QUEEN OF SCOTS

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It's a Jaques world...
On the International Front

by The Editor

HUNGARY TRIUMPH

Wins for Desmond Douglas, over Tibor Klampar, Jill Hammersley over Gabriella Szabo, and by Douglas and Linda Jarvis in the mixed doubles were not enough to prevent HUNGARY (4-3 winners) from going through this season’s Super Division of the European League as the undefeated champions in succession to Czechoslovakia.

And, after just one season, Poland will be relegated and their place taken by the Soviet Union who bounced back immediately after being relegated to Division 1.

Against Hungary, in Tatabanya on March 13, England at one stage actually led 3-2 and had the men’s doubles gone our way the match score would have been 4-1. The scores in this encounter to Gabor Gergely and Klampar against Douglas and Donald Parker were 21, -23, 18! It was that close.

Douglas played extremely well to account for Klampar in the opening set but, in the final one with the match score poised at 3-3, the tactics Gergely used were very effective.

Individual scores:

- T. Klampar lost to D. Douglas 19, -17, -17;
- G. Gergely bt P. Day 12, 21;
- G. Szabo lost to J. Hammersley 12, -16, -19;
- Gergely/Klampar bt Douglas/D. Parker 21, -23, 18;
- Gergely/Szabo lost to Douglas/L. Jarvis 13, -14, -18;
- Klampar bt Day 11, 11;
- Gergely bt Douglas 16, 21.

Poland, who finished up with a better set analysis than Federal Germany proved no match for Yugoslavia in Bosanski Brad being beaten 6-1 their only win coming in the penultimate set when Andrzej Grubba had a remarkable -14, 19, 7 win over Dragomir Surbek! Scores:

- D. Surbek bt L. Kucharski 20, 12, 19;
- Z. Kalinic bt A. Grubba 12, 14;
- E. Palatinus bt J. Szatko 9, 8;
- A. Stipanic/Surbek bt Grubba/Kucharski 9, 16, 11;

Gabor Gergely who got Hungary home 4-3 with his last set win over Desmond Douglas in Tatabanya.

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Desmond Douglas (England) victor over Klampar (Hungary), but defeated by Gergely (Hungary) in Tatanska.

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DIVISION ONE

The Soviet Union, like Hungary, went through their 7-match programme without defeat to finish as the undisputed champions of Division I. Their final victim being Turkey beaten 3-2 in Ankara on March 13. The Russians only dropped six sets throughout the season in Ankara being surmounted by newcomer Podnosov to Oktay Cimen and Burhan Yaldiz. Scores:-

G. Cimen bt Podnosov 11, 18;
G. Yaldiz bt R. Burnazian -14, -16, 20;
R. Poyrazoglu lost to Bolatova -14, -16, -17;
Cimen/T. Yaldiz lost to Burnazian/Y. Danilevitch -15, -16;
Cimen bt Burnazian/Y. Danilevitch -15, -16;
Yaldiz bt Podnosov 13, -14, 10.

Austria took the runners-up position bringing off their fourth win in Ybbsitz by beating Greece 7-0 to pip the Netherlands by a superior set analysis, 28-21 to 25-26. Scores:-

E. Amplatz bt E. Diakakis 8, 11;
G. Bar bt C. Priftis -18, 19, 13;
D. Peter bt G. Galazano 11, 9;
Amplatz/O. Muller bt Priftis/Zikos 10, 14, 24;
Muller/Petres bt G. Galazano -18, 18, 19;
Amplatz bt Priftis 12, 20.

After an indifferent start to the season the Netherlands brought off their fourth win by beating Italy 4-3 in Assisi Pierce where it all rested on the outcome of the final set won by Jaap van Spanje against Luigi Mannoni 22-30 in the deciding game.

Scores:-
M. Constantini bt J. Van Spanje 16, 15;
L. Mannoni bt H. Gootsen -19, 20, 9;
P. Ritoio lost to R. de Krafft -25, -15;
Constantini/Mannoni lost to Gootsen/v. Spanje -19, -15;

Constantini bt Gootsen 19, 11;
Mannoni lost to v. Spanje -18, -20.

Finally, in Echternaech Luxembourg beat Bulgaria 4-3, a result confirmed in the final set when Jindrich Pansky beat Paul Guttrum and Tony Fokkens to Paul Guttormsen and Tony Fokkens it did not matter then when Matti Autio and Jaip Amat lost their subsequent singles.

Scores:-
M. Autio bt P. Guttormsen -16, 10, 15;
K. Jokin.en lost to T. Johansen 15, -17, -15;
S. Gerlager bt T. Fokkens 13, 11;
J. Jerenen/Jokin.en bt Guttrum/Johansen 14, 22;

Autio lost to Johansen 19, -10, -13;
Jokin/en lost to Guttrum -17, 13, -18.

At the other end of the scale Belgium's 4-3 win over Wales (reported in Welsh Courier) kept them in the division whilst the Welsh will now make way for Romania. Scores in that all-important match in Seiies were:-

N. Van de Walle 20 to D. Weisman -18, -24;
R. De Prophetis bt N. Thomas 18, 17;
S. Lippen bt S. Jones 15, -9, 20;
L. Bedell bt Thomas/Welshman 14, -14, 20;
De Prophetis/Lippen lost to Welshman/Jones -17, -14;
Van de Walle bt Thomas 15, 17;
De Prophetis lost to Welshman 20, -15.

Elsewhere Willie Walsh reports on the Irish victory 5-3 over Switzerland whilst in Sweden Denmark whitewashed Spain 7-0 to take the runners-up position behind the all-conquering Finns.

C. Pedersen bt S. Moles -18, 10, 19;
Hansen bt J. Caymel -10, 10, 14;
C. Pouk bt L. Urbe 20, 16;
Hansen/Pedersen bt J. Laporan/J. M. Pales -16, -13, 13;
Pedersen/Pouk bt Pales/J. Serra 12, 10;
Pedersen bt Caymel 11, 11;
Hansen bt Moles 22, 18.
Tibor Klampar who lost to Desmond Douglas in the opening set at Tatabanya.

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1979 U.S. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

CAESARS PALACE, LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA
DECEMBER 1979
by Malcolm Anderson
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Attila Malek won the U.S. Men's Singles Championship in a see-saw battle with top-seeded Danny Seemiller, 18, 11, 18, 9, 18. Both players moved well, looped, blocked, hit. — Attila seemed to be a bit hungrier for the title.

In the Semis, Danny beat defending champion Eric Bogdan 16, 11, 18, 9, 18. Attila beat Scott Bogdan 16, 8, 10. Scott reached the Semis with a Quarter-final upset over Ricky Seemiller, 18, 16, 14, 18, 16. In the other QF matches Malek beat Roger Sverdlik 18, 7, 16, 14; Dan Seemiller beat Jim Meng Chui 15, 9, 14; Eric Bogdan beat Del Sweerts 20, 14, 16, 14.

In Women's Singles, He-ja Lee won the title, as expected. In 506 rounds she retired. Unexpectedly, He-ja's opponent in the final was Paan Yeen Liu, who upset Alice Green in the QF 20 (from 12–20) 19, 15, 15, 18, 15, and Angelita Sistrunk in the Semis, 11, 15, 10, 12. Paan Yeen is a defensive player who uses backhand and black phantom, and spins her racket during play to force either a miss or a setup for her excellent forehand kill. He-ja was the only player there who could read Paan Yeen's spin, she won the final 11, 13, 12.

In the other semi, He-ja out counted Kasia Dawidowicz 20, 10, 14, 11, 17. In the Quadrants, He-ja beat Carol Davidson 12, 15, 20, 16, 14; Dawidowicz beat Judy Boczka 15, 19, 16, 20; Sistrunk beat Takao Trenholme 19, 20, 18, 17.

Men's Doubles—
Dan and Rick Seemiller bt D. J. Lee and Roger Sverdlik 19, 12, 13.
Seemiller — Seemiller and Seemiller bt Randy Seemiller (That is short for Randall — the English slang meaning is totally unknown in the U.S.) — Jim Lazarus 9, 17.
Lee—Sverdlik bt Malek—Sweerts 10, 15.

Women's Doubles—
Lee and Sistrunk bt Boczka and Sheila O'Dougherty 21, 18, 16.
Boczka — Lee and Sistrunk bt Dawidowicz and Cheryl Dadjian 8, 10, 19; Boczka and O'Dougherty bt Liu and Trenholme 12, 18, 15.

Mixed Doubles—
Kasia Dawidowicz and Eric Bogdan bt He-ja and Da-joon Lee 19, 11, 11, 10; Sistrunk — Dawidowicz and Boczka, bt Dan Seemiller and Paan Yeen Liu 15, 11; Lee and Lee bt Angelita Sistrunk and Scott Bogdan 18, 9.

Under-21: Singles—
Eric Bogdan bt Scott Bogdan 18, 21, 14, 12.
Boys U-17: Eric Bogdan bt Dean Wong 13, 10, 13.
Girls U-17: Cheryl Dadjian bt Al-ju Wu 9, 4, 14.
Men +40: D. J. Lee and Houshang Booorzadeh 13, 16, 10.
Women +40: Yvonne Kronlage bt Mary McIlwain 7, 6, 12.
Boys' U-17 Doubles: Dean Wong/Quang Bui bt Mike Shapiro/Ben Nisbet 17, 15, 18, 18.
Girls U-17 Doubles: Al-wen Wu/Al-ju Wu bt Cheryl Dadjian/Hannah Butler 14, 17, 16.
Men's +40 Doubles: D. J. Lee and George Britkwaite bt Bohdan Dawidowicz/Tim Bogdan 13, 12.
Boys' U-15: Brandon Olson bt Sean O'Neill 18, 21, 17.
Men's +60: Bernie Bukiet bt Norman Schloss 8, 6, 12.
Boys' U-15 Doubles: Sean O'Neill/Scott Butler bt Brandon Olson/Dan Wilf -18, 18, 19, -10, 17.

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Men's +50 Doubles: George Hendry/Harry Deschamps bt Bukiet/Neil Smyth 16, 20, 12.
Boys U-13: Sean O'Neill bt Scott Butler 12, 15, 12.
Men's +60: Charles Burns bt Eugene Wilson 12.
Juniors U-11: David Clifton bt Diana Gee 17, 19, 15.
Men's +70: Oliver Nicholas bt C. H. McAllister 18, 19.
Hard Rubber: Dean Doyle bt Houshang Bozorgzadeh 17, 19, 17, 17.

FAAN YEEN LIU
Photo by Malcolm Anderson

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Both senior (U-19) titles were successfully defended when the Finals of the National School Team Championships (organised by the English Schools Table Tennis Association and sponsored by Stiga AB) were held at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire on March 15.

Girls' U-16 winners, Parrenthorn with E.T.T.A. Development Officer, Bob Oldfield. (1 to r) Beverley Hoyle, Helen Frost, Susan Hoyle, Debra Bowling.

Boys' U-19 winners Millom School with Councillor G. N. Wilson, Chairman Derbyshire County Council.

Modern. In so doing two members of the Millom team — Diccon Gray and Ian Reed — won their fifth national title, a performance which also made them joint winners of the Gerald Gurney Trophy for the boys' best performance award.

Bournemouth School for Girls also did well to hold on to their Girls' Under-19 title with the same team that won it last year.

