BOMBAY BATTLER

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REMOVATION

In keeping with the new spirit abroad, following successes in the Commonwealth Championships in Bombay and the European League success over Sweden in Macclesfield, the Norwich Union English Closed at Basingstoke was something again.

Here was a championship that contained all the drama of a good thriller. And those spirits, both for players and administrators alike, had drooped during those bitter cold days of December when travel was confined to the minimum. Most certainly a tonic was needed and for it to come threefold has been a blessing especially the 'sugar coating of the Secretin-Pukart exhibition at Basingstoke which, although circus, added a new dimension to the game, especially in England where it has not been seen before.

Let us hope that with interest regained we can again pull off a coup in Budapest where the 13th European Championships are to be staged in April.

KLONGDY FOR ENGLAND IN BOMBAY

by GEORGE R. YATES

Cometh the hour cometh the man was never more a self-evident truth than when personified by Nigel Eckersley, the 28-year-old Wiltshire boy who, in taking over the place vacated by his former Cheshire county teammate, John Hilton, got England home to the gold medal awards in the men's team event in the 6th Commonwealth Championships played at the Khar Gymkhana Ground, Bombay over the period Feb. 3/9, 1982.

And again gold was struck in the counterpart women's event to which three further golden awards were added as a result of wins for Carol Knight, in the women's singles, by Miss Knight and Joy Grundy, in the women's doubles, and by that man Eckersley again in partnership with Miss Grundy in the mixed, the Lancashire lass claiming three!

Give a hand then to Eckersley, Paul Day, Kenny Jackson, Phillip Bradbury, Miss Grundy and Alison Gordon together with the non-playing captain, Bryan Merrett, and the part-playing captain Donald Parker (in the men's singles only). They were magnificent.

So too was Nigeria's Alinda Musa, winner of the men's singles and the doubles with Sunday Eboh! Young Musa, aged 20, had given promise of his potential in the Novi Sad World Championships when he eliminated the French ace Jacques Secretin. It was noted then that here was a player to watch. But back to the men's team event in which England, initially, had it all too easy with straight sets victories over Sri Lanka, Kenya and Pakistan. But from then on sweat and guts were called for in no small measure.

First to apply pressure was India in the morning of Feb. 4 in a match that went the distance of nine hard-fought sets after Eckersley and Day had given us a 2-0 lead. That advantage was wiped out and we stood 3-4 down when Jackson came to the table for what proved the penultimate set after having suffered two defeats.

The Essex boy round his touch in this one and fairly raced to a 2-straight win leaving Eckersley the job of completing his treble in beating Maanooe Singh, 16 in the third, to get his country home 5-4. Tiffin time had meantime come and gone. So it was a quick snack at the venue and on with the job against Nigeria in the afternoon.

Eckersley was packed off back to the hotel for rest and recuperation and — no wonder after the effort in disposing at India — young Bradbury was brought in. Still fresh after a romp home against Sri Lanka, the Nigerians were rarin to go and being claimed by Day whose victims were Eboh.
this time we were early into the small hours of the next day and more than ready for bed.

But that tight victory over Hong Kong had put us in the final and our opponents were once again Nigeria 5-0 victors over Canada in the crossover exchange.

The final took place in the late afternoon of Feb. 5 with the temperature simmering down but not the reactions of the crowd who were partially pro and partially anti to the English cause, especially Eckersley's who had seemed to have built up a love-hate relationship.

It was Eckersley who was first to the table and he encountered no problems in polishing off Eboh in straight games. Not so Day in the next set, the Soham left-hander losing 18 in the 3rd to Francis Sillie.

Eboh's scoreline was never envisaged to be that high, but that situation was subsequently turned when, firstly, Eckersley accounted for Musa; Jackson beat Sule; and Day came up trumps in beating Musa for a second time in the event.

Eboh brought about another grandstand finish by beating Jackson to level the scores at 1-2 and into the arena strode the iron man, Eckersley, to oppose Sule with the crowd buzzing like wasps round a jam pot.

It was a situation tailor made for the Cheshire man who positively revelled in it and more so his 13, 15 success which gave England first place and the gold medallists.

The other two doubles events saw England's representatives firmly in the saddle with Carole and Joy coming back from a 1-2 deficit in the final, again with Carole and Joy coming back from a 1-2 deficit in the final, again against Indu Puri and Vyoma Shah of India, to take the next three whilst Eckersley and Miss Grundy saw off the challenge of Kosanovic and Miss Domonkos in the final of the mixed.

