VIETNAMESE GEORDIE

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DEAD OR ALIVE

One can express a certain degree of sympathy with the Middlesex TTA who, for the first series of matches in the County Championships on Oct. 4, were more than a little hard-pressed to turn out a team to play Staffordshire away in the Premier Division.

It so happened that on the following day, Sunday, Oct. 5, the National League were calendared for their third series of matches and divided loyalties were inevitable.

Pressure put on players not to tire themselves out on the eve of a National League fixture was justifiable for he who pays the piper calls the tune and money talks in any language.

Could it be that the solution put forward by iris Moss in her Middlesex Notes would resolve the problem which is set to recur time and time again this season?

Some would have it that the County Championships are paramount, whilst others would consider them to be a "dead duck", more especially with no money attaching and spectator appeal overall on the ebb tide.

What are your views, is there justification for a compromise?

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GLORIOUS FOLLOW-UP

England, in following up their initial 5-2 victory over Federal Germany in Bristol on Sept. 18 (as reported elsewhere in this issue by Bob Oldfield) really took the place by storm when, on Oct. 9. In Pardubitz, they brought off their second successive victory in the Super Division of the European League by beating France 4-3.

The victory was assured after the fifth set when Desmond Douglas and Linda Jarvis beat former world champions Jacques Secretin and Claude Bergeret in the mixed after a whirlwind start with Douglas beating Christian Martin. John Hilton laying low Secretin and Karen Wint, on her debut replacing Carole Knight, got the better of Nadine Daviaud over three games.

With appetites seemingly appeased France came back into their own in the final two crossover men's singles with Martin upsetting Hilton and Secretin having an easy victory over Douglas, the third French set coming in the men's doubles with Secretin and Patrick Birocheau beating Douglas and Hilton.

SCORES

C. Martin lost to D. Douglas -11, -20;
J. Secretin lost to J. Hilton -13, -16;
N. Daviaud lost to K. Wint -22, 18, -15;
P. Birocheau/Secretin bt Douglas/Hilton 23, 16;
Secretin/C. Bergeret lost to Douglas/ L. Jarvis -13, -18;
Martin bt Hilton 18, -10, 18;
Secretin bt Douglas 17, 13.

Hungary, the defending champions, were unable to contest their first match, away to newly promoted Russia, because their plane was unable to land owing to fog. No such hazard prevailed when they journeyed to Novi Sad on Oct. 8 to account for Yugoslavia 5-2 with Tibor Klampar unbeaten in both his singles, and men's doubles with Gabor Gergely.

SCORES

D. Surbeck bt G. Gergely -21, 18, 19;
M. Karakasevic lost to T. Klampar -13, -4;
G. Perkcutic bt Z. Olah 20, 5;
Z. Kalinic/Surbeck lost to Gergely/Klampar -18, -16;
Kalnic/Perkoutic lost to Z. Kriston/ E. Urban -16, 15, -19;
Surbeck bt Klampar -21, -13;
Karakasevic lost to Gergely -15, 9, -18.

Czechoslovakia, the current table toppers, began their campaign in Lorient against France and won 4-1 on Sept. 8, their one defeat being inflicted by Martin with a 2-set straight win over Josef Dvoracek.

SCORES

Martin lost to M. Orlovsky -19, -13;
Birocheau lost to J. Dvoracek -17, -18;
Douglas lost to M. Hrachova -17, -12;
Birocheau/B. Parejot lost to Orlovsky/ J. Pansky -15, -13, -14;
Birocheau/Bergelet lost to Pansky/ Hrachova -15, -13, -12.

Next at home to the Soviet Union in Pribram on Oct. 5, the Czechs had a repeat
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Subsequently beating Italy 7-0 (no detailed scores yet to hand) the Poles vie with Bulgaria for a double winner against Yugoslavia.

Watch for this one then Hungary’s Tibor Klampar, a double winner against Yugoslavia.

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SCORES against Tone Folkeson and Thierry Guttormsen/Folkeson lost to Hafen/Weibel.

N. Vander Wald lost to Guttormsen.

Better luck attended Norway on their

Turkey 1 0 1 1

Norway 2 1 8

Denmark 7 Belgium

Turkey v Ireland - postponed

Cabrera in the final set against Guttormsen.

Vandewalle/Germiat lost to Guttormsen/

Johansen.

Vandewalle/Germiat lost to Busin/Hafen.

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**DIVISION TWO TABLE**

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**CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE** by Jean Devys

**Cover Picture**

Chu Van Que from South Vietnam, winner of the men's singles title in the Cotswold North of England Open, and likely to revitalise the sport on Tyneeside when he now lives in Newcastle-on-Tyne.
THE FIRST SEOUL OPEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

EXPERIENCE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

by Tom Blunn, Chairman ETTA

A twenty thousand mile round trip to play in an open tournament seemed a very long way indeed and first reactions were that it would not be worthwhile. But thank goodness we had second thoughts and agreed to go. Our financial position made it difficult but negotiations were concluded satisfactorily to allow us to participate with no more expense to the ETTA than a normal open tournament in Europe.

Normally the party would have consisted of a team manager and five or six players but a personal invitation from the President of the Korean Association meant that both myself and my wife were able to make the trip making the party a total of nine people.

We were scheduled to leave England at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 and arrive in Seoul at 3.30 p.m. on the Sunday but that was only the theory. In practice it was very different to be exact, starting by missing the plane to Paris with all our luggage on board - or so we thought!

The hassle started with almost touching distance of the plane being delayed for the first time and permission was given to fly in. We arrived at 3.39 a.m. Tuesday and after checking the luggage confirming that the four bags were really missing, filling out claim forms, traveling through the empty streets, booking in the hotel, we finally got to bed at 3.30 a.m.!

Taking advantage of two nights missed sleep Peter Simpson was well away when his phone rang at 8 a.m. to remind him that his players were due to play at 8.30 a.m. Another diplomatic arrangement got the first match put off until after lunch.

So the championships started for us at last, with four players using borrowed clothes and bats.

BEYOND CONCEPTION

The hall was the sort we plan and dream about in England but never build. The opening ceremony was beyond our conception; the event itself and worth the journey to see it.

The championships were far more extensive than we had thought possible with fifteen national teams taking part. It made me think of our own European Championships when we had a similar number of entries, and this was only a preliminary tournament.

The South Korean players have made it clear that in the last two years and their girls in particular dominated their part of the event. With the teams we had a similar number of entries, and this was only a preliminary tournament.

The French and the Swedes had the edge on the Korean men and the Swiss had the edge on the Korean girls. Nevertheless, the players had responded to his encouragement and the playing schedules extremely tight leaving little time to recover from what was often grueling matches in the humid conditions. The effect of our team brought results but the situation "won some very painful blisters on his hand and these had to be bandaged before he could play his last games. Nevertheless, the players learned a lot in very demanding conditions which would never experience again.

I have probably left the most impressive part to the last - the hospitality.

HOSPITALITY

The players and officials were accommodated at the two best hotels in Seoul, and the Shilla, where the English party stayed had been the venue of the Miles Universe competition some few weeks earlier. But all contestants had returned home! The hotels had everything we needed, including a shopping precinct and indoor swimming pool.

The officials were so friendly and helpful and every effort was made for our comfort and pleasure. We were treated royally and every effort made to make sure we enjoyed every minute of our stay. We were taken to various receptions, theatres, dinners, parties and sightseeing on every available moment and it took quite an effort to find time to watch the table tennis.

The sight seeing trips were interesting and educational. For instance, the world famous wonder ful Sosok mountains was marred by a rainy day left over from the rainy season which should have ended a week earlier.

A small contingent of the most beautiful girls accompanied us on most trips and to male had reason to feel lonely or homesick!

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Both Anita and Karen were beaten in the first round of the women's singles by the South Koreans (Hwang Nam Sook and Park Hee Sook respectively).

Thorsell bt Secretin 18, 14.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**
- K. Wan (KRR) bt U. Carlsson (SWE) 13, 19, 16;
- U. Thorsell (SWE) bt Y. Shi Heung (KRR) 19, 10;
- J. Secretin (FRA) bt S. Sung Soon (KRR) 18, 13, 13;
- K. Ri Taek (KHR) bt M. Applegren (SWE) 18, 12, 15, 12.

**Final:**
- Carlsson bt J. Secretin 14, 17;
- Thorsell bt R. Gernot 8, 12.

**Secretin bt Thorsell 8, 13, -16, 14.**

**Women's Singles Final:**
- Secretin bt Wan -14, 16, 14, -19, 11.

**Secretin bt Thorsell 8, 13, -16, 14.**

**Women's Doubles Final:**
- H. Nam Sook (KRR) bt K. Kyung Ja (KRR) 21, 18, 15;
- S. Dong Hyun/S. Soo Ja (KRR) bt A. Hae Sook/H. Nam Sook 19, 17, -22, 10.

**MEN'S TEAM FINAL**

**SWEDEN 3 France 1**
- U. Carlsson bt J. Secretin 14, 17;
- U. Thorsell bt R. Gernot 8, 12;
- Carlsson, Thorsell lost to Gernot/Secretin 17, -26, -19.

**THORSELL bt J. Secretin 18, 14.**

**WOMEN'S TEAM FINAL**

**KOREA 3 Korea II 0**
- L. Soo Ja bt A. Hae Sook 8, 10;
- K. Kyung Ja bt S. Kyung Sook 11, 18;
- Kyung Ja, Soo Ja bt J. Lee Soo Kyung/H. Nam Sook 22, 12, 15.

**CUMBRIA 2-STAR OPEN**

**HIGH THROWN SUCCESS AT CARLISLE**

by Geo., R. Yates

The eleventh hour withdrawal of Max Crimmings and Alison Gordon brought about a reshuffle of the seeds in the Cumbria 2-Star Open played at Carlisle Market Hall on Sept. 27 but even then the top seeds failed to carry off the top awards.

Nicky Jarvis, elevated to the top spot, duly reached the final of the men's singles but there he failed to master the high thrown serves of Nigel Eckersley to be beaten in straight games by the Cheshircum-Bundesliga player 16 and 19.

In the women's singles Linda Jarvis took over the No. 2 spot vacated by Miss Gordon and proceeded to the final there to upset the unaffected top seed Melody Hill 19 and 14. Together the two finalists had it all to throw at umpiring, and ETTA Vice-Chairman (Development), Alan Ransome, duly reached the final of the men's singles in which Stephen Schofield.

Tony Clayton, nursing a blistered foot, pulled out of the men's singles but in order not to let his partner down in the men's doubles, grinned and bore it with Jarvis to finish on a fine night made for tremendous scrap.

Although lacking in numbers the tournament still had a quality entry and a 9-15 p.m. finish on a fine night made for a pleasant drive back down the M6 and eastwards too for the journeys undertaken by ETTA Treasurer Audrey Drapkin, who lent his hand at umpiring, and ETTA Vice-Chairman (Development), Alan Ransome, who handed over the £75 top prize to Eckersley whilst having to console one of his passengers, Nicky Jarvis, on the journey back to Tideside.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**
- N. Jarvis (Cv) bt M. Hankey (Ch) 13, 12;
- K. Readley (Y) bt D. McIlroy (Sea) 15, 14;
- S. Bowcroft (La) bt S. Turner (La) 14, -16, 21;
- N. Eckersley (Ch) bt A. Majid (Sea) 11, 12.

**Semi-finals:**
- Jarvis bt Readley 13, 17;
- Eckersley bt Bowcroft 11, 10.

**Final:**
- **ECKERSLEY** bt Jarvis 16, 19.

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**THE GROVE SCHOOL JUNIOR OPEN**

**DETERMINED DEFENSIVE SKILLS by Ian Marshall**

Billy Gleave used his defensive skills to good effect to win both the U-17 and U-14 boys’ singles titles at the National Westminster Bank-sponsored Grove School Junior Open held over the weekend of Oct. 19-21.

