Roy Evans, president of the International Table Tennis Federation, was in a dilemma. Pyongyang was third-choice venue after the United States and Yugoslavia but to go there, of course, was always asking for political trouble. It came when both South Korea and Israel were refused entry visas to Pyongyang. As equal-status members of the I.T.T.F. they should have been subject to guarantees of entry. In fact, North Korea did pay lip-service to the rule, then resorted at a critical last moment when many other teams were actually in the air and on their way. This gave Evans a bell of a problem.

Did he cancel the championships on a matter of principle? Or did he sit tight and allow them to continue, despite the absence of two member nations. Evans is a self-confessed pragmatist. He said flatly, explaining: 'My role is to see that table tennis goes on'. Personally I believe he was wrong. Thin ends of sharp wedges are being hammered into sport all over the world and some one, some day, has got to start knocking them out again.

But that is essentially a reporter's opinion. Evans is a graceful man doing what he genuinely believes best for the game and what he believed best was that several hundred table tennis players, at enormous expense, weren't stranded all over the globe. What is more, his personal presence and authority averted plenty of local problems. Nevertheless, he presided over one of the most bizarre major sport events of our time.

It was a unique opportunity to peer inside the most heavily-shuttered society in the world and anyone who didn't become from it, however frustrating it may have been at the time, would have to be very block-headed. It was, essentially, a North Korean venture to use table tennis to promote the name of Kim II Sung in the West. In this they succeeded, although whether or not they will appreciate what was written when they finally get it translated is another matter altogether.

I would like to add one essential personal note. To arrive very much as an 'outside' reporter in a very specialised sport can occasionally lead to all sorts of calamities. During Operation Pyongyang I encountered nothing but friendliness and assistance from players and officials and colleagues journalists. If I may beg the indulgence of the editor, George Yates, I would like to say thanks.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

After fourteen years at Mather and Platt's Newton Heath Works, Manchester, next season's North of England 2-Star Open Championship will move to Stretford Sports Centre, Great Stone Road which is near to the Lancashire County Cricket and Manchester United football grounds.

The date to note is Saturday, Sept. 29 when this popular tournament will again be sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive as part of the Colgate Youth Sports programme. Entry forms, in due course, can be had from Leslie W. Jones at 261 Macclesfield Road, Burnage, Manchester M19 1EH (Phone: 061-224 6672).
During the next few days, with suitable intervals for table tennis, I made every effort to see all that Pyongyang had to offer. The Opening Ceremony at the Championships provided the key-note on which tourism and sightseeing in Pyongyang were presented. The city is one huge spectacular, which Hollywood would have trouble in improving upon. The very size and monumental precision of the Gymnasium Display at the Opening Ceremony made one gasp with astonishment. As we were to find out on many occasions, it is the children in Korea who are the nation's major performers, if one takes into account not only their highly developed talents in song and physical movement, but also their every-day visibility and disciplined charm. The hues of the display was matched by the major buildings of the capital.

The Central Historical Museum was one of the most spacious and best laid-out that I have ever seen, whilst the Museum of Korean Revolution has 90 rooms of exhibition, of which I saw 29 in 3 hours flat. The Great Theatre, Kim II Sung University, People's Palace of Culture, Children's Palace and the February 9th Hall of Culture are all gigantic in their conception and execution and the Underground Metro must be among the most grandiose of the world's tube systems. The Gymnasium itself, as well as the various sport stadiums in the City, rival those of most countries and the endless apartment blocks, though often strikingly cool, as we were driven in convoy to Moranbong

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theatres and Palaces of Culture. The last mile took us along the willow-lined Potong-gang River with its delicate bridges and Boat-Race-style rowing boats.

INTERVIEWS

The hotel room was simple, but there were light and airy with twin beds, refrigerator, television, balcony, and constant assistance by two young lady guides names Miss Ma and Miss Choe.

