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**On the International Front**

by The Editor

**THUMBS DOWN**

Despite a deal of lobbying by the Development Committee of the E.T.T.A. in pursuance of their desire to employ a foreign coach, when the question was finally put to the National Council on October 13 the proposal received the thumbs down.

Much debate preceded the actual vote not least on the track record of the present incumbent, Peter Simpson, who, has, since taking over the position, made quite a reasonable suit from the cloth at his disposal.

Other countries have invested vast amounts in such engagements but, with the exception of Sweden who derived the utmost benefit from their employment of Ichiro Ogimura, Japan's former world champion and now the Deputy President of the I.T.T.F., the return has in no way been commensurate with the outlay.

Indeed, having regard to the language difficulties coupled with the way of life in England, the field is a very narrow one and much as such an engagement might be to the liking of a certain faction of the establishment the noes exceeded the ayes when it came to the crunch vote in London.

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A phlegmatic Milan Orlowski who came to his country's rescue when Czechoslovakia trailed 1-3 to Poland in Lodz. Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

**MILAN TO THE RESCUE**

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**On the International Front**

**European champion, Gabor Gergely, was the Hungarian to suffer losing to both Grubba and Kucharski. Not so on Oct. 11 when, in Budapest, the two wins obtained by Yugoslavia were achieved by Anton Stipancic, over Jivan Jonyer, and by Stipancic and Erzsebet Palatinsz at the expense of Jonyer and Gabriella Szabo in the mixed.

Prior to, in Kranz, the Yugoslavs spearheaded by Dragostin Surbek had been defeated Sweden 6-5 with Surbek and Zoran Kalinic losing their doubles encounter to Ulf Carlsson and Niklas Persson.

At home to Federal Germany, in Bolov on Oct. 11, the Swedes, with an entirely different, but much stronger team, swamped the opposition 7-0 leaving their victims, who had lost 3-4 to England in their opening match, propping up the division with an inferior set analysis to Poland.

England, equaling 7-7 on sets, can be said to have made a safe start although, as reported elsewhere, they could have made it safer still being too dependant on Des Douglas and Jill hammesley. M.B.E.

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Tennis Competition, conducted a meeting
The Yugoslav T.T. Federation was of course
President for Africa, in his role of Chair­
the men's team event, France the women's.
Surbek beat Secretin in the men's singles.
Turkey, France, Greece and Yugoslavia took
and France dominated, although Turkey
part, and as was to be expected Yugoslavia
were the venue for the other sports, the
big 'Amfora Hotel' complex overlooking the
blue Adriatic sea.

Associations eligible to contest Division 3
in St. Peter Port, Guernsey (Feb. 3/4, 1980)
are: Faroe Islands, Guernsey, Germany DR,
Ireland, Jersey, Malta, Portugal, Romania and
Scotland.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

Reporting in Bulletin 169 of the I.T.T.F.,
President H. Roy Irvins writes:-
"Following our recognition by the I.O.C.
table tennis was included as one of the
competition sports in the Mediterranean Games. Whilst Spilt and surrounding towns
were the venue for the other sports, the
table tennis competition was organised in
the island of Hvar, one of the many
beautiful islands off the Dalmatian Coast.
The actual competitions took place in a
small but well equipped hall, part of the
big 'Amfora Hotel' complex overlooking the
blue Adriatic sea.

"Teams from Algeria, Egypt, Italy, Spain,
Turkey, France, Greece and Yugoslavia took
part, and it was particularly encouraging
to see that both Yugoslavia and France dominated, although Turkey
achieved an unexpected victory, which took them into third
place in the island's Table Tennis World Cup.
In the men's team event, France's women's
beaten by Secretin in the men's singles.

"Counsellor Amin Abou Heif, our Vice­
President for Africa, in his role of Chair­
man of the Mediterranean Games Table Tennis Competition, conducted a meeting
in Hvar where all present were urged to
see that this was found both useful and
popular.

I would like to express the thanks of the National Coaching Committee to all those
who responded voluntarily to our appeal for our
racing Juniors. This vote of thanks embraces of course, our Coaches and Organisers, the 35 highly
ranked players, who worked flat out and so cheerfully to help them, the University Hotel staff,
the parents and escorts, and not least, the
100 keen and dedicated young trainees who
were on the "receiving end" of this bigventure.

A. Gordon Steggall,
Chairman, National Coaching Committee.

DICK TAMMADGE DEPARTS

Although I am leaving table tennis to
seek my fortunes elsewhere, I should like to
express my deepest and sincerest thanks to
all those people I am leaving behind. Over
the past two years I have very much enjoyed
my work with the Association, particularly
due to the large number of people with
whom it has been a very real privilege to
work.

I hope you will all realise your dreams
within the sport and I expect that you will
still see me at the odd event.

Best wishes,
R. D. Tammadge,
Development Officer.
Good luck for the future Dick.

Ed.
**Norwich Union Grand Prix**

Following on from its very successful introduction last season, the Norwich Union Grand Prix of table tennis for this coming season will comprise the Open Championships of Hungary, Scandinavia, France and Federal Germany, the Norwich Union Trophy, the Norwich Union International Championships, and the Stiga Welsh Open.

The leading fourteen players in the Grand Prix points table at the end of the circuit will join the reigning World Champion, Seiji Ono of Japan, and the new European Champion, to qualify for the Norwich Union Masters, the title currently held by Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia.

The Norwich Union Grand Prix is a series of International Open Championships and the Norwich Union Trophy, at each of which points will be awarded to players in relation to success achieved at that event.

The events forming the 1979/80 Norwich Union Grand Prix were agreed by the European Table Tennis Union and Norwich Union Insurance, and are:

1. 8-11th November - Hungarian Open Championships — Misskoc
2. 22-24th November - Scandinavian Open Championships — Wagstoe.
3. 30th November-2nd December — French Open Championships — Evry.
4. 4th December — Norwich Union Trophy
5. 10-12th January — Norwich Union International Championships — Brighton.
6. 7-10th February — Stiga Welsh Open — Cardiff.
7. 22-24th February — Federal German Open — Bunsahelm.

The Norwich Union Trophy is a Tournament which will be played at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, Kent, on Tuesday, 4th December, 1979. The eight men leading the Grand Prix points table after the Hungarian, Scandinavian and French Championships will qualify to play for this Trophy and prize money.

This event will be recorded by BBC Television, and transmitted as a regular weekly programme in the Spring of 1980 as “Top Table for the Norwich Union Trophy”.

**Norwich Union Masters**

The fourteen men leading the points table at the end of the circuit will join the reigning World Champion, Seiji Ono of Japan, and the new European Champion, to qualify in the Norwich Union Masters on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7th, 8th and 9th May, 1980, at the Guild Hall, Preston. There will be extensive BBC Television coverage of this event.

**Points Allocation to Players for Grand Prix**

For the Norwich Union Grand Prix, points will be awarded as in 1978/79, to the last 32 players in the Men’s Singles Competition, as follows:

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OPENLY PROFESSIONAL

Although I realise that, in part, Mr. Roy Evans, the President of the I.T.T.F., was merely stating the facts as laid down by the International Olympic Committee, I must take issue with a number of the points made in his letter in October's issue in favour of Amateurism.

He points out that 90% of I.T.T.F. member organisations are amateur — “within the I.O.C. concept of that word”. Few of us would be foolish enough to liken this to our own concept of that word. We could never regard the full time players of China, N. Korea, Hungary or the Soviet Union as ‘amateurs’, but the I.O.C. certainly would do so, just as they regard the Soviet “soldiers” and American “student” athletes as such in the Olympics.

As our own government does not provide such lucrative “grants” to athletes in order to keep them “amateur”, the only way we can successfully compete against such countries is for our players to become truly and openly professional. Desmond Douglas has proved the benefit of this with his great improvement since becoming a full-time player instead of a part-timer who had to repair buses to earn his living — something the Soviet bloc and oriental “amateurs” would never be required to do.

A second point is that, as was pointed out in October’s editorial, we are short of national publicity. It is an unfortunate fact that money dominates today’s sports coverage — football transfers, golf and tennis prizes and last year the amount of money given to cricketers by Kerry Packer. This awakened interest in cricket to a greater extent than for twenty years. Our only hope of gaining such interest by increased monetary rewards and, one hopes, increased prizes, would certainly be for Mr. Evans 1250 Swiss Francs that recognition of table tennis by the I.O.C. would merit no more that three lines in the national press, but a revelation that Desmond Douglas earned £100,000 a year from the sport or that Nicky Jarvis had been transferred from Ormesby to Saham for that amount would certainly give us head lines.

Finally we must consider whether we really wish to become part of the Olympic Games. Politics is rapidly destroying every ideal of the founders of the movement. From the reports I have read and heard, Mr. Evans’ own I.T.T.F. made a mistake in holding their showcase event in North Korea where it became a propaganda exercise for the Kim II Sung regime. Graham Davies likened it to the 1936 Olympics. I fear that the 1980 Moscow Olympics may be even worse. Do we therefore really want to be part of such a movement, especially when we will be merely a minor “results only” sport in an event dominated by Athletics and Swimming, and when the cost in prize money to our leading players will be so great?

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TOURNAMENT DIARY

Please note the following amendments and cancellations to the Tournament Diary:

CANCELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Crewe Junior (Nov. 25) cancelled.
Winton (Jan. 6) cancelled.
Nissen Invitation (Nov. 16) cancelled.
Hartlepools Open has now been changed from May 3/4 to a one day event on Feb. 5.
National League (10) changed from Mar. 16 to June 1.
National Team Championships finals changed from May 25 to June 8.

Please also note that the Organiser of the Pontefract 1-Star Open (Jan. 26) is now Mr. R. B. Gowan, 135 Church Road, Alloa, Normanton, West Yorks. 'Phone: Wakefield 893862.

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SOHAM THE PACEMAKERS

By The Editor

The first big upset in the Premier Division occurred on Oct. 7 when previously unbeaten Ellenborough crashed 3-6 to Newham who after three previous losses, each being a 4-0 defeat, they really came good with Botton in sparkling form.

But still unbeaten after four matches are Soham whose latest win was by the narrowest of margins, 3-4 over Kelly Girl Internationals. The first set featured Max Crimmins of Wimledon, England-ranked No. 12 and recent winner of the Sussex 2-Star and finalist in the North Middlesex 2-Star, and Kenneth Jackson, England-ranked No. 13. The set resulted in the narrowest of wins for Jackson.

Dave Welsman, Welsh No. 2 now living in Staines then faced Paul Day, English champion in 1978 and succeeded to give Soham a 3-2 lead. Mike Johns, ex-International from Mitcham then proved too strong for the Sohom No. 3 Stuart Palmer who had stepped in at the last minute to replace the injured Keith Richardson. Kelly Girl got back to 2-2 when the new star in English table tennis, Dave Wells, from Tottenham, completely outclassed penholder David Tan, who recently beat Denis Neale just as easily.

Disaster struck for Kelly Girl in the donkeys when, despite good leads in both games, Crimmins and Wells lost 0-2 to Day and Tan. Max, unfortunately, was feeling a little deflated by now, and never really got going against Day, and the same applied to Welsman who lost to Jackson to give Soham a 3-2 winning lead. In the final two sets Johns beat Tan and Wells made Pulmer look like a novice (as reported by Cliff Carder of Kelly Girl Internationals).

Latest Premier Division results:

Oct. 7

Sealink Milton Keynes v Ormesby

Ormesby II v March

Newham v Kelly Girl Internationals

Oct. 8

Salford v Unity

Unity v Sun Life Second City

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Ellenborough v Ormesby

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TRIUMPH AND DISASTER

The beginning of our 1979/80 season was triumph and disaster.

We had come through the summer promisingly — a satisfactory performance by our young boys’ team in Rome, a very successful holiday coaching session in Guernsey, and a valuable visit by Len Blas, and the two youngsters Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins to the E.T.T.U. Coaching Seminar in Sweden.

September started well — our changed format for the weekly coaching the quads. While not attracting as many of the top English youngsters as before, nevertheless had entries from over 20 counties, and those who did come certainly had money and journey’s worth. All players took part in groups to quality for the final knock-out tournament, which meant that even the weakest boys had five matches and the weakest girls — six. Everyone seemed to enjoy this, and we were confident that a continuity of this system will be of great value to those whose tournament experience is usually confined to an ignominious first round exit.

And we had some near-misses. Our top junior Mark Thomas from Ryhill eliminated Mark Oakley in the semi-final and seemed on the way to repeating the performance against Kevin Satchell in the final, only to lose his grip when Kevin changed his tactics. We had no representation in the girls’ singles after the early round of the knock-out proper, in which Mandy Reeves finally beat Cherry Creasy in straight games.