In the Boys' Under-16 category Longlands School, Kendal became the first Cumbrian team other than Millom to win national honours. Organizer Eddie Mitchell had to get out his pocket calculator to determine the winners of the Girls' Under-16 event. There were three newcomers in this section. Parrenthorn High School, who included Lancashire-rank Juniors Beverley Hoyle and Helen Frost, beat Oxfordshire champions Milhamford 3-3. Milhamford went on to beat Goff's, Cheshunt by a similar margin and then Parrenthorn almost blew their chances by losing 3-5 to Goff's after being 3-2 up! So the title was decided on games ratio and it went to Parrenthorn.

Mary Denbow, Milhamford No. 1, was unbeaten and was awarded the Stiga Trophy for the girls' best performance.

The Grove School, Market Drayton, pulled off an impressive U-13 "double" but neighbours Market Drayton Junior School had to be content with second place in the Girls' Under-11 event which was won in style by Wold Junior High School, Hull.

The Boys Under-11 event was a very closely contested affair with Aldryngton (Reading) lifting the title by winning their last encounter.

Results -
Boys' Under-11:
1. MILLOM (Cumbria)
   (Dicon Gray, Ian Reed, Tim Pechal, Tony Huddleston).
2. BEDFORD MODERN (Bedfordshire)
   (Stephen Barby, Russell Beard, Alan Fordham, David Hurley).
3. HIGHAM LANE, Nuneaton (Warwicks)
   (John Green, Peter Fray, David Waddington, Sean Ecliff).

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Boys' U-16: 1. PARRENTHORN (Lancs)
               (Beverley Hoyle, Helen Frost, Susan Hoyle, Debra Bowling).
              2. MILHAMFORD (Oxon)
               (b).

Girls' U-11 winners, Wold Junior High School, Hull with Martin Foulser (Stiga AB)

Boys' Under-13:
1. THE GROVE, MARKET DRAYTON (Shropshire) (David Williams, Sean Groom, Adrian Bloom, Graeme Walmsley).
3. Millom (Cumbria) (Mary Denbow, Jacqueline Winkle, Jayne Talbot, Judith Harris).

Boys' Under-15:
1. THE GROVE, MARKET DRAYTON (Shropshire) (Allison Barker, Carol Wickstead, Maria Roddy, Nicola Thornycroft).
2. Wibsey Middle, Bradford (West Yorkshire) (Julie Stocks, Caroline Stocks, Rachel Beaumont, Jane Haigh).

Girls' Under-13:
1. THE GROVE, MARKET DRAYTON (Shropshire) (Helen Frost, Beverley Hoyte, Susan Hoyte, Debra Bowlin).
2. Wibsey Middle, Bradford (West Yorkshire) (Julie Stocks, Caroline Stocks, Rachel Beaumont, Jane Haigh).

Boys' Under-11:
1. ALDRYNGTON COUNTY PRIMARY, READING (Berkshire) (Andrew Syed, Matthew Syed, Stephen Bourland, Ian Metcalfe, Ian Harris).
2. Camborne CE (Cornwall) (Leon Jones, Mark Dale, Ian Downing, Stephen le Hunte).

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SHOCKS ABOUND AT ESTON

by Alan E. Ransome

The Cleveland Debenhams Junior 'Select' played at Eston Leisure Centre turned out to be a shock-filled match with success for both juniors and senior players, and the final of the Select, also.

Wilson won out without being troubled scoring easy victories against Souter, who carried his partner, Mark Oakley of Middlesex, in the final.

Despite his poor final showing, Souter played some very aggressive table tennis beating Wilson earlier in the day in the team final, and two victories over the Debenhams English junior champion, senior international Graham Sandley. Sandley, also of Middlesex, in both the semi-finals of the singles and the team final.

Souter in fact dominated the team event, carrying his partner, Mark Oakley of Middlesex, in the final of the annual Debenhams Junior 'Select' at the Eston Leisure Centre on Sunday, May 16th, 1980 at 2.30 p.m.

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IRISH AFFAIRS

by WILLIE WALSH

IRISH CLOSED

Clean sweep for Slevin and Leonard

Colin Slevin and Anne Leonard retained their Irish Closed Singles Titles at St. Mary's College, Galway, last month and also added the 3 closed doubles to their long list of domestic titles.

In the Men's Singles, Slevin beat Keane in a fantastic hard-fighting and open final that belied the scores. Keane who had beaten Slevin in their last seven meetings, started as if this was another formality when winning the first game through sheer brilliance. He seemed to lose his concentration as the start of the second game as Slevin gradually gave up the ghost. The 3rd game was a classic with long rallies — Keane's loop versus Slevin's counter-hitting — but Slevin was the one to win the points. It was unfortunate for Keane to lose the one he really wanted to win, but nobody could deny the character of 15-year-old Slevin, who had beaten Martin Kinella in the semi.

In the other semi-final Keane had a facile victory over Tom Hooley.

The Women's final saw our two top ladies in action with 13-year-old Anne Leonard again proving her superiority over Karen Walker. Miss Leonard is now mastering an international level and with greater experience and full concentration will be a player to reckon with on the international scene next year. With two victories over Mrs. Walker in the past few months and her good European 2 record, she has it all before her.

Slevin and Keane teamed-up together to beat the Anglo Irish pair — Martin Kinella and Pat Glynn, in the Men's doubles final.

The Women's Singles finalists also doubled-up to beat Mary Sheehan and Dessie Kil Patrick in the Women's doubles final.

Slevin and Leonard clinched their 'hat-tricks' when beating Keane and Walker in the Mixed final.

A major surprise in the Women's Singles was the defeat of Reanne Mc Carthy by Anna Kelly who unfortunately could not maintain the form that Helen Walsh whom she lost to.

A revelation in the Men's Singles, was the display of Tomke Caffrey. Tomke who is in semi-retirement after being since 8 years and gaining 20 International caps gave Kinella the right to win the character of 15-year-old Slevin, who had beaten Martin Kinella in the semi.
M. Greene bt D. Flanagan 9, 15.
Keane/Slevin bt Caffrey/A. Cairns 16, 10, 12.
Kinsella/Glynn bt Weir/Heasley 19, -14, 19.

Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Leonard bt Walker 20, 16.
Sheehan/D. Kilpatrick bt P. Hunter/A. McLoughlin 16, 14.

Slevin/Keane bt Kinsella/Kilpatrick 6, -13, 22.

Final:
Leonard/Walker bt Sheehan/Kilpatrick 16, 14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
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Backspin strokes must have a very low trajectory while returns must be consistent. Low trajectory is offensive in nature where­as consistency in return is good defensive technique.

Stance and Movements: Footwork is vital to a chopping player if he wants to be always ready to return a shot from a com-
Letters to the Editor

PARTICULAR DILEMMA

I am grateful to Donald Parker for his review and particularly for his articles on Periodisation, i.e. bringing players to a seasonal peak for the big events. This has worked also in other sports. Munich's win in the European Cup (soccer) when only sixth in the Dutch league, Lasky Vienna's victory in the Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metres after almost total lack of success during the previous three years, and in our own sport Gaber's achievement of a spectacular part in the Hungarian success in the line events in the 1979 World Championships after a moderate season (by their standards). However, I feel that a Periodisation Programme is only possible for players whose selection is assured at the start of the season. Those who have to fight for their places have to be on peak form in those Tournaments that decide their team selection. It may well be that players who reach their peak early or mid-season are eventually dropped towards the end of the season when certain big events, i.e. World or European, or Junior Championships take place. I don't think that we have yet found the answer to that particular dilemma.

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The Welsh domestic season ended with the Welsh Closed Championships on Sunday, March 23 at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff, when Alan Griffiths retained his title with little more inconvenience than that resulting from a very over-heated hall.

Alan was scarcely extended at all, but should have had a bigger test in the quarters from which Graham Davies, who didn't like his No. 5 seeded position, withdrew, leaving Tony Holmes through to make token resistance, Alan then went on to win comfortably against George Evans' in the semi-final, and Nigel Thomas with equal ease in the final. George's quarter-final adversary was the diminutive but determined Andrew Evans. The latter also had had a good run with victories over Helen Sellick, Sue Powell and Linda Leggett to her credit.

In the cadet boys' event, Paul Griffiths took the title to North Wales, with an excellent win over No. 1 Seed David Griffiths 23-21 in the third in the semi-final and a very one-sided triumph over Kevin Davies in the final.

There were far more exciting matches in the bottom half. No. 1 Junior Mark Thomas confirmed his selection in the Welsh team for Berne, by beating No. 3 Seed David Weisman in three excellent games, and then went on to challenge Nigel Thomas in what was the best match of the tournament. Nigel had beaten Brian Everson, then Tony Healan, who had done well to eliminate Brian Jeanes, before his exciting encounter with Mark, which eventually went Nigel's way 23 in the third.

But Alan Griffiths was much too good for Nigel in the final. Top Seeds Griffiths and Davies took the men's doubles with a three game win — 19 in the third — against Weisman and George Evans, who had only survived 26-24 in the third against the youngasters Nigel and Mark Thomas. The ever present Andrew Evans and John Bloomer put up a splendid fight against Griffiths and Davies in the other semi-final.

Stephanie Jones took the women's singles, and her big top-spin game was too much for the holder, Margaret Philips. Stephanie was actually given more trouble by Debbie Coulthard, whilst Margaret had an excellent win over No. 2 seed Cathryn Jones. Debbie seemed to go off for ever, met her match in young Lynne Sellick, who only lost narrowly to Debbie Coulthard — a good performance.

Stephanie and Cathryn Jones beat Margaret Phillips and Sandra Pickering in the doubles. The latter must have been in more doubles finals, as winners or runners-up than any other pair in Wales.

Stephanie completed her day's triumphs by taking the mixed with George Evans, beating holders Weisman and Margaret Phillips. One felt that Mark Thomas, fresh from his excellent win over Weisman would have taken the boys' title without much trouble, but he met James in a determined and unusually responsible mood, and the latter won the final with a display of expertise and sound tactical approach. Both players had consistent semi-final wins. Brian over Mark Hyles and Mark over Andrew Jones.

The play-offs between divisional winners of the Welsh League in South and North Wales proved to be very one-sided in the men's and junior matches, but much more evenly balanced in the women's game.

Senior men Keith Flavinomns, John Hook and Alan Williams from Rhyl were no match for Eastern Valley's John Bloomer, Andrew Evans and Kevin Phillips, and John Hook beat Andrew Evans in the only Northern victory.

Similarly Swansens' Juniors were much too strong for Wrexham. Andrew Jones, Mark and his brother Kevin Davies faced A. Taylor, S. Roberts and A. Harden, and

Singles with good wins over Heidi Cotter and Brenda Arndt before winning in the title game of the final against Jayne Sellick. The latter also had had a good run with victories over Helen Sellick, Sue Powell and Linda Leggett to her credit.

In the cadet girls event, Paul Griffiths took the title to North Wales, with an excellent win over No. 1 Seed David Griffiths 23-21 in the third in the semi-final and a very one-sided triumph over Kevin Davies in the final.

Helen Sellick, having lost to Jayne Sully in the girls' event, reversed the result in the cadet girls, and went on to win at the expense of No. 2 seed Heidi Cotter.

Scores:-

N. Thomas bt M. Thomas -19, 8, 23.

MS Final: Griffiths bt Thomas 9, 14.


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Roberts gained Wrexham's only success with a win over Kevin.

Swansea women — Betty Gray, Cathryn Jones and Jayne Sully raced away to a four-nil lead over East Flint's Sandra Bennett, Nalda Holden and Nicola Cotter. But the North Wales side fought back, Sandra Bennett beating Betty Gray, Nicola beating Jayne Sully, and Nalda Holden also defeating Betty. Cathryn Jones then beat Nicola Cotter in the third game of the decisive match, for had she lost East Flint would surely have walked away with the spoils because Sandra Bennett beat Jayne Sully very easily in the ninth match.