All three spoke good English and we were propelled through Customs with a minimum of fuss and delay where we found our luggage being packed into fleets of Volvos and Mercedes Benz lined up for our arrival. I had a Volvo all to myself. At 80 miles an hour we covered the 10 miles between the airport and the Potonggang Hotel in a matter of minutes. The first impression was one of wide, tree-lined boulevards devoid of litter, vehicles or pedestrians and of a whirlwind of activity and constant motion. The Gymnasium itself, as well as the various sport stadiums in the City, rival those of most countries and the endless apartment blocks, though often strikingly cool, as we were driven in convoy to Moranbong

the hotel for lunch before proceeding in the afternoon to Pyongyang Circus. This time the audience was largely foreign and we were left in no doubt as to the excellence of Korean Circus artists, particularly the prebatus and jugglers, reputed to be the best in the world's finest.

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gloucester Leisure Centre was the new venue for the sixth Stiga English Schools Individual Championships which took place on Saturday, April 28th.

For the first time ever the Championships gained a slot on television for a film unit from BBC TV's "Stopwatch" programme was present and the highlights were shown on the following Tuesday.

For five of the eight champions it was a "first" but not so for Colin Wilson (Goff's School, Cheshunt) who in winning the Boys' U-19 title added to his U-16 win last year at Luton. Wilson was hardly extended throughout the day and defeated David Barr in straight games in the final. Barr had ousted David Bart in an intriguing semi-final which saw the Essex boy fritter away some seemingly insurmountable leads.

Sally Midgley (Hanson School, Bradford) also encountered little opposition in the Girls' U-19 event. Local hope Cathy Robb was pipped for third place by Rachel Mackriell.

One of the few shocks of the day occurred in the Boys' U-19 event when John Souter went out to Robert Swift in the semi-final. It ended a spell of four consecutive Championships in which Souter had finished amongst the medal winners. Swift didn't progress much further, however, losing to the winner, Mark Oakley (Tomlinscote Secondary School, Wimborne) in the semi-final. Oakley had a tough final against Paul Whiting but emerged a worthy winner.

Cherry Cressay (Queen Elizabeth School, Wimbourne) won her first national title in beating Jackie Bellinger in the Girls' U-19 category but Jackie's younger sister, Lisa (Mill Vale School, Doncaster) who won the Under-11 title last year went one better and won the Girls' U-13 event in a close encounter against Jean Parker. Another previous Under-11 winner Gary Lambert (Eamont School) had a tough match against Carl Price (Isle of Wight) with the Devon boy taking the honours.

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The following tournaments have been nominated for inclusion in the Norwich Union Grand Prix next season : - Hungarian, Scandinavian, French, English, Welsh and Federal German.

APOLOGY

The Editor apologises for the many omissions in this issue due to lack of space brought about by the coverage of the 35th World Championships.

Efforts will be made to include in the Sept/Oct issue such features as the Worthing Junior Inter-Club, the Bark Under-21 Championships and the Norwich Union Masters Tournament the latter having been won by Dragutin Surobek of Yugoslavia.

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Staffordshire 6 Essex 5
A. Dixon lost to D. Charlery -19, -10, -6;
lost to T. Dowsett 18, 12.
S. Richards lost to Charlery -16, -9;
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J. Weatherby lost to Barr -12, -13;
lost to T. Fullerton -15, -16, -16.
I. Taylor lost to D. Glover -16, -16, -16.
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Miss L. Finn lost to Miss S. Smith -11, -19.
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Wiltshire 6 Staffordshire 2
Wilson bt Dixon 14, 16;
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Stratton lost to Richards -13, 19, -19.
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Miss Reeves bt Miss Harris 17, 22.
Miss Williams conceded to Miss V. Bellingham.
Miss Reeves/Miss Williams lost to Bellingham/
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Surrey 7 Cheshire 3
Holloway bt Flint 16, 10.
lost to J. Weatherby 16, 14.
Oakey bt Flint 19, 12, -13.
lost to Taylor 10, -17.
Baker bt Weatherby 13, 16.
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Oakley/G. Russell lost to Weatherby/Worthington
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Miss Merritt lost to Miss Fenwick -16, -16.
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Green lost to D. Barr -15, -16; bt Madden -12, 18, 14. 
Cleveland 2 Berkshire; 8 Stratton lost to Illingsworth 19, -15, -18; Gwent . 5 5 0 0 39 11 10
Dowsett bt Green -11, 19, 14; Miss Garbet ht Miss Woodcock 10, 12. 