In both events the Cheshire player ousted the No. 1 seeds in the quarter-finals with Ivan Smith of Shropshire falling in 3 games in the cadet event and Adrian Pilgrim of Warwick falling in straight games in the Junior event. The Manchester boy completed a successful weekend by partnering Kevin Eden to take the boys’ doubles over the Birmingham pairing of Ian Smith and John Froome at the final hurdle.

The U-17 girls’ events saw a Red Rose domination with Helen Frost defeating Tracy Lightfoot in the semi and col leagues Beverley Holley in the final, whilst the Lancashire girls combined to take the girls’ doubles title.

Local Interest was rewarded in the U-14 girls’ events in which Alison Barker won the singles and combining with schoolmate Carol Wickeastad took the cadet doubles title without the loss of a game.

The U-12 events saw a high standard of play with Adrian Dixon flouting back to beat local boy Paul Fisher in an entertaining final and Deidre Soothill scoring good wins over Rachel Knight (semi) and Helen Ferrott (final) to take the counterpart girls’ event.

A word of note: The Tournament ran to schedule with the finals being concluded on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. thanks to the excellent work of Referee Geoff Taylor and an army of some 50 officials.

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**WORLD STUDENT GAMES — MEN’S TEAM — POLAND**

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**News from the Trade**

**TEN YEAR AGREEMENT**

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The widest range of clothing for table tennis is supplied by Butterfly with two sets of shorts and shirts, including the new style shorts available in black and navy with a wide choice of light blue, red and green, pocket trim. The famous international collection is available this year and another new product is the Radial DX shoe which retail at £14.50 which is firmly established as the world’s leading specialist shoe. The regular championship footwear is also being included.

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made a flying start to this season's European League campaign when they beat Federal Germany by five sets to two on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Anthem but there would have been no doubt in their minds that they were representing their country when they walked into the arena in their new TSP kit, to be greeted by thunderous applause. Speculation had rife before the match that perhaps John Hilton might not be chosen by the men's doubles. Kamizuru's quick attack hitting brought Desmond to a game up yet 18-7 down. 21-19! ... End of Lieck, end of the crowd's expectation's rose and, time and time again, Stellwag took the lead in the vital third game. Just for John to level the score. No way was this man going to lose! Looping ferociously, John saved four set points before making the match score 4-2 to a standing ovation.

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NETHERLANDS OPEN

Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia won the men's singles title in the Netherlands Open, played at the Hague over the period Oct. 17/19, beating his compatriot, Milan Orlowski -12, 17, -20, 8 and 19 in the final. The counterpart women's event was won by Bettine Vriesekoop who, before her home crowd had a commendable 13, 20, -14, 13 win over China's Yang Ying now, playing for DSC Kaiserberg in the Federal German Bundesliga, at No. 2 behind Ursula Kamizuru.

Sweden's Elf Carlson and Mickael Appelgren won the men's doubles beating Dvoracek and Jiri Pansky in the final whilst...

change of order and the German pair of Stellwag and Lieck only emphasised England's problems in formulating a successful men's pairing.

However, mixed doubles has always been a forte and Desmond and Linda Jarvis made the score 3-2 with the two men's singles to come.

Beaten in Herne, beaten in Reutlingen, not many would have backed Hilton's odds against Stellwag. With mastery control the German No. 1 picked off his winners to easily win the first game and send John for a long consultation with Peter Simpson at the side of the arena. Still the crucial forcing shot on the backhand, with anti-loop, evaded the European champion but slowly he clawed his way from 2-7 to 9-19 until, at 13-all, he was back from the dead. As arrogance prompted some audacious shots from Stellwag so John's confidence grew and his tenacity was rewarded with 21-19 in the second. After such a revival the crowd's expectation rose and, time and time again, Stellwag took the lead in the vital third game. Just for John to level the score. No way was this man going to lose! Looping ferociously, John saved four set points before making the match score 4-2 to a standing ovation.

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the women's doubles went to Weronika Sikora and Malgorzata Urbanska of Poland who had a final win over Yang Ying partnered by Sandra de Knuff of the Netherlands.

Poland's Andrzej Grubba partnered Miss Vriesekoop to her second title in the mixed beating Bela Frank and Edit Urban of Hungary. Czechoslovakia won the men's team Hungary 3-0 whilst Hungary had the compensation of winning the women's team against the Netherlands 3-1 with Edit Urban getting her country home with a 19-16, 14 fourth set win over Miss Vriesekoop. Full scores will appear in the December issue.

**IRISH AFFAIRS**

by Willie Walsh

**SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN OPEN**

In what I consider, the finest and most exciting domestic match I have ever seen in my lengthy association with Irish Table Tennis, Kevin Keane eventually won a titanic struggle when he beat Colum Slevin 18-19, 15 18-17 16-19, 14-16 in the Men's Final of the ACEC sponsored South County Dublin Open at CYMS club, Terenure.

In the first game, Slevin led 12-8, 14-9, 16-15, but then Keane won 4 of the next 5 points to change at 16-14 in Slevin's favour. Slevin won the next 2 points to lead 18-15 and then went on to lead 20-16. Keane won the next 3 points but Slevin won the next 2 to clinch the game.

In the second they were level at 8-8 and from then on they were "neck and neck" to 18-18. Then 19-19 but Keane won the next 6 points to change at 25-19 in Keane's favour. Keane won the next 2 points to lead 20-16 and then the more extrovert Keane produced some of his more flamboyant attacking back-hand and fore-hand drives to win the next 7 points.

In the semi-finals, Keane beat Martin Kinse11 21-12 13-16 and Slevin beat Thomas Heasley 10, 17. In their first game Keane led Kinse11 10-4 and 20-15 but he then had one of his mental aberrations to lose 21. In the second Kinse11 made the mistake of opening the game up which Keane capitalised on to lead 5-1, 7-2, 11-6, 15-8 and 20-11.

The third game was much the same as the second game with Keane leading 12-7, 14-9, 17-13 but KEANE eventually won the next 3 points to change at 19-16 in Keane's favour. Slevin had a rather facile victory over Heasley. Heasley never realised his full potential against the brilliance of Slevin.

Anne Leonard was never extended in the Women's final against Liz Cheevers (nee Cash) winning 14, 13.

17-years-old Michael Greene, who is a son of the well known Irish Professional Golfer and former Irish Closed Golf Champion Christie Green, won his first Senior Open title when he partnered Keane to win the Men's Doubles final, their opponents — Slevin and Brian Lannigan made them fight all the way in a match in which the display of young Greene was a revelation. He was the perfect partner for the more dashing play of Keane and he saved a number of points with his brilliant recovery and Greene eventually won 16-14.

Deirdre Kilpatrick and Mary Ryan beat the Ulster pairing of Pat Hunter and Liz Cheevers -20, 19, 14.

Mrs Hunter made amends when partnered by Alistair Calma, she won the mixed, beating Derek Weir and Ann McLaughlin comfortably, 14, 14.

At the presentation of prizes, which was made by Mr. Gerry Tawney of ACEC, the loudest cheers were for Keane and Slevin and the hard working Committee of Terenure CYMS for their excellent organisation.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Semi-finals:**
- R. Keane bt M. Kinse11 21-12, 13, 16;
- Slevin bt T. Heasley 10, 17.

**Final:**
- KEANE bt Slevin 18-19, 15.

**Women's Semi-finals:**
- A. Leonard bt P. Hunter 8, 4;
- L. Cheevers bt M. McNeill 15, 17.

**Final:**
- LEONARD bt Cheevers 14, 13.

**Men's Doubles Final:**
- KEANE/M. GREENE bt Slevin/B. Lannigan 16-14, 19-16, 14.

**Women's Doubles Final:**
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**Mixed Doubles Final:**

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LEVELLED OR MESSEY LEAD — JUST!

After a defeat at Ellenborough, Ormesby looked to have done their chances of winning the National League no good at all, but, after four matches played, the Middlesex team are on the top of the table — only a safety margin of one set separating them from the three other teams. It is that close!

ELLENBOURGH VS ORMESBY

I have had the fortune to attend three of '2/3—All Ireland Invitation (Malahide). Ellenborough's favour. Wins by Colin Ellenborough, 4—6, 7—5, 11—5.

BEATEN AT LAST

Two weeks later the early leaders, Ellenborough, entertained the champions, the link Milton Keynes. Billed as a classic, it failed to live up to the expectations of the home crowd and the undefeated trio of Sandby and Kitchener, a splendid effort by Seallini's Potton and Tucketts. But the league is far from finished for the London club despite their apparently lowly fifth place. Their next match is against Macleans Maidahead on Nov. 9 and they will then play the bottom three clubs in the league.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

WINNERS OF THE UNIVERSITY LEAGUE (Marking):

TROPHIES

3—All Ireland Invitation (Malahide).

SECOND DIVISION (North)

Fourth round

Second round: patients for the National League are Carl Pears (Somah) and St. Neots.

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NEW TYPE PADDLE

Table tennis rackets of a new type produced in Shanghai have been tried out and proved satisfactory in performance. Rackets that come into regular use in international contests in the '70's showed much improvement on their predecessors. However, there were certain defects in their surfaces. The pimpled rubber surface, for instance, was suitable for quick attack but not for producing spins.

Inverted sandwich rubber, on the other hand, was good for imparting spin to chops and lobs but not for quick shots. The Shanghai-made new racket, surfaced with "Double Happiness" Model-P4A rubber, is free of those drawbacks. After trying out the new product, ex-world champion Xi Jing and his colleagues affirmed its advantages as follows:

(1) It can be used to produce both quick shots and heavy-spin loop drives, services and chops; (2) it is good for returning over-the-table short balls and for controlling the trajectory and placement of shots in returning strong loops; and (3) it can be used to good advantage for following up a loop with a smash.
BOOK REVIEW
SUCCESSFUL TABLE TENNIS
by Peter Simpson

Table tennis to Peter Simpson, England's Trainer/Coach, is something more than a skillful sport, it is a way of life and the pages of this new book prescribe his daily teachings. Drawing on his vast experience in the international field Peter has written a concise and easy to read guide that pinpoints the shots and strategies so essential for successful table tennis.

This is not a publication for the absolute beginner but rather for those who play a little and wish to improve their skills. An ideal present I would suggest for all Club players. The author has approached the subject with the thoroughness expected of a National trainer and would not claim that his book will fashion top players overnight, but for me it takes a man size step in the right direction.

Today, more than ever, playing and enjoying table tennis at a high level depends on using the correct equipment and conditioning the body to the rigours of play. These topics are discussed with understanding and a knowledge acquired by study and experience. The book is clearly illustrated with drawings that highlight a range of practical routines. I particularly liked the way high quality coloured photographs of star players were neatly interspersed with black and white reproductions of the model players demonstrating strokes. It would be unfair to your competition, too! (at a price you can afford)

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### 1980 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION OPEN

#### NEW DOMINANT FORCE

**by MALCOLM ANDERSON**

**Chairman, Photographic Committee, USTTA**

The "Ex" was weaker than it has been in years, due to a conflict with the Korean Open (both the USA and Canada sent teams - and to Zoki Rosanovic's ailing wrist - he couldn't play.

The Men's results were familiar - Danny Seemiller played in 4 events, including the International Team Match, and won them all. A new dominant force emerged in the Women's events - Faan Yeen Liu played in 4 events, including the International Match, and she lost exactly one game.

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**USA v Canada International Match**

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### RESULTS

**Women's Singles**

- Cheryl Dadian d. Gloria Nesukaitis 14, 14, 22.
- Faan Yeen Liu d. Cheryl Dadian 19, 16, 16.

**Men's Singles**

- Danny Seemiller d. George Brathwalle 16, 16, 14.
- Dell Sweeris d. Perry Schwartzberg 17, -16, 15, 15.

**Quarters:**

- Schwartzberg upset No. 2 seed Scott Boggan -18, 16, 12, 10.
- Faan Yeen Liu d. Takako Trenholme 13, 17, 12.

**Semis:**

- Seemiller d. George Brathwalle 16, 16, 14.
- Sweeris d. Perry Schwartzberg 17, 15, 16, 15.