**PUT OUT**

In the men's doubles Eckersley and Bradbury were put out by the Nigerians, Edward Onyen and Fatal Ayinde, 20 in the fifth, whilst Day and Johnson, after a first round bye, waved goodbye when beaten by Manjit Dua and Rajat Kathuria of India.

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Regrettably the Hong Kong girls’ team was withdrawn early in the championships when, because of unstamped rubber on one of the girls’ bats, the Referees insisted on the rubber being changed. This the girl refused to do and Mr. Ching Wing Kwong, highly indignant, withdrew his lasses and they flew home before the individual events started.

Apart from this isolated incident matters went very smoothly and the organizing committee, under the direction of Shri ‘C.R. Searock Hotel, home for all the players Kelehar Esq., are to be commended. The

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One can only wonder at the speed in which the hall was constructed for, in three weeks precisely, a structure was erected capable of seating 3,000 spectators with eight international sized courts, and a wooden floor to boot.

Granted corrugated asbestos was used to clad the steel structure and what with the heat and resultant dust it did not do much for sensitive throats but was countered by innumerable bottles of Thums Up (Coke to India) you one got by ... just !
General view of the hastily constructed hall on the Khair Gymkhana Ground in Bombay.
EUROPEAN RANKING LISTS

DOUGGIE MAKES THE GRADE

Dougzie Johnson, as expected, has gained a place in the revised rankings issued by the Classification Committee of the E.T.T.U. and issued on March 30. The dapper Brummie comes in at No. 23, one place in front of further demoted John Hilton.

Indoors

Opening ceremony, Indian style.

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These rankings will be used for seeding purposes in the European Championships in Budapest next month.

Vic Bennett reports from...

NORFOLK

RECORD ENTRY

A record entry of 97 contestants in the County/Barclays Bank Closed Junior Championships at Dereham High School was the main event in February. Phil Pickard won the boys' U-15 and U-17 singles as well as the mixed doubles with Sarah Bignell, who in turn took the girls' doubles with Zoe Nichols and a third time U-17 singles win. With three being the common factor for Phil and Sarah, Sue Jenkinson was not so fortunately appearing in three finals and had to be content with runners-up trophies on offer.

Other results saw a shock win by Steve Fox and David Honor in the U-13 events and Neil Pickard after both pairs had looked the top seeds in the semi. In the U-13 events Neil Pickard beat Peter Wilson and, in the girls' Rachel Wilson beat Marianne Jones.

The County/Broadside team championships semi-finals saw Sprowston (holders) beat Electricity (Kings Lynn) and Downham beat King's Lynn. The final is to be a repeat of last season and with John Turner in the Sprowston team makes them very firm favourites indeed.

In the Wymondham District championships Steve Howlett won the singles event, the doubles with his veteran dad, Vernon, and the mixed with Sandra Meadows. Other results: J.A.-Chris Raymont, W.S.-Les Raymont, W.S.-Margaret Hales and H.S.-Martin Pelce.

Norwich Juniors R. Stevenson, M. Stevenson and P. Logsdon continue to make progress in the Carter Cup with a very convincing 7-2 win over Luton. Logsdon was unbeaten. The Table Tennis Centre for the Norwich League still makes the news and the scheme is now on the move after a special meeting of club representatives approving of the 2-year levy on teams. £20 for every 4-man team and £15 for 3-man teams. Although some opposition was made to the Centre, the final vote was overwhelming, giving the planners a much needed boost of confidence.

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Opening ceremony, Indian style.

Photo by Jolly Photo Services, Bombay.
PREMIER TITLE FOR MIDLESEX

Middlesex are the Premier Division champions. They won in style at Stain and no-one could match their all round strength. Even without David Wells they were invincible. Berkshire, who were their nearest challengers, had a disastrous day, losing to Yorkshire, who finished runners-up, in addition to a 9-6 defeat by the champions. Steve Mills, unorthodox but efficient, spoiled David Barr's 100% record and went on to beat Chu Van Que, of Northumberland. There was a sensation before play started when Cheshire decided not to come across the Pennines and conceded their place in the Premier Division.

The battle of the "wooden-spoonists" to decide who would have the dubious honour of accompanying Cheshire to the 2nd Division was between Warwickshire and Northumberland, the latter, by virtue of an 8-1 trouncing returned to the 2nd Division after only one season in the Premier but good performances by Barry Hayward over Graham Sandley and Barry Johnson's victory over Colin Wilson not far behind it.

Yorkshire 6 Essex 3
Stevie Turner, fared surprisingly well, the Lancashire, without Donald Parker and Haywar/land Derek Munt - four defenders showing up well. Essex scrambled home had Doug Johnson to help their cause, had the best individual result, beating 8-1.