In the cadets’ event, there were good performances by Andrew Holmes and Paul Griffiths, both of Clew, who reached the quarters, and particularly from South Wales’ David Griffiths who stayed well to reach the final on fall to No. 1 Gary Lambert of Devon.

We had some reasonable performances in the boys’ doubles, Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins, Mark Holmes and Brian Jones, and surprise pair David Griffiths and Cheryl Cox, all reaching the semi-final of the Cambridge/Middlesex combination of Swift and Gorniak eventually won from Satchell and Oakley.

Joyce Bully of Swansea and Julie Woodcock of Cleveland went to the quarters of the girls doubles, which was eventually won by Joy Grundy and Mandy Reeves from Alison Burke and Carol Butler.

Oakley and Grundy won the mixed by beating Satchell and Mandy Reeves, but we had nothing of note in this event.

We had an indifferent result from the Rock Under-21, only Nigel Thomas having good wins in the team and individual events.

September also saw Round Robin events at Lilleshall for the North Wales players, and a similar event for South Wales at the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNCIL TIP

I have just returned from the Humber-side Open Championships and was struck by the way many players seemed to try and minimise the effort they were putting into their games. I found myself questioning the number of players who were not putting in any effort at all, and of those who were, the number who seemed to be analysing their games to improve their performance. I believe that this lack of effort is a reflection of the way in which the game is currently being played, and that there is a need for changes to be made in the way in which the game is governed.

National Coach

Applications are invited for the position of National Director of Coaching.

Duties:
To be responsible to the A.T.T.A. for implementing the programme of its National Development Committee, the A.T.T.A. coaching committee and the requirements of the A.T.T.A. council. The appointee will be required to supervise a system for training coaches, to captain-coach national players and teams as required, to promote the sport, particularly in the co-ordinating of State coaching schemes, and to attend to the requirements of the A.T.T.A. council. The appointee will be required to travel to all member States to direct coaching schemes and liaise with State coaching co-ordinators. He must be fluent in English and be capable of obtaining and holding an Australian driver's licence.

Qualifications:
A thorough knowledge of table tennis with a proven ability to organise and communicate. It is probable that the appointee could be involved in the organisation of national and international tournaments, and be capable of drawing up and implementing a plan for the development of the sport in Australia.

Salary and Conditions:
Salary will be negotiable but it is expected that the appointee could earn, with associated private coaching and endorsements, about $A18,000 p.a. The initial appointment is for three years with the possible extension of that period at the end of the initial contract. The appointee will be a non-playing coach during the appointment.

Applications will be strictly confidential and should state age, qualifications, experience and the names of two referees to whom inquiries could be made. Applications must be made in the first instance to:-

National Coach,
C/o Hon. General Secretary,
Australian Table Tennis
P.O. Box 131,
Collins Street,
Melbourne 3000 Australia.

Closing date: 30th November, 1979.
On my visit to Southampton for the Four T.T.A. my entry to the hall was delayed because the Fire Brigade were attending to Gordon Chapman's car which was on fire. Poor Gordon was in the middle of a match and had to be relayed to position and finished the set.

On entering the hall, I was told that the loudspeaker system had broken down and had to be relayed by word of mouth. This set a razor-sharp atmosphere in the third rubber of the opening doubles between the Cherry Boyz and the Cherry Boyz of St. Albans. In the final of the day, the Cherry Boyz won the rubber 3-2 and the Cherry Boyz of St. Albans won the tournament.

In the afternoon, there was some very good play too during the opening rounds of the tournament. The Cherry Boyz of St. Albans took on the Cherry Boyz of Reading in the opening round and won the rubber 3-2. The Cherry Boyz of Slough took on the Cherry Boyz of Reading in the second round and won the rubber 3-2. The Cherry Boyz of St. Albans took on the Cherry Boyz of Slough in the third round and won the rubber 3-2. The Cherry Boyz of Reading took on the Cherry Boyz of Slough in the fourth round and won the rubber 3-2. The Cherry Boyz of St. Albans took on the Cherry Boyz of Reading in the final and won the rubber 3-2.

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NEWBURY JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN

SHOCKS GALORE
by Ian Langley

Over the weekend of Sept. 29/30, the Newbury and District T.T.A. held its annual junior open tournament at Turnpike School, Newbury. Despite some teething problems beforehand, the Cadet events got underway on the Saturday, more or less on time. And, as expected, the boys' singles event was dominated by Carl Prean, the Isle of Wight member, who took the U-12 and U-14 crowns without dropping a game.

In the girls' events, Alison Barter comfortably took the U-12 title. In the U-14s, the fifth seed, held her two seeds en route to the final. In the semi, when she beat the more experienced Nikki Hamilton, the No. 3 seed, Alison Barter continued her career that has seen Helen Hardwell always in command and who looked to be the U-12 and U-14 stars without dropping a game.

On the Sunday, the Junior events were held and as can be expected from junior table tennis. The scheme has the following objectives:

1. To set standards for instructional work
2. To assist and encourage the talented players.
3. To introduce and encourage the game to a wider audience
4. To encourage group instruction
5. Knowledge of group instruction

The following courses have been arranged for 1979-80:

(a) Minimum attendance of 8 study sessions (1 weekend)
(b) Minimum attendance of 4 practical sessions supervised by an already qualified E.T.T.A. Coach.
(c) Experience in E.T.T.A. League play or equivalent.
(d) Ability to pass E.T.T.A. Proficiency Award in theory.
(e) Good leadership and teaching of young players.
(f) Knowledge of group instruction methods.
(g) Good working knowledge of E.T.T.A. Coaching Manual.

E.T.T.A. NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME
The scheme has the following objectives:

(a) To spread widely the knowledge of sound principles and techniques of table tennis.
(b) To assist and encourage the players in the athletic possibilities of the modern game.
(c) To set standards for instructional work and to promote and encourage the teaching of the game to all possible means.
(d) To raise the general standards of performance at all levels.

To assist and encourage the talented player to reach full potential.


EAST MIDLAND COURSES

COURSES FOR: CT, UB COACH - WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE (Designed for school teachers and sports centre staff).

The following courses have been arranged for the weekend of September 29/30:

1. Thursday: E.T.T.A. Club Coach - Weekend Residential Teaching Certificate. (For teachers and sports centre staff)
THE ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION presents the DEBENHAMS ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1979/80 to be held at THE REDFIELD HALL BLACKBIRD LEYS OXFORD 15th and 16th December 1979

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5.30 Sunday
Referee: J. M. Wright (NR)
Asst. Referee: R. C. Scruton (NR)
Organiser: H. J. Webb
Asst. Organiser: R. D. Tammadge
Championships Committee:

THE GROVE 1-STAR JUNIOR OPEN
FIRMLY ON THE MAP
by Jack Chalkley

The first ever Grove 1-Star Junior Open was a successful beginning to what the organisers hope will be an annual event. Sponsored by National Westminster Bank, this tournament puts the Grove Table Tennis Association of Market Drayton firmly on the table tennis map, and with entries totalling 280, the popularity of the event seems established.

It started three years or so ago when Ian Marshall moved to the Grove School from Cambridge where he was County Coach, and now at Market Drayton, with an enthusiastic band of helpers the local association is centred around junior and school teams, and the success of several of the local players in this tournament must be a pleasing reward and encouragement to the Market Drayton organisers.

The junior boys' seeding ran true to form and the Nat. West. Trophy went to Jeremy Duffield who narrowly beat another Midlander, Adrian Pilgrim, in the final. The fast-playing events were in contrast to many of the girls' games which were characterised by prolonged defensive play, but with top seed Shirley Cain falling in the quarters, Melanie Seaton did not take too long to beat Sandra Peakman in the final. Melanie, who still plays at Cadet level, also took the U-14 title in a much more closely fought final against Mary Denbow, the set going to 18 in the third.

Local star Alison Barker continued her dominance of U-12 events by an easy win over Louise Forster, but probably the outstanding performance of the first day was Adrian Dixon's victory over Murray Jukes in the boys' U-12 final. The Staffs. player had earlier beaten top seed Andrew Henry in the semi. Melanie, who still plays at Cadet level, also took the U-14 title in a much more closely fought final against Mary Denbow, the set going to 18 in the third.

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KIRKLEES 2-STAR OPEN

by RICHARD SCRUTON

SWEEP ASIDE

Overpowering all the opposition, with one famous exception, Soham's Paul Day made nonsense of his present ranking as he took the Kirklees Open title on 14th October at Batley Sports Centre. Day clashed with former English Champion Denis Neale in the quarter-finals and trailed 15-19 in the final game but stormed back with six consecutive points. From then on his march to the title was untroubled as top seed John Hilton and surprise finalist Kevin Beadsley were swept aside with ease.

Beadsley's path to the final was made easier by the defeats in the fourth round, of Nicky Jarvis and Doug Johnson by Andrew Bellingham and Phil Bowen respectively.

In the counterpart women's event, Yorkshire's Melody Ludi proved to be a popular winner defeating Anita Stevenson in the final. Though she beat Germany's Daniela Grundy in the semi-finals, the silverware was presented by Kirklees Leisure Services Director, Mr. Norman Philpott, and Skipton Building Society Training Officer, Mr. Philpott, Kirklees Metropolitan Council and the Skipton Building Society Training Officer.

Over 200 players contested the Class 2 and Over 30s events in the North of England at Manchester but winner of the men's singles title in the Kirkles 2-Star Open at Batley.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
1. J. Hilton (La) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 16, 18, 18.
2. P. Day (Ca) bt D. Neale (Cv) 18, 19.
3. P. Bowen (La) bt A. Boosman (La) 17, 16.
4. K. Braddock (V) bt A. Bellingham (Si) 13, 18.


Final: RICHARD SCRUTON 16, 19.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
1. S. Hunt (Ly) bt M. Grundy (Y) 8, 16.
2. M. Ludi (V) bt K. Rogers (Le) 15, 17.
3. A. Stevenson (Le) bt C. Buttery (Nw) 8, 14.
4. L. Jarvis (Sy) bt K. Witt (Sk) 19, 20.

Final: Ludi bt Stevenson 11, 15.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
1. S. Hunt (Ly) bt S. Andrew (E)/D. Constance (Ch) 14, 20.
2. M. Ludi (Y) bt K. Rogers (Le) 15, 17.
3. A. Stevenson (Le) bt C. Buttery (Nw) 8, 14.
4. L. Jarvis (Sy) bt K. Witt (Sk) 19, 20.

Final: Ludi bt Stevenson 11, 15.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
1. S. Hunt (Ly) bt M. Stevenson (Le) -8, 14.
2. J. Grundy (La) bt J. Parker (La) 14, 12.
3. B. Johnson (Wa) bt B. Kean (La) 18, 16.
4. P. Rainford (La) bt K. Green (Cv) 21, 15.


Junior Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
1. N. Jarvis (Sy) bt K. Witt (Bk) 19, 20.
2. P. Rainford (La) bt K. Green (Cv) 21, 15.
3. M. Thomas (Cw) bt C. Bryan (By) 12, 10.
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Final: GRUNDY bt Broomhead 12, 17.

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May 20 was the brilliant 13-years-old Amanda Judd who succeeded in winning at the Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech on Doubles (partnered by Ruth Hunter). In the three titles, namely:- the "Under-14" and U-17 final against Jane Hunter Amanda "Under-17" Girls' Singles and the Women's help of some fierce hitting. played marvellously. At one game-all she came back strongly to win 25-23 with the Fisher in convincing fashion after disposing in the Women's Doubles final after losing Hunter, beat Rachel Norris and Alison Edge Harper in the final. Richardson always had the game in hand and after beating his brother Brian in the semis he went from may. Some of Keith's play was superb and strokes - backhand and forehand. His No. 17 ranking in England is not too high. the Boys' Singles when, after beating Garry Jordan in the semi-final he went on to beat Andy Withers of Cambridge after losing the second game -11. Keith Richardson gained his second title when, partnered by Harper, they beat Brian Richardson and Withers. In the Cadet Boys' event Julian Wheel beat Jamie Frost in a tense final with Julian getting by at 19 in the third. Harper and Joanne Palmer took the Mixed title when 508 Manchester Road, Faddington, Warrington WA1 3TZ.