**Women's Doubles**

- Cheryl Dadian/Connie Sweeris d. Takako Trenholme/Janette Camacho 10, 17, 15, 16.
- Faan Yeen Liu d. Cheryl Dadian 19, 14, 15.

**Men's Doubles**

- Dan Seemiller/Faan Yeen Liu d. Scott Boggan/Cheryl Dadian 18, 16, 12, 10.

**Exchange Wanted**

Mr. Reinhold Harnisch of Friedrichshafen 69, D 7513 Statensee is interested in bringing a party of players from his club, Badischer Tischtennis Verband e.V. to England during April 1981.

Choice of district is unspecified but he would like to link the visit with an open tournament over the Easter weekend and proposes four teams of six players (men, women, boys and girls), 24 players in all.

Wouldbe hosts should make contact direct with Mr. Harnisch in Statensee.

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**Photo by Malcolm Anderson, Cicero, II, USA.**
YORKSHIRE NOTES
by Les. D'Arcy

FIRST TITLE WIN

David Lamb, David Hope and Stuart Milnes of East Green TTC won the Yorkshire Summer Inter-League first division title — the first time it has ever been won by a Wakefield side. Milnes and Hope followed up this success by making a clean sweep of the major titles in the Summer League individual championships at Moor Grange School, Leeds. Milnes won the men's Singles, Hope the consolation singles and together they lifted the men's doubles title.

Steven Sharpes defeated Neil Edgcock in the final of the Yorkshire Junior Handing tournament also at Moor Grange. His win (15-year-old Steve the No. 1) in the County and should bring other opportunities his way. Last season, Steven reached the final of the U13 boys event in the Inter-Regional Championships at Bradford. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Junior 2nd team, winners of Div. 2 (North) in the County Championships.

Ossett Community Centre is being tipped to become one of the leading table tennis venues in the area. The main behind the boost in sport at the centre is Warren Trevor Pickersgill, who has enthusiastic plans for table tennis in Ossett. With the help of interested players he has already built a thriving table tennis section at the Centre with two teams playing in the Wakefield Open Age League.

The captains of the new Ossett sides are Keith Bolas and Gordon Cooper. To further interest at the Centre, Mr. Pickersgill invited the writer to bring along the Yorkshire Junior Internationals with Yorkshire TTA Chairman, Geoff Scruton, Mr. Nell Roberts, Sports Council Officer and Sylvia Bradhant a 2-Star Diploma coach.


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McHayle and Pauline McKenzie. The Handsworth Victoria duo Phillip Gunn Barries both played their part to the full in Donald Parker in a very entertaining set. The team was Lester Bertie, Paul Judd, Andy Cockerill. Sandra Peakman and Di Hardy which promises very well for the rest of the campaign.

Pilgrim it seems as if the Juniors could have bring off a great win. Karen Groves also did remarkably well against Northants, but as they full match fit. he showed that he could hold his own and could make a good return in the future. The team was J. Singh, Mike Thomas. Tom Duncan. Melanie Stevens are l;iving notice of an eventual challenge to the mighty Omega. Club are going to dominate the local scene. With maximum points from their first three matches these young­sters are giving notice of an eventual challenge to the mighty Omega.

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

The 2nd team found Herts II too strong, in particularly sharp form. With England stars. Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith opposition's defender but found Andy Creed fighting for this spot and perhaps the most surprising was his ability and fight will certainly be an asset to the first team. Missing from the first team were held at Southampton University on Sept. 20 after which the following ranking lists of the new season have been issued and contain their usual pattern of tiny table-tennis players feet — and are not as strong as usual and with Gillette spreading their stronger players throughout the divisions. The title race looks wide open.

RANKINGS

The first ranking lists of the new season have been issued and contain their usual quarterly column of changes and combinations. These changes are not as striking as usual and look quite predictable. (Congratulations for his remarkable win over the European No. 21 Kucharski of Poland, in the World Student Championship should develop into a struggle for this spot and perhaps the most surprising was his ability and fight will certainly be an asset to the first team. Missing from the first team were held at Southampton University on Sept. 20 after which the following ranking lists of the new season have been issued and contain their usual pattern of tiny table-tennis players feet — and are not as strong as usual and with Gillette spreading their stronger players throughout the divisions. The title race looks wide open.

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3 A. Gilbert (P), 4 M. Broughton (G/F), 5 H. Barker (BA), 6 S. Lewis (P).
7 A. Palaczky (BA), 8 R. Lewis (P), 9 R. Carver (P).

The men's list fortunately shows the return of Chris Shetler to the county scene. His ability and fight will certainly be an asset to the first team. Missing from the county senior teams for the next possible reasons — they are expecting the pitter-patter of tiny table-tennis players feet — are Angie Gilbert and Ann Longland. Their respective husbands Martin and Gary will keep the family saga going in the county teams. The absence of these two ladies and the fact that Julie Reading unfortunately chose to return to Dorset rather than Hampshire, her spell in Sussex, has rather deprived the female strength at county level.

The first team's opening match against Bucks at 1 underdressed, but now Woryco's "Ice Blink" resulted in a 4-6 defeat. Derek Holman, Chris Whiles and Cath Condon all won singles while Cathy and Serina Sinanan won the women's doubles. Serina recovered from an early fall but narrowly lost her singles 19 in the third. Shetler lost his states at home and uncharacteristically lost all his sets. The 2nd Team match against Essex both resulted in 5-7 reversals. Mike Barratt and Norman Begg won the two singles for the "A" team while Danny

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

SHETLER RETURNS

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Women
was held on Sunday, Oct. 26, and I will each for the "B" team. Allan and Maurice Shave won a singles Senior Closed will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30 at Redbridge, Southampton. The county Wednesday, Dec. 10. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. C. Hardman of 142 Abbey Centre. SHROPSHIRE NOTES Tournament for Senior Men, with Ivan Women's Champion Linda Degg and Girls' Cadets, which must give us hope for the future. Emphasis will be laid on results in representative matches and outside tournaments. The boys' and girls' lists are identical, while quite a few junior rankings are still under review which must give us hope for the future. Men M. Green (3), M. Alcock (1), S. Baker (3), A. Smith (2), M. Broughton (2), P. Hogg (4), S. Allen (1), S. Browne (1), Z. Nichols (2). Women M. Judd (3), Z. Paley (2), S. Hazel (3), R. Hogg (4), S. Allen (3), S. Brown (4), Z. Nichols (3). Cambs Rankings for the current season are: Men 1 Keith Richardson (E), 2 Geoff Davies (W), 3 Robert Swift (M), 4 M. Bunn (E), 5 A. Wilhers (E), 6 B. Jordan (M), 7 British Richardson (E), 8 Paul Stacey (M), 9 Julian Wheel (E), 10 Jamie Frost (W), 11 Michael Jackman (M), 12 David Tiplady (G), 13 David Brammer (W). Boys 1 Mandy Judd (C), 2 Joanne Palmer (E), 3 Jane Hunter (W), 4 Valerie Parker (G), 5 Ruth Hunter (W), 6 Alison Edge (E), 7 Tracey Fisher (M), 8 Anthea Rudd (W), 9 Ruth Hunter (G), 10 Paul O'Flynn (C), 11 Tim Ashman (E), 12 Neil Burgess (C). Girls 1 Mandy Judd, 2 Ruth Hunter, 3 Alison Edge, 4 Tracey Fisher. Key: C-Cambridge, E-Ely, M-March. BOGIE LAID Cambs finally laid their bogey eggs with a 7-1 win over that county's second team in a Div. II Championship match at Framlingham. The visitors, the start, when Keith Richardson beat former England star Stuart Gibbs after losing the first game -26. Richardson went on to complete a double when he beat Andy Bowden and also combined with Geoff Davies to win the Men's Doubles. Cambs had won four of the Men's Singles and then with Mandy Judd beating Linda Barrow 4-1 in the third, the visitors were riding high. Their seventh victory came when Judd and Bowden beat Linda Barrow and Yvonne Brown in the Women's Doubles. This was a good start for Cambs and they look set for a good season in this division. Mandy Judd's win was the first by a Cambs girl at senior level. Well done Mandy! Team work also paved the way when Cambs II beat Norfolk II 6-4 in a Div. III East match at Norwich. In a close match with never more than two points separating the teams, the visitors finally won when Gary Jordan beat Michael Broughton 19 to 18 in the third of the final set. Andy Wilhers had previously beaten M. Judd and Bowling and Brian Richardson (E) with a year at college with Smith and Bunn and his well-ranked caddie. Ruth Hunter making her senior debut in place of the indisposed Jane Farrow beat Jane Burren to give Cambs a vital 4-3 lead and also combined with her sister Jane to win the Doubles at 21-1. This again was a good result for Cambs II team and augers well.
II South when they beat Seagulls 7-2 and
RESULTS
R.
Essex II 3 Cambs 7
A.	 Bawden bt G. Davies 21, -16, 19;
L. Barrow lost to M. Judd 17, -19, -21;
Y. Brown bt J. Palmer -19, 16, 21;
T. Bunn lost to Withers -13, 23, -16;
Bunn/Smith bt Jordan/Withers 14, 16;
D. Smith lost to A. Withers -14. 14, -16;
Mitchell and Colin Wilson respectively.
They went down 4-5 at home to Ellenborough. Soham started well with Paul Day
Souter was unable to save the match when
he went down in three to Mitchell. This win
edge and went on to win 21-19. A surprise
coming when he defeated Sussex
two previous opponents 9-0 and 5-4 respec-
tively. In the Swavesey match John
Jackson lost to G. Sandley 10, -12, -16;
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Foster. Exiles however ran out 7-3 winners.

MEETING WAS HELD 

Northumberland Notes 

by Pauline Jackson 

Junior Rankings 

The first junior and girls' winning lists of the season have been issued following the assessment reports, and these are as follows: 

Boys 

1 Neil McMaster, 2 Martin Schapira. 

2 Martin Moore, 4 David Maughan. 

3 Fanny Brumby, 5 Brian Mavfield. 

4 Martin Tate, 7 Nicholas Jefferys. 

5 Dean Hastie. 9 Nicholas Jefferys. 

Girls 

1 Christie Burke, 2 Clare Mouson. 

3 Tanza Crampton, 4 Lindsay Jackman. 

4 Denise Campbell, 5 Gill Curry. 

5 Judith Drapkin, 7 Karen Williamson. 

6 Denise Wilkinson, 10 Mandy Lee.

The Northumberland first and junior County teams made a disappointing start to the season in their first matches on Oct. 4. The senior, with the incentive of Chen's departure, was defeated by Huddersfield. The left-hander made his debut at Shirley Road, but instead were held to a 3-5 draw for the second game. 

Chen and Andrew Clark convi..
KEYNAR scored a narrow victory in the top women's singles, while Ian Robertson had an
unusual blantlydouble, losing both singles and
the doubles with Chu. Bowen/Johns.
An inexperienced junior side, with Martin
Morris and Clare Mouzon making its
debut and Martin Schapira playing in only
his second match, lost 5-4 to Lancashire
juniors Neil McMaster, now ranked at No.
2, following the departure of John Burse to
the senior ranks, played with competence
and authority to win both the singles, but
these were to be the side's only successes,
although Christine Burke ran Beverley
Horle very close before eventually losing
21-23, 18-20.
A good crowd was in evidence at Eldon
Square on the following day to see the
City of Newcastle side beat Salford Select
6-3 in an excellent National League Div. 2
match. Chu Van Que led the way with
two singles wins over Phil Bowen and
Mark Hanley, while Keith Paxton, Andrew
Clark and a hard-to-find Ian Robertson
each had singles victories over Hanley,
Steve Bowscroft and Bowen respectively. A
new formation of Paxton and Robertson
was successful in the doubles against Bowen
and Brian Johns.
RESULTS
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Chu Van Que 2-1 Phil Bowen 12-20,*
21-16, 21-12.
M. Hanley 21-16.
Robertson/Paxton 21-18, 16-21, 21-10.
K. Paxton 21-16, 14-21.
* Chu Van Que lost to J. Johns -20, 18.
Robertson/Paxton 21-18, 8-21, 21-16.
Robertson/Johns 21-16, 19-16.