Warwickshire 3 Middlesex 6

RESULTS

Lancashire 2 Berkshire 7
S. Scowcroft bt A. Wellman -14, 19, 19;
lost to D. Barr -15, -10.
P. Rainford lost to Wellman -3, -14;
lost to D. Reeves -71, -7;
K. Williams lost to Barr -14, -19;
lost to Reeves -11, -17, -19.
Miss K. Groves lost to Miss A. Mitchell 12, 24.
Scowcroft/Williams lost to Barr/Reeves -11, 22, -14.
Rainford/Miss Grundy lost to Wellman/ Miss Smith -16, -20.
Lancashire weakened by absence of Parker and Turner but good performances by Stephen Scowcroft and Keith Williams. Nobody got near David Barr though.

Warwickshire 3 Middlesex 6
B. Hayward bt G. Sandley -12, 11, 20;
B. Johnson lost to Sandley -17, -9;
bt C. Wilson 17, 20.
D. Munt lost to Souter -13, -15;
lost to Wilson -16, -14.
Miss K. Groves lost to Miss A. Mitchell 15, -21, -21.
Hayward/Johnson bt Sandley/Wilson -19, -15, -16.

Yorkshire 6 Essex 3
D. Johnson/Miss Groves lost to Souter/ Miss Mitchell -8, 19, -16.
Champions taken uncomfortably close - could have been closer if Doug Johnson had played in singles. Tremendous win by Barry Hayward over Graham Sandley and Barry Johnson's victory over Colin Wilson not far behind it.

Yorkshire 6 Essex 3
S. Mills bt I. Horsham 13, -19, 15;
bt D. Newman 17, 9.
A. Fletcher lost to Horsham -18, -15;
bt R. Penny 7, 13.
M. Stead lost to Newman -15, -10;
lost to Penny 19, -7, -10.
Mrs. M. Hill bt Miss E. Sayer 7, 11.
Mills/Fletcher bt Horsham/Newman 17, 11.
Stead/Mrs. Hill bt Penny/Miss Sayer 22, 9.
A fight for Yorkshire who were 0-2 down but Steve Mills steadied the ship. Yorks commendably experimented with junior Michael Stead who had earlier in the day been awarded his senior and junior badges for Yorkshire.

Middlesex 7 Lancashire 2
M. Mitchell bt Scowcroft -18, 16, 17;
b7 Rainford 16, 14.
Souter bt Scowcroft -11, -19, 16;
lost to Williams -12, -11, -15.
Wilson & Williams 8, 13;
bt Rainford -17, -12.
Miss Mitchell bt Miss Grundy 14, 12.
M. Stead lost to Newman -15, -10;
bt D. Newman 17, 9.
Souter/Miss Mitchell lost to Rainford/ Miss Grundy -14, 21, -19.
Unexpected XD win for Lancs.

Berkshire 6 Northumberland 3
Wellman bt Chu Van Que -18, 18, 13;
bt A. Clark 17, 15.
Barr bt Van Que 21, -12, 14;
bt J. Robertson 16, -17, 9.
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The make-up of the 16 players will be as follows: we shall be inviting the World Champion, Guo Yuehua and the new European Champion to be crowned in Budapest in April and the leading 12 players in the Norwich Union Grand Prix.

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SEALINK TAKE AWAY OMEGA’S UNBEATEN HOME RECORD IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

A fine 19-19, 20 win by Philip Bradbury over England No. 3 Doug Johnson proved Omega Aldryngton’s only success against in-form Sealink International Ormesby who took the match by seven sets to one.

It was a big disappointment to Omega who had previously been unbeaten at home, having drawn 4-4 with Sealink’s biggest rivals — Boham and Ellenborough.

Sealink’s Donald Parker, Steve Mills and Keith Rodger were unbeaten in the match and the result stretched the Middlesbrough based club’s lead at the top of the Premier Division still further.

The match, re-arranged from December, was also the first National League game to be held midweek, with a 7 p.m. evening start.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS 17/2/82

PREMIER DIVISION
Omega 1 Sealink Ormesby 7
Oakwood 2 Unity 6
Bristol & West 3 Sealink Ormesby 5
Larkhall 6 Eilenborough 8

2nd Division North
Grove 6 Stockton Select 4
Sealink Ormsby 4 Halford 4
March 5 Tarmac Wolverhampton 3
St Neots 8 S.W. Durham 0

3rd Division North
Graham Spicer 4 Lansdowne Medway 4
Generation 7 Butterfly Cardiff 4
Larkhall II 4 Gunnensbury Triangle 4