CAMBS. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Shining light of the Cambs Closed played at the Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech on May 20 was the brilliant 13-years-old Amanda Judd who succeeded in winning three titles, namely:- the "Under-14" and "Under-17" Girls Singles and the Women's Doubles (partnered by Ruth Hunter). In the U-17 final against Jane Hunter Amanda played marvellously. At one game-all she came back strongly to win 25-23 with the help of some fierce hitting. In the U-14 final Amanda beat Tracy Hallstead in convincing fashion after disposing of Ruth Hunter in a close semi. To complete her Girls' singles run Amanda beat the doubles partners of Ruth Hunter, beat Rachel Norris and Alison Edge in the Women's Doubles final after losing the first game -17. Keith Richardson retained his Men's Singles title when he easily defeated Mick Harper in the final. Richardson always had the game in hand and after beating his brother Brian in the semis he went from strength to strength much to Harper's dismay. Some of Keith's play was superb and he hardly made a mistake with fluent strokes — backhand and forehand. His No. 17 ranking in England is not too high.

Cadet Boys' Seeding List

The National Selection Committee have issued a cadet boys' seeding list, duly circulated to tournament organisers, based mainly on Regional ranking lists as submitted for use in connection with Cadet Boys' events in Junior Open Tournaments. In no way does this constitute an official ranking list but is issued as a guidance to referees when seeding cadet boys' events.

1) G. Lambert (Dv)
2) C. Prean (Ha)
3) S. Dettmar (Ej)
4) P. Ashcroft (La)
5) M. Mercer (La)
6) A. Devitt (3k)
7) J. Hoare (Sy)
8) D. Griffin (3k)
9) A. Sexton (Sy)
10) D. Dewajury (Li)
11) S. Worrell (Li)
12) P. Cole (Ca)

2-Stars in Jeopardy

May I, through the medium of your magazine, enlighten any readers who may have been mystified by the last minute withdrawal of the top four Men's Seeds in the recent Cumbria 2-Star Open Tournament.

It would seem that these four players were "requested" to withdraw from the Cumbria 2-Star on the Saturday by the sponsors of the newly formed National League so that they would be fresh for a National League match on the following day at Milton Keynes.

I do not blame the players as it is obvious that financial pressure was brought to bear to make them withdraw from the Tournament, but if this case is to set a precedent for the future then every 2-Star Tournament in the country is in some jeopardy. Certainly next season's Cumbria 2-Star is already in some doubt, as my own sponsors were more than disappointed to find a high class field sadly reduced in quality four days before the event, and may withdraw their support.

I hope the powers that be will note that, if sponsorship of the National League by Sealink was made with the object of encouraging table tennis, then in this case it has had completely the opposite effect.

Ron Rigg, Organiser, Cumbria 2-Star Open.
SCOTLAND THE BRAVE
by George R. Yates

Scotland, so often the poor relations of English in open tournaments, came into their own at Carlisle on Oct. 5 when in the final of the men’s singles, Keith Simiar of Edinburgh had a fine men’s singles win over Ian-Denny Robertson in the Cumbria 2-Star Open.

Again, in the men’s doubles, it was a triumph for the Scots when Rodger, partnered by David McIlroy of the West of Scotland League and closely resembling John McInnes of Lawo Tennis fame, beat Yorkshire’s former International Tony Clayton, now living in Carlisle, and Anglo-Scott Brian Keen.

Carole Knight was a comfortable winner of the women’s singles with a final victory over Pipa’s Carole Dalrymple who, in the girls’ singles, lost in the semi-final to Joy Grundy of Lancashire, the ultimate winner. The Red Rose also came into its own in the boys’ singles with Paul Rainford beating Dalrymple by Grundy – 15, 15, 16.

It was back to Cleveland’s Carole Knight in the women’s doubles and success with her scratch partner Kit Cheung of Northumberland. Arnold Warents of Northumberland took the veterans' singles with a final win over Stockport’s Terry Dalrymple with favourite Peter D’Arcy losing out to Warents in the semi.

A wholesale pull-out by the top seeds, John Hilton, Nicky Jarvis, Nigel Eckersley and Richard Yale, because of National Club League commitments, was not to the liking of the Cumbrian officials nor was the absence of yet another of the men’s seeds in Peter McQueen nor the non-appearance of Linda Jarvis and Mandy Reeves from the women’s singles. This combined action was regrettable and in no way appreciated by the sponsors whose investment brought a poor return.

RESULTS:

Men’s Singles Quarter-finals:
- L. Clayton (Y) bt S. Cowley (La) 16 - 23, 19;
- J. Robertson (Nd) bt S. Turner (La) 16, 16;
- R. Rodger (Sc) bt P. Glynn (Wa) 16 - 16, 18;
- A. Clark (Nd) bt D. Gray (Cu) -19, 11, 19.

Semi-finals: Robertson bt Clayton 19, 18;
- Rodger bt Clark 16, 16.

Final: RODGER bt Robertson 14, 18.

Women’s Singles Quarter-finals:
- C. Knight (Cv) bt J. Walker (Y) 15, 8;
- J. Parker (La) bt J. Donkin (Ch) 14, 12, 17;
- C. Dalrymple (Bec) bt J. Smith (Duc) 18, 9;
- J. Grundy (La) bt M. Cuthbertson (Du) 16, 14.

Semi-finals: Knight bt Parker 17, 13;
- Dalrymple by Grundy -15, 15, 16.

Final: KNIGHT bt Dalrymple 12, 12.

Men’s Doubles Semi-finals:
- Clayton/B. Kean (La) bt D. Svensen/ I. Svensen (Du) 15, 13;
- D. McIlroy (Bec)/Rodger bt Glynn/ Robertson 12, 18.

Final: McILROY/RODGER bt Clayton/Kean 22, 16.

Women’s Doubles Semi-finals:
- N. Cheung (Ch) bt Cuthbertson/ Smith 15, 18;
- Grundy/Parker bt Deakin/L. Fennah (Ch) -14, 14.

Final: CHEUNG/KNIGHT bt Grundy/Parker 16, 15.

Boys’ Singles Quarter-finals:
- P. Rainford (La) bt T. Pachul (Mi) 12, 19;
- M. Byles (Wal) bt D. Archer (Cu) 18, 20;
- K. Green (Cy) bt R. Nixon (Bec) 8 -18, 10;
- J. Weatherby (Ch) bt D. Robson (Du) 11, 15.

Semi-finals: Rainford/bt Byles 8, 15;
- Weatherby bt Green 14, 23.

Final: RAINFORD bt Weatherby 11, 15.

Girls’ Singles Quarter-finals:
- J. Myers (La) bt C. Buyssens (Nd) -15, 18, 17;
- Parker bt N. Cotter (Wal) 17, 16;
- Dalrymple bt Fennah 18, 15;
- Grundy bt B. Gray (Cu) -16, 9, 17.

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Veteran Singles Semi-finals:
- A. Warents (Ng) bt P. E. D’Arcy (Ch)
-15, 20, 18;
- T. Donlon (Ch) bt E. O’Hara (Cu) 14, 19.

Final: WARENTS bt Donlon -13, 18, 17.

CHAIRMAN’S NEW ADDRESS

On November 5th Tom Blunn, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., changed his address to 1A, Paleroft Road, Hessle, North Humberside (Phone: Hull (0482) 643293. It is a bungalow residence that Tom and his wife, Edna, now enjoy and long may they do so.

QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME

Finding it difficult obtaining table tennis equipment? Or you find the bat you use isn’t really suitable for your game? Then come to the experts: - We can advise and help you with all your requirements concerning the type of blade and rubbers that would suit your game. We would make the bat up for you FREE OF CHARGE. You’ve nothing to lose - write or phone, we are there to help you. We stock Butterfly, Stiga, T.S.P., Halex and Joola.

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SPECIALISTS IN TABLE TENNIS

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Ireland made a disastrous start to their Division Two European League campaign when going down to Finland 2-5 in the Ryder Guiness Hall, Dublin. Slevin won the first four sets to quickly put them in an unassailable position. Just to rub it in, they also won the fifth set.

Column Slevin and Kevin Keane took the bare look off things by winning the reserve singles and making the final result a little more respectable. Slevin was a bit unlucky magnificently from 4-11 in the first game missed an easy kill. This seemed to upset him and he only won one further point. Keane never got into the game with Jukka Haken and lost in Straight games. The Finn's greater variety of service troubled him from the start and the rest of his game was way below par. Karen Senior who had such a great record in Division One, met a very useful player in 15-year-old Donia Grefberg. The Irish girl rallied magnificently from 4-11 in the first game to win 22-20, but she was never in the hunt in the next two, losing 7 and 6!

The Men's Doubles between Slevin and Keane were neck and neck in the first game up to 8-all and then Keane hit a purple patch to lead 18-11. Keane then won 3 points in a row whilst the audience held their breath. Keane won the next point to lead 19-10 and went on to win 21-18. Slevin never really got into the second game which Keane won 19. Ann Leonard made her European League debut with a hard-earned victory over Stephanie Jones. Ann, who was selected in preference to Karen Senior, started nervously. There was never more than a shot between them as they reached 8-all. Then Stephanie won the next four points to lead 12-8. She then went on to lead 8-6. The net changed at 16-14, and 18-17. They then levelled at 18-all and again Miss Jones lead 20-18 and eventually won a very exciting five-game final. Ann proved herself to be a valuable asset and to dominate as she raced into a good lead at 12-7. Miss Leonard fought back to level at 15-15 and eventually won a very exciting five-game final. We are indeed a credit to Wales - even in defeat. Indeed a credit to Wales - even in defeat.

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**County Notes Supplement**

**LANCASHIRE NOTES**

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**SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE**

Not wholly consequential, because of absences, the County trial for men produced sufficient evidence to formulate a ranking list prior to the first team's away fixture against Durham.

Subsequently a further trial, after the original selection had been made known to the opposition as per rule, brought about adjustments and although not entirely happy the selection committee have now submitted the following lists to the C.T.T.C. Administrator, Aubrey Drapkin:

PARKER (Preston), 3 John Marshall (Liver). submitted the following lists to the C.T.T.C.

**Turner (Preston), 6 Nigel Hallows (Bolton),**

**Administrator, Aubrey Drapkin:**

- happy the selection committee have now pool), 4 Paul Rainford (Preston), 5 Stephen Hilton (Salford), 6 Paula French (Liverpool), 7 Helen Frost (Bury), 8 Helen Stirrup (Lancashire and Cheshire League were fired by Preston, the defending champions who had a 6-4 win over Stockport whose fellow promoters Bolton best St. Helens 7-5.

- Parker had a treble for Proud Preston beating Derek Schofield, Roger Hampson and Dave Hulme. The Lancashire International also being successful in the doubles with young Rainford whose only studies success was at the expense of Hulme, as was the case with Turner.

- Bolton also had a treble winner in Ron Duron, but Manchester had three when Frank Bennett produced two. Another treble winner was Steve Cowley, for Farnworth and Barry Percival the former St. Helena player. This latter encounter ended in a 3-all draw with Hool and Barry Elliot accounting for Williams.

**Scores in the County match at Sunderland between**

- Parker bt J. Svenson 10, 14;
- J. Marshall bt D. Svenson 17, -22, -16;
- N. Rainford bt J. Svenson 17, -24, -16;
- N. Rainford bt J. Svenson 12, -12, -19;
- J. Grundy lost to M. Cuthbertson;
- J. Parker bt M. Gelder 14, 17;
- Parker/Marshall bt Svenson/Brenn

- Grundy/Parker bt Cuthbertson/Gelder 14, 10.

**TOP SLOTS RETAINED**

In the men's ranking lists of the season, Doug Bennett retains top spot among the boys and girls in the same position for the women. The men's list is very much a vocational one, precluding the outcome of formal trials.

D. Bennett moves into second place behind Doug, as reward for his improved play last season, while Billy Miskin drops to No. 3. Behind these three there is a scramble for places with several players of a similar standard involved. The trend will soon be challenging for senior places. The boys' list revealed itself as the season progresses.

A women's trial was held on Sept. 16, resulting in a number of changes from last season. Margaret Hailes confirmed her top spot, and she and Sue Hazell both moving up to 3 and 4 respectively, at the expense of Mia Allen and Paula Ribbans. A special mention should be made of Janet Hodgson who in her No. 5 position at Neatherd High School, Norwich has added a further six points to her No. 5 position. The 'boys' list is headed by Richard and Martin Stevenson, who both made an excellent start to the season by reaching the last 16 in the Welsh Junior Open. At their present rate of improvement they will soon be challenging for senior places. The girls' section is headed by Sue Howe and Zoe Young, both former figuring also on the women's list.

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Junior 1 v Northants at Youth Centre, Kings Langley. 15.00.
Junior 2 v Essex at Mar. 6.00.
Junior 3 v Sutton at Mar. 9.00.
Junior 4 v Essex at March. 12.00.
Saturday, Mar. 22, 1980
Senior 1 v Northants at Drill Hall, Aylesham. 18.30.
Senior 2 v Beds at TBA.
Sunday, Mar. 23, 1980
Senior 2 v Cambs at Cambs (TBA).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES
by Leslie Constable

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**Olympics which were staged at the Bridgwater Leisure Centre, being again very well organised by Alan Cawell from Albrighton.**

**Alan's Albrighton Club will again supply** the venue for a County Junior Trial this season, with John Morris at Pontesbury arranging the other Junior and Senior matches at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury.