DURHAM NOTES

by Ray Simpson

Chu Van Que and went down -10, -15 in
quick time against Chu's forehand play.
Andrew Clark put 'North' 2-0 ahead with
some well-placed shots against Tony Gelder,
winning 18, 10. Durham's No. 1, Dave
Svensen, pulled one back for the home team
by playing tight and short against 'Benny'
Robertson, winning 16, -15, 10, and then the
women's doubles pairing of Lynne Balm-
bridge and Julie Smith leveled the scores
by defeating Barbara Kearney and Kit
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The women's singles was the crucial set.
Miss Kearney hit her high loop and smash
to good effect against Chu's drop shots, but
the latter bounced back with a 21-4
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City of Newcastle 6 Salford Select 3
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Tournament Nov. 1/2; County Champion-Premier Division. He will be greatly missed years, has contributed to the game through coaching and in recent years had captained the County will wish me to express sincere sympathy to his family. Hampton. In the midst of a gathering of...next listings.

Stafford tops the entry with 5 teams.

Congratulations Karen

Leicestershire Notes by Philip Reid

Leicestershire have made a good start in this season, led by Alan Philpott, losing -21 in the third. The Veterans had no such success - they went to Crewe and could manage only two victories against a Schofield-led Cheshire. Little Stockport man continues to play as well as ever and in the circumstances Brian MacArthur did well to take him to three, besides winning his other set. Rodney Pickering made his debut at this level for Leicestershire and it was immediately clear that he was a class act. When that was there - he won one and went the full distance in the other.

Leicester easily won the Senior Section of the Leicestershire Vistor-Twinni Competition. Hinckler no longer have the skills of Harold and Maurice Newman to call on so it was some good play by Hinckler. How old enemies were never really in with a good chance of taking the trophy they have held in the past. Keith Fellows was the outstanding player in the event - he has improved in leaps and bounds and thoroughly merits his place in the county first team.

It was a great privilege for me recently to meet one of the founders of organised table tennis locally - Mr. Frank Cooper Watson. It was largely due to Mr. Cooper Watson that table tennis made such good start in 1931 and he was full of knowledge and interest. He re-started the Leicester League in 1943 - right in the middle of the War - and was specially mentioned. He recalled vividly the day Victor Bains, Michael Shawbrooks and Laslo Bellak came to the De Montfort Hall in 1936 - and attracted a crowd of 2,500! Mr. Cooper Watson had much of interest - the circular calling the first meeting...and now, at 77, he still plays for the Electricity locally - Mr. Frank Cooper Watson. It was fortunate that Mr. Cooper Watson had many supporters - the circular calling the first meeting...and now, at 77, he still plays for the Electricity locally - Mr. Frank Cooper Watson.

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England's Championships. Even without Chris Rogers, Paul Randell and Karen Bellingham, the team was still too strong for Northamptonshire (themselves below full strength). Incidentally Karen was away on her honeymoon - congratulations to her on her marriage!

The 2nd team visited Oxfordshire and won 7-3. Alan Philpott, making his debut, won two for Leicestershire but it was the...against Hearts of Oak. Ian McKelvey has...to Crewe and could manage only two sets when his maximum brought them a point against Hearts of Oak, Ian McKelvey to...and this team could easily top the division. Philip Smith - leicestershire's most...at the De Montfort Hall in 1936 - and attracted a crowd of 2,500! Mr. Cooper Watson had much of interest - the circular calling the first meeting...and now, at 77, he still plays for the Electricity locally - Mr. Frank Cooper Watson.

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Junior Closed. Although short notice, the rally went quite well with about 28 people attending. One junior impressed all of us, Andrew Thompson from Scunthorpe. Coming on the bus, about 30 miles, he went to the wrong centre and had to pay £4 in taxi fare to arrive in time for the afternoon session. That is the keenness shown by future champions! Good luck Andrew. You deserve to go far in this game.

The Lines Junior Closed gave Andrew his chance. He beat Guy Ashton and then Steve Read to contest the boys' final with No. 1 seed Worrell. This final proved to be the best ever seen at these championships. Andy won the first 21 but then lost the second. The third was a classic with Andy pulling back a 9-10 deficit to level at 11-11. From this stage the points were incredible with each player powering the ball past the other with no-one winning two points in a row. At 11-11 the atmosphere was electric and it was Stuart who came through to take the next two points and win. But what a match! Full details will appear in the next issue. One interesting fact was the introduction of yellow table tennis balls in this tournament. They proved quite effective and I think easier to see. Another point was that with 12 tables in continuous use for 3 hours, we only needed 13 balls — I used a new one for the final!

Lastly the ranking lists are as follows:

**Men**
1 B. Hill 2 P. Taylor 3 D. Serkatt 4 M. East 5 M. Bishop 6 A. Bishop 7 N. Parrott 8 M. Newboult 9 K. Adlington 10 S. Turville

**Girls**
1 J. Barnett 2 S. Groves 3 J. Coop 4 M. Finnemore 5 J. Towers 6 A. Mason and C. Siddons

**Veteran Men**
1 Cyril Williams 2 Denis Joyce 3 Trevor Smith 4 Dave Woodcock 5 Ron Fairhall 6 Sid Barwell

**Veteran Women**
1 Joyce Coop 2 Dot Botkins 3 Iris Terry 4 Pam New

**RANKINGS**

**LANCASHIRE NOTES**

by George R. Yates

**UNIMPRESSIVE SHOW**

It was an unimpressive show that Lancashire's team put up on their return to the Premier Division. Just two of their county players, Miss Groves and Miss Coop who were beaten decisively by Karen Snowdon and Linda Hryszko, successfully completed their average. The Lancashire team were ranked 7th in the ranking list with 11 points and 12 wins. However, Lancashire's performance was below expectations, and the team failed to put any great judgement on. The team's performance was unimpressive as they were unable to make any significant impact in the tournament.

**NEWCOMERS AT THE TOP**

With the new season now well under way we say welcome to two new players and newcomers to the top. Simon Heaps joins Dorset's team this season and appears at No. 1 in the first of the season's ranking lists.

Also joining us after spells with Hampshire and Sussex is Julie Reading who enters the ranking list as No. 2 woman. Julie's presence is especially welcome with Janet New, who has then in the team, has now been dropped to No. 3, and Senior level. Janet's achievements include the English Junior Closed title in the past season. We wish her well in her forthcoming marriage and once again Janet, a big thank you for your efforts. We have been welcomed to the team by George R. Yates who has joined the team in his capacity as Lancashire's ranking expert. Janet's achievements include the English Junior Closed title in the past season. We wish her well in her forthcoming marriage and once again Janet, a big thank you for your efforts. We have been welcomed to the team by George R. Yates who has joined the team in his capacity as Lancashire's ranking expert. Janet's achievements include the English Junior Closed title in the past season. We wish her well in her forthcoming marriage and once again Janet, a big thank you for your efforts.
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USA and instead of two veterans sides second but he had the consolation of a entertaining Warwickshire and the result out to be something of a mini disaster for losing. The 1st’s went to Berkshire only to lose 2-8 with Creed getting one singles and Fletcher who got within a point of his game of the last set, on expedite, got good offer a warm welcome to Julie and Terry Cashmans (Bristol) 7-2. Adrian Moore, 15 Oct. 19 when they visited and slammed sets. Other members of the team were Stuart Palmer and Sue Buscher.

The Juniors played against Norfolk and included three new boys in Kevin Scott, Ray Thorpe and Win Kirkham and all found the competition too good on the day. Jane Leonard playing at No. 1 for the first time lost in three and only Jane Richards prevented a clean sweep for Norfolk who ran out 8-1 winners.

Only bright note was the Seniors finals defeating Herts away 7-3. Julian Hall, Russell King and Terry Dowsett each won while Kathy Brierley and Jane Leonard reached the finals. It was unfortunate that Herts played an ineligible woman thus giving both women's sets.

I heard from Chris Parrish of the Woodbridge League that the 1st Division was won by Trinity with Legion "A" runners-up in the 2nd Div. the winners were Suffolk Coastal "B" with Framlingham "A". The 3rd Shield was won by Bournemouth Bawblers over Framlingham "A". What gorgeous name! There will be three divisions this season and several new teams have entered.

Finally a big thank you to Mrs. Joan Kitchen who has volunteered many years as chief refreshment lady for the County.

Unusual enough was a shock win imminent, it was left to首发球手. With a shock win imminent, it was left to start people talking, particularly with 11 nationally ranked players from Ireland, the women's No. 1, and the men's No. 2.

 Holder of the men's singles, Max Crummings lost in Round 1 to Joe Kennedy, 16-17, who then did well to beat Jimmy Walters. His giant killing act halted in the semi-final however, as he met the No. 1 seed Tony Merry who had just missed the rankings, a result which cannot be faulted. We can only hope that in future George Leach looks to be an uphill struggle and changes might well be called for. On Nov. 8 we will see whether the right changes have been learnt.

Finally, for programmers, expect as much as before in the four leagues in Avon and in the next few months I hope to be including a bit more fully into the leagues, via Bath, Bristol, Mendip and Weston, and locking forward to their own cup competitions, championships and interleague programmes.

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The Senior team opened their programme against Herts and were well beaten 7-3. John Kitchener and Julie Dowsett won singles each and Mick Palmer together with John won the doubles. Other members of the team were Stuart Palmer and Sue Buscher.

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The Women's Singles, also sponsored by STAMCO, saw No. 1 seed Karen Witt beat Sandley and win fairly comfortably, as Day proved to be too good in the semi-finals with Gordon beating Smith. The tournament format of teams and singles played proved popular with players and coaches and provided a considerable number of surprise results.

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- T. Sanderson (Y) bt W. Gleave (Ch) 15, 10, 11.
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- Sharp bt Gleave 17, 18.
- Green bt Madden 14.

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Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
- Day bt Kennedy 17, 11;
- Sandley bt Potton 18, 21.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
- Witt bt Gleave 18, 10, 12;
- WITT bt Gordon 8, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
- Day/Potton bt Beadsley/Eckersley 17, 19;
- Jermyn/Wells bt I. Horsham (Dr) 18, 18.

Final:
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in both Men's and Veterans' sections. The situation at County level is not without its problems, with Redditch and Northfield in particular facing difficulties in the steel, footwear and clothing industries, which have led to a decrease in entries, giving Wellingborough its smallest Junior League representation in the Corby area, while Kettering has been hit even harder, having ten entries fewer than last season, and having been denied promotion due to the frequent frustrations of County table tennis.

Despite the challenges, there is optimism that there will be a marked increase in the number of talented players entering the Youths' and Veterans' competitions, and that the Kettering League has been harder hit, taking care of inter-league weekend competition in the steel, footwear and clothing industries, with ten entries fewer than last season, and having been denied promotion due to the frequent frustrations of County table tennis.

The early season County Rankings show that the leading players, such as Michael Owens, are expected to continue their impressive form, while the early results can be considered disappointing for Kettering, Wellingborough, Northfield and Kettering Leagues, who have struggled to maintain their high standards.

The Junior Tournament was a resounding success, with the County thank you to the Kettering League for its excellent organisation, and to the sponsors, particularly Yamaha Motors, Dunstable, for their generous support.

Counties Cup: Bedfordshire showed UTC 'A', so long prominent in Northants, the way, and its optimism Gary Auden, the prematurely retired Graham Feakin, Rothborough's task of winning the Northants Cup was made easier by the dynamic Caroline Chambers, who, with Ian Doughty, was utilising her offensive skills to good effect. Ian Cutting and Andrew Robinson were the other members of the victorious team.

The Bedfordshire Junior Tournament held at Vauxhall Motors, Dunstable, on Saturday, was a tremendous success, and the County thank you to the organisations for their use of the facilities. An entry of 56 was received and it was refreshing not only to see the many new faces and in particular the Cadet girls.