3rd Division South
Ruston Bury 5 Billingham J.D. White 2
Sealink Ormsby 6 South Yorks 8
Unity II 5 Tarmac Wolverhampton II 3

League Tables as at 22/2/82

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1 Sealink Int, 9 9 0 1 53 19 16
2 Eilenborough ... 9 7 2 0 46 24 16
3 Boham 9 6 2 1 51 31 14
4 Unity I 9 5 1 4 40 40 12
5 Omega/Aldryngton ... 9 2 4 3 31 41 8
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7 Larkhall I 10 0 2 8 26 54 2
8 Mayfair Walker’s 9 0 2 7 21 51 2
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KEITH RODGER
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NOTE: Balfour Select II have withdrawn from the league and the league table has been adjusted in accordance with regulation 14.1.

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4 Gillette Reading 11 5 1 5 43 43 11
5 Pengeley Sports ... 11 6 1 4 55 45 13
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8 Mayfair Walker’s ... 9 0 2 7 21 51 2

NOTE: Pengeley Sports Torbay failed to fulfil their fixture against Prudential this Sunday, 21st February, 1982, and action has been taken in accordance with regulation 22.1.

TOP 12

New Stars at Nantes

by ALAN RANSOME

AFTER a decade of the European scene being dominated by a handful of players, two new stars have emerged in the persons of Sweden’s Michael Appelgren and Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands, both winning their respective singles in the Top 12 tournament in Nantes from Feb. 4-8, 1982.

From an English viewpoint both Jill Hammersley and Desmond Douglas had their chances and this report could have been easily all the more potent had they taken the opportunities that were afforded them.

In the Men’s Appelgren started badly, losing two of his first four encounters to his compatriots, Ulf Carlsson, and the local hero, Jacques Secretin. After that Appelgren never looked back winning all 7 of his remaining sets, including wins over Andreas Grubba “duece” in the fifth, Milan Orlowski in the vital set that decided the Championship at 21-17 in the fourth and Desmond Douglas at 19 in the fifth. Douglas really should have beaten the young Swede.

He won the first two comfortably and looked set for an easy victory, only to take the pressure off for some reason and allow Appelgren to dominate and take the next three games as comfortably as Douglas had always a sticky customer for Douglas, in his opening set and then Kucharski by a fifth and Secretin 17 in the fifth.

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Orlowski played well to finish in second place. His loss to Appelgren was a crucial one, although a failure against Zoran Kalinic put him under pressure. He did well, however, to beat Douglas 19 in the fifth and Secretin 17 in the fifth.

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Jill Hammersley played some of her best table tennis for some time. Her new bat contained several of the leading European women, Popova being despatched to the extent of 9 and 10. Uhlikova at 13 and 9 and Hrachova at 17 and 7. Judit Magos did not have the same difficulty and hit through Jill in straight games in the early part of the tournament but Jill did well to overcome Gordana Perkovic of Yugoslavia in the third.

After the first few rounds it was clear that the Championship was to be decided between Jill and Jeltine Vriesekoop.ветро made a better start but slipped up badly towards the end going to Zsuzsa Olah of Hungary. Vriesekoop then despatched Magos 19 and 12. The final round decided the title and Jill had every chance against Miss Vriesekoop. She won the first and lead 11-7 in the second, only to appear to lose concentration, playing two or three loose shots and allowing the tenacious Dutch girl back into the match. The decider was a cliffhanger with Vriesekoop just taking it at "dueee" after some tremendous table shots.

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Bedsfieldshire County Table Tennis has also been put into some difficulty this season by a recent upsurge of interest in Roller Skating. Traditionally, our County Tournaments are held (at nominal cost) in Vauxhall Motor Main Centres. This venue is large enough to accommodate our Junior and Senior Tournaments on the same day with ease.

Unfortunately for us it is also large enough to attract over 300 skaters at £1 a time, every Sunday afternoon, which makes it a financial “no-context” for ourselves. As a result, our competition has been divided in two on separate days at a smaller venue, whilst our many sports centre halls (the only comparable venues) stand empty because of the prohibitive hiring charges.

As it happened, a heavy snowfall the day prior to the Junior closed, plus a cut entry form received from the Bedford League saw the smallest turnout for this Tournament for many years.

Final Results:

Boys’ Singles:
David Sharpe bt Colin Luxcombe.

Boys’ Doubles:
Ian Doughty/Andy Conquest bt Sharpe/Luxcombe.

Girls’ Singles:
Julie Dimmock bt Mary Jarrett.

Girls’ Doubles:
Dimmock/Jules Miles bt Jarrett/Christine Lawrence.