At the conclusion of its domestic season, the Welsh Association have issued the following ranking lists:

**Men:**
1. Alan Griffiths (Pontypool)
2. Niel Thomas (St. Albans)
3. Dave Weisman (Feltham)
4. Mark Thomas (Rhyl)
5. George Evans (Barry)
6. Graham Davies (Bridgend)
7. Brian Jones (Risca)
8. Andrew Evans (Pontypool)
9. John Bloomer (Cwmbran)
10. Jeff Morgan (Trefordrwi).

**Junior Boys:**
4. Michele Quarrey (Barry)
5. Peter Capper (Llandrindod Wells)
6. Anthony Jones (Aberdare)
7. Mark Freeman (Cardiff)
8. Mark Davies (Llanelli)

**Junior Girls:**
1. Stephanie Jones (Cardiff)
2. Kathryn Jones (Penarth)
3. Debbie Coulthard (Barry)
4. Lisa Wheelesey (Penarth)
5. Sandra Bennett (East Flint)
6. Nalda Holden (East Flint)
7. Sandra Coulson (Cardiff)
8. Susan Jones (Penarth)
9. Brenda Annand (Cwmbran)
10. Lindsay Leggett (Milford Haven).

**Women:**
1. Susan Jones (Penarth)
2. Helen Sellick (Abercynon)
3. Linda Leggett (Milford)
4. Lyven Belluck (Abercynon)
5. Sue Powell (Rhyl)
6. Jayne Sully (Swansea)
7. Helen Belluck (Abercynon)
8. Nicola Cotter (East Flint)
9. Heldi Cotter (East Flint)
10. Carol Beal (East Flint) and Pamela Grant (Cardiff).

**Cadet Boys:**
1. Paul Griffiths (Buckley)
2. David Griffiths (Cardiff)
3. Barry Griffiths (Pontypool)
4. Peter Champion (Bridgend)
5. Peter Capper (Llandrindod Wells)
6. L. Samselid (Connah's Quay)
7. Mark Freeman (Cardiff)
8. Anthony Jones (Aberdare)

**Cadet Girls:**
1. Jayne Sully (Swansea)
2. Lyven Belluck (Abercynon)
3. Heldi Cotter (East Flint)
4. Michele Quarrey (Barry)
5. Chantall Nicholls (Cardiff)

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The 1979/80 NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX was again an outstanding success with only one qualifier, the NORWICH UNION MASTER, able to attend the Grand Prix at the Guild Hall, Preston, on 7th-9th May, not being decided until the end of the final Open Championships in the circuit.

Such was the severity of the competition for places in the Masters that the reigning European Champion from Hungary, Gabor Gergely, only clinched his place in this last event whilst the 1979 NORWICH UNION MASTER, Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia will only become eligible to compete in this year's event if one of the players above him in the Grand Prix points table should become European Champion this month — the European Champion has automatic access to the Masters — or is unable to take part in Preston.

From the list of the top 20 points scorers in the GRAND PRIX, any vacancies caused by players unable to take their places in the Masters will be filled strictly in order of merit in the Grand Prix points table.

Although the European Open Championships to be part of next season's Grand Prix will not be decided until this month, the organisers are pleased to announce that the Grand Prix will include an International Championship from outside Europe for the first time with the Norwich Union Canadian Open, to be held in Toronto 22nd-25th May, 1980, being the first event in next season's circuit. This accords with the agreement between the organisers and the International Table Tennis Federation for the Norwich Union Grand Prix to gradually enlarge by including Open Championships in other Continents.

**The Top 50 Players in the 1979/80 Norwich Union Grand Prix**

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**Norwich Union Masters**

The Norwich Union Masters will be held at the Guild Hall, Preston, on 7th, 8th and 9th May, 1980. Nearly £4,600 prize money will be at stake when the top fourteen players in the 1979-80 Norwich Union Grand Prix together with the reigning World Champion and the newly crowned European Champion will be invited to compete for the title of Norwich Union Master 1980. The winner will receive £1,500 and a magnificent silver trophy.

Preston is easily accessible by road, lying just off the M6 at Junction 31. Ample car parking space is located next to the Guild Hall, Preston lies on a main railway line and is therefore well served by trains from different areas. The Guild Hall is in the city centre next to the bus station.

The Grand Hall within the Guild Hall has permanent tiered seating for some 1,800 spectators surrounding the playing area.

**ALL SEATS WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY NUMBERED**

Tickets are obtainable only from: Guild Hall Booking Office, Lancaster Road, Preston. PR1 1HT.

**Playing Format**

The 16 players will be divided into two groups of eight with all playing all in each
THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED ON ONE BUTTERFLY EUROPA TABLE USING YSP 4-STAR SELECT BALLS. ALL COMPETITORS WILL PLAY ONE MATCH IN EACH SESSION. PLAY-OFFS WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF EACH SESSION.

PLAYING SESSIONS
Wednesday 7th May — Morning 09.00 4 matches from each group Afternoon 14.00 4 matches from each group Thursday 8th May — Evening 19.00 4 matches from each group Friday 9th May — Morning 09.30 4 matches from each group Afternoon 14.00 Play-off for places 9-16 4 quarter-finals Evening 19.30 2 semi-finals Play-offs for places 3-8

TICKET PRICES
Three-day tickets £10.00, £11.50, £13.00. Whole day 9th £4.25, £5.00, £5.75. Afternoon 7th £2.00, £2.25, £2.50. Thursday, 8th May — Evening 19.00 4 matches from each group. The players occupying the top four places 3-8. FINAL. 4 quarter-finals places 3-8. FINAL.

AMAZING OMISSION
When the England team for the European Cup was finally announced I would think that the majority of people involved with table tennis in England were amazed at the omission of Bob Johnson. Just what has to be done to get selected?

I have no doubt that someone in a similar position will come up with a good excuse for his omission, but facts do speak for themselves in the most important place — on the table — and in case the selection committee forgot to look at results when the team was picked, I quote the following — with five 3 star tournaments having taken place, he has reached three finals, and in the National League is currently equal top of the averages in 14 of 16 games (in the top half). In the County Championships he has a 100% record, having played all five matches. He was selected for the Irish Open but owing to injury unfortunately had to withdraw, or was the selection only made possible because no one else would travel?

It has been said that many other facts are taken into consideration by the Selection Committee. If this is so, why do we bother to have tournaments? Perhaps it would help if the Selectors actually attended the tournaments and watched some of the table tennis. Perhaps we could ask which of the selectors attended what tournament this season or last. If, as I expect the reply to be, we are only volunteer workers, to that I say — give it to the people who do have time for this major task. I stand to be corrected, but in any sport, surely a person with ability to reach the top is given every opportunity to do so. First by his Club, then County and then it is hoped by England. In this sport of ours, however, it seems that some people in control have other ideas.

Another controversial point is the County Championships. It is well known which for many years have been taken into consideration for selection to the National Team. Does the existence of the National League prejudice this?

It is worrying that the County Championship weekends have been a flop, with no spectators attending. I think it is time to act now, before it is too late, and to return the County Championships to their rightful place — at the top.

Perhaps some thought might be given to staging the County Championship on two days prior to the English Closed. This would enable spectators to support their County and the players would feel a return of the fierce competition that somehow seemed to be lacking this year.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all the players selected for the English team the very best of luck and hope all have a very successful tournament.

IDIOCTIC CLASH
May I raise two points regarding veteran events?

1. How on earth did it come about that the Veterans Event at the Debenham 2-Star South of England Tournament was scheduled for the Saturday, 12th April, the same date at the Veteran County Championship play-off which had been in the 1971 T.A. Calendar since July and in which at least 12 from among the better veterans in the country would be taking part? In the majority of, if not all, other week-end tournaments, veteran events are held on the Sunday, surely it would have been possible to arrange this one also on Sunday — in the morning. There must be a sound reason for such a seemingly idiotic clash. Quite possibly I am being very "dil" for the County Championship play-off which couldn't possibly agree with all theorganisers.

2. Now to Women Veterans and the "English". Certainly entries in very recent years have not been sufficient to run this event, but does this preclude it from appearing on the Entry Form at all? Surely it could be made subject to a minimum entry. In a year when Veterans were moved from the "Open to the Closed", which meant a different date and different venue, it would have been a good opportunity to "try again". Please let us see it on the Entry Form. The over-35 Women's Singles, also Women's Veteran Doubles, we should, surely, be able to manage one Veteran Women's Singles. I see from the last issue of T.T. News that my "old" (in the affectation sense, although our acronymship is getting rather old years!) friend Harold Pearce wants the counterpart, Men's event transferred back to the English "Open" and am pleased to read that this holds such interest for spectators.

ITTER FARCE
Following my participation in the Yorkshire 2-Star tournament, I feel I must point out the failings of what turned out to be a complete and utter farce.

By lunbyte many competitors were still waiting to play matches scheduled for the morning session. This situation had been arrived at by the lack of umpires, with the tournament referee airing his views on the subject over the PA system, much to the annoyance of competitors engaged in playing matches. While I can understand his grievances, surely it was obvious that the organization committee supplied only four umpires, with the people in charge of the Yorkshire County, the people in charge of the Yorkshire County being constantly asked to volunteer to umpire when the rule regulations stated that "no player would be obliged to umpire". Surely the organizers should have arranged for a suitable number of umpires, or stated that the player would be required to umpire.

Having attended the Northern and Scottish tournaments this season, I feel that the people in charge of both tournaments should engage in playing matches. While knocking up was not allowed, it seemed to be no regulation at all regarding the correct dress with many competitors being allowed to play in various clean clothes. The over-45 and over-55 tournaments have a lot to learn particularly from ours, however, it seems that some people in charge have other ideas.

For the record, having played all five matches in the morning, there must be a sound reason for such a seemingly idiotic clash. Quite possibly I am being very "dil" for the County Championship play-off which couldn't possibly agree with all the organizers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
(as from 11/4/80)

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Robert Tuckett of Australia pictured during the Men's Final of the National Girobank Scottish Open Table Tennis Championship held at Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh, on March 22 and 23. Seeded No.1 in the Championship, Tuckett beat E. Eckersley of Ireland for the title, their scores being 12, 13, 10 and 8, 13, 11.

Results:

Men's Singles: Round 1:
- R. Tuckett (Aust) bt S. Heasley (Ire) 15, 12, 14;
- J. Souter (Eng) bt R. Troilo (Ita) 18, 16, 17, 19, 20;
- M. E. Dalrymple (Sco) bt E. Mariani (Ita) 16, 18, 6, 10;
- N. Eckersley (Ch) bt K. Javor (Aut) 22, 17, 14;
- N. Jarvis (Ch) bt D. Constance (Ch) 16, 7, 15;
- A. Majid (Sco) bt N. Ward ( Aust) 18, 15, -15, 20;
- M. Constantini (Ita) bt C. Slevin (Ire) 17, 16, -15, 17;
- M. Criminis (Eng) bt J. Eng ( Can) 18, 15, 13.

Quarter-finals:
- Tuckett bt Constantini 15, 10, 24;
- Women's Singles: Round 1:
- J. Eng (Can) bt M. Ludi (Eng) 7, 18, 17;
- C. Slevin (Ire) bt A. Majid (Sco) 18, 15, 14;
- N. Eckersley (Ch) bt M. Constantini (Ita) 15, 15, 14;
- Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
- Constantini bt Jarvis 15, 15, 14;
- Yorkshires' Melody Ludi, winner of the women's singles, the Bradford lass also reached two other finals, winning the mixed doubles with Crimmins but, losing, with Angela Mitchell, the women's doubles to Anne Leonard and Karen Walker (nee Slevin) of Ireland.