Play was continuous between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and many fine matches were viewed by the large gathering of players, parents, friends and schoolteachers. Start of the tournament was the two most successful players in recent years Jackie Bellinger and David Sharpe. Between them they took no less than 32 firsts.

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Bedfordshire Notes

Leading Players

Michael Owens ........................................ 30-31-96.8%
Steve Lynn ........................................ 26-27-96.4%
Keith Nicholls ...................................... 34-39-94.4%
Romano Gallo ...................................... 56-63-88.7%
Keith Jones ........................................ 56-61-93.3%

This season, all three sides have started on a determined attempt to retain their positions, but without the injured, yet still optimistic Gary Auden, and the prematurely retired Graham Feakin, Rothborough's task would have been a difficult one. If it were not for the disbanding of Youth Centre A, Rothborough 'A' would have been a formidable player in the future.

The early season County Rankings show that well-known local coach, George Read, who has started many of our well known players, but with Auden, Anne Walls and Connie Bannister likely to be unavailable for most matches, early results can be considered disappointing.

COUNTY RANKINGS

Men
1 Gary Auden, 2 Romano Gallo.
2 Steve Lynn, 3 Joel Goodall, 5 Kevin Sharpe.
3 Keith Nicholls, 5 Terry Nightingale.
4 Steve West, 6 Brian Wooding.

Women
1 Mandy Walls, 20 Gloria Hooper.
2 Helen Cottier, 3 Margaret Malathy.
3 Lily Malathy, 6 Joyce Porter.
4 Dorothy Marsh, 6 Jeanne Cutler.

Boys
1 Graeme McKim, 2 Richard Malfait.
3 Ian Hawes, 4 Ashley Bennett, 5 Neil Ridge.
6 Andrew Trott, 9 Jon Bird.
8 Susan Nannery, 9 Kevin Elsworth.

Girls
1 Jane Nicholl, 2 Gillian Philpot.
3 Melanie Brooks, 4 Maxine Shears.
5 Jane Nicoll, 6 Debbie Kimbell.

Cadet Boys
1 Richard Bashford, 2 Nigel Metcalfe.
3 Kevin Bird, 4 Stephen Rogers.
5 Andrew Trott, 6 Andrew Edmonds.
7 Luke Mann, 8 Jon Bird.
9 Ian Fensome, 9 Kevin Elsworth.

Women
1 Maxine Shears, 2 Susan Nannery.
3 Debbie Kimbell.

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By Tony Dimmock

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

County Tournament was open to four of the five teams in action, the senior side entertaining a strong Kent team at a new venue - Luton Boys' Club. Peter Taylor playing for the first time in a number of years was the only male member of the team to record a win, defeating the Kent No. 1, J. Hurst, 11/11.

On the other side, Jackie and Lisa, who took two of their three sets, were the doubles being a tremendous encounter with the Beds pair winning 24 in the 3rd. Jackie was in devastating form against the very strong Lisa, her topspin game and "hat-killing" gave the defensive skills of her sister a hard task. A very much improved Jane Dimmock and her sister Lisa Dimmock were extraordinary and she ran out the eventual winners in the 3rd making the final result Beds 3 Kent 7.

The County Juniors playing away to Hunts, where Ian Doughty who has just moved out of the Cadet age group was the star on his seniors' winning both his singles. David Sharpe, another junior, was also in good form winning one and almost taking a second. Julie Dimmock won her set and together with Dawn Campbell took the doubles. Dawn, much steadier this season with her attacking strokes, almost made it a clean sweep in the women's section just losing in the 2nd.

Junior Juniors away to Bucks II went down 4-6. Andrew Conquest and Russell Beard both won their two singles in convincing fashion. Mark Andrews, a newcomer to county play was unexpected, a little nervous but nonetheless showed his potential.

Success story of the weekend was the Veterans, 1st win over Herts IL. As usual the friendly atmosphere generated at these matches was yet another win for the game. But for the record the only loss was sustained by the dynamic Caroline Chambers, who, after a hard battle, was utilised as a service replacement. Peter Cutting and Andrew Robinson were the other members of the victorious team.

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Another young player who showed his potential is the bounding Martin Sharpe whose enthusiasm for the game is a pleasure to behold. Under the guidance of his well-known local coach George Read, who has started many of our well-known players, Martin is sure to be a formidable player in the future. One must surely feel that many times at this tournament was "youngster keep those feet moving!"

OTHER RESULTS

Boys' Doubles:
1 C. Lucumbe/D. Sharpe bt A. Conquest/J. Dorothy.
2 Girls' Doubles
3 B. Bellinger/L. Bellinger bt J. Dimmock/J. Miles.
4 Mixed Doubles:
5 Sharpe/J. Lucumbe bt L. Bellinger/L. Bellinger.
6 Consolation Boys' Doubles:
7 Edwards/Margotrov/C. Lucumbe/H. Holmes.
8 S. Lampert.
9 Consolation Girls' Doubles:
10 J. Dorothy/L. Robins bt G. Lawrence/R. Young.
FIRST CLASS HONOURS FOR GRUBBA AND CSIK

Poland's rising star of the international table tennis circuit, Andrzej Grubba, added three more feathers, in the shape of gold medals, to his cap at the World Student Championships, hosted by Teesside Polytechnic and played at Thornaby Pavilion over the period Sept. 7-13.

Grubba's best display came in the men's singles when he overcame the aggressive Italian No. 1, Giovanni Bisi, in an entertaining final. Bisi, the man who pushed Desmond Douglas all the way in the European Championships in Berne, was on form at Thornaby. His attack was so furious in the first two games that he forced the young Pole to pay most of the rallies some ten feet from the table. Bisi won the first at 20 whilst Grubba managed to scramble the second at 18. From that point Bisi's confidence evaporated. Grubba came up to the table, used his serves and third ball attack to full effect and ran out a comfortable winner 8 and 6 in the third and fourth games.

To reach the final Grubba defeated Korean players in the quarter and semi-finals, both without the loss of a game. He also ended the hopes of Britain's star man in the Championships, Andy Wellman of Berkshire.

In the opposite half Bisi beat the top Korean Kim Wan over four games in an excellent semi-final having a round earlier ended the hopes of Britain's sole survivor Chris Rogers of Leicester by three games to one.

Grubba won his second title with Andrzej Jakubowicz who substituted for Grubba's established partner Leszek Kucharski who withdrew with a leg injury. In the final the Poles scored a comfortable victory over the Korean pair Kim Wan and Lee Sang Kuk by three games to one.

The team event gave Grubba a further opportunity to shine which he did very strongly in the final against the Republic of Korea. Grubba won all his three sets. In his opening set he beat Korean No. 1 Kim Wan 11 and 11. The third set was as close as the score augested. From there he went from strength to strength winning the decider with the scoreline 4-3 to Poland against Lee Sang Kuk 11 and 11.

Although Grubba was the star of the team final, the hero was Kucharski. He played with an injured leg beating Choi Wan Kyu, failing to Lee Sang Kuk but then, with everything at stake and the match score poised at three-all he beat Kim Wan 11 in the third.

Earlier in the team event Grubba and Kucharski had had their problems. In the match against Great Britain, Wellman scored an excellent win over Kucharski whilst in the early group matches Grubba was surprisingly beaten by Cunha, 18 in the third, in the match against Brazil to put his team 0-2 down. The Poles, with their backs to the wall, fought back with three wins from Kucharski and two from Grubba to run out 3-2 winners.

The Great Britain team started well winning their opening two matches in the group against Italy and Holland but from that stage failed to impress and finished in sixth position out of the seven contenders.

The women's events were dominated by Hungary's Marta Csik who won three gold medals and a silver in the women's doubles.

In the singles, the final was something of an anti-climax when Csik beat her team mate Katlin Bogyo 3-0. Her hardest set was in the semi-final against Eva Pozniak of Poland where she won 3-1.

In the mixed doubles the Hungarian girls dominated with the Korean men and found little opposition. Marta Csik and Kim Wan beat Lee Sang Kuk and Katlin Bogyo 3-2 in the final. The only defeat for Csik came in the women's doubles where, partnered by Bogyo she was beaten by the experienced Canadian pair Marianne Dononkos and Gloria Hsu 3-1, which gave the Canadians some consolation for their team event defeat at the hands of the same pair a few days earlier.

The World Student Championships enjoyed an entry from fifteen countries. The facilities at Teesside Polytechnic, where the accommodation and meals were provided, were excellent as were the playing conditions which are well known to English table tennis enthusiasts, at Thornaby Pavilion. The atmosphere at the event, whilst being competitive, was extremely friendly and all participants were in agreement that the organisation provided by Teesside Polytechnic was first class.

The Championships were underwritten by the British Students Sports Federation who handled a substantial part of the organisation themselves. However, assistance was given by the Local Authorities, Cleveland County Council, Middlesbrough District Council and Stockton District Council.
Final:

Women's Singles Round 3:

Kim Wan bt Hafen 9, 11, 11.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Bogyo/Csik bt H. Akamatsu (BRA)/Pupo 16, 18, 8

Kim Wan/Lee Sang Kuk bt M. Sueri (ITA)/Wielbass 10, 11, 7.

Pozniak bt Sokler 19, -15, 20, 16.

Bogyo bt Pupo 11, 11, 15.

Semi-finals:

E. Pozniak (POL) bt M. Mellor (GBR) 10, 12, 16.

Bisi bt Kim Wan -15, 23, 18, 15.

Bogyo/Csik bt Jacob/Sokler 22, 10, 12.

Final:

Bogyo bt Domonkos 19, -19, 15, -21, 14.

Victory parade for the men's doubles (1 to r) Lee Sang Kuk/Kim Wan (runners-up), Jakubowicz/Grubba (winners), Rogers/Wellman and Bargagli/Bisi (beaten semi-finals).

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec.

3rd WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS —

RESULTS

MEN:

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM USED BUTTERFLY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Women's Singles Round 2:

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**Letter to the Editor**

NOVEL INCENTIVE

I have been interested in Table Tennis either as a player, spectator or administrator for a long time, and feel that the game fails to provide, as much enjoyment, as it might, particularly from the spectator’s point of view, due to its system of scoring each game up to 21 points.

It seems clear that the frequent crises which lawn tennis scoring provides would equally benefit table tennis. Perhaps each game of table tennis would be played up to 5 games (with normal requirement of 2 clear points lead).

I am sure that others have expressed similar views but I wonder if any organised table tennis has ever been played (other than in the days of its birth) with lawn tennis scoring.

It not, I would be prepared to arrange for a trophy or other incentive to be available should you be willing to promote a competition on these lines.

A. T. FINNEY,

Pear Tree Farm, Pudmore, Eccleshall, Staffs.

The foregoing letter was addressed to the Secretary of the ETTA, Mr. Albert Shipley, and seems worthy of consideration, and comment, from the readership at large.

Ed.
INTEREST UNDERLINED

by Bill Heath

Interest in the Under-12 age group was underlined by 53 boys entering the Newbury Junior Open over the weekend of Septs. 27/28 and even the U-12 girls' event produced 25 entries. Jimmy Stokes of Reading had won convincingly from Paul Fisher who had a long hard match against Adrian Dixon before winning his semi-final 18 in the third. Dixon and Murray Jukes did well to reach the final of the Cadet Boys' doubles and were certainly not outclassed in a final even closer than the 17, 19 score in favour of Carl Prean and Nigel Tyler suggests. Again the semi-final produced an outstanding match where J. Bradbury and C. Wilson succumbed to Dixon/Jukes 23 in the 3rd.