**New Rankings**

Following Senior and Junior trials held in September, and taking into account results in County matches and tournaments, the Shropshire Table Tennis Association have issued the following ranking lists to take effect from the 26th September.

**Men**

1. Ivan Smith (S)
2. Andrew Parry (S)
3. Mike Beaman (S)
4. Claire Roberts (O)
5. Tony Higgs
6. Bob Oldfield
7. Degg (MD)
8. Jamie Rea (T)
9. Mike Lewis
10. John Gough

**Women**

1. Jane Cheetham (S)
2. Tracey Powell (T)
3. Linda Dew (S)
4. Gail McGurie (W)
5. Alison Barker (MD)
6. Kate Harris (S)
7. Julie Green (S)
8. Sue Bledger (MD)
9. Alison Lowe (T)
10. Alison Bayles (MD)

**Boys**

1. Ian Baker (S)
2. Martin Chapman (S)
3. Tony Higgs
4. John Gough
5. Jamie Rea (T)
6. Tony Higgs
7. Keith Sillitoe (MD)
8. Robert Bayliss (MD)
9. Simon Jones (S)
10. Andrew Parry (T)

**Girls**

1. Sarah Shipley
2. Tina Shortman
3. Rebecca Russe
4. Andrea Seager
5. Gail McGurie
6. Geraldine Sandford
7. Jean Lowes
8. Linda Porter
9. Sue Bledger (MD)
10. Judy Higgs

**Cods**


While no Juniors appear in the men’s list, they have virtually taken over the women’s top 10, with only Julie Green and Jane Cheetham still being over 18. Tracey Powell did not want a Junior Ranking.

Shropshire players have made a promising start to the new season at open tournaments, with Alison Barker winning the U-12 girls’ singles at Newbury, Ivan Smith reaching the Cadet singles final at the same venue, and Malcolm Green reaching the men’s doubles final (with Kevin Readley) at the North of England 2-Star.

The Shropshire Closed Championships will be held on Sunday, 15th November, 1979, with the Juniors on 5th March, 1980.

The Telford Tour will be on the 10th April, 1979, the Restricted on 5th December, 1979, and the Handicap on 15th February, 1980.

Finally, I would like to express the Association’s appreciation of the fact that the Trustee Savings Bank will continue to sponsor the Junior First team during the coming season.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES**

by Leslie Smith

**W H I T E B R E A D S P O N S O R S H I P**

The new Finance and Development sub-committee set up recently by the County Committee under the Chairmanship of Alan Shortman have already met with success. The Cotswold Junior “Squad” will be sponsored by Whitbread and this season will be held at Gloucester Leisure Centre. The Cotswold, one of the “select” tournaments this season, is the only one not being sponsored by Debenhams under the national agreement set up by the E.T.T.A. Each match Whitbread are supporting the Cotswold is that following criticism of the venue last season, the organisers realised that a new home was required and with the help of Whitbread the Gloucester Centre will house the event. The contract with Whitbread was signed some months ago and with the delays in arranging the agreement between the E.T.T.A. and Debenhams, the Gloucestershire Committee felt that they must honour the original agreement with Whitbread.

The Development Committee have also announced that the Gloucestershire Closed Championships, which take place at the Cotswold Leisure Centre, will be sponsored for the next two years by the Trustee Savings Bank. It is only with the assistance of companies such as Whitbread and the Trustee Savings Bank that the development of table tennis in Gloucestershire can proceed.

Jack Reeves has also been busy in helping 31-year-old Glyn Llloyd win a gold medal in the British Sports Association’s national Multi-Disables Games at Stoke Mandeville. Glyn, who plays for Rugby in the Gloucester League, is paralysed from the waist down and won the championship at the first attempt. Glyn has recently taken over as treasurer of Newent Town Football Club and hopes to repeat his achievement next year and also say to take part in the smoother.

Gloucestershire players have been entering open tournaments with Dave Harvey reaching the semi-final of the Bournemouth Open and 2 juniors, Andrew Golding, Glyn Griffin and Nina Taskarian doing well in the Regional ranking trials. The Cheltenham League have taken part in the Multi-Avenue competition against Bath which is held each year, with mixed success, the men’s team being won, whilst the women’s and veterans did.

The Stroud Leagues men’s team have this season re-entered the Midland League and drew their opening match against Cheltenham with Golding and Peter Harris coming 2 and together the doubles.

**AVON NOTES**

by Robert Oldfield

SEWELL DEPARTS

It seemed appropriate to start the first notes of the season with a “thank you” and a “welcome”. “And Winterdome” to Chris Sewell who is now playing in the Federal Bundesliga at weekends and is no longer available for county play. Chris, by far the outstanding player from this area in recent years, has served his county well, and several matches even though the opposition was not likely to help him improve. It was unfortunate that last season was marred by his ill-health but he is currently in hospital for a short operation, after which it is hoped that he will be much improved. However, undoubtedly a great boost has come to his morale and enthusiasm from the competition and tremendous atmosphere that has been provided by the German matches and it is hoped that it will not be too long before he is allowed the chance to exhibit his talent on the home circuit again.

A welcome then to Paul Jackson. Paul, formerly No. 1 Junior for Shropshire, moved to Bristol in June and he and his family have immediately made their mark on Avon table tennis. Paul comes straight into the rankings at No. 2 Junior and No. 4 Senior whilst his father, Paddy, has wasted no time in putting his coaching skills to work.

Already this season’s new double combination of Jackson and Andy Creed have been doing well at the tournament — winning their selection for the Avon Junior “Select” team — semi-final in the JRD at the Welsh Open... winners of the JRD in the Newbury Junior Open... and last 1st in the MD in the MD.

During September, on four successive Tuesday evenings, the county trials were held at St. George’s School. It was pleasing to see that the strength of the county is increasing rapidly, particularly in the juniors where sterling work has been done by Avon Coach, M. Lewis. Directly as a result of his regular coaching sessions the improvement is manifest throughout the rankings in... Andy Reed, No. 1 Junior and Straight into the Senior rankings at No: 2; Dennis Lewis straight into the Avon Junior team; the rise of the three girls, Tina Shortman, Rebecca Russe and Geraldine Sandford, into three of the top six places in the Senior women’s rankings; and no less than seven U-15 girls from Sarah Banbury to June Kimber, ranked at Junior level to provide promise for Avon in the future.

Full lists:

**Men**

1. Martyn Smith
2. Andy Creed
3. Rob Oldfield
4. Gordon Mildre
5. Tony Brown
6. Paul Jackson
7. Phil Riley
8. John Higgs with an enthusiastic junior squad. Already
9. Chris Sewell
10. Ken Watts

**Women**

1. Helen Gores
2. Tina Shortman
3. Rebecca Russe
4. Andrea Seager
5. Geraldine Sandford
6. Jean Lowes
7. Linda Porter
8. Muriel Hooper
9. Judy Higgs
10. Helen Ponnaire

**Multi-Lewis**

1. Creed
2. Jackson
3. Dennis Lewis
4. Stephen Fletcher
5. Chris Ross
6. Stephen Karslake
7. Paul Hooper
8. Andy Mouse
9. Terry Laxton
10. Wayne Combes
11. Nick Stevens
12. Paul Houllier

**Gents**

1. Martyn Smith
2. Andy Creed
3. Rob Oldfield
4. Gordon Mildre
5. Tony Brown
6. Paul Jackson
7. Phil Riley
8. John Higgs
9. Helen Ponnaire
10. Muriel Lewis

**Girls**

1. Creed
2. Jackson
3. Dennis Lewis
4. Stephen Fletcher
5. Chris Ross
6. Stephen Karslake
7. Paul Hooper
8. Andy Mouse
9. Terry Laxton
10. Wayne Combes
11. Nick Stevens
12. Paul Houllier

**Seniors**

1. Martyn Smith
2. Andy Creed
3. Rob Oldfield
4. Gordon Mildre
5. Tony Brown
6. Paul Jackson
7. Phil Riley
8. John Higgs
9. Helen Ponnaire
10. Muriel Lewis

**Veteran Men**

1. Mike Baker
2. Ken Watts
3. Keith House
LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

FAREWELL THE COKE HEATER

The 'Tin tabernacle', better known as Knighton Park, is no more. It has been demolished and is to be replaced by a new building which will house four tables in its present form. This decision was taken by the Leicestershire and District Table Tennis League after considering a number of factors, including the need for a new facility to accommodate the growing number of players and the increasing popularity of table tennis.

The 'Tin tabernacle' has been a well-loved venue for many years, hosting numerous tournaments and matches. It has been a cornerstone of the local table tennis community, providing a space for players to come together and enjoy the game. The decision to demolish it is certainly a loss, but the new building promises to offer even more opportunities for growth and development in the sport.

The new building will be designed to meet the needs of the local table tennis community, offering a modern and accessible venue that will continue to foster the growth of the sport. It is a testament to the dedication and commitment of those involved in the Leicestershire and District Table Tennis League to providing the best possible environment for players to enjoy the game.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT

The table tennis season crept up on me unawares. I had to rush to send in my contribution for the October edition, so apologies to anyone who missed it.

The Middlesex Committee has remained unchanged but with all of them taking on extra jobs, we are having difficulty in filling all the positions. Ken Pittitch has stepped down as Chairman of the County Championships and felt that he would not be appropriate for him to continue to run a team. So David Jenkinson will be running the Premier Division team, with Michael Close taking over the Junior Premier team from Doreen Sanderson, who was finding her time over-occupied. David Howes and Don Smith will continue to run the Junior Second and Veterans teams respectively, but at the time of writing we have not yet found anyone to run the Junior Second. It would indeed be nice if Midlins had to withdraw a team for lack of someone to organise five matches.

Another thing that has taken me unawares is the passing of the years. 'Lady' Dobson, who I remember as a Junior and still think of as very young, played in our first veterans match of the season. There must be something wrong with the age limit for veterans when mere posterity can qualify, or is it just that I cannot believe how old I am getting?

The deletion of Arena Promotions facilities to stop erecting lights and tables for tournaments took us by surprise. In Midlins where all the willing people are doing as much as they can, sometimes more than — they can cope with. It caused some problems, but Fortunately we have managed to get over with some help and co-operation from our friends at Queensmead and Pickwick Lock. But it is hoped that someone will fill the breach. One can get electricians in the area (at a price) but an electrician runs the tournament this year.

I end this report on a slightly unusual note in an account of the United Tobacco Cup, which was held at the Wills Gymnasium in Bristol on Sept. 6. It was sponsored by several tobacco companies, but none of these was invited to partake. It is probable that Midlins would have been invited to compete had they been asked. The following results were obtained:

**LEICESTERSHIRE SINGLES**

1. J. W. Howes
2. J. A. Johnson
3. J. Harper
4. J. Hall
5. J. Scott
6. J. Smith
7. J. Morgan
8. J. Harper
9. J. Scott
10. J. W. Howes

**LEICESTERSHIRE DOUBLES**

1. J. W. Howes & J. Scott
2. J. A. Johnson & J. Harper
3. J. W. Howes & J. Scott
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5. J. Scott
6. J. Smith
7. J. Morgan
8. J. Harper
9. J. Scott
10. J. W. Howes

**WARRICKSHIRE NOTES**

by K. J. Moran

FEW SURPRISES

Hello again, let's start straight away with the latest results:

**Men**

1. D. Douglas
2. D. Johnson
3. D. Mundy
4. P. Gunn
5. B. Hayward
6. R. Johnson
7. L. Miller
8. R. Gunter
9. R. Kin Ng
10. P. Judd

**Women**

1. A. Pilkington
2. S. Peckham
3. J. Harper
4. L. Smith
5. J. Smith
6. J. Harper
7. R. Gunter
8. R. Kin Ng
9. R. Kin Ng
10. P. Judd

**Girls**

1. A. Pilkington
2. S. Peckham
3. J. Harper
4. L. Smith
5. J. Smith
6. J. Harper
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8. R. Kin Ng
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10. P. Judd

No real surprises on the senior men's list except the fall of Paul Judd to No. 19. Ralph winning all three. Their joy was short-lived, however, for Leicester II beat Hinckley with Keith Yellows and Reg Smith. The two unbeaten teams, Hinckley I and Leicester II played next with Hinckley emerging comfortable winners. All it needed now to complete the great confusion was for Leicester I to beat Hinckley II. It was a decision of Maurice Newman and Steve Kenney, who had scored a straight set out of touch against Hinckley II, losing to both. Joe Garland added his second singles after the break. Meanwhile Avon Vets II were unable to hold Avon I's rivals. Hampshire, however, were able to hold their own. Andy and yours truly played in the mid-1930's it has staged the Inter-Towns Senior event had a tight match played under excellent conditions. For his effort Tony was presented with a knowledge of table tennis is indeed a strong Berkshire girls. Mandy Smith and Janet Holness. There were two means of the season on Oct. 6. In a very tight match played under excellent conditions as the refurbished Tootedown Y.M.C.A. Avon I entertained Berkshire. The score oscillated throughout the match with neither team gaining a greater advantage than the other. There were provided two sets for Avon but these were dominated by the men from the three sets from the very strong Berkshire girls, Mandy Smith and Janet Holness. However, Helen Gore and Tina Shortman were by no means outclassed and nor were Andy and Paul Jackson in the men's doubles. Andy and yours truly added a set each against the Berkshire No. 1 but I must confess to losing the last set of the evening and the point in a 6-4 defeat.