Tuckett also made another appearance in the finals winning the men's doubles with his compatriot Robert Jave and Constantini and his compatriot Enzo Mariani. Joe Ece of Canada was the winner of the boys' singles beating Slevin in the final after ousting Souter in the quarters. Scotland came into their own in the girls' singles. Carlo Dalrymple of Scotland won the girls' singles title beating Italian's Emilia Masia in a one-sided final. And to put the icing on the English cake, reaching two other finals, winning the mixed doubles with Crimmins but, losing, with Angela Mitchell, the women's doubles to Anne Leonard and Karen Walker (nee Slevin) of Ireland.

Sad for England's Angela Mitchell it was not one of those tournaments to be remembered but all credit to Ireland's Anne Leonard who beat the Middlesex girl in the finals winning the women's singles and she could also sympathise with her county teammate Souter who, like Angela, got so far but no further.

All-in-all a well run tournament in ideal surroundings with the usual Scottish hospitality headed by Chairman Harry Baxter, Secretary Stan Buchanan and Treasurer Ian Dunbar.

NATIONAL GIROBANK
SCOTTISH OPEN
UNIQUE MEETING IN EDINBURGH
by George R. Yates
A men's singles final between an Australian and an Italian in Edinburgh must qualify as a somewhat unique occurrence in the annals of the Scottish TTA but such a meeting in the National Girobank Scottish Open played at Meadowbank Sports Centre over the weekend of Mar 22/23.

Robert Tuckett was the Aussie to triumph in the final his victim being Massimo Constantini who had the satisfaction of beating both England's Max Crimmins and Nicky Jarvis as well as Ireland's Colm Slevin.

Tuckett also claimed two English scalps, those of John Souter, who replaced David Harr in the original selection, and Nigel Eckersley of Cheshire as well as Tommy Heasley of Ireland.

England's Melody Ludi was the winner of the women's singles, the Bradford lass also reaching two other finals, winning the mixed doubles with Crimmins but, losing, with Angela Mitchell, the women's doubles to Anne Leonard and Karen Walker (nee Slevin) of Ireland.

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Supplement

CAMBRIDGE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

JUNIORS ON TOP:

Cambus Juniors are Champions of Div. 2 Midland of the County Championships having followed their 10-0 win over Glamorgan at Cambridge on Mar. 3. With maximum points from six matches, they are three points clear of their nearest rivals, with only one match to play. The result was never in doubt after the boys won the opening three singles. Andy Withers being particularly devastating with wins over Jones and Davies respectively with only Davies being able to get into double figures and that in one game only! Robert Swig and Gary Jordan were also in good form and although Jordan was taken to three by Coughin he won the last 21-4. Mandy Judy and Tracy Fisher were in good form and coasted into the third games.

All but Tracy Fisher of the Junior team played for the Senior second team immediately after the Junior match and beat expressing 9-4 in Div. III East. This win gives them maximum points from four matches and they lead their group just one point from their final match against Norfolk at Soham to seal the Championship. The result was not at all close as the score suggests as Cambridge had the points in the bag after only seven sets. They then lost the last three at 19-19, 19-21, 15-21. Withers and Valerie Parkes maintained their unbeaten record in this division but Swift lost for the first time when he was beaten by Alan Lamprell, 19-17 in the third.

Although without Geoff Davies, away on a banking course, the Senior first team completed a hat-trick of wins and kept their own unbeaten record with a 7-3 win over Hertfordshire b also led by Alan Lamprell. Lamprell had won both his singles and also combined to win the Men's Doubles. Joanne Palmer was also unbeaten, beating Barbara Vanward and Mike Johns in straight games. The vital doubles came next and Day, producing a dextrous game much to the consternation of a very good trooper. Our sympathy in the 1st Division.

The Funeral Service was held at St. John's Church, Cambridge where many friends and snorts associations were present and who have left the 1st Division and I can go back to the inception of the League in 1936. Back in the old days at Alexander Street which was then the mecca of table tennis, Y.M.C.A. always had dominance in the 1st Division with many fine players in their ranks starting with names such as W. J. R. (Bill) Humphreys (one time secretary of the league), R. F. H. (Reg) Edwards (who once took International Alec Brook to five in the 'English Open' at the Albert Hall in 1944 war days) and who could play an ambidextrous game much to the consternation of the opposing player as I well know! And then there was Ian Barrer who could keep up a constant stream of attacking shots that stood him in good stead. We must not forget too that the great Sir Charles (C.P.) Judd used to play at the Y.M.C.A. as I seem had the good fortune to play him in a local tournament there together with his brother Phillip. These are indeed memories that made the Y.M.C.A. famous for its table tennis and no doubt the team will return to the 1st Division if I am any judge!

The Cambs League programme is now drawing to a close and at the moment many interesting positions are rising and in the various divisions, improvement may have a bad season look likely to join Y.M.C.A. to the second division as may Press and East Anglia. In Div. II a two team are almost certain to be promoted to the 1st Division as they have no opposition in Div. III and are three teams who are vying for top position. Eastern One, General Audens and Shire Hall all who have passed the 100 mark in points. In Div. IV the semi-finalists are the top two teams, drew with each other for the second time and although the University seem likely to get through it is still a match for the two young Wesley players Martin Leong and Peter Melton playing so well.

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In the third, but apart from raising some hopes titles last year, collected only three this men's event. He reversed last year's result went out in an early round to the Wolverhampton partner, Paul Biddulph and Bill Bridgeman. Viviel Bellingham also upset the ranking with a win over Fiona Elliot in the Under-15's Girls' event.

The semi-finals in the Boys' Singles were

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

JILL HARRIS bt Shirley Cain 8, 13.

JILL HARRIS bt Janet Carr 14, -14, 12.

P. DAWES bt W. Bridgeman 12, 14.

Boys' Singles:


Girls' Singles:

Jill Harris 3, Fiona Elliot 6, Shirley Cain 10, Andrew Dixon 2, Paul Dictionary 5, Bill Bridgeman 9, Paul Dilger 12 and Craig Bakewell 20.

Junior Doubles:

R. WAIN bt R. Booth 19, 15.

BELLINGHAM/HARRIS bt Rich/Cain 19, 15.

Wolverhampton 'A'

Wolverhampton 'B'

Wolverhampton 'C'

Wolverhampton 'E'

Cannock 'C'

Bridgnorth 'A'

Squadron 'A'

Div. 1: S. HAZEL/R. MUSSETT bt Defty / Ashmore. 7, 5, 8, 10, 7.

Div. 2: S. HAZEL/R. MUSSETT bt Defty / Ashmore. 7, 5, 8, 10, 7.

Junior Doubles:

W. BRIDGMAN/P. BARNETT bt Dawes/P. Biddulph 12, 14.

The County 'A' team finished their County Championships programme in the style with a win over Worcester to maintain a 100% record for the season. The team of Bellingham, Rich, Janet Carr and Jill Harris deservedly go through to the play-off. Their performance completes a very successful season for the Club teams with the junior 'A' side gaining third place in the Premier League, and 'B' side taking second place in the North Midlands 3rd Division. The juniors have provided much experience to a wider number of juniors. In their last match of the season, with Alan Trushaw coming in as a late replacement for David Galloway Nortwichshire's Chris Hunt and Amanda Hegarty were again their first doubles partners. The team of Bellingham/Harris, Raynham/Richards and Lambert/Devon each buried some ;hopes in the final, with Pat beat Karen Woss to win the Winners' Singles in Rome. Greg Hallam successfully defended his won the men's singles title with a win over Brian Lockett in the final. Bill Bridgeman claimed the Stafford tournament, capturing four titles, the men's, under-21's, men's doubles with Dilger and the mixed with Marie Maud. In a close women's final, Rachel Roberts beat Lynne Burgess.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

While the Albrighton Table Tennis Club opened 25 years ago on Monday, 26th February 1955: a weekly social table tennis evening for adults has been held each Monday ever since. The Club has flourished from its small beginnings in premises hired once a week. It now owns the premises, which are well equipped and useable for the whole year. It is a desirable venue for Town and County matches. The Shropshire T.T.A. is not functioning at that time and the local league in Shropshire was not then affiliated to the E.T.T.A. nor to the B.T.T.A. Therefore it was none of the league in Shropshire but it was a member of the Shropshire T.T.A. that was in continuous existence ever since. It now runs five teams in the Wolverhampton League and seven in the County in the E.T.T.A. - affiliated Telford League in Shropshire.
Junior level. Coaching sessions are held on the Tennis League. If }

play at other times. The Club also provides to its policy of giving priority to maintain

efficiently. Much is owed to Alan and Esme throughout the 25 years.

- who had disposed of the NO.2 seed Tony 'youngest ever' winner as two 13-year-olds 'Closed' on Mar. 9, it was sure to be a Boys' Singles at the Shropshire Junior Cadet ranking by beating Martin Tuff (T). Ivan in the Cadet final and played much justified his No. 1 seeding and National finish meaning that the finals were played all singles events went according to seeding.

in front of an 'audience' as opposed to the 'Parkhurst' for Girls' Doubles - purchased than normal, was as usual very well run by usual parents and officials. Trophies Secretary (who resigned last season).

Boys' Singles:
I. SMITH (T) bt M. Tutt (T) 21, 14.
Consolation Boys' Singles:
DEAN POUNTNEY/PETER HYE (S) bt Richard Robertson Bayliss (MD) 11, -14, 19.
Girls' Singles:
BARKER/COTTER/ROSE (MD) bt Janet Cheetham, Powell 15, 23.
Consolation Girls' Singles:
JANE CHEETHAM (S) bt Tracey Powell (T) 11, -14, 19.

RESULTS:
S-Shrewsbury, T-Telford, MD-Market Drayton.

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in four of Coventry's winning sets. The Men's 1st went down 2-3 to a club who could well top the division.

In the Leicester League, Paul Randall comfortably tops the 1st Division averages with his team looking uncertain to win the division. King Park Park have taken the 2nd Division title with their mixture of experienced and new players having some good performances from Bob Byrnt and Alan Wilson 10 to 7 for their position at the top of Div. 3 whilst Peter Moss has gone to give the University in the top of Div. 4. Wyton T.T.C. have the experienced Roy Walker in their team and lead Div. 4 but Peter Gersdes and Peter Ball are leading the Thurnby/Northwood challenge and the division is not yet settled. L.C.U.A. Simon Thomas has mixed his team top Div. 6 but this promising youngster could reach a much higher standard yet. Peter Rawson - who recently provided 'Top Spin' with a most interesting article - also provides Div. 7 with the league leaders, Leicester Oaks and whilst Frank is second in the average he is some way behind the leader Bob Davies.

Brian Austin continues to play well and his team, Knight Park VIII, were just beaten by Div. 8. What an amazing team Bank Taylor Hobson are! They have won only nine of their 17 matches yet look likely champions. With Robin Night leading the averages, they have 17 wins from 17 matches and are one win away from taking the title. The Men's 1st went down 2-8 to a club who could well top the division.

SUCCESS OR FAILURE?

Just thirteen people, including the two players, were present at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 9, to see Keith Nicoll take the Wessex Schools title at Weavers Sports Centre, and so complete a clean sweep of all six events at the Wellington and District Closed Championships. 2:1, 2:0, 2:0, (2), 2:0.