RESULTS

Saturday Events

U-12 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
1. S. Smith (Bu) bt T. West (E) 16, 6;
   P. Fisher (Sp) bt A. Dixon (St) -18, 18, 18.
Final:
STOKES bt Fisher 17, 17.
U-12 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
1. I. Hayden (E) bt T. Holland (E) 13, 15;
   R. Knight (Mi) bt L. Souter (Mi) 12, 21.
Final:
HAYDEN bt Knight -11, 20, 15.
Cadet Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
1. P. Jackson (Av) bt N. Tyler (Mi) 12, 20;
   A. Dodd (K) bt M. Jukes (Wa) 18, 14, 19.
Final:
PREADN bt Dodd 11, 6.
Cadet Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
P. Fisher (Sp)/Jukes bt M. Cohen (Av)/H. MacInroy (Le) 14, 13.
Final:
PREAN/GOLDSMITH bt Boxall/Popkiewicz 17, 17.
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Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
Prean bt I. Fullerton (K) 14, 13;
D. Dodd (K) bt F. Namdjou (K) -23, 24, 14;
S. Namdjou (K) bt P. Davis (Sy) -19, 13, 7;
P. Jackson (Av) bt N. Oh (Sy) -7, 14.
Semi-finals:
P. Namdjou bt Dodd 17, 19, 19;
Namdjou bt Jackson 19, 13, 19.
Final:
PREAN bt Namdjou 12, 14.
Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
(P entries)
1. A. Boxall (He)/Popkiewicz bt M. Cohen (Av)/L. Forster (Le) 14, 13.
   Collier/Goldsmith bt A. Hegerty (St)/L. Forster (Le) 14, 13.
Final:

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
1. Y. Hall (Le) bt T. Watkins (Wi) -17, 19, 15;
   S. Mitchell (Mi) bt M. Collins (Mi) 18, 14;
   S. Collins (Mi) bt Collier 16, 16;
   C. Creasey (Do) bt J. Collins (Ba) 14, 20, 12.
Semi-finals:
Hill bt Blackburn -10, 22, 18;
Sandleby bt Creasey 16, 15, 14.
Final:
SANDLEY bt Hill 8, 12.
Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
(P entries)
1. A. Golding (Ga)/Tyler bt P. Brownlow (Bk)/Jackson -17, 19, 23.
   DODD/NAMDJOU bt Golding/Tyler 19, 16.
Final:
TODD/NAMDJOU bt Golding/Tyler 19, 16.

Girls' Singles finals: Sarah Sandley in “smashing” form during her win over Yvonne Hall in the Girls' singles final at Newbury.

Of the 8 seeds in the Girls' singles only Julie Dimmock failed to reach the quarters being beaten by a much improved Tazzy Watkins who went on to take the first, at 17, against No. 1 seed Yvonne Hall before narrowly losing the second -19 and fading a little fo -15 in the 3rd. Yvonne was again in trouble in her semi-final where Susan Blackburn won the first very easily and came within a point of victory in the 2nd. Meanwhile in the other half Sarah Sandley and Cheryl Creasey had a battle royal - Sarah winning 23-21 in the 3rd before going on to beat the subdued Yvonne Hall rather easily in the final. Miss Sandley is playing a confident all-round game and looks headed for a good season.

In the Boys' singles No. 2 seed Peter Brownlow went out to Conquest -16, 21, 18 while Darren Griffin and Philip Cole failed to reach the last 16 being defeated by S. Bowland's and F. Davis respectively. An outstanding quarter-final between Paul Namdjou and David Dodd produced a scoreline of 25-23, 24-26, 14-21 in favour of David who went on later to take the first against Carl Prean but having lost a very close second -19 he lost his touch and energy and went down -17. Unseeded Ray Namdjou beat Paul Jackson, 19 in the 3rd, in another good semi-final but his efforts in the doubles took their toll and he lost -12, -14 to No. 1 seed Prean who thus completed a hat-trick of victories in the three events he entered over the weekend at Turnpike School.

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Prean bt Namdjou 25-23 in the 3rd after Jackson and Brownlow had seemingly comfortably won the first game.

Sarah Sandley in “smashing” form during her win over Yvonne Hall in the Girls' singles final at Newbury.

Photo by Murray Corbin, Wimbledon.
LITTLE OPPOSITION

Alan Griffiths didn't have much trouble in winning the men's singles first prize of £100 in the Aberdare Open - the open tournament in the Welsh Calendar. There was little in the way of serious opposition from across the border, and Welsh challenge from such as David Welman and George Evans didn't exist because they were not present, and anticipated opposition from Nigel Thomas or Mark Thomas just did not materialise.

Alan's only "hiccup" was in the final against Wolverhampton's Andy Rich, who must have been surprised to find he had won the first game. But then it was back to the reality of being beaten comfortably in the second and third.

Andy shouldn't have been in the final at all, because Nigel Thomas won a methodical and accurate first game in the quarters against Rich's defence, but then became completely negative, and tamely surrendered the next two. Rich then beat Andrew Creed of Bristol in his semi-final.

In the other half, Alan beat Mark Thomas with ease, our No. 1 junior making little or no attempt to take the initiative. In fact Mark was lucky to beat Lester Berle for exactly the same reason. Brian James had a good run to the quarters but was never in the picture against Alan in the final, although he did make more impression in the second, Gary Wilkins had a very good win over Jeff Morgan, but was quite ineffective against Creed in the quarters.

The men's doubles saw Nigel and Mark Thomas have quite a good win over Griffiths and scratch partner Paul Jackson (from Bristol), but the final was a poor affair with Nigel Thomas and Helen Sellick comfortably winning.

There were no Welsh players in the women's singles, and only one - Susan Jones, got that far. She was the Centre, provided Jeff Morgan with his best chance of winning the girls title against favourite Cathy Jones. It was no fluke, the Penarth girl looking at all times the more likely to win.

Andrew Jones took the junior title, but marks to Jeff Rigby for a good day and a promising challenge to Andrew in the final.

Susan Jones added to her spoils by taking the girls' singles, but Jayne Buly took her to 19 in the third. Jayne still shows her consistency, playing well in the final of this event, but being lucky to eliminate Pamela Grant, who in fact did beat Jayne in the women's singles.

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THE ROUND ROBINS

Successful assessment sessions were run both at Llanishen for the North Wales players and at the National Sports Centre for those from South Wales. Results in the North confirmed the selection for the Centre of Development scheme up there, whilst the tour format, round robin events in the South produced curious results.

This was the first time we had seen David Welsh and Mark Thomas' form in this season and he showed that he was in very good form by coming out top. Alan won the semi-final by virtue of a clean sheet. George Evans came second, only beaten by David, with Brian Jeapes third, Andrew Jones fourth, Earl Jeffers fifth, and Kevin Bousch sixth. Alan Griffiths was in the other group, but he lost to Tony Healan and John Bloomer.

The latter eventually won the group, with Jeff Morgan, winner, Griffiths third, Healan fourth, Graham Sell fifth and Ceri Phillips sixth.

In the boys' event, Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins topped their groups, and Gary won the play-off. Jeremy Hobbs beat the final qualifier for third place. Susan Jones won the girls' title against Nigel Thomas, with Penny Jeffers second, and Helen Sellick third. Cathryn Jones of Gwent girls' final. has been doing the rounds of the Scottish events, but being lucky to eliminate Margaret Grant, who in fact did beat Jayne in the women's singles.

Susan Jones also took the girls' singles, but dropped a game to Sharan James of Cornwall in the final.

Mark Thomas won the boys' singles, Philip Gunn, the diminutive defender from Birmingham running him to 25-25 in the first game, but only getting 15 in the second. Thomas did drop a game to Ceri Phillips of Swansea, who had done well to reach the quarters, but otherwise our No. 1 looked fairly secure. Gunn will surely have plenty of success in the future, most players not liking his defensive game. Yet Andrew Jones should have beaten him in the semi-final, leading 15-10 in the deciding game.

There was some Welsh consolation in the women's events for Gail Rees-Phillips, who teamed up with Welsh born Lesley Tyler to beat Karen Groves and Mrs. Hardy 20 in the third of a quite good match.

THE GLAMORGAN CLOSED

This event, carried over from last season because of the flood damage at the Sports Centre, provided Jeff Morgan with his best win ever - the defeat of Alan Griffiths in the final. He beat Bob Bishop in the semi-final, whilst Alan beat Andrew Jones in a semi which showed Andrew's technical improvement if not his experience.

Susan Jones caused the next upset by taking the women's title against favourite Cathy Jones. It was no fluke, the Penarth girl looking at all times the more likely to win.

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CENTRAL TTC (1 to r) G. Docherty, D. McIvor, D. Fletchcr, J. Broe.

Scottish born Brenda Annand of Gwent has been doing the rounds of the Scottish tournaments this season. She followed up her RENEGADES Women's Doubles title (by winning the Girls title from Lynn Johnston after Scoti No. 1) - Val Thomson, had unexpectedly lost in the quarter-finals to Alison Cook (Ayr).

Carole Dalrymple, once recovered from the back strain which handicapped her in Poma and kept her out of the RENEGADES, achieved the triple crown, winning Women's Singles from Isobel Ferguson who partnered her to success in the Doubles and the Mixed with Ricky Nixon.

Malcolm Francis (Kent), fresh from a months training in Posing, reached the Open Singles semi-final and with fellow China traveller Bill Sichel won the Men's Doubles.

RESULTS


Final: RODGER bt Kerr 17, 17.

Women's Singles Semi-finals: C. Dalrymple bt G. Docherty 14, 18.

Girls' Singles Final: B. ANNAND bt L. Johnston 10, 14, 18.

by Denis George

MEADOWBANK OPEN, Edinburgh 28/9/99

Bert Kerr, the evergreen Edinburgh based peninsular veteran who represented SCOTLAND in the 1954 Worlds before most of today's players were born, caused heads to turn by reaching the final of the Open Singles with a quarter-final win over David McIvor and a semi-final win over Atwar Malid - both in straight games. However in the final Keith Rodger hit too crisply for Kerr and won 17 and 17.

JUNIOR GIRLS (1 to r) Brenda Annand (2), D. McIvor, D. Fletchcr, J. Broe.

Photos by Denis George.
Season 1980/81

**SCOTTISH TEAM CUP, Meadowbank, Edinburgh**

10/15/80

This annual event brings together the top teams in the premier division of all affiliated leagues. Glasgow's CENTRAL and Edinburgh's GAMBIT clubs over the years have practically made the title their private preserve. After CHAIGELLAND's victory over GAMBIT last season, this season the old order returned. GAMBIT reached the final once again with Bert Kerr unbeaten. CENTRAL survived a hard match with Aberdeen's SWIFTY 3-4 after being 3-1 down when John Moir, showing a welcome return to the form which took him to Pyongyang in 1979, defeated David McIlroy. In the final CENTRAL's young team (average age 17) of McIlroy, Graeme Docherty, John Broe and David Fletcher defeated GAMBIT 5-0 in straight sets with McIlroy avenging his defeat by Kerr in the MEADOWBANK the previous week.

**STTA JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT, Meadowbank, Edinburgh** 10/15/80

14 tables, 48 boys. 15 girls and 9 hours of play in groups of 4 provided Scotland's top youngsters with competitive play of a sustained high standard which gave each of our young players a fighting chance of reaching the top position.

Girls
1. Valerie Thomson - Glasgow
2. Brenda Annand - Falkirk
3. Aileen Bennett - Grangemouth
3. Conrad Whitelaw - Kelty
4. Claire Duncan - Grangemouth
5. Martin Crawford - Falkirk
6. Catherine Yardley - Falkirk
7. Brenda Campbell - Edinburgh
8. Brenda Thomson - Glasgow
9. Carol Ann Callinan - Motherwell
10. Janis Mather - Falkirk
11. Margaret Mair - Falkirk
12. Rosemary McLean - Falkirk
13. Kirsten Mair - Falkirk
14. Jennifer Graham - Falkirk

Boys
1. Billy Graham - Edinburgh
2. Martin Crawford - Falkirk
3. Conrad Whitelaw - Kelty
4. Karol White - Edinburgh
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**WHAT’S ON AND WHERE**

November 1980

**JOOLA YOUTH CUP**

Approved by the English Table Tennis Association, Scottish Table Tennis Association and Table Tennis Association of Wales

The Championship will be played in Tregaron, 6 English, 1 Scottish and 1 Welsh. Singles matches only using the group system of play with the regional winner advancing to the National Finals. All regional matches will be played in the Christmas School Holidays.