Fortunately we can still rely upon our Veteran side to provide some cheer and Avon I travelled to Tamston to play new entrants Somerset. Thanks to Mike Baker (1), John Morris (1), June Watts (1) and the doubles. Avon raced to a 3-1 lead at which point refreshments were served. The final score was 3-2, Weston-Super-Mare's Joe Garfield, adding his third singles after 40 sec .. 14 min. 40 sec .. 19 min.

**WARRICKSHIRE SINGLES**

1. June Watts
2. Barbara Dickson
3. Jill Collyer
4. Janet Achurch
5. John Morris
6. B. Johnson
7. Trish Morgan
8. Liz Hastings
9. J. Harper
10. George O'Brien

**WARRICKSHIRE DOUBLES**

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R. Midlands Cadets League indicate that Loughborough. M. Archer was the most impressive of the Nottingham team, emerging from these encounters unbeaten.

On the Best's list Rod Lewis at No. 12 could be a dark horse. Last season he achieved the remarkable double of winning both the Birmingham and the Warwickshire Closed U-14 singles claiming match points, and it would appear that he is not in that form at the present but, like Ralph, he has time on his side.

I hear whispers that No. 1 girl, Sue Peakman may be played in both senior and junior county fixtures this season, could we have a future candidate for a national ranking? Proud father Jim Peakman will not doubt see that her progress is monitored most closely. The absence of the name of Andrew Bellingham to the boys list is the result of a mis-directed invitation rather than a sudden loss of form. Like General McArthur this lad "will return."

Congratulations now to the newly reformed Rugby and District T.T.A. After an earlier participation experience they got everything right for their second "closed" championships in September. Sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank and a multitude of small local interests the table tennis and organisation matched the well-produced programme.

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TUNO TO CONTINUE

I am pleased to report that Tony Jason will be continuing as our Senior Team Captain. Of major help to him will be the fact that the home matches will be staged and promoted by different leagues within the county, something we hope will be a permanent feature for junior championships matches in future years. Stafford has agreed to stage the match versus Coventry on Feb. 2. Wolverhampton will present the match versus Notts winning the Woodfield Club on March 1st and we hope Potteries will look especially impressive.

The following County rankings were decided at the recent Selection Committee Meeting:-

Boys

1 A. Bellingham 1 J. Carr
2 M. Devitt 2 Burgess
3 W. Bridgeman 3 Elliott
4 C. Bakewell 4 Handley
5 P. Barnett 5 Roberts
6 S. Deakin 6 Michael
7 S. Martin 7 Hedge
8 G. Hallam 8 M. Maude

The matches were played with an unknown handicap.

MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

SPECTACULAR MATCH

Lichfield "B" move into Div. 4. Stafford "C" to Div. 3 and Stafford "B" to Div. 2. Also, Bob Carr, County League Secretary, considers it unnecessary to satisfy all the rules but he is hoping that team secretaries will help him to see that the correct rules are more closely observed and last season's problems avoided.

A new County Handicap Knock-out Tournament for the John Stonett Trophy is being organised this year by our President.8 Tue County handicap Open to all last season's County League teams, the matches will be played with an unknown handicap in a sealed envelope which will only be opened at the end of the match. Sounds interesting and I am told that the idea has been successfully tried elsewhere. Details are being circulated as elsewhere. Rich and Chester and Adrian Clifford won the junior event. The league also run a popular summer league of 8 divisions, and Ken comments that they look forward to the day when this popularity will spread to their winter league.

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS

by Philip Reid

DIFFICULT TO BEAT

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NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

CLEAN Sweep FOR North

All the titles went to Northumberland players. The Warren curry (provisional Minto) Memorial Tournament, held at Alnwick, was won by Brian Halliday on Sept. 23.

The women's assessment proved to be an even more complicated deadline at the top with Janice Fowles and Shirley Laver both winning on four sets each out of four played, but surprisingly Malcolm McKechnie failed to win a set.

The men's assessment was won by Gordon Fearn and Neagina Singh.

Wolves "B" in Junior Div. 3 should take some stopping after demolishing a Leamington who won his 3 easily. With good backing field although Shaun Groom took him to 3.

Oliver obtained Leamington's only win in the southern area trials. This probably gives a very good indication of Oxford's future senior potential. Meanwhile Coventry "C" in the same division could not contain Junior Stoddart, the Notts "B" youngster, who beat Clive Geelan 13.

Martin Tufft won 3 for Albrighton. Finally Kidderminster, by the close score of 6-4, show a lot of promise for the future.

Youth also triumphed in the men's doubles. When Michael Watson and Martin Young were successful over the established pair of Warents and Peter Whiteman. Both players

looking to report for duty the next day! Congratulations go to them on a fine performance.

The main event of the month was the Cliffeston Spin Invitation event which was an unqualified success. A full report is given elsewhere in this issue.

Local attention has been centred on the first league fixture. Questions linger as to whether the powerful Warkworth, on May 13, is the only one that can see through the Reading 3rd Div. Their latest acquisition is Ram Harker from Bucks who will not lose to the best players. An interesting new team to challenge the elite is the kirkby of Berkshire. The team has all members of local authority, and will play in the Reading League Div. 7 match they recorded a magnificent 6-nil victory. The youngest of the Berkshire team was Jimmy Stokes became the youngest ever
Hampshire notes

BY DAVID COSWAY

BUSTED EVER SEASON
Mixed fortunes at the start for the county in their biggest ever in the County Championship. Two wins and a draw as our own beat. The senior and junior first team matches played at Redbridge, Southampton in the afternoon and for that reason I think lacking atmosphere. They got off to a late start with international umpires Peter Thorne at the matches, to officiate, but to the joy of all and they prepared for the weekend out of sight with almost single-handedly putting up the lights and curtains to enable the match to get under way. The senator match marked the debut of 12-year-old Carl Prean in what must be the first of many county appearances. Before the start I heard criticism of the selection of Carl "too young" - "too inexperienced" - "will break his heart"; were typical of the comments. Personally, I heard none at the end. Surely if a player is good enough he is good enough to have one day without playing, and the broken heart is something which he can get a lot of older players.

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SECRETARY RESIGNS

The new season sees us in without a secretary for the N.W.C.T.T.A. after the shock resignation of Malcolm Hoek, one of our hardest workers in the association. Malcolm after a period which has proved, and dare I venture to say, been a difficult one. His place was taken by Roy Williams, secretary for the N.W.C.T.T.A. after the resignation of Beryl Steel. The main honours by Roy Williams, secretary for the N.W.C.T.T.A. after the resignation of Beryl Steel. The main honours by Roy Williams, secretary for the N.W.C.T.T.A. after the resignation of Beryl Steel. The main honours by Roy Williams, secretary for the N.W.C.T.T.A. after the resignation of Beryl Steel.
proven to be a very good combination both at senior and junior level. Could this be the start of another good doubles pairing? Jane Wingad had a fine win over Gillian Sharpe in the girls' U-17 final. The matches between these two are beginning to develop into marathon pushing matches and my thanks to Roy Harper who had the 'dubious' honour of scoring it. In all fairness to the girls however, it does indicate their dedication and determination to win. In that they are prepared to go to such lengths to obtain victory. I doubt whether many of the junior boys would work so hard to win a hard point.

Bryan retained his U-15 title by beating Stuart Worrell while his sister Cathy won both the U-13 and the U-15 girls' titles. Special mention must be given to the win by Andrew Compton over M. Burrell in the U-13 final. Andrew comes from Caistor Primary who has done well for the Caistor team. Caistor Schools Competition and their teacher and coach Steve Burwell deserve a great deal of credit for his personal time to his players. Tony Birchett of Bury was the only U-15 finalist not to win by default, 70 to 30 in play. Boys and girls alike are looking forward to the County Championships on Sunday 14th to be held at Caddington. We may have always had a finalist in the girls, but now we have a boys' finalist as well and we must have judged ourselves fairly proud when Andrew became his first winner of this title.

RESULTS:

Boys' U-17: N. Pullen bt C. Bryan -12, 13, 20.
Girls' U-17: J. Winrad bt G. Sharpe -11, 27, 19.
Boys' U-18: Bryan bt S. Worrell 18, 11.


Mixed Doubles: Worrell/Worrell bt Bryan/Sharpe 18, 12.

Because of a lack of time, the senior trials held on the same day as the Junior closed were moved into the following week and the selectors will be reviewing the results after the Linca Closed on Sunday, Nov. 14. As these are rankings for the County teams so no juniors have been put into the senior lists at present. The main alterations to the junior lists are the introduction of last year's No. 1 Junior, David Maitland, No. 3 Jeremy Sandham in the juniors at No. 7, both previously unranked and Gray Ashton, in the boys, from No. 13 to No. 5.

RANKING LISTS:

Men

Women

SUSSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

GULLS OF ANOTHER BREED

Sussex junior talent has been poured into the new National Club League and the result is that Brighton's table tennis gulls are flying a lot higher than Brighton and Hove Athletic Division 1 of the Football League, who as some may not know, are not invited to the senior Blades.

Almost all of the credit must go to Seagulls' organiser and Sussex coach John Clarke who has now almost given up every- thing in career terms for table tennis. At Seagulls home court on Oct. 21, a crowd of well over a hundred saw the home side swing Ormsby 11-2, with a Seagulls' debut for Roger Chandler whose heavy top-spin confused the young Ormsby men as it has done many, many players for the last 15 years.

All three Seagulls were in action and no juniors have been put into the senior lists at present. The main alterations to the junior lists are the introduction of last year's No. 1 Junior, David Maitland, No. 3 Jeremy Sandham in the juniors at No. 7, both previously unranked and Gray Ashton, in the boys, from No. 13 to No. 5.

RANKING LISTS:

Men
1. McLoughlin (La) bt P. Ashcroft (La) 17, 12.
2. A. Bentley (Dy) bt A. Huitt (Y) 14, 10.
3. D. Blackburne (Co) bt D. Blackburne (Co) 18, 11.
4. A. Hillard (Ca) bt R. Hunter (Nk) 15, 20.
5. M. IlIipgsworth (Y) bt M. Thomas (La) 17, 12.
6. A. Judd (Ca) bt A. Judd (Ca) 17, 12.
7. L. Broomhead (Y) bt T. Robertshaw (Y) 21, 19.
8. R. Smith (Co) vs. B. Brunkelt (Cv) 19, 17.
9. S. Dettmar (G) bt S. Dettmar (G) 17, 12.
10. A. Judd (Ca) bt A. Judd (Ca) 17, 12.

Girls
1. S. Dettmar (G) bt S. Dettmar (G) 17, 12.
2. A. Judd (Ca) bt A. Judd (Ca) 17, 12.
3. J. Worrell (La) bt P. Ashcroft (La) 8, 16, 20.

Final: D. Blackburne (Co) bt D. Blackburne (Co) 18, 11.

Girls' Singles Semi-Final: S. Dettmar (G) bt S. Dettmar (G) 17, 12.

Boys' Doubles Consolation Final: A. Judd (Ca) bt A. Judd (Ca) 17, 12.

Girls' Doubles Consolation Final: A. Judd (Ca) bt A. Judd (Ca) 17, 12.

A growing number of juniors are being adversely affected by silly "in fighting" between rival groups of junior schools and sometimes within the same club! At least one junior has lost interest in table tennis in a match to be played at the end of this season.

Boys' Single Quarter-Finals: P. Rainford (La) vs. C. Bryan (Li) 17, 15.
2. M. Thomas (La) vs. T. Dyon (Y) 18, 9, 8.
3. M. Thomas (La) vs. N. Bailey (Y) 17, 20.
4. P. Smith (Co) vs. B. Brunkelt (Cv) 19, 17.