Mandy Wallis retained the Women's Singles in confident style, but on this occasion her opponent was Glennis Hooper, who for once had produced peak form just as the final was due to start.

The County Firsts went down 4-6 to a club who could well top the division.

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The Wellingborough event is a welcome tonic for National League aspirants, with twelve full teams taking part. The two top flights were won by the Wellingborough and Wellingborough/Borough teams respectively. The Wellingborough team had some impressive performances from the No.1 seed Graeme McKim to land the Boy's Under-16 group, while the two other fine Botany boys tops Janes (Kinworth, Corby) beat county colleague Jane Wallis (Brenchell, Wellesborough) and in an all-white Mens Boys' Under-11 event, Andrew Fanshawe just got home against Jon Bird. RESULT: 3-2.

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The TSB Juniors travelled to Norfolk, requiring only a draw to clinch promotion. Keith Nicoll scored over Martin Seymour, and the game became a battle for top spot from the Norfolk side. Although Janet Nicoll and Jane Walsh took the gold double for the Junior Division shoot, they lost a singles to Golden. Jenny Nicoll defeated her Northern foe Nicholas 10-8, it was Norfolk and Northern winners, as champions of East Midlands Junior Division Three, will gain promotion at the end of the season. The sorry tale continued in the final championship match, of which the top team failed to field a full side, according to Jane Nicoll, who had to withdraw before the team's departure to Cromer. None of the remaining registered players was available, and so two rubbers were forfeited. Anne and Mandy Wallis gave Anne and Mandy Wallis gave two sets between them and Dave Marsh and Jane Wallis took the girls' doubles and could not improve as she has this season I am sure she will soon be making a final appearance and it couldn't happen to a nicer girl — even if she is always moaning at me about her ranking!! In the final Stephane showed why she is county No 1 with a 17-5 victory over Iry.

With the unranked Haines and Watson in the Men's Singles unseeded, surprises were expected to happen. The biggest surprise was to Watson however, when he fell in the first round to the unknown Miles 10-11, 11-16. No. 2 seed Stuart Lines also fell in the first round to the unknown Miles 11-10, 11-16, but with luck on his side Miles won 11-6, 11-9. No. 1 seed Chris Leslie went in the second round to Parkinson 14-12, 11-13. This left Haines to play Barton. In the third round to Brindle 16-14, 11-7. That was the end for Haines. In the final he lost to Parkinson 16-14, 11-7. Haines had all the way before going down in the third. Haines ran out an easy winner in the final beating Parkinson 10-13, 12-10 to win the title for the first time. The full list of final results can be found elsewhere in this issue.

March sees most of the local leagues holding their County Championships which were held at Blaydon Youth Club on Feb. 23.

The Junior Ladies in the first round of the Men's Singles.

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Dave Godbold came through after losing the first game to beat top seed John Burke, while in the counterpart girls' event, John's younger sister, Christine, had an exciting victory over No. 1 seed Carol Buglass. Both pairs teamed up to win the doubles event.

Neil McMaster, although a game and 18-15 down to Gordon Watson at one stage, came back to win the last two games long, while Clare Monson was never really extended in the 'Cadet girls' event, which she won comfortably. The under-11 open singles was the pick of the action, with a memorable performance by Martin Young, who beat Pauline Jackson and Shirley Laver just failed to overcome a 6-1 defeat in the third game against Ian Reed. However, Clare Monson in the women's doubles teamed up with Pauline Jackson and Shirley Laver just failed to overcome a 6-1 defeat, in the third game against Louise Brown and Janet Selby, losing 19-12, 21. This was followed by an equally exciting men's doubles win with Shepherd and Dave Armstrong, with Mark Reed and Dave Gray, but that was the last time Northumberland were able to hold the lead. Although Pauline won the top women's singles to narrow the gap, but then lost to the top seed in the second set, eventually losing both points when Shepherd lost his serve in the last set.

The following week saw the second team in action again for their last match of the season against Cleveland II at Newby Community Centre, but they ended season on a low note when losing by 3-2. The only winners were Martin Young, who beat former English ranker Junior David Hughes and Michael Laid. However, it must be added that both the doubles involving Young, Watson and Carol Buglass; Christine Burke went to decide the third game, which was an excellent performance against more experienced opponents. Earlier in the day, however, the junior team really turned it on against Cumbria II juniors at West Avenue Methodist Church, Gosforth, and won 9-3, concealing only three games in the process. It is many years since any Northumberland County side won a match without losing a set, and special congratulations are due to the team of John Burke, Neil McMaster, Malcolm Atkinson, Carol Buglass and Christine Burke for this performance.

The only County fixtures now remaining are the first and junior team matches against Durham and York Community Centre on Mar. 22, and these should provide a keen and interesting finish to the County season.

The Newcastle Royal Grammar School Under-13 'B' team of Martin Smith, Andrew Drapik, W. Stuiver and John Miller beating teams from Cumbria II, Northumberland (1-1) and South Shields, Saltcoats, on Mar. 1-8, 20. And lastly, the Royal Grammar School Championship final at Leas Green on Mar. 15, where there were to meet teams from The Grove, Marks Drayton (Shropshire) and Steep Green (Inner London). Meanwhile, the Newcastle School's League epic epic game was won by Paul Carl, Clark, who has just completed the season and the final team. The Royal Grammar School School has achieved a notable hat trick by taking the senior, intermediate and junior titles — plus a second placing for their 'B' team in the junior division.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE NOTES

by David Deller

HAT-TRICK FOR GRAY

The three local teams held their annual tournaments during mid-March, all having good-sized entries.

Peterborough

Hold on Mar. 9. Alan Gray completed a hat-trick of singles championship wins. He won the men's title by beating Peter Berron in the final 18, 15. Also completed a successful day by beating Gil Baker and Shelly Holland in the mixed whilst partnered by Pip Baker.

Shelly Holland beat Evelyn Allison in the Women's Singles whilst Pip former partnered Pip Baker for a double triumph.

Father and son, Colin and Graham Dale took the Men's Doubles title beating Baker and Gray having to settle for a runners-up medal on this occasion, 10-years-old Graham won the Boys Singles event beating the 'Junior Boys' title Louise Brogden who finished runner-up in this event for the past three seasons, Caroline Camper won the Girls' event beating Karen Optron in the final.

Colin rounded off a good day for the Dale family when he lifted the Vermont's trophy.

Hunts Central

14-years-old Phillip Cole won the men's title beating St. Ives club mate Alan Smith in the final. Earlier the St. Kotes' based player had a fine win over Sid Burgess at the semi-final stage, Smith easily overcoming Ken Green (M.C.L.) at this stage.

Melanie Ringrose (St. Ives) won the Women's Singles and Girls' titles where her final opponent on both occasions was Sandra Randall.

Les Wooding and Sid Burgess took the Men's Doubles title, ousting junior Richard Wells and Cole in the final, the latter players meeting in the Junior final which saw Cole go on to comfortably beat Melanie Ringrose and Sandra Randall to up the title, whilst the latter partnered Alan Smith for a mixed success. Ron Parmenter won the Vermont's title beating Joe Thorogood in the final.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

GREAT DEDICATION

Our heartfelt congratulations go to all at the Richmond Grammar School and the English team for the European Championships. We wish him the best of luck and every success.

Having achieved only mediocre club standard this year, I wonder sometimes how the young players stand up to the constant pressures upon their time and energies, having been selected for the team, every success.

The men's Knock-Out Cup Competition has included three teams of four matches played by three teams from Byford Table Tennis Club and two from Gladsax. Terrace. New Collingwood 'A', however, have entered the tournament, which has been reviewed for the past three seasons, towards the Keeps' team for a second placing for their 'B' team in the junior division.

The Provincial Championship round robin, which was due to take place on one day (March 20) at Blaydon Youth Club.

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We welcome him to the Committee and hope operation I am receiving from the Centre staff, I hope all will be well. I hope to have WARWICKSHIRE NOTES we have not used before, but with the co­ held at the Rover Co. Solihull on Sunday, Feb, 24, 1980, was a most enjoyable and ­event which as usual producedsuccessfu l its surprises. Many of the Juniors competing must have given the County Selectors hope of winning their girls' doubles.

The Men's Final will be between two players has now gained an English Junior ranking of the Four Oaks B.C. (B'ham) who have Results of the Championship so far known mention should also be made of the efforts both from Birmingham. I hear that Sandra Longacre 'B' (B'ham) and G.E.C. 'A' (Cov).


Merseyside 2-Star Open

Mar. 29. his final victim being the top seeded Helen Frost against Miss Mike Myers in the after suffering a -18 -6 defeat in the second round of the women’s singles by the same player!

Alien winner of the men’s singles Derek Schofield was more than a match for Peter D’Arcy in the final of the veterans’ singles

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Final:
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Sussex Notes

by John Woodford

Roger at Crossroads

By winning the Seaman cup for the Top eight Sussex men at Haywards Heath on Mar 9 and gaining revenge over the New Sussex singles champion Graham Gillett in the final. Roger Chandler may not, after all.

By a narrow escape against the fierce top-spinner Robin Stace, one again crashed from a winning position. But in the final, Gillett raised his game as he knew that only top gear and over-drive would be sufficient to stand a chance against Chandler. The result was in doubt over the first two games, with Chandler winning 21-19.

Malcolm Francis, the Uckfield semi-professional is on the move again. Having played the singles at the Hollington tournament, he is now expected to find his partner with Seagulls, the John Clarke inspired national league, Division 3 side, where they have done well to be chasing third spot in the table.

When Seagulls travelled to Ormsby they were a man short — Francis was busy winning the men’s singles at the Hollington tournament (his first) and captured the Bournemouth and Coventry open titles, he is now expected to find his partner with Seagulls, the John Clarke inspired national league, Division 3 side, where they have done well to be chasing third spot in the table.

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Fenland 2-star Open

Paul Day (Ca) was the winner of the men’s singles title in the Fenland 2-star Open, played at Wisbech on Mar 9. His final victim being his country colleague Keith Richardson. Scores in Day’s favour were 14, 19, 9.

Together the Cambs pair took the men’s doubles beating Peter McQueen and Geoff Davies whilst Day quite deserved to win the tournament. Seagulls thought they were doomed starting two sets down and then finding Keith Richardson, a senior player of some strength from the Ormsby first team.

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Nth. Bournemouth 1-Star

REPEAT WIN FOR SERINA

by C. B. Cashell

A large entry was received for this season’s North Bournemouth 1-Star Open. The third with 95 entries for the men’s singles, 46 for the men’s doubles and 40 for the boys’ singles.

Malcolm France of Uckfield, Sussex took the men’s singles title beating young Andy Pollock of Bridport in an excellent final. Serina Sanni of Porumhus repeated her 1980 win in the women’s singles defeating Ivy Kershaw of Bournemouth after a four set struggle.

Steve Detmar, of Essex cadet fame, won the boys’ singles from the No. 1 seeded finalist in a four set struggle. Graham

Slick of Gloucester and Leanne Harman gained a local success in the girls’ singles beating Nina Taskaristan of Cheltenham in the final.

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12th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHN HILTON, England’s European Men’s Singles Champion.

Photo by Werner Schnyder, Basel.

up in the mixed doubles when, in the final
Desmond Douglas and Mrs. Jarvis were
beaten over five games by Milian Orlofski and
Hanna Uhlikova of Czechoslovakia.