**PRIZES TO THE TOTAL ENTRY FUND £4,000**

National Champions - £200 JOOLA Voucher All Regional Champions - £50 JOOLA Playing Kit All Regional Runners-up - JOOLA Donald Parker or Peter Stellwag Bat and Holdall National Runners-up - JOOLA2000S Regional Semi-Finalists - JOOLA Parker or Stellwag Bat

**JOOLA 2000S**

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**JOOLA YOUTH CUP ENTRY FORM**

Send to all players:

Clubs will be charged the country.

**RULES**

2. Under 13 Boy - Single and Doubles.

**ENTRY FEE**

1. Under 15 Boy - Single and Doubles.

**TOTAL ENTRY FEE**

1. Under 15 Boy - Single and Doubles.

**JOOLA YOUTH CUP ENTRY FORM**

**REGIONAL ORGANISERS**

**REGIONS, DATES, VENUES & EVENTS**

[Events are listed with specific dates, venues, and rules for regional participation.]
TSP GAIN ENGLAND TABLE TENNIS CONTRACT

The official launching of the new Contract between TSP SPORTS EUROPE LIMITED, manufacturers of Table Tennis Equipment, and the ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION, took place at the Annual Sports Trade Show at Earls Court.

Under this new Agreement all England table tennis teams will wear TSP Clothing and use TSP Bags in all their public appearances throughout the world. To mark the occasion, the England players were in attendance on the TSP Stand giving playing exhibitions on the range of TSP tables, and showing the official England Clothing for the first time. Among the players were John Hilton, current European Champion, Jill Hammersley and Des Douglas, England's leading players, as well as Peter Simpson the England Team Manager, and the rest of the England Squad. Also present were officials of the ETTA and TSP Managing Director Mr. Eddy King.

This is the latest Sponsorship by TSP Sports and follows their major scoop earlier this year when TSP contracted the Chinese Teams under a similar Agreement, which was the first commercial Sports Equipment Contract achieved with China.

Mr. Eddy King expressed his delight that there now existed this official association with the ETTA as the company was already involved in supporting the sport in this country, said Eddy King.

I am delighted that our Table Tennis Equipment is now being used and seen throughout the world, and we look forward to continuing our support of the sport in this country, said Eddy King.

The NEW 'GEAR'

Resplendent in their new TSP outfits on the steps at Lilleshall are -


Photo by Ian Ball, F.R.P.S., Hampstead, London NW3 3DR.

My Perfect Holiday

by KEIR DONALDSON

A visit to Durham, one of the most visually enjoyable cities in Britain, is normally made either by holidaymakers or university students. In recent years, however, Durham has taken on another meaning to keen table tennis players as being the location of Tees Sport Summer School.

The courses, held in the beautiful and historic surroundings of Durham Castle during July and August, have developed a reputation of being probably the best coaching holiday currently in operation. Every year bookings are received for the next batch of courses well in advance of the dates, indicating the lack of applications. These applicants are not just from Great Britain - players who have attended the courses over the past four years have come from Norway, France, Belgium, Uganda, Nigeria, Iran, Sweden and America, such is the popularity of the courses.

I have been privileged to attend the Summer School for the last three years and, in common with many participants, look forward to returning the following year. I hope I can give you some idea of what a worthwhile holiday it is by describing a typical course.

As an incredible feeling to arrive for your holiday at the imposing Castle, but participants are quickly made to feel welcome by the friendly Tees Sport staff. Reception, meals and social events all take place in the Castle itself, and by the end of the course it begins to feel like home!

The accommodation is in the newest and most luxurious section of the University residences. The bedrooms, either single or twin, are complete with a washing and an en suite bath or shower is nearby on each floor. The standard of the meals served in the fabulous Great Hall of the Castle are of extremely high quality. They include a full English breakfast, lunch and a three course evening meal, all well balanced in proportion and given the accommodation to allow for the strenuous exertion of playing table tennis during the day. Special diets can be catered for if required.

The courses get underway after lunch with a "Welcome Meeting" when Alan Ransome, the Course Director, introduces the coaching staff and provides details and explanations of what to expect during the course.

The playing facilities are located in the spacious Maiden Castle Sports Centre, which is part of the University and a few minutes drive from the Castle. A coach takes the course members to the hall every evening. With approximately 28 tables in use, all players are able to work at the same time, receiving an average of four hours coaching a day.

The coaches are a blend of current international players and experienced, well qualified coaches. The four international players on our course, Nicky and Linda Jarvis, Douggie Johnson and Carole Knight, gave effective demonstrations of the strokes we were to practice. Nicky, generally recognised as the most knowledgeable player amongst the current English squad both for coaching and equipment advice, helped with the fitness training sessions which players undergo every day except when there are tournaments. Douggie, the best defensive player in the United Kingdom and with a natural ability for coaching, gave some excellent display of this style both in the demonstrations and the exhibition match against Nicky at the end of the week. Carole, with her magnetic personality,

(continued on page 38)
The evening seminars created great interest and topics for discussion. For example, Alan's crystal gazing in the "Trends in Table Tennis" in which he gave his opinions on why major results had been achieved in certain countries and what he foresaw happening in the '80s sparked several talking points for the rest of the course.

The talks were interspersed with video tins of the Norwich Union Masters and various other games. It was also interesting to watch the international players who had been coaching during the day playing some of their recent big matches. Certainly not the quietest night of the week was the Table Tennis Quiz. All course members were split into groups and, according to their estimated knowledge, were asked questions, while Alan Ransome with roving eyes ensured that there was no whispering of answers. For all participants it was a most enjoyable evening and in addition it was possible to glean more background about table tennis whilst having an opportunity to stump the coaches and a session of quick tips from the experts.

The final night party in the Undercroft, dancing to the disco music, I will never forget. People who were complete strangers at the beginning of the course were mixing as old friends. This is the time when prizes are presented to the winners of the various sections of the team and individual tournaments, as well as several surprise awards.

The activity usually concludes with everyone joining in the "Last Warm Up!"

Departure is after breakfast on the final morning. Each player is given a lift to the train or bus station, the majority wishing they were staying for another course or making arrangements with their new friends to meet again next year.

I would like to conclude with a big "Thank You" to all the Tees Sport Summer School people and the staff at Durham Castle for such an enjoyable holiday. Au revoir. See you next year!

PRESS RELEASE

AUSSIE ACE SIGNS TO PLAY LOCAL TABLE TENNIS

Bob Tuckett, the Aussie No. 1 who has been signed by Sealink Milton Keynes to play National League Table Tennis is also going to play in the Table Tennis Open at Milton Keynes.

It is a welcome boost for the County's strongest league which is now attracting leading players from many different parts of the country to play in the top division.

Bob is living in Milton Keynes at present and has signed for Sealink Ferries. He intends playing in every match as giving the greatest benefit to the League's leading players.

Now known locally as the 'Walleping Walabys', Bob has already involved himself in local coaching so is proving a valuable asset to Milton Keynes.

BOB TUCKETT

GOLCATE NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

UNSEENED WINNER AT MANCHESTER

by Geo. R. Yates

A men's singles final between a refugee from South Vietnam and an exiled Welshman now playing for Tuc Vahr-Bremen in the Federal German Bundesliga, must qualify as a somewhat unique occurrence in the annals of the Manchester and District TT League but such was the happening in the Colgate North of England 3-Star Open played at Stretford Sports Centre, Manchester on Sept. 26.

Chu Van Que, aged 35 and married with two daughters, was the one to triumph his final victim being the former Welsh No. 1 Alan Griffiths who, in a third and deciding game of a pulsating final came back from a 2-10 deficit to level the score at 20-all only to be beaten 28-24. Unseeded and, to many, unknown, Chu seems destined, on the evidence of this tournament, to revitalise the sport in Tyne-side where he now resides in Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Griffiths, seeded No. 4, had earlier excelled in ousting Nicky Jarvis, the defending title holder and No. 2 seed, in the semi at which stage Chu Van Que had surprised Nigel Eckersley who, like Griffiths, is now a Bundesliga player, but for Munich.

The South Vietnamese penholder had come through from a quarter in which both seeds, Dougie Johnson and Peter McQueen, were missing but he showed sound respect for Kent's Paul Namdjou, beaten 15, 17; John Weatherby of Cheshire 91; Welshman A. Haslan (11, 14); Tony Boasson now registered for Cheshire (9, 8) and, in the quarters, Lancashire junior Paul Rainford (7, 16).
Scott David McIlroy was afforded a seeded position in the first quarter but was beaten by Chris Rogers who put up a great fight against Jarvis, as did P.C. Kevin Beadsley, in the second quarter against Griffiths. But, in the third quarter, Eckersley was a comfortable winner, against Alan Fletcher, yet another hundendiago recruit.

Anita Stevenson retained her women's singles title but after a sparkling display to out Suzanne Hunt in the semis she was far from comfortable in the final against Melody Hill (Ludi) who, in her semi-final, had a convincing win over Linda Jarvis who is not concerned with county matches this season.

Boasman and his former YMCA team­mate in the Manchester League, Phil Bowen, took the men's doubles leaving it to 11 in the third in beating the Welshman Griffiths and George Evans in the final. Mrs. Hill and her Bradford League team­mate Sally Midgley were successful in the women's doubles beating Miss Stevenson and Mrs Jarvis in a 3-game final.

Surprise winner of the boys' singles was Billy Gleave, both the Junior and Cadet champion of the Salford/Eccles League, who is not noted as having the best of temperaments.

This was not evident on this, his day, as the young Cheshire recruit swept to the final with wins over Kent's Andrew Dodd 14, 15; No. 2 seed Andrew Dixon (Staffs) 21, 16; Vince Coleman (Lancs) 16, 19; David Hoyle (Yorks) 14, 9 and, in the semi, David Dodd (Kent) 15, 12 before smiting the top seed Rainford.

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Drama happened even before the coach had left Milton Keynes with three Yorkshire supporters making a car journey from Dewsbury the evening before to break down in Sheffield. The three continued their journey by taxi – cost £50 – arriving at midnight in Milton Keynes and spending the next 53 hours in a waiting room on High street. Happily they were the last coach as did the rest of the 55 supporters and shortly after 6.30 a.m. on Saturday morning they set off for Paris.

All went well until they drove past the Sealink ferry at Boulogne and try as they did, the ferry couldn't find the main autoroute to Paris. So it was narrow, country roads all the way!

Meanwhile Sealink General Manager, Brian Ashton already in Paris, with the team, was making his way across the French capital in order to meet the supporters on their arrival at their Aisainy Hotel.

Arrival time had been planned for 4.30 p.m. giving everyone plenty of time to settle in and be ready for a 7 p.m. departure to the match venue, some 30 minutes drive away.

It didn't work out that way. Those narrow roads took their toll and Brian Ashton was into his third pot of tea when the coach arrived at 6.00 p.m.

The party, looking tired and hungry, were given just 30 minutes to settle in and be ready to hit the road again.

All made the new deadline and how they did Britain proud at the match!

Sunday morning was spent touring Paris and being ready for a 7 p.m. departure to the match venue, some 30 minutes drive away.

He had worse to come because after a wrong turning, the coach was suddenly heading down a very steep and narrow one-way street – the wrong way! French motorists and the coach crashed head-on with unprintable comments but in the end, the bigger vehicle won and with supporters casting anxious glances in every direction for a French gendarme, it proceeded cautiously to right the mistake.

By this time, all hope of catching the ferry had vanished and when two police officers suddenly appeared to be following the coach, supporters had visions of the inside of a French jail! Even more so when the coach pulled across the front of the ferry on arrival at the French terminal.

Incredibly, there was nothing more sinister in it than the deportation of two forms that huddled together in the rear seats of one of the cars.