Semi-Final: Thomas bt Rainford -16, 15, 12.

Final: Thomas bt Rainford -16, 15, 12.

Boys' Singles Final: Thomas bt Rainford -16, 15, 12.

Girls' Finals: S. Dettmar (G) bt S. Dettmar (G) 17, 12.

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OXON NOTES

by A. Chivers

SERIOUS ATTEMPT

At long last it looks like Oxon are making a serious attempt at breaking into the real table tennis world. In recent years many juniors have worked hard in this end and are now reaping rewards. The junior ranks now reflect the changes with Oxon consistently producing regional-ranking juniors.

A good news was the mending of an old rift between the County Association and the Midland League. This was achieved with some plain talking and common sense.

On Sept. 16 a junior assessment was held, in the absence of Neil Abbott, Clive McInerney himself had set the boys to hoy to be best this year. Even though Clive was far from fully fit he remained unbeaten throughout the day. An enjoyable performance was that of Peter Jones who lost only one match, well done Peter.

The standard of the girls has improved immensely during the summer and this was reflected in the standard of play throughout the day. As to the boys we had an absentee in Marc Denbow who was playing. The final match in place in the Girl's "Golf of the Year" coaching scheme. Carrie Hoddy and Elisa Erskine but three of the remaining girls were even on matches won and lost and the players were the coupure-committee of the sort that should not be doing.

The final junior ranking lists are as follows:-


FINE YOUNG CHAMPIONS
by JOHNNY LEACH

The 25th annual Halexport — News of the World National Table Tennis Coaching Scheme has produced two fine young champions well worthy to follow in the footsteps of Jill Hammersley, Chester Barnes and Denis Neale.

Both are 15 years-of-age — Philip Bradbury of Aylesbury, Bucks and Tracey Watkins of Swindon, Wilts. Both took up table tennis because of dad's keenness for the sport. Philip and Tracey were acclaimed "Boy" and "Girl" of the Year, respectively by our all-international panel of judges at Butlin's Minehead Centre on Sept. 17. and received their awards, which included Halexport track suits and bats, from Maurice Goldstein (President E.T.T.A.), Tom Blunn (Chairman E.T.T.A.) and David Jackson (M.D. of Halexport).

Tall, ginger-headed Philip Bradbury, a member of the well-known Ellenborough Club, finished in third place in our final last year. Then our Pwllheli coach, Nigel Eckersley, named him as the best 14 year-old he had seen up to that time. This year Philip won his place in the final from Butlin's Filey Centre on the recommendation of coach Trevor Taylor, himself the News of the World "Boy of the Year" 1965 and subsequently Commonwealth champion.

Says Trevor Taylor: "Philip is destined to be a great champion. He has an ice cold temperament and his game is already mature".

I myself was impressed by Philip's ability to vary and disguise the pace and the amount of topspin he applies to his attacking shots, mainly forehand.

Spare a thought, however, for 13-year-old Gary Lambert from Exmouth, Devon, another attacker, who Philip pipped at the post by only one point, and for the third placed Brian Jeanes, 16, from Gwent, South Wales. I shall be very surprised if Brian doesn't go on to realise his main ambition which is to represent Wales in the 1981 World Championships.

At 5ft. 1in. Tracey Watkins, our "Girl of the Year", is average height for her age and she enjoys playing squash, tennis and netball as well as table tennis. This was her first final and she was selected from Butlin's Barry Centre by resident coach Alan Griffiths who praised her consistent attacking game and her good temperament.

Runners-up to Tracey were two 13-year-olds — the highly promising Mary Denlow from Oxford, an attacker who is gradually changing to an all-round style and Helen Bardwell from Ware, Herts, who finished third for the 3rd year running.

Helen Bardwell was, in fact, only 9 points behind the winner and I predict a great future for her in the next couple of years.

Our popular and exciting doubles competition, the Pupil Partner Challenge Cup, was won by the Filey team represented by "Boy of the Year" Philip Bradbury and his partner Sarah Sandley whose brother Graham is the reigning English Open Junior champion and also a former News of the World discovery. In the final they beat the pair representing Exmouth, Paul Holloway and Helen Bardwell.
Coaching scheme is still a winner
by GERRY O'BRIEN
Press Officer, Butlin's News

Over 40,000 children under-17 have taken part in the 25th annual national table tennis coaching scheme held at all Butlin's main centres and sponsored by the News of the World and Halloexport.

The climax of another successful season came at Minehead on September 19/20 when each centre sent its top boy and girl to be judged.

The four judges were England captain and national coach, Bryan Merrett, Geoff Taylor (New Zealand International) and England Internationals, Nigel Eckersley and Andy Barden.

And their choice for "Boy of the Year" was copper-haired Philip Bradbury, 15 of national where he was unbeaten. A member of the World and Halexsport.

England internationals, Nigel Eckersley and the 1Waddesdon Church of England Secondary School. His ambition is to play for England seniors.

Philip had two other successes at Minehead for England are faced with a choice between Olympic involvement or making a lot of commercial tournaments with huge prizes, which play commercial with useful cash prizes. The County Championship is now in jeopardy and the Club League could be the main reason that the end of inter-county matches is in sight.

The aims of the I.O.C. and the I.T.T.F. in 1980's. Young people who are very good at all levels seldom find themselves playing only for the glory or trophies, this is certainly the case in table tennis. Many league or town championships are now sponsored with useful cash prices. The County Championships is now in jeopardy and the emergence of the cash-oriented National Club League could be the main reason that the end of inter-county matches is in sight.

The aims of the I.O.C. and the I.T.T.F. in support are without question, highly commendable but totally out-of-touch with the way sport in general is heading into the 1980's.

Young people who are very good at all sports these days, are tempted to accept the cash rewards that are offered and then illegally in breach of coaching regulations. I can see no way in the next decade that this a guilty to change, unless the I.O.C. radically change their policies.

When the news came in the middle of last month that a trace had been declared in the war between the E.T.T.A. and Global T.T. Promotions, the table tennis fraternity nationwide must have felt that a huge burden had been lifted away.

Make no mistake the threat of Global events clashing with major national championships was a real one. The top players would have been drawn to the largest pot of gold and unpleasant disciplinary moves would have followed.

However, that precipice has been avoided and now Barry Meisel and co will be free to secure the help of worthy and wealthy sponsors and the E.T.T.A. tournament organisation is to be called into action on or two or three more important events each year — more annual leave sacrificed for those who have to work for 48 to 49 weeks of a year.

We are still talking about cash! Even the Chinese T.T.A. are now talking about sponsorship for their forthcoming tour of Europe. A well-known figure in English table tennis is now currently working on a commission to obtain sponsorship for the Chinese team in several European countries from commercial firms — how far can we go from the Chinese player accepting huge amounts of prize money far beyond the I.T.T.F. limits? And that can mean only more setbacks for those with Olympic hopes.

In tackling briefly the question in last month's "Table Tennis News" which角度 as to why the National Club League is not getting the publicity it deserves, I will try and answer from the Fleet-street viewpoint.

(a) Adequate arrangements were not made in time for the start of the season with the London-based news agencies to accept and transmit the results.

(b) The agencies will argue that many sports now have national leagues, one of the latest is hang-gliding. If the agency agrees to transmit table tennis national league results they have to do the same when a number of other sports ask for similar treatment.

(c) For obvious reasons agencies cannot have their telephone lines regularly swamped with individuals sending in results. This blurs the professional image when a number of other sports ask for similar treatment.

(d) From the national press point of view and indeed all national media our National League is still a closed event. It is not taken most of the best players in the country.

(e) Unfair as it may sound, national newspapers are immediately less interested in any table tennis event if our two world-class players Desert and Eoin Flattery are not entered. To cover regularly such a thing as spare space in the national papers are immediately less interested in any table tennis event if our two world-class players Desert and Eoin Flattery are not entered.

(f) Last but not least, the national league is scheduled to occupy no less than fourteen week-ends during the season. There is no such thing as spare space in the national papers. We have a full programme as it is — I am assigned to cover fifteen major events during the season. The campaign, as an example. To cover regularly national league games in addition means that other sports would be cut out. It really can't be done, unless a real "story" happens at a match, perhaps a "match-up" between leading players or the presence of a "streaker".

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THE EXOTIC GAMES

by DAVID RYDE

No amount of experience in sports medicine and travel could prepare me for this general and medical experience of a lifetime. As chairman of the medical commission of the International Table Tennis Federation, I had been briefed by the English team, I went to North Korea for the 34th World Table Tennis Championships.

We left Britain on 20th April, 1979, and were the first group of Westerners to visit the country since the Korean War. One night we spent in Geneva - there being no diplomatic relations between our countries - then travelled on a Tupolev 134 Aeroflot plane to Moscow, Novosibirsk and Irkutsk for Pyongyang the next day. We left Britain on 20th April, 1979, and were the first group of Westerners to visit the country since the Korean War. One night we spent in Geneva - there being no diplomatic relations between our countries - then travelled on a Tupolev 134 Aeroflot plane to Moscow, Novosibirsk and Irkutsk for Pyongyang the next day. We left Britain on 20th April, 1979, and were the first group of Westerners to visit the country since the Korean War. One night we spent in Geneva - there being no diplomatic relations between our countries - then travelled on a Tupolev 134 Aeroflot plane to Moscow, Novosibirsk and Irkutsk for Pyongyang the next day. 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If the ways of life of the North Korean people are different from our ways that is no criticism; rather it should act as a meeting point between our nations — when diplomatic relations are resumed.

Colgate North of England Open

SECOND TITLE FOR NICKY

by George Yates

Nicky Jarvis, winner of the Beneagles Open in Perth on Sept. 22, maintained his winning ways a week later when at Stretford Sports Centre, Manchester, he picked up the £100 men's singles award with a final win over Paul Day. It was Nicky's second success in the North of England Open, his first being in 1974. Day, showing a welcome return to form, had ousted the defending title holder, John Hilton, in the semis at which stage Jarvis stopped the third seed Dougie Johnson.

Linda Jarvis (nee Howard) failed to make it a double for after beating Carole Knight — reversing the final result at Perth — she proved no match for the top seed Anita Stevenson. Nor were Miss Knight and Mrs. Jarvis any more successful in the women's doubles losing to Miss Stevenson and Mandy Reeves, the Middlesex juniors, in the semi-final, the Leics./Middlesex duo accounting for the Bradford combine of Melody Ludi and Sally Midgley in the final.

The Johnson brothers, Barry and Douggie, just got the better of Kevin Beadsley and Malcolm Green in the men's doubles having accounted for the top seeds Hilton and Jarvis in the semis. David McIlroy and Keith Rodger of Scotland were the other defeated pair at the penultimate stage. Winner of the boys' singles, in a seedless draw, was Paul Barnett of Staffs. whose final victim was Tim Dyson of Huddersfield. But in a much stronger supported girls' event Mandy Reeves cruised home to success against Joy Grundy of Lytham.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
J. Hilton (La) bt L. A. Clayton (Y) 18, 13;
P. Day (Ca) bt M. Pu (La) 10, 16;
D. Johnson (Wa) bt R. Yule (Sco) 15, -13, 13;
N. Jarvis (Cv) bt K. Paxton (Du) 22, 8.

Semi-finals:
Day bt Hilton -18, 19, 19;
Jarvis bt Johnson 17, 17.

Final: JARVIS bt Day 12, -21, 22.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
A. Stevenson (Le) bt J. McLean (Y) 10, 14;
M. Ludi (Y) bt A. Sweeney (La) 8, -23, 12;
L. Jarvis (Sy) bt D. Johnson (La) 17, 14;
C. Knight (Cv) bt S. Midgley (Y) 15, 14.

Semi-finals:
Stevenson bt Ludi -16, 16, 19;
Jarvis bt Knight 16, -17, 17.

Final: STEVENSON bt Jarvis 13, 18.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
K. Beadsley (Y)/M. Green (Sp) bt D. McIlroy/K. Rodger (So) 16, 17;
B. Johnson (Wa)/Johnson bt Day/Jarvis 15, -14, 14.

Final: JOHNSON/JOHNSON bt Beadsley/Green 16, 15.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
M. Reeves (Mi)/Stevenson bt Jarvis/Knight 14, 18;
Lud Midgley bt C. Buttery (Li)/McLean 19, 18.

Final: Reeves/STEVenson bt Ludi/Midgley 19, -16, 11.

Semi-finals:
Reeves bt CaIn 16, 11;
Grundy bt Todd 7, 14.

Final: Reeves bt Grundy 16, 7.

Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:
P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt M. Tow (Ch) 15, 10;
J. Evans (La) bt P. Jones (Ch) 9, 17;
E. Griffiths (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch) 16, -13, 18.