Miss Dowsett bt Miss Holden/Miss Herts II . 5 5 0 0 40 10 10

Middlesex Division

Green/Taylor lost to D. Barr/Gloster -16, 19, -16. 
Middlesex 7 7 0 0 61 9 14

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Miss Woodcock lost to Baker -12, -14. 
Middlesex II . 6 3 1 2 35 25 7

Miss Hadley/Miss Harris lost to Miss Cresswell/ Berkshire . 5 0 2 3 16 34

Barnett/Dixon bt Oakley/Russell -17, 18, 14. 
Berkshire . 5 0 2 3 21 39 2

Miss Garbet bt Miss Broomhead 16, 18. Taylor lost to Barr -15, -13; 
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Blackett lost to G. Walker -19, -17. Miss Cresswell bt Miss Holden 12, 15. 
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Barnett lost to Oakley -20, -18; Essex II . 5 3 1 1 30 22 7

Les/Stratton bt D. Illingsworth/Madden 15, 16. Miss Reeves/Miss Brown/ Middlesex 11, 18. 
Miss Reeves/Miss Williams bt Miss Robertshaw/ Miss Woodcock -7, 10, 13.

JUNIOR PREMIER

Miss Dowsett/Miss Mudge lost to Miss Deakin/ Herts III 4 0 1 3 13 27 0

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Worthington lost to Sandley -17, -17; Taylor lost to Wilson -16, -17; 
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**Junior Promotion Challenge**

**KENT AND CLEVELAND RETURN TO PREMIER DIVISION**

Kent and Cleveland are the two counties promoted to the Premier Division of the County Championships after this season's promotion play-off at Lutterworth Upper School on Friday 28th April (writes Geoff Taylor).

Kent, fancied for one of the two promotion places, and hosts, started very well giving Wiltshire and Cambridgeshire sound 9-0, but their first real test came against Dorset during the Sunday afternoon session. The first four matches took two hours to complete by which time Kent had taken control of the match and came away with a 6-3, 6-3 win with the prize of promotion whatever the outcome of their final match with Cambridgeshire (which they lost 6-4, 4-6, 2-6).

The crunch was the final match — Leicestershire vs Cleveland - the winners joining Kent in the promotion places, and hosts, started very well out 7-2 victors with the prize of promotion what they needed.

The Leicestershire lads were too strong for the Cleveland lads with the score 9-0. Highlights were Gina referee taking the first two sets, and it was a flying start taking the first two sets, and it was a flyin

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**Leicestershire vs Cleveland 9-0**

- Rogers bt K. Richardson 2-19, 13.
- R. Randell bt Richardson 19-14, 21.
- C. Rogers bt Richardson 17-15, 19.
- T. Davis bt Richardson 17, 9.
- L. Rogers/M. Rogers bt Richardson/Adams 13-14, 9.
- Miss Rogers bt Miss J. Hunter, 9, 6.
- Newman/M. Rogers bt Miss Davies/Hunter 12, 13.

**Kent vs Wiltshire 8-1**

- Miss Rogers bt Miss J. Hunter 19, 16, 14.
- M. Morris bt Miss J. Hunter 9, 6.
- Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Hamilton/M. Rogers 17-15, 16.
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**Cambridgeshire vs Wiltshire 7-2**

- Davis/Miss Rogers bt C. Rogers/M. Morris 17-13, 15, 16.
- Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Hamilton/M. Rogers 17-15, 16.
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