Incredibly also that although it was now well after the scheduled departure of the ferry, the ship was still there and we were allowed on board.

Yes, it was an incredible trip from all angles and true!

Although the long term aim of all the players is to qualify for the NORTHERN UNION MASTERS next May, their immediate target is to ensure their place in the NORTHERN UNION TROPHY to be held at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, Kent, on 2nd December, 1980. This tournament is for the eight players leading in the Grand Prix table at the time.

Two more Grand Prix events – the Yugoslavian and the Scandinavian Open Championships – are due to take place prior to the Trophy tournament where it is likely that other stars, including Tibor Klamper and Oskar Genzel from Hungary, Stefano Benna and Ulf Thorsell from Sweden, John Hillman and Desmond Douglas from England, and the National team of China, will make their first appearance of this season on the international circuit.

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NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX

After two Championships in this season’s NORTHERN UNION GRAND PRIX, the Norwich Union Canadian Open, and the Netherlands Open, the leader in the points table is the runner-up in the 1980 European Championships, Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia.

On the same number of points is Zoltan Kosanovic, the former Yugoslav star, now resident in Canada, closely followed by Bob Pollon of England, Danny Seemiller of the United States of America and Milor Ortowski of Czechoslovakia. Among the third group of players is Stefan Jonyer of Hungary, Istvan Jonyer and the American Eric Boggs, who surprised many people by reaching the quarter-finals of the World Cup at the end of August.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEEP REGRET
It was with very deep regret that we heard of the death of Trevor Channing. I would like to add on behalf of Trevor's many Norwich Union friends our deepest sympathy to your very tasteful words on page 41 of the October issue.

We were very fortunate in having the unstinting use of Trevor's many abilities at both the Norwich Union International Championships, and the Norwich Union English Championships, but we were also able to use his enormous enthusiasm and energy at the Norwich Union Trophy and Norwich Union Masters events.

A man of great cheerfulness and energy, we will miss him very deeply.

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ST RONG OBJECTION
Reference the Lambert & Butler Table Tennis Championships. I wish to express my strongest objection, and revulsion, at the English Table Tennis Association's decision to accept sponsorship from a tobacco company.

To help to promote cancer is an evil and filthy thing to do. To associate a clean, and what is especially a young person's sport, with a company whose products induce cancer and generally damage health, is totally wrong.

I suggest that those in the ETTA who sanctioned this move should visit the cancer ward of a hospital, and then examine their consciences.

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EXERCISE AND GOOD HEALTH
I was very interested in Dr. David Ryde's thought-provoking article on the North Korean medical services in the October edition of Table Tennis News.

Their emphasis on prevention, cleanliness and public health and their deep respect for the person seem highly desirable and perhaps we could learn something too, from the Korean use of traditional alternative medicine, such as herbal remedies and acupuncture, alongside modern methods.

Most socialist states promote sport to improve the population's health, and in this country there have been various campaigns conducted by the Health Education Council and the Sports Council encouraging people to take exercise to achieve the same end. Professor P. H. Fenton, of the University of Nottingham Medical School, in particular has advanced the theory of a close relationship between exercise and good health.

I would be interested to know, therefore, whether the Koreans encourage their people to participate in sport and for the same reason. If so, table tennis, which involves the use of many muscles, may be one of the main sports to serve this purpose (particularly as the sport does not require expensive purpose-built facilities).

I note that Koreans are keen on the smoking 'vice' but if, despite political restrictions, they lead in all other ways healthy lives, mentally and physically, then it is not surprising that they enjoy and can look forward to longevity.

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was beaten by N. Stagg. But Essex sorted it out to win 7-2 but not before they had a fright in the XD, 14-17 down in the third.

**VETERANS MIDLANDS**

Buckinghamshire 1 Worcestershire 8
Huntingdonshire 6 Northamptonshire 3
Hertfordshire 11 Bedfordshire 0

Worcs with Derek Boddle in the side look a very good team indeed although it was he who dropped their only set (to P. Luke). Colin Dale outstanding for Hunts in a match they won from 2-3 down. D. Dale won Herts' only set against Beds but lost 9-6 to Jim Woolliscroft.

**VETERANS WEST**

Somerset II 5 Wiltshire 8
Isle of Wight 5 Avon 4

Dorset I 6 Dorset II 3

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**KLAMPAR THE STAR**

Hungary's Tibor Klampar at his best is a truly devastating player and this he proved to the packed house at the Spacondo Theatre, Drury Lane on Nov. 2 when he shrugged off an opening -15 deficit against England's Desmond Douglas to win the Lamport and Butler Championship with subsequent scores of 17 and 22.

In the semi-finals Douglas put paid to the aspirations of Kroo champion, John Hiltz (13 and 11) whilst Klampar had an equally convincing win over Federal Germany's Peter Stiellwig (13 and 11).

Full report with pictures in the December issue.

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**FOUR T's**

**1-STAR OPEN**

**UNFORTUNATE CLASH**

by David Cosway

In the boys' singles Nicholas Hoare had a good semi-final win over Paul Hamilton -19, 12, 16. Oakley reached the final with a 13, 10 win over R. Frie who had earlier knocked out the seeded Paul Jackson. Mark dropped the first game of the final but came back to retain his title -17, 10, 14.

Four seeds into the semi-finals of the girls' singles with Nina Tsakarodias having a two-straight win over M. Hams but Cheryl Cressy taken all the way by her doubles partner Laura Goldsmith before winning 16, -20, 13. Cheryl gained her third title with a 15 and 15 final win over Nina.

Once again the Four T's club are indebted to Peter Thorne the referee who, apart from being a regular player and coach for the club, is, of course, an international umpire, and also to Rowland Bennetts the organiser of the tournament.

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**International Club plays at Wimpey**

by Laurie Landry

On Friday, Sept. 12, the International Table Tennis Club of England supplied two teams to take part in a match as part of the Wimpey Sport and Social Club's activities to raise money for charity and to celebrate the 100th year of the company. A senior team of Alan Lindsay, Mark Mitchell and Angela Mitchell took on a Junior side of Colin Wilson, John Souter and Helen Williams in a European League style match to run out as winners over their younger opponents by 4-3.

Some excellent games were witnessed even though some were played in a light-hearted manner. About £100 was raised for local charities and also for the Rheumatism Council for Research. Len Adams and I, both members of the Club's committee, were in attendance.

**Results**

(Seniors first)

M. Mitchell lost to C. Wilson 20, -19, -20;
D. J. Souter 16, 17.
A. Lindsay lost to Wilson -16, 16;
D. J. Souter -16, 19, 17;
Miss A. Mitchell & Miss H. Williams 22, 22;
Lindsay/Mitchell bt Souter/Wilson 14, 15;
Miss Mitchell lost to Wilson/Miss Williams -23, -21.

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**Surrey's Peter McQueen, winner of the men's singles at Southampton**
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Champions Essex defeated in their opening match, Nigel Eckersley easily the outstanding player. Derek Munt continues to make a strong impression, whilst in any context Munt's win is a considerable achievement. Donald Parker must assure an outstanding achievement.

Staffordshire went out in the first round against a greatly changed Midlands team, but Andy Bellington looks a player to watch this season.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 6 Essex 1

N. Eckersley bt 1. Horsham 17,11; D. Newman 13,13; A. Lindsey 16,11; A. Baggaley bt M. Sugden 17,14; Miss J. Deakin lost to Mrs. E. Foulds 12,-17,17;

Eckersley/Haney lost to Newman/Charlery 7,13,14; Bosman/Miss Deakin bt Horsham/M. Foulds 13,-15,19.

Warwickshire 7 Lancashire 2

D. Munt bt D. Parker 16, 20; B. Turner 18,14; A. Johnson lost to Parker 14, 15; N. Scowcroft 15,11;

B. Hayward bt Turner 12, 11 bt Scowcroft 10,16; Miss M. Groves lost to Park/ Miss Grundy 21, -9.

Staffordshire 6 Essex 4

A. Bellingham bt 1. Horsham 11,10; A. Lindsey 16,11; A. Richard lost to 1. Horsham 16,-19; lost to Sugden 11,16; A. Isaac bt Lindsey 15,13; Miss J. Harts lost to Miss M. Reeves 17, 13, 12.

Bellingham/Isaac bt Lindsey/Sugden 17, -13, -13.

Division 3 South

Berkshire II 2 Hertfordshire II 8

Three sets to go to 19 or 20 in the third all won by Berks. S. Montgomery (Berks) and David Seabourns outstanding for their respective sides.

Division 3 North

Derbyshire II 3 Lincolnshire I

Staffs looked a very useful side with only Berta Gray able to prevent a 'whitewash'. Gregory Hallam particularly impressive for Staffs. With Brian Hill back Lines look a different team. Steven Yallop gave a good display for Derby.

Division 3 East

Huntingdonshire I Bedfordshire II 5

North II 4 Cambridge II 6

Hedonshire I Kent I

A. Gray involved in three of Hunts wins with his partner J. Milner and Julie Dimmock the Bedford stars. Andy Withers and Ruth Hunter did most to ensure a win for Cambs.

Division 3 Midlands

Oxfordshire I 5 Leicestershire II 7

Northumberland II 20, 18; 21, 18.

Rich/Miss Harris lost to Les/Miss Reeves 19, 15, 12.

Division 2 South

Sussex II 10 Hampshire II 0

Wiltshire 10 Worcestershire 0

Avon II 3 Warwickshire II 7

Namdjou outstanding looked good winners but Essex are the favourites to top this division. Oxfordshire are not a bad side but they lost all their games traditionally promising and he won lost two two sets to give back two of the players of the calibre of Ian Atkinson and Paul Sayer. Roger Frie and R. Samuel the architects of Herts’ victory over Berks.

Division 3 North

Cleveland I 4 Cambs II 2

Four of the last six sets went to 18 or 19 in the third - all won by Clevedon. C. Hill back Hillshowed a lot of promise for Cambridge.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3 South

Sussex II 2 Kent II 8

Surrey II 10 Dorset I 2

Sussex could only manage the Gs through K. Tite and D. Mason, but in great form for Kent. Dorset might struggle in this division although Surrey looked good first. First two sets went three but after that no real trouble for Surrey.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3 West

Devon II 6 Avon II 4

Cornwall II Dorset II

Two good wins by G. Swet - including one of 17, 18, 21 over M. Coyle. The final set gave Devon a close win. M. Werner won two close sets for Dorset against Cornwall for whom Miss Hancock was outstanding.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3 East

Lincolnshire II 2 Essex I 7

Huntingdonshire II Norfolk 4

Essex won all the boys' events - Lines all the girls’. Phil Cole easily the outstanding player in the Hunts final set. Nick Fish won but got him Hunts would have stood no chance of winning.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3 North Midlands

Herefordshire II Staffordshire II 10

Warwickshire II Northumberland II

Staffs had it very much their way over some close sets. Nick lines nobody gave A. Totey any bother R. Malfair the savour of Northumberland. They surrendered a 4-2 lead and needed Malfair’s win (this second) in the last set for victory.

JUNIOR DIVISION 3 South Midlands

Buckinghamshire II Bedfordshire II 4

Andrew Conquest and Russell Beard both won two and lost the third bringing the geno victory. But it was enough to cost Beds a point. D. Simmons and J. Phillips had lost trouble in collecting all the girls’ events for Bucks. P. Hallam had a good match for Berks against Herts for whom only Alison Boxall could manage a win.

VETERAN DIVISION A

Hampshire II Essex II 7

Middlesex I 5 Berkshire I 0

Lockwood on good form for Essex with Allen playing well for Beds. Looked like the Middlesex team came back from 2-4 down to win. Two from M. Aedeady clinched victory.

VETERANS SOUTH ‘B’

Essex II Hampsh I 7

Hertfordshire I Kent II 0 (Default)

Berkshire I Middlesex II 9

Surrey in the Enwheless appearance. Ray Lush, who won his first ten sets last season, lost at the first attempts to Lauren Fothergill. Then Bobby Stevens, unbeaten last season (continued on page 42)

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