In six devastating rounds prior to the 32-
year-old Mancunian, deploying his black
defensive race and a fast with devastating
effect, had left to his wake such notables as
Bruno Parrett of France, Bruno Grassi of
(Denmark), Wilfried Lieck (Fed. Germany),
Tibor Kreisz (Hungary), Gabor Gergely
(Hungary). - the defending champion —
and French ace Jacques Secretin.

Nor were Hilton’s successes confined to
the men’s singles for in the team champion-
ships, he saw off Sweden’s former world
champion, Stefan Bengtsson, and his com-
patriot, Ulf Thorsell, while against Hungary,
the world men’s team champions, he beat
both Gergely and Tibor Klampar and also
added the scalps of Milan Orlowski and
Ilona Uhlikova of Czechoslovakia.

FINAL SCORES

Men’s Team:
SWEDEN bt Federal Germany 3-4
Women’s Team:
U.S.S.R. bt Hungary 3-1
Men’s Singles:
J HILTON (ENG) bt J. Dvoracek (CZE)
V. POPOVA (URS) bt J. Dvoracek (CZE)
Women’s Singles:
V. POPOVA (URS) bt M. Perkovic (YUG)
Women’s Doubles:
P. BIROCHEAU/J. SECRETIN (FRA) bt A.
N. ANTONIAN/M. POPEROVA (USS)
Stipancic/D. Surbek (YUG) 15, -20, 13,19.
M. ORLOWSKI/I. UHLIKOVA (CZE) bt D.
Stipancic/D. Surbek (YUG) 15, -20, 7, 21, 8.
Women’s Doubles:
N. ANTONIAN/M. POPEROVA (USS) bt M.
Achilez/L. Milinu (RUM) 13, -22, 19, 16.
M. ORLOWSKI/I. UHLIKOVA (CZE) bt D.
Douglas-M. Jarvis (ENG).
Full report, picture and results will
appear in the May/June issue.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John Hilton on win-
ing the Men’s title in the European Cham-
ionships. An outstanding achievement by
any means. It must compare with winning a
Cup Final at 10,000-1.

For and on behalf of the Executive
Committee of this League.
Chris Sweetman.

Willow & District
Table Tennis League

DAILY EXPRESS-GLOBAL
NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Season 1980-81

Barry Metcal of Global T.T. Promotions is
pleased to announce that the Daily Express
and Global T.T. Promotions have agreed to
hold National Table Tennis Championships
for the 1980/81 season. The tournament will
commence in October, 1980 and will be played
through until the finals in May, 1981.

The intention of this tournament is to
find the international player of the future,
and the emphasis will be to encourage the
youngster and the player who has not had
the opportunity of entering a tournament
due to standard or travelling.

The tournament will be restricted and will
exclude any player who has represented his
country, or has been on the national ranking
list, since the 1st January, 1977.

Entries will be eligible from any player
residing in England, Scotland and Wales,
and there will be a total of £4,850 prize
money payable.

The tournament will run on a home
and away basis, where both players will
receive advice cards to this effect. Entry
forms will be printed by the Daily Express
in their paper as from May, 1980, with a
closing date for entries in August, 1980.

Entries will include boys’ and girls’
singles, boys’ and girls’ youth singles men’s
and ladies’ singles and a mixed veterans’
singles. All matches will be played best
of five games.

It is anticipated that this tournament will
attract the largest entry for any table
tennis event ever held, as this will give the
opportunity to players who in the past have
not been able to quality for standard open
tournaments.

It is the intention of the Daily Express
and Global T.T. to run this event annually
and full press coverage regarding results
will be printed by the Daily Express during
the duration of the championships.

The event will include Men’s and Women’s
Singles. Boys’ and Girls’ Singles, aged under
17 on 30th June, 1980, Boys’ and Girls’
Youth Singles, aged under 21 on the 30th June,
1980, and Mixed Veterans’ Singles for any
player over the age of 35 on 30th June, 1980.

A total of £4,854 prize money will be paid
and this will be distributed right down to
the losing Area Semi-Finalists. The competi-
tors a good change of winning large
prize money within the level they choose to
enter.

The Tournament has been approved and
sanctioned by the E.T.T.A.

Entry fees for the event will be £2 for the
Men’s and Women’s Singles, £1.50 for the
Boys’ and Girls’ Youth Singles and £1 for the
Boys’ and Girls’ Junior Singles.

The event will receive maximum pUblicity
through the Daily Express and Local Interest
results will be printed regularly. The Tournament will be played through
the duration of the 1980/81 season and it is anticipated

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that the event will be run annually for all future seasons.

The country will be split into districts, zones and areas and each player will be advised of his opponent within the area in which he resides.

PRIZE MONEY

1. Men's Singles
   Winner £300
   Runner-up £150
   Losing S/F £70
   Area Winner £40
   Area Runner-up £20
   Area losing S/F £5
   TOTAL £1200

2. Women's Singles
   Winner £300
   Runner-up £150
   Losing S/F £70
   Area Winner £40
   Area Runner-up £20
   Area losing S/F £5
   TOTAL £1200

3. Youths' Singles (Boys)
   Winner £150
   Runner-up £70
   Losing S/F £30
   Area Winner £10
   Area Runner-up £5
   Area losing S/F £2.5
   TOTAL £375

4. Youths' Singles (Girls)
   Winner £150
   Runner-up £70
   Losing S/F £30
   Area Winner £10
   Area Runner-up £5
   Area losing S/F £2.5
   TOTAL £375

5. Veteran Singles
   Winner £150
   Runner-up £70
   Losing S/F £30
   Area Winner £10
   Area Runner-up £5
   Area losing S/F £2.5
   TOTAL £375

6. Junior Boys' Singles
   Winner £100
   Runner-up £60
   Losing S/F £30
   Area Winner £10
   Area Runner-up £5
   Area losing S/F £2.5
   TOTAL £255

7. Junior Girls' Singles
   same as Boys
   Winner £100
   Runner-up £60
   Losing S/F £30
   Area Winner £10
   Area Runner-up £5
   Area losing S/F £2.5
   TOTAL £255

GRAND TOTAL
   £4654

YORKSHIRE 2-STAR OPEN
by REA BALMFORD

There were 'home grown' winners of both major singles events at the Yorkshire Open, held at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre in Bradford, and both Intermediate singles titles were also collected by Tyke, but three of the four remaining awarbes were taken back across the Pennines by the invaders from what is traditionally and geographically, if not politically, the rival county of the Red Rose.

Steve Mills, jointly seeded at 5, came through his quarter, dominated by colleagues from Bradford's Unity T.T.C., with a win over Clem Lo, who one round earlier had shut the door on Kevin Beadles.

Beadley apart, the remaining top seeds Alan Fletcher and Peter McQueen came through, while Phil Bowen took the spot allocated to the absent Keith Paxton, with Mills the unorthodox Sheffield left-hander on top to put down the challenge of McQueen and favourite and top seed Fletcher going out to Bowen, in a game marred by an unhappy controversy.

Fletcher interpreted an upraised arm after a high throw service by the Lancastrian as a call for a 'let', the server claiming to be merely retaining his balance, and experienced umpire Heather Masters ruled that the point, won by Bowen against a 'half cook' Fletcher should stand. Referee Geoff Scruton supported the decision — obviously a correct one — and Fletcher, instead of disputing the incident, allowed it to prey on his mind and went down in three, leaving the winner to face Mills in a final which went the way of the latter in three.

The Women's event attracted a mere 25 entries and produced an all-Yorkshire final with the highly experienced Melody Ludi getting the better of the rapidly improving Sally Midgley, with Sally gaining consolation as she collected the Intermediate trophy at the expense of one of the two Canadian entrants, Colleen Johnson.

There were few surprises in the parallel Men's event, with Beadles coming through to out yet another Unity man, Tony Bottomley in one semi, and the other bringing a clash between the two Malcolms, Green and Francis, the former coming out on top but going to Beadles in a straight games final.

Most popular event was the Class 2 Mixed Singles, with 139 entries and here again Francis, who had made the long trek from Sussex, showing up, taking a final place with a win over Cheshire's Tony Worthington.

In the other, former Lancashire County man Tony Boasman made the final as he defeated John Marshall, and went on to take the title despite dropping the middle game.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:
S. Mills (Y) bt Peter Mooney (Ch) 14, 17;
P. Bowen (La) bt A. Fletcher (GFR) -13, 15, 9
Final:
MILLS bt Bowen -18, 13, 12.
Women's Singles Semi-finals:
M. Ludi (Y) bt R. Shields (Ch) 17, 14;
S. Midgley (Y) bt C. Johnson (Can) 17, 8.
Final:
LUDI bt Midgley -18, 19, 16.
Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
Bowen/A. Boasman (La) bt M. Twidale (Y)/
P. Spencer (He) 15, 10;
Mills/M. Stephen (Y) bt C. Lo/A. Bottomley (Y) 18, -12, 14.
Final:
BOWEN/BOASMAN bt Mills/Stephen 15, 16.
Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
Shields/C. Buttery (Ng) bt G. Nenbakht (Can) -13, 19, 15;
Ludi/Midgley bt E. Bannister/K. Battersby (La) 15, 13.
Final:
SHELDON/BUTTERY bt Ludi/Midgley -18, 21, 18.
Intermediate Men's Singles Semi-finals:
K. Beadley (Y) bt Bottomley 15, 13;
M. Green (Sp) bt M. Francis (Sp) 14, 10.
Final:
BEADLEY bt Green 14, 16.
Intermediate Women's Singles Semi-finals:
Midgley bt Nenbakht 15, 18, 17;
Shields bt D. Bottomley (Ch) 16, 10;
M. Sheader (La) bt G. Brook (Y) 6, 20.
Final:
D'ARCY bt Sheader 15, -14, 14.
Class 2 Mixed Singles Semi-finals:
Boasman bt J. Marshall (La) -19, 12, 15;
Francis bt A. Worthington (Ch) 9, 10.
Final:
BOASMAN bt Francis 13, -16, 12.

NETHERLANDS NATIONAL CHAMPS
by Bas den Breejen

Bert van der Helm, for the twelfth time since 1968, became the men's singles champion of the Netherlands when, in Utrecht on Mar. 9 he beat Rich van Slobbe 15, 7, 9 in the final. Third place went to Hans Linpen who beat Ed van den Bosch 13, 5, 8, 15.

Bettine Vrieskoop, for the fourth time, was crowned women's singles champion after beating Sandra de Kruiff 13, 11, 19 in the final. Former English international Judy Williams, playing for Amsterdam '78, took third place beating Brigitte Kouter 16, 10, 8.

Bert v.d. Helm and Hans Gootsen beat Linpen and Bert van den Ham 16 and 18 to win the men's doubles whilst the counter-part women's event went to Vrieskoop/de Kruiff with a final victory over Kouter/Jolanda Noordam.

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YORKSHIRE JUNIOR 2-STAR ‘SELECT’

by REA BALMFORD

EXTRA INCENTIVE

The April National Junior Rankings, announced on the eve of the Debenhams Yorkshire Junior Open at Hull, must have provided an extra incentive for the competitors, who were out to justify a jump up the charts, or to indicate to the selectors in the most effective way possible that they could have made a big mistake.

Obviously wanting to go out at the top was Middlesex left-hander Colin Wilson, who was new to the No. 1 spot, andViscount Graham Sandley, who missed out on this one for the best of reasons—a call to his country's colours for the European Championships in Bern— and he justified his placing with a straight games final win from the No. 1 seeded spot over a fighting Phil Bradbury (seeded 5).