W. Harris (La) bt E. Mandluff (La) 15, 9.

Semi-finals:
D'Arcy bt Evans 15, 15;
Grifiths bt Harris 15, 18.

Final: GRIFFITHS bt D'Arcy -16, 15, 18.

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VIETNAMESE BROTHERS ARE KEEN ON TABLE TENNIS IN AUSTRALIA

The day after 14-year-old Nghia Thanh Tran stepped off the crowded boat that brought him and his three brothers from Vietnam to Australia, he asked for a telephone and made a call to find out where people played table tennis. That was in July 1978 at Perth, capital of Western Australia. Twelve months later, Nghia was under-14 singles table tennis champion of Australia and ranked 10th in Australia in the under-16s. Brother Hoang (22) reached the finals of the open singles championship and Le (11) is rated 6th in the under-15s. Eldest brother Nohn (28) is a surgeon, married with one baby son. "Our father ran a table tennis centre in Vietnam", Nghia said. "We wanted to continue playing in Australia".

Miss Barbara Punch, Western Australian women's table tennis champion from 1967 to 1972, took charge of the young refugees. She bought them bats and sports clothes, and within weeks of their first game in Australia they were playing in the state championships for their club, the Perth Table Tennis Centre. The four boys' parents are still in Vietnam. They used all their money to secure the boat trip to Australia for their sons.

Nghia Thanh Tran, left, and fellow club member David Hopper practise shots while Miss Barbara Punch watches.

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 Gee! Is this a record?

by Malcolm Hartley

The Bradford League believes that Malcolm Gee set up a national record when in the first match of the new season he played his 411th consecutive league match for Lidget Green.

When the previous Bradford record of 293 was established in 1959 by Jim Holcroft, a report in "Table Tennis", this magazine's forerunner, brought the information that Douglas Old was having a longer run in the Portsmouth League. I am told that ended in 1965 after 410 matches.

Gee's sequence began in January 1963 and including cup matches stretches to 443 outings without a miss.

Gee, Peter Ballesta and Walter Edmundson played 238 fixtures without a team change between 1966 and 1975. After that Edmundson was succeeded by Keith Rushworth.

Ballesta has not missed a league fixture since he joined the club in 1966 (325 in a row).

Gee, a 41-year-old lab technician, is a pen grip player who varies his direction and pace judiciously. He has had illnesses during the period but none at the wrong time.

E.T.T.A. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Development Officer with the English Table Tennis Association based in Hastings. The Development Officer provides press liaison for the Association, and the ability to write effective press copy, an understanding of media requirements and skill in the issue of press releases will be important.

The work also includes the maintenance of good relations with commercial sponsors and the interesting of potential new sponsors, involving skills in "marketing the Association". The E.T.T.A. being managed by voluntary officials (supported by a small employed staff) the ability to fit into a small central team and to work effectively with committees of unpaid enthusiasts are essential requirements.

A good deal of the work is evening and weekend, and some home disturbance with press enquiries must be accepted. A candidate who does not already have a knowledge of table tennis activities and organisation will be expected to show the ability to acquire such understanding quickly.

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Applications, giving full details, to be submitted to the General Secretary, English Table Tennis Association, 21 Claremont, East Sussex TN34 1HA by 30th November, 1979. Envelopes to be marked "Development Officer".
I.T.T. SUSSEX 2-STAR OPEN

REVENGE FOR CRIMMINS
by COLIN HYLAND

Despite a clash with a similar tournament at Kirtlington, over the weekend of Oct 17/18, the I.T.T. Sussex Open again attracted a large entry with numbers in all but the Men's Singles and Doubles categories as well as it did for 16 years. The entry for the Men's Singles sponsored by Co-operative Wholesale Products (U.K.) Ltd, included 11 nationally-ranked players and 48 competitors from Wales. Regrettably only England-based Dave Weisman appeared with no message received from those due to travel from Wales.

Top seed Mark Mitchell, after beating Ian Nossom at Bexhill-on-Sea, Building Society, saw the semi-final in this half a repeat of last year's final with Mandy Reeves gaining revenge for his dis­appointment last year. In the other half, fourth seed Colin Wilson lost on his first appearance, Leon Smith being his victim 15, 17. In a semi-final, first place went to John Souter 17, 19 before losing to Max Wells 14, 10 and 20 but found Mitchell/Adrian Moore 10, 18, 17 to enter the semi-finals where they found Wilson/Barr justifying their seeding. The final provided the spectators with a thrilling set with Mitchell/Sandley retaining the title and receiving the prize money from the Anglia & Thames Building Society representative Ken Ashmore.

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Paul Beakhurst
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Andrew Hartnoll
Raymond Thorpe
Kevin Smith
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Essex notes by Alan Shepherd

TRIALS AT ALL LEVELS

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Veteran Ladies
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Mention of Jackson makes it necessary for me to say how delighted we are in the Country at his tremendous achievements at the Rock Under-21 Tournament in September reported so capably by the Editor last month.

I suspect that I am not alone in taking the view that the domestic table tennis scene has been shattered over the last year or so by mismanagement at top level. Essex has suffered along with everybody else. I cannot understand how the Management Committee of the E.T.T.A. can sit back, apparently smugly satisfied, while traditional and established parts of the sport are crumbling. Last season I complained about the total lack of entry to the County Championship being almost negligible because their No. 1 player Skylet Andrew was taken away to Holland for a match that could have been played on 51 of the other week-ends in the year, and missed. This year, County matches Stafford, Middlesex and Essex also suffered and perhaps rightly so.

After this had happened it was discovered that the first trial of the National Competitions clashed with another series of international commitments for the second time in five years. Although the County matches were all replayed, only one of them forked out £12 for a taxi. After this had happened it was discovered that the first trial of the National Competitions clashed with another series of international commitments and North Middlesex League matches were being played. It was decided to use the Essex matches as a selection trial. We in Essex will do our best to compete as wholeheartedly as ever and to maintain our standards. We will go out of our way to help other players to honour their National Club commitments while still representing our County. An example of the complete lack of thought in National Club arrangements is the fact that both teams travelled to London to play Newham on September 30th and Chelmsford at Anlaby on October 1st.

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SPOTLIGHT on Macleans-Maidenhead Table Tennis Club

The Maidenhead & District Table Tennis Association are delighted to inform all table tennis players and enthusiasts that through the sponsorship of Beechams Proprietaries a team comprising of mainly Berkshire players has been accepted into the Premier Division of the National Club League.

David Gloster (age 17 of Maidenhead), Sam Harmer, Richard Jermyn, David Reeves and Andy Wellman (all age 19) are the eight members of the team comprising of mainly Berkshire players who have now been accepted into the Premier Division of the National Club League. The team meets every weekend to train and compete.

Simon Walker, the team's captain, said, "We are thrilled to be accepted into the Premier Division and are looking forward to the challenge ahead. We need to work hard to maintain our position, but we are confident we can do it." The team's first match was against Newham on 30th September, 1979, and they won 8-3.

The team has already had several successes, including a 7-5 victory over Larkhall on 17th February, 1980, and a 6-6 draw with Sealink Milton Keynes on 27th April, 1980. They are currently ranked second in the league.

The Maidenhead & District Table Tennis Association was founded in 1947 and is the oldest table tennis club in the area. It has over 300 members and hosts weekly tournaments.

TEAM SQUAD INFORMATION

David Barr, age 17 of Thatcham, near Newbury, is a former English Junior No. 1. He has won several tournaments and has represented England at World Championships in Turkey 1976 and in European Youth Championships in Rome 1979. He is currently ranked No. 20 in England and has a potential for future table tennis progress.

Sam Harmer, age 17 of Leighton Buzzard in Buckinghamshire, is a former England Junior Champion and Junior International. He has played in the European Youth Championships in France and has represented Berkshire County in the National Club League.

Richard Jermyn, age 19 of Letchworth in Hertfordshire, is a former English Junior No. 1. He has played for England in the European Youth Championships in 1974 and has represented Berkshire County in the National Club League.

David Reeves, age 19 of Newbury, is a former English Junior No. 1. He has represented Berkshire County in the National Club League.

Andy Wellman, age 20 of Earley, near Reading, is a former Berkshire County Senior player. He has represented Berkshire County in the National Club League.

The team is coached by BRIAN BURN, the author of "The Science of Table Tennis". Brian Burn began playing table tennis at the age of 11 and has written several books on the sport. He is a former English Junior No. 1 and has represented England at World Championships.

Brian Burn's book, "The Science of Table Tennis", is a comprehensive guide to the sport, covering all aspects from basic skills to advanced tactics. It is an excellent resource for players of all levels.

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SEEDS CRASH

It was a case of seeds crashing like ninepins in the major £200 value Men's Singles event at the Humberside Open held over the weekend of Oct. 27/28 at its usual venue, the F.P.R. Ferens Recreation Centre in Hull. By the time the staged semi-final round was reached John Hilton (seed 1), Nicky Jarvis (2), Donald Parker (4) and Douggi Johnston (5) had all gone and, with neither Jimmy Walker (3) nor local man Alan Fletcher (6) able to make the date as a step on the road back, his loop and hit making up the four.

The very popular Class 2 Mixed Singles event saw Kevin Satchell, another player just out of the junior ranks from un-fashinonable Wiltshire, competitively dispose of the far more experienced Pat Glynn.

In an unseeded event of this character, in which both men and women compete on equal terms, it is difficult to pinpoint successes, but let it be said that the biggest success of all was that the event appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all the 140 competitors, a number only exceeded by the 147 in the Men's Singles.

The Boys' Singles, like the Men's, had its share of surprises, with only Wilson and Stephen Moore of the top four seeds taking their semi-final places, at which stage came the major shock when Robert Swift, who had already dismissed the higher rated Peter Pudduck, toppled Wilson after losing the first game.

An interesting final saw Moore finally get home comfortably at 8 in the third, while in the parallel Girls' event the all-Middlesex final between Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams saw the latter come through only to lose to Alison Gordon in a three game thriller in the final.

The shocks, however, continued in the other Quarter-final matches with Nigel Eckersley removing Colin Wilson and the rapidly improving Kenny Jackson playing some incredible table tennis to put out Jarvis before failing to Sandley in the semi-finals.

CONTRAST

Meanwhile Day had been making his inexorable progress towards the final, being tailed at the distance only by Lancashire junior Paul Rainford, while Sandley had an equally impressive passage, conceding only game to the defensive David Barr.

In contrast the Women's Singles followed its expected course, with England and European No. 1 Jill Hammersley, the title holder, playing in her final season of competitive table tennis, taking her place opposite England's new No. 2 Karen Witt, just out of the junior ranks, with Jill's immaculate defensive game proving far too strong for the youngster to break down.

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FINALS

Hammersley bt Witt 13, 14.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

D. Marples (Dy) bt M. Sheeder (Ld) 16, 16.

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt N. Jenkins (Ch) 14.

Final:

D. Marples bt Marples 11, 19.

Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Satchell (Wi) bt A. Bellinger (Ek) 14, 14.

P. Glynne (Wi) bt A. Clark (Nd) 17, 10.

Marples bt R. Allisons (Ld) 16, 18, 19.

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TOURNAMENT

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HALEXSPORT BALL SPONSORSHIP

This season's County Championships are to have the benefit of Halex balls and the company are to supply 3-star balls to all Associations in membership if not already received.

'CLIFTON STYLES' TOURNAMENT

by Brian Halliday

Dave Welman caused a major surprise by winning the £100 first prize in the second Clifton Styles Invitation Tournament held at Reading Town Hall in September. Dave defeated the highly talented Graham Sandley in an enthralling final by 3 games to 2. Both players were in great form and created the crowd with a succession of dazzling rallies. Counter hitting was the order of the day as both stars realised early on that to retreat more than three feet from the net was certain suicide. Welman who found himself 2 games to 1 in arrears fought back with great determination to take the next two games and the title.

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ENGLISH VICTORIES AT PERTH

by Brian Webster

Nicky Jarvis was the winner of the men's singles title in the Beneagles Open 2-Star at Perth over the weekend of Sept. 22/23 his final victim being his higher-ranked England colleague John Hilton.

Again, in the women's singles, it was from south of the border that the winner came in the person of Carole Knight who, in her particular final beat Linda Jarvis.

Scotland's only senior title winner was Richard Yule with a half share of the men's doubles with Jarvis who, with his wife were beaten in the mixed by Tony Clayton and Miss Knight. Carole picked up a third title when, with Mrs. Jarvis in the women's doubles, they beat Carole Dalrymple and Patrice Fleming in the final.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

CRIMMINS/JACKSON bt D. Johnson (Wa)/J. Hilton (La) -22, 17, 14;

WELSMAN (£100) bt Sandley (£50) -10, -12, 14, 14.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

J. Hutton (La) bt R. Yule (£80) 6, -12, 10;

N. Jarvis (Cy) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 15, 16.

Final:

JARVIS bt Hilton 11, 20.

Women's Singles:

C. KNIGHT (Cy) bt L. Jarvis (Sy) 17, -14, 14.

Men's Doubles:

J. Jarvis/H. Hilton/R. Keen (La) 13, 12.

Women's Doubles:

Jarvis/Knight bt C. Dalrymple/P. Fleming (£80) 12, 16.

Mixed Doubles:

A. Clayton (Y)/Knight bt Jarvis/Jarvis 13, -16, 14.

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In Memoriam

Ann Stevens, lifelong companion of W. J. Pope and a Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association from 1951, died on the 9th October 1979 in Wellington, Somerset.

With Ann's passing an era is ended. The record books show that names recur as officers of the E.T.T.A. and E.T.T.A. almost from the beginnings in the 1929's - Bill Pope, Bill Vint and Ivo Montague. What they do not show is that these three were really sixs: Ann and Bill, Nora and Bill, Hall and Ivo. Table Tennis is a game that has been - and indeed still is - rich in partnerships of couples whose joint contribution has meant far more than each could have given alone.

Ann was probably the best administrator of any of us. In her specialty she combined efficiency and administrative ability with a warm human personality and common sense. In this respect I cannot do better than quote the character sketch written by Leslie Woodard for a list of the Vice-Presidents he prepared for the E.T.T.A. Executive Committee in 1968:

"One of those unique unobtrusive and imitable hard-workers for whom every organiser prays, with a record that defies any figure record. Sometimes she was Bill Pope's right hand, sometimes his left. One job which she made especially her own was the distribution of tickets allocations for English and World Championships. She seemed to know every club in the country and no task was too much to give them what they wanted - she became an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. And at these championships her 'smooching out' to smooth away friction was invaluable. All the facilities that Ann and her staff enjoyed in the kitchen of the Stourbridge Club are an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. All the facilities that Ann and her staff enjoyed in the kitchen of the Stourbridge Club are an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. All the facilities that Ann and her staff enjoyed in the kitchen of the Stourbridge Club are an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. All the facilities that Ann and her staff enjoyed in the kitchen of the Stourbridge Club are an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. All the facilities that Ann and her staff enjoyed in the kitchen of the Stourbridge Club are an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. All the facilities that Ann and her staff enjoyed in the kitchen of the Stourbridge Club are an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch.

Ann was a table tennis player herself and insisted that, for each had Iter own sphere of activity. The Civil Service, faced all obstacles with the same determination and resolution as she did to her grade.

Ann did get married, but not by taxi. Yet they could never marry for the thirties and the fashion helps to date it too!

A snapshot of Bill Pope and Ann Stevens on the 9th October 1979 in Wellington, Somerset, at the age of 92.

The result (which put the winning pair OAKLEY/THOMAS bt J. Creasey/T. Smith 15, 12, 12, 12)

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She and Bill were so inseparable that even when matches or meetings kept him in London till the small hours, he would always go home to their house in Beaconsfield that night even if the journey had to be by taxi. Yet they could never marry for the thirties and the fashion helps to date it too!

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The magnificent Fleming Park Sports Centre, Eastleigh, was the venue for the Southampton Table Tennis Association’s first International sponsored by Wimpey Homes Holdings Ltd., on October 11/79.

After a 4-3 win away to Federal Germany, England were favourites especially as France were trounced 7-nil in their opening match against league champions Czechoslovakia. Although the S.T.T.A. had at first dreamed of a larger crowd, the 700 seats available were full to see England strive to improve on last season’s third placing in the Super Division.

France sprung a surprise before the match by nominating their No. 3 Christian Martin for the singles in place of the higher-ranked Patrick Birocheau. In the early stages this move did not appear a success for in the battle of the left handers Desmond Douglas, returning to the venue where he trounced the then World Champion Misurow Kohno last year, had little difficulty in beating Martin. Des consistently caught the French defender wide on his backhand with his flashing forehand to put his country in the lead with a 2-straight win.

French star Jacques Secretin soon levelled the score with an equally convincing win over Nicky Jarvis, whose unforced errors and inability to control the Secretin loop combined in his downfall. Jill Hammersley, in her last season of international competition, took almost 30 minutes to get the better of Claude Bergeret. Her backhand winners were picked off with such consistency that her French opponent was forced into a dour service which ended with Douglas coming in at 20-14 to Jill in the second game.

Onto the men’s doubles with John Hilton joining Des and Birocheau combining with Secretin. This established French duo had it much their own way in levelling the score at 2-2. Normally the mixed pairing of Des and Linda Jarvis is an England banker but on this occasion the former World champions Secretin and Claude Bergeret came out on top with Des not really getting involved and dominating the match as he usually does in the mixed. So France went into the lead for the first time as onto the stage came the confrontation the spectators had come to see. And what a match! Secretin versus Douglas, neither showing any sign of fatigue after two successive doubles. Secretin took first blood with Des missing out on his winners but he came back to take the second with his game now in full swing and Secretin having no answer to his angled hits and amassing only 7 points.

So to the third. Des 8-10 down at the change but then level at 15-all, but at once 3 points down at 18-15. Point for point to 17-20 and 3 flashing winners pulled the score back to "deuce". A weak backhand in the net gave the French No. 1 a 4th set point but again a winner from Douglas saved it. Yet again an unforced error gave Secretin his 5th chance to clinch the tie for his country but once more a winner from the England star brought the score to 22-all. Secretin was clearly feeling the pressure of the occasion for winning up for a special service he completely missed the ball to give Douglas his first match point, which he gleefully took with a forehand kill which brought the house down. Follow that!

Well that is what Nicky Jarvis had to do coming onto the table against Martin with the match score at 3-3. It was here that the French strategy in playing Martin paid off. Nicky had a good record against Martin but although Nicky’s forehand was going well, Martin was able to control it with his excellent defence and Nicky’s complete absence of a backhand attack was the deciding factor. A close first game and even closer second, Nicky came back from 17-20 in the second to "deuce" and the crowd looked to him to do a "Douglas", but it was not to be. A French victory but even so the crowd went home impressed and happy with their first taste of international table tennis.

SCORES:
England 3 France 4
Douglas bt C. Martin 14, 18;
N. Jarvis lost to J. Secretin -11, -15;
Mrs. J. Hammersley bt Miss C. Bergeret 14, -16;
Douglas/J. Hilton lost to Secretin/P. Birocheau -16, -14;
Douglas/L. Jarvis lost to Secretin/ Bergeret -16, -18;
Douglas bt Secretin -13, 7, 22;
Jarvis lost to Martin -19, -21.
PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

CANADA DOMINATES

by MALCOLM ANDERSON, Chairman, Photographic Committee, U.S.T.A.

Table Tennis, now an Olympic sport, was included in the Pan American Games for the first time. Nine countries sent T.T. teams to San Juan, Puerto Rico for this "exhibition" event.

Men's Team:
The first critical match saw the U.S.A. and Canada battle down to the 3rd game of the 9th set.

Dean Doyle (USA) bt Ed Lo (CAN) -19, 18, 18;
David Sakai (USA) bt Pierre Normandin (CAN) -2, 1, 2;
Quang Bui (USA) bt Alex Polisois (CAN) 19, 18;
Sakai bt Lo 19, 19;
Polisois bt Doyle 18, -23, 14;
Normandin bt Bui 20, 12;
Polisois bt Sakai -20, 21, 14;
Lo bt Bui 2-1.

In the 9th set, Normandin took the first game from Doyle at 17 and led 14-9 in the second — Dean rallied to win this game at 19. The 3rd game was 15-15 then broke away from 11-9 in the 3rd to win it at 15. USA 5, Canada 4!

In the 9th set, Alverez led Doyle 20-15; Alverez won the game 22-20 with excellent serve and kill tactics! Alverez won the second game at 10. The 3rd game was 15-15 when Alverez used good serve and counter-drives to lead 20-12 — and Dean again served and killed to 20-12! Alverez served and killed, led 21-20 — and Dean's follow-up kill after his serve missed by millimeters! Dominican Republic 5 (Gold Medal) - USA 4 (Silver).

Women's Team:
The deciding set in the Women's team event was much less dramatic (traumatic?) as Canada beat the U.S.A. 3-0.

Mariann Domonkos (CAN) bt Connie Sweeris (USA) 10, 14;
Birute Picas (CAN) bt Judy Bochenski (USA) 16, 18;
Domonkos/Picas (CAN) bt Sweeris/Faun Yeen Liu (USA) 17, 15.

In the Women's Team play, Diana Guillen of Mexico was undefeated; she beat Mariann Domonkos 18, -16, 22!

Women's Singles:

Winners were Ed Lo and Alex Polisois (CAN).

Women's Doubles:

Polasiois/Picas (CAN) bt Bochenski/Faan Yeen Liu (USA) 14, 18, 18.

Mixed Doubles:

Polisois/Domonkos (CAN) bt Picas/Sweeris (MEX) 14, 12, 8, 12.

In 7 events, Canada won 6 gold medals and 1 bronze; Mariann Domonkos won 4 gold medals in 4 events, and Ed Lo and Alex Polisois both won 3 gold medals in 4 events. An excellent showing for the Northermost participant in the Pan American Games!

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

ORMESBY AND OMEGA THE WINNERS

by Keith Ponting

After the disruptions caused during last winter it was good to see the finals of the National Club Championships completed in September.

In the final of the Men's event for the Ormesby Cup the Ellenborough Club, from North Middlesbrough, made the long trek North to challenge the Ormesby Club from the local league. This was the Londoners' second successive appearance in the final but, again, things went against them with Ormesby winning 5-3.

Ellenborough made a good start with Colin Wilson having a particularly fine win over Nicky Jarvis in straight games but then Ormesby took the next five sets to regain the championship they have last held only once since the competition first started in the 1980/70 season.

RESULTS:

Ormesby first:

Nicky Jarvis lost to Colin Wilson -20, -18;
Graham Sandle 17, 15;
Donald Parker bt Sandle 18, 21;
b. Mark Mitchell 15, -12, 16.

Ormesby second:

Denis Neale bt Mitchell 19, 22;
b. Mark Mitchell 15, 16.

The final of the Women's event for the Gainsborough Cup was played in London between the Barrington champions, Fellows Cranleigh and the Omega Club, from Bracknell. The Berkshire team made a good start by winning the first two sets but Fellows Cranleigh fought back to level at 3-3. The result of the final probably depended on the set between Karen Witt of Omega and Lesley Radford of Fellows Cranleigh who were both previously unbeaten and in top form. After a dicey-long struggle Karen just won 15 in the third and Omega went on to win 5-3, to take the championship for the first time in their history.

RESULTS:

Omega first:

Allison Gordon bt Elaine Bayer 18, 18;
lost to Lesley Radford -16, -10;
Karen Witt bt Elaine Foulds 19, -15, 16;
b. Miss Bayer 9, 11;
b. Mrs. Radford -16, -10, 19.

Barrington second:

Mandy Smith lost to Mrs. Radford 26, 21;
lost to Mrs. Foulds -16, -18;
b. Miss Bayer 19, 11.

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BUTTERFLY — PLAY WELL — PLAY BUTTERFLY
PREMIER DIVISION

Cleveland 1 Essex 2
K. Paxton lost to R. Potton 19, -17, -11; J. Rosbottom lost to D. Alderson 11, 2, 10; D. Alderson lost to Potton 16, 17, -6; T. Martin lost to Hofstein 6, 20, -15; T. Martin lost to Newnam 7, -12; M. Caster lost to K. Foulds 18, -16; D. Alderson/Martin lost to Potton/Hofstein 13, -14.

Buckinghamshire 1 Essex 3
Paxton lost to Newman/Foulds 16, -3. Essex clearly superior with Bob Potton particularly impressive.

Glamorgan 2 Yorkshire 7
O. Evans lost to K. Beadsley -14, -17; M. Williams 18, -17, -15. O. Davies lost to Beadsley 11, -15, -10; C. Le 18, 10, 19; J. Morgan lost to Mills -11, -10; loa to 17, -14.

Hertfordshire 4 Bedfordshire 4
Stephanie Jones lost to Melody Ludi 13, -12.

Bedfordshire 6 Hertfordshire III 3
Davies/Morgan lost to Beadsley/Ldy 22, -15. Miss Jones lost to Miss Ludi 14, -19, -22.

DIVISION 2 EAST

Buckinghamshire 3 Bedfordshire 7
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