Allison Gordon, who forfeited top spot in the Girls' rankings to Helen Williams, had the stage set when she lined up against her successor in the Girls' final, and she took the stage set when she lifted against her No. 1 seeded spot over a fighting Vickie Bellingham.

Lambert and Carl Prean duly materialized. The established Oakley/Souter pairing upset the even tenor of the parallel Girls' championships and they took the vacant final place with a straight games final win over Bellinger/Bellinger in the semi, before going out in the final which was dominated by the power of Miss Gordon.

RESULTS:

JUNIOR EVENTS

Boys Singles Round 2:
- C. Wilson (Mi) bt S. Scowcroft (La) -16, 16.
- G. Baker (Sy) bt R. Swift (Ca) 17, 17.
- J. Souter (Mi) bt A. Moore (Sx) 15, 15.
- P. Rainford (La) bt M. Les (Mi) 14, 14.
- M. Oakley (Sy) bt R. Palmer (Sx) -18, 18.
- S. Moore (Sx) bt P. Whiting (Dr) 18, 18.
- R. Swift (Ca) bt G. Lambert (Dv) 18, 18.

Quarter-finals:
- Bradbury bt S. Moore 15, 15.

Semi-finals:
- Wilson bt Baker 11, 11.
- Bradbury bt Souter 11, 11.

Final:
- Wilson bt Bradbury 20, 17.
- G. Pritchard (Dv) bt N. Hamilton (Bu) -17, 17.
- G. Gordon (Y) bt R. Hurley (Y) 15, 15.
- M. Denbow (Ox) 17, 17.

Girls' Singles Round 2:
- C. Wilson (Mi) bt S. Scowcroft (La) -16, 16.
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Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
- Tyler (Dv) bt D. Pollak (Co) 14, 14.

Semi-finals:

Final:
- Tyler bt Gordon 15, 20.

CADETS EVENTS

Boys' Singles Round 2:
- J. Grundy (Y) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 19, 19.
- P. Parker bt J. Bellinger (Y) 17, 17.
- J. Sower (Mi) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 17, 17.
- G. Pritchard (Dv) bt N. Hamilton (Bu) -17, 17.
- M. Denbow (Ox) 17, 17.

Final:
- P. Parker bt J. Bellinger 17, 17.

Girls' Singles Round 2:
- C. Wilson (Mi) bt D. Pollak (Co) -19, 19, 19.
- J. Grundy (Y) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 17, 17.
- P. Parker (Y) bt J. Bellinger (Y) 17, 17.
- J. Sower (Mi) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 17, 17.

Final:
- P. Parker bt J. Bellinger 17, 17.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
- Oakley (Sy) bt S. Palmer (Sk) 18, 18.
- S. Rowbotham (Mi) bt A. Moore (Sx) 18, 18.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
- Prean bt Cooke 15, 15.

Final:
- Prean bt Cooke 15, 15.

UNDER-11 EVENTS

Boys' Singles Round 2:
- A. Dixon (St) bt R. West (R) 8, 8.
- J. Bull (Y) bt J. Lewis (Y) 18, 18.

Final:
- Dixon bt Bull 8, 8.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
- R. Knight (Mi) bt J. Lewis (Y) 18, 18.
- J. Roberts (Y) bt D. Whitting (Sp) 17, 17.

Final:
- Knight bt Roberts 21, 21.

Salary: £7890 - £9480 p.a. (under review), which includes a percentage to cover unsocial long hours.

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Fourth Round results:
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Derby 2, Hinckley 5.
Central London 5, Cheshunt 4.
Fourth Round results:
St. Albans 5, Bromley 4.
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Sunderland 5, Hull 1.
Leicester 9, Grimsby 0.
Dagenham 6, Cheshunt 0.
Fourth Round results:
Manchester 0, Liverpool 5.
Sunderland 1, Ormsby 5.
Leeds 1, Sheffield 5.
Birmingham 6, Kidderminster 0.
Potteries 5, Leicester 0.
Northampton 1, Dunstable 8.
Bromley 5, Crawley 1.
Fourth Round results:
Dagenham 5, Birmingham 1.
Dagenham 5, Bury St. Edmunds 4.
Market Drayton 3, Sheffield 5.
Plymouth 2, Bristol 5.
Bristol 3, Bournemouth 5.
Oxford 0, North Middlesex 5.
CARTER CUP:
Bromley 5, Eastbourne scr.

CHAMPIONSHIPS
The above championships will definitely take place at Thornaby Pavilion between 7th and 13th September this year. Players and officials will be accommodated at Teesdale Polytechnics whose physical education department will be responsible for quite a substantial part of the organisation.

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WILMOTT CUP

3rd WORLD STUDENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS
by DEREK OLDHAM

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Tony Chatwin and Richard Scroton have already accepted the invitation to be referee and assistant referee respectively, Cleveland County Association are heavily committed and the E.T.T.A. has pledged its support. Some sponsorship has already been obtained but more is required if a substantial deficit is to be averted.

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As an appetiser Russia, South Korea, Canada and Japan have already confirmed an interest and it is hoped that when the official invitations are sent out many more attractive countries will decide to come.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

For those who require proof that Leyton Baths provides an ideal venue for the sport at its highest standards, the overwhelming success of the East London League’s Championships destroyed any doubt that may have still existed, but it must be remembered that the East London League could never have considered the venture without the Guardian Independent Newspapers and Kay De-el’s sports, whose sponsorship made this successful experiment possible.

John Payne, who surprised most people last year by taking the Men’s singles title, proved it was no fluke when he retained his title, despite the event being open one this time round. Only three of the top six-seed students failed to reach their allotted place, with Abraham falling to Kent County Junior David Dodd, who then had to face the unbeatable Payne. Ex-England Junior and current Middlesex player Jemmett succumbed to Ray Taylor who looked all set to cause a major upset when he removed Stan (the bat) Battress to enter the
quarter-finals, but here again Payne put a stop to that.

Only other seed to go was Parish who lost to Martindill, but his run was quickly ended in the next round when he met Blomfield. The quarter-final therefore had seven of the top eight men facing each other, with an all to form top four making is to the semi-finals stage. The possibilities of a brotherly final was removed with the defeat of firstly Simon Proffitt in straight games by Payne and then his brother John by Caldon, also in straight games. The final looked all set to be a long battle, with Payne just edging home 21-20 in the first, but Payne then seemed to gain confidence and finished Kevin Caldon off in straight games at 21-18.

The Men's Doubles, although producing excellent table-tennis, did not produce any surprises, with all four top seeds reaching the semi-finals. Top seeds Proffitt and Proffitt easily removed fourth seeds Payne and Tendler, while Stevens and Andrews produced some excellent play to put out second seeds Abrahams and Blomfield 16 in the third. The third seeds continued where they had left off when they took the first game at 16 against the Proffitts, but then the brothers put it all together and raced home 12, 15.

The Mixed Doubles saw the top two seeds make it to the final with little difficulty, but the final was a different story with the order in the first game settling Cathcart and Campbell who took it at 11-9, only to find themselves on the receiving end in the next game, but with Walters and Stevens playing on levelling the games, their opponents came right back to "deuce" before having to submit to a third game at 21-20 but then with the order again suiting them, they re-established themselves before the change of order in the first game suit. Cathcart and Campbell had 12, 15.

The Intermediate Singles event reflected the extremely high standard of the League's Second Division, with eventually Paul Lewis facing fellow Club mate Peter Black and then in a final which, in Lewis' own words, "Black should never have lost. Lewis edged home, -19, 17, 16."

The Junior Singles again saw the top four seeds facing each other, with Dave Dodd winning what was the closest match of the tournament, 19, -22, 20 against Paul Fong, while Tony Dettmar, although going to deuce in the second, earned his place in the final with a 2-straight win over Raj Patel. In the final, however, Dettmar was never allowed to take command and the battle between two of the top Essex and Kent Juniors went to Kent, with Dodd taking the title at 21, 16.

Brian Parish retained the Veteran title for the third year running, with a 2-straight win over Jim Griffiths, while a very on form Brian Malley (-4) defeated Raj Patel (-2) in straight games to take the Handicap event.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

On Saturday, May 3, Woodley Table Tennis Club, Reading, will be holding what is believed to be the biggest international club match ever staged in this country. This will be the first of an annual friendly series of matches between clubs from three countries, with Woodley being the first host club.

The other clubs involved are Cobra, of Belgium, and Wattignies, of France.

Each club will have four teams of four players, each player will play two singles, and one doubles per match, each team playing two matches against their opposite ranked teams, teams 1 v 1, 2 v 2, etc. The match will be held at Rivermead school, London Bridge Road, Woodley, and will start at 12 noon.

In the evening, local table tennis star Karen Witt will present the winning club with the trophy, this will take place at the disco also taking place at Rivermead school.

There will be a bar and refreshments, and anyone who would like to attend the evenings festivities can obtain tickets from the club secretary for only 50p.

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Since you have looked all through last month's issue and did not find my newsletter, perhaps you will accept my apologies for the disappointment and inconvenience I may have caused. In February, I had a few too many commitments to fulfill, along with the added pressures of starting a new job — I am now specializing in Life Assurance Protection, Retirement and Investment Planning. I can only be contacted at home on 01-542 9935, at any hour.

At the end of this article, you will find the "Face to Face with Ron Crayden". Because Mike Kercher consented to this, mainly to prolong the agony of his two fans — Bryan Merrett and Peter Charters. By the way, in order to put the record straight, I am of popular belief, I have not received the fee for getting Mike's photo published a few months ago. Instead, whenever possible, he promised to give me a lift back home from tournaments. Amen.

Top honours went to the players as I had predicted; this was my only big disappointment. The standard of play was much higher than last year, although there were fewer players able and equipped to attack serves or serve according to the Service Law.

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Winner David Baker of Guildford has a smile of sympathy for Derren Hams of Morden, the losing finalist in the Boys' U-15 of the TSB Surrey Junior Closed Championships. These were held at Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton, in February.
am informed that Graham Russell won the three most senior cups, defeating Michael Hammond in each of the finals. It would appear that Mike could not acquaint himself with any of Graham's weaknesses even after the second encounter. Nicholas Hoare won the Edinburgh Youth Open Cadet and the Junior Championships recently - Dave Bristow is doing a fine job coaching the beginners and the intermediates at Wimbledon YMCA. Thank you Dave - John Hammond is still stilting his legs or finger tips - Steve Holloway caught a bad cold recently, because he keeps his bedroom window open throughout the night, in order to signal to his fiancée, Karen, who is rather lovely. Forget the semaphore, lad! Use the telephone - is it a tournament romance, Jean Parker and Nicky Hoare? It may not be the best way for Nicky to catch Donald Par-kers' eye - David Dewsbery is still making up his mind to move during matches - Amanda Chapman denied a fondness for Mike Hammond, while her brother Neil shouted "Hooligan". - Glen Baker should get more sleep at night while away on tournaments - Sally Conway is one heck of a pretty young lady - I want the real Sarah Cresswell to emerge and blast away at that ball; I am sure that some of her skills are latent - Jane Bealbrook appears to be one of a few upstart girls or brave enough to clamp down on foul serves - Paul Goucher (the Umpires' Secretary) please note and encourage the others - young Robert Smith likes to be called Roberto Smith ever since he had a lick of his father's Italian ice-cream. I have not yet had any correspondence from the Guildford or Byfleet Leagues. Is it too late? - Congratulations to Robin Foot and Stephanie on their recent marriage - Watch out for Matthew Hoare - John Curnill's absence at the Junior Closed, a disappointment. He later told me that this was the direct result of yet another quarrel with his father. This sad affair tears me apart - I did not see Peter Brennan, the Captain of the First Surrey Junior Team there on the second day, either - since the news of the break-down in marriage between Jill Hammersley and her husband so soon after my "Face to Face" with her, I take this opportunity to wish Ron Crayden luck in any direction he may go.

FACE TO FACE WITH
RON CRAYDEN — "Mr. TRUE GRIT"

The day was cold, the sky was overcast. The usual cold wind was blowing from Mike Kercher's place in Carshalton right over Morden, where I was picked up by Ron Crayden - Chairman of Surrey Table Tennis Association and a Vice-Chairman of The English Table Tennis Association, advising mainly on Selection and Coaching. I was soon whisked away to Ron's comfortable home in Sutton, where a cup of coffee was offered and immediately made by "his excellency". As I wrapped both of my cold hands around the mug, my eyes focussed on two nearby cupboards on the wall. On close scrutiny one housed probably the best collection of table-tennis books in the world. Editions from every ping-pong Nation. Significantly, these are inscribed with the autographs of the top players he either played against or one of his Teams. In the other were cups of all sizes and medallions that were won during his playing era. I must warn you that you may think that I have indulged myself on account of the length of this Face to Face, but to do full justice to Ron, I would have had to ask the Editor for usage of all the pages in this magazine, which I hope will be with us for many years to come.

Q. "Ron, to start this interview a little controversially, who in your opinion would

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his first tournament. In December of that year, Ron won his first Open, taking the Triple Crown in the North Midlands Open and beating his friend Jack Carrington in the singles final.

Later that season, he achieved a unique double, winning two major tournament finals in the same day—the Surrey Open and South of England Open, leaving a trail of international scalps in his wake. From obscurity, in one season, he had crept into the National rankings.

CAUSE A STIR

In October, 1947 he was invited to the National Trials and caused a stir by emerging undefeated from the collection of sixty-cad players there, but his international selection was still a long way off. With his long reach and deceptive forehand, Ron became a specialist at doubles and with Ken Merrett as his partner, indicated on the famous Leach-Carrington combination their first defeat for three years. Successes followed regularly and in 1949-50 season he reached his peak, appearing in nice major tournament finals and topping no fewer than 22 International players.

Ron’s first International was against Wales (1949-50) when he won both his singles and doubles. Later that season he played against Ireland at Liverpool, and even in the company of the late Richard Berzmann and Johnny Leach, was sạcha as star of the match.

In November 1949, he toured Sweden with Johnny Leach and they beat France (Ragnenhauer and Lanakoy) in the final of the International Tournament. Other successful internationals followed and in September 1950, Ron and Harry Venner became the first two Englishmen to be invited to the Yugoslavian Open at Opatija. It was in this tournament that Johnny Leach and Jack Carrington in Northern Ireland, where they teamed up to give exhibition matches for charity.

Ron returned to Cleve Street and into the game. Ron was like Desmond and particularly fill-in, in a team. They add strength to the performance of the weaker players.

With reference to where I would like to see our table-tennis go, straight to the top. People are interested mainly in what the Seniors are doing. I believe that people like Mike Keifer, Peter Corner and yourself are doing too much for the Juniors. When they move into the Seniors, they seem to lack strength in personality. One can coach only so much for so long, but it is really up to the player to get on with it and expand on what he should have learnt. Once you have given a player a solid foundation, your job is finished. Concentrate on becoming a good dependable friend, from whom advice can be sought from time to time.

Conclusion: I am sure that you will appreciate me leaving a few easy questions for your good friend Mike Keifer to answer. This will allow me more space to tell the good folks of your active playing past in the game.

RELATED PROBLEMS

A. “Coincidentally, I have discussed this with many of our own opinion is that it is difficult, but I think we should stop the number 1, 2 and 3 business and name a squad of say, twelve. This will allow me more space to tell the good folks of your active playing past in the game.

Q. “What do you think of the method we use to select our Senior Ranking teams?”

A. “Many of us have our own opinion is that it is difficult, but I think we should stop the number 1, 2 and 3 business and name a squad of say, twelve. This will allow me more space to tell the good folks of your active playing past in the game.

Q. “What are your feelings and observations about Desmond?”

A. “Desmond is a fantastic player and even if you think that the right conditions suit him, he can be incredible. He does things that are not only out of the book. As you would appreciate, being a Coach of some renown, I would try impossible to coach a player with his style to the highest he has done; he is unique. I would like to see him become World Champion, to humble a few men who think that he has not the ability to adapt to difficult situations — getting over the psychological hump. Playing slow tables and how the ball will be played against first and second server. Generally speaking, the science of playing is a matter ever witnessed. The match had been
in progress for over four hours when Ron walked off the table to play the ninth and deciding set against bogey-man, Bernard; the last Fauses had gone and the ball was still captured. Ron rose to the occasion magnificently and despite brotherly feet, secured the Cup for England by beating Bernard 6 and 19. Truly a sight to remember.

PERIOD OF CAPTAINcy

Let me now interest you in the period of captaincy which produced so many aces and honors for England. England first assignment in the non-playing capacity came in December 1950, when he took an England team to Glasgow to trounce Scotland 9-1. Impressed with his leadership, the Selection Committee gave him a more difficult task in September 1959, making him official Captain of a party of six to play matches in Federal Germany. Other caps followed and then in 1965 he took over the reins of Captain of England for all senior International matches. He made a dramatic impact. His first test came at the end of that season at the European Championships in Zagreb. He welded together a team labeled as "no-hopers", who shamed their critics and obtained their best-ever overall ranking. The team finished in third place and the women, as runners-up, beat on the way home. Many, including Angelica Johnson, then seven years old, Women's Singles Champion, and "Miss Poker-Face" herself, Maai Alexandra, a year later in Peking, at an amazing World Championships against a top-weighted Asian challenge. Ron still managed to guide his teams to high ranking positions - both Men and Women were classified in the top six nations. During the summer of 1962, he was appointed to the Selection Committee.

In summing up, it was a great privilege and pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to interview Ron and drive into his astonishing past. For more than twenty years with a newly-formed team, England finished a creditable fifth out of 24 competing nations. It was also in 1961 that Ron had another moment of pride when he was at the Cardiff Open, and impressing on his friend Mary (who is still sometimes active with her husband Brian Wright in the Premier division of our Featherhead League) when she won the coveted English Open Singles title. Another European Open followed at Lyon and his final World's match at Munich. His friend, and co-captain at the time, Johnny Leach, now M.B.E. and a Vice-President of E.T.T.A. twice World Champion, has this to say: "After the war, Ron became one of England's most respected players, winning many team honours, including the Swytihing Cup and tournament victories. I have always admired his judgement, forthrightness, decisions and absolute fairness at all times. In my view, Ron was always prepared to take calculated risks and never beaten until the last point was played. I never made a major decision without first seeking his opinion and advice".

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

May 1980

3/4 Essex Junior 2-Star "Select" (Harlow).

4 National League

7/9 NORWICH UNION MASTERS (Guild Hall, Preston).


Team Events from 9 a.m. Sat. May 10 (Finals at 7 p.m.)

17/18 Trustee Savings Bank/Timberwells 2-Star Junior Open, Sandown Court School, Blackhurst Lane, Hedge End, West Sussex. Sat. - U-13 and U-14 events from 9.30 a.m. Sun. - U-17 events from 9 a.m. Finals 7 p.m. each day.

18 - National League

24 The 5th Butterfly Milson School 1-Star Open, Milson School, Cambria from 10 a.m. Closing date: May 10, '80.

June 1980

County Championships Conference (London)

8 National Team Championship Finals.

BIENNIAL

As from next season 1980/81 the Norwich Union International Championships (English Open) and the Stiga Welsh Open will operate on a biennial basis. Next year, probably in Feb. 1981, the Stiga Welsh Open will be held in Cardiff. It is planned that this biennial cycle will be the turn of the Norwich Union International Championships, but not necessarily in Brighton.
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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Keith Ponting

With just four rounds of matches left it appears at this stage that Sea­link and Soham will be the two clubs fighting it out for the championships and the prized entry into Europe next season, although, I have no doubt, that Ellenborough and Ormesby will dispute this right to the end.

A glance at the league table shows Sea­link two points ahead of Soham but, a very important factor which may be vital is the much superior games difference of the Cambridge team which will stand them in good stead should they beat Sea­link later.

Latest results and up to date league table:

Sea­link Milton Keynes, 6
Salford, 9, Kelly Girl International 6.

SECOND DIVISION

The Unity club from Bradford are the runaway leaders and it would need something very unusual to happen to prevent them winning the division and gain promotion to the Premier Division next season.

They are still unbeaten after eleven matches but came very close to surrendering that record recently when they just got the better of second placed Sunlife Second City.

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Sunlife Second City A, Unity 5
Sunlife Second City B, Norton 1

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Congratulations to Cambridgehire on winning this division for the first time ever! In the last four matches they have failed to drop a boy's event of any kind and Gary Jordan is still 149 points. Four sets went to three against Glamorgan who were a bit unlucky to lose 2-3. But there is no doubt Cambs. are worthy champions. Geoff Wallis and M. Weymouth were very proud of their team. Wallis 2-3 with Gary Jordan - the latter's first of the season. "Derby" championship-decider. T. Sweet and G. Wilson unbeaten. Cara Boxall's defeat by S. Collins her only one of the season.

Hants. and Somerset both collected their first points of the season. D. Lee (only one defeat this season) and D. Sulley collected the five points, whilst for Hants. the two girls — M. McCabe and B. Nicholson — unbeatable.

Veteran Division (South)

Middlesex 8 Hampshire 11

Surrey 4 Kent 1

Congratulations Middlesex on topping the chart without dropping a point. Alan Lindsay never in trouble. Only defeat came when Ian Redfern lost to M. Barrett, 18, 19, 21. Since he beat D. Allen, 18, 12, 21 he must have been on the table some time! The latter's first of the season. "Veterans" unbeaten. Two wins by A. Rowden insufficient to give Sussex victory over the previously unbeaten Staffs.

Veteran Division (Midland)

Cumbria 0 Kent 5

Cumbria's two losses in CARs. they had their first win this season. Hawes, though, are the only winners for Norfolk. Essex girls completed the season undefeated. "Junior 3rd Division (North Midland)

Durham 3 Cheshire 7

Norfolk 111 Essex 9 as at 7th MARCH, 1980

Hertfordshire II 6 Berkshire II

Berkshire II 6 Oxfordshire 4

Norfolk II 0 Hungerfordshire II 10

Clwyd 2 Cheshire 7

Essex II 6 Oxfordshire 4

Berkshire II 7 Dorset II

Avon I 3 Devon I

Northumberland 3 Shropshire 10

Bedfordshire II 2 Berkshire II

Devon II 7 Hampshire II

Hampshire II 5 Somerset 5

Although Cornwall stronger in girls it was Devon's boys who won six of their seven sets to give them victory in this local "Derby" championship-decider. T. Sweet and G. Wilson unbeaten. Cara Boxall's defeat by S. Collins her only one of the season.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES as at 7th MARCH, 1980 by A. DRAPKIN

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PLAY-OFF CONTENDERS

Many of the Senior Divisions are already settled to terms of championship winners and congratulations are extended to Surrey (2 South), Lancashire (2 North), Staffordshire (2 East), Berkshire (2 West), Surrey II (3 South), Leicestershire II (3 North Midland).

PREMIER DIVISION

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R. Griffiths lost to Evans 19, 19, 19.
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