Consolation Boys’ Singles:
Peter Edwards bt Martin Sharpe.

Consolation Girls’ Singles:

Consolation Girls’ Doubles:
Michelle Lawrence and Hazel Lawrence bt Louise Dean.

Mixed Doubles:
Doughty/Dimmock bt Sharpe/Jarrett.

No snow, but the small turnout still continued for the Senior Tournament.

Gavin Booth, Beds No. 1, managed to retain his Senior Singles title although most of the ranked men were entered. It was the No. 4 Junior, Andrew Conquest (having an outstanding day in the other half) who came through to meet Gavin in the final.

Andrew continued to play well, and after many hours of overtime overcame his initial difficulty in handling Gavin’s serve, went on to lead 13-10 in the final. Gavin then rallied with some terrific power play to win the title 13-12.

Other Results:

Consolation Boys’ Singles: Andy Robinson bt Dawn Campbell.


Women’s Doubles:
Robinson/Lyn Robinson bt Campbell/Jill Miles.

Mixed Doubles:
David Hyde/Robinson bt David Foster/Campbell.

Our teams were all successful on the first County Weekend in 1982.

The Senior First Team defeated our neighbours, Hunts, 3-2. With most participants playing in the same local leagues, there was a fair amount of personal pride involved in the match, with more than half the teams still juniors.

Ian Doughty did well to beat his friend and League team-mate John Wright and then reverse a previous League defeat over Gary Hamilton.

Lisa Bellinger was 16-20 down in the first to Nikki Hamilton, then with a subtle change of game stood at the table to “deuce it” and go on to win in straight games. Julie Dimmock demonstrated her ability once again by matching Linda Phelan in every department of the game to run out a comfortable winner.

Neither Gavin Booth nor David Sharpe could get the better of Philip Bradbury, but Gavin won his other singles with David won the Mixed Doubles.

The Veterans entertained Cumbrics, and looked to be heading for a comfortable victory when leading 4-1, but the visitors then shook off the effects of their long journey, to fight back. Beds finally won 5-4, thanks to a maximum from Peter Cutting, a singles apace from Jim Woolcroft and Colin Gill, plus the Men’s Doubles.

Meanwhile the Junior Seconds travelled down to Norwich for a match against Norfolk. Andrew Conquest got us away with a victory over Chris Moffett, but David Hanner levelled with a win over Lee Holmes.

Our No. 2 Andrew James put us ahead again with a win over Norwich No. 1, Chris Rayment, but the Norfolk girls did well to square the match by winning the Doubles.

From here on, the match went our way with the two victories winning the Boys’ Division 1 first and second singles. Lee Holmes. Mary Jarrett and Lisa Robbins each contributed a set to give us an 8-2 victory.

Bedfordshire Schools Team did well in the EBT T.T.A. Area Finals. Bedford Modern Boys U-13 and U-19 teams won through to the Regional Finals as did the Putteridge Girls U-18 team. The Rumballs U-11 Girls reached the National Final at Lea Green and Coventry reached the National Final at Seagreen.

The Santa Claus Games and their second singles.

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Birmingham "A" and Gloucester have emerged as the main contenders for Junior Div. 1. Birmingham beat previously unbeaten Wolverhampton 8-2 after Murray had taken over the leadership from Nuneaton in Junior Div. 3, their first defeat. Dave summarily despatched 10-0. Gloucester overtook Nottingham "B" 7-3 and Leicester "B" in their meeting later in the season.

Jack Chalkley reports from...
NOT FOR MANY SEASONS HAVE WE HAD SUCH A PARADE OF POSSIBILITIES

The Yeovil Area Juniors have provided the mainstay for Failand, but the Page girls, Tina Shortman and Dina Sandford, took four of their five sets to clinch the two points. The Bath 'A' game followed much the same pattern with Reeves again unbeaten, but Shirley O'Brien and Joan Collier took four sets from Failand's ladies behind. This win was especially pleasing when they have already had two reverses at the hands of Bath 'B'.

In Division One, Yeovil's return to the junior ranks has been uneventful, but did drop a point to Failand. Knowle and Brislington (Bristol) have surprisingly disjointed, falling to win so far, and been beaten comprehensively by Page Club. Paul Jacozi took his singles for K & B, but once again it was the Page girls, Tina and Dina that put the work hard for their win, and just scraped through both games by 6-4. Their girls Karen Tessa and Dawn Whitaker are still 100% but only six of their five sets with Wendy Pryce and Bill Kelly.

In Junior Division Two, Yeovil have yet to win a match, but have broken their duck and won four sets with Wendy Pryce and Bill Kelly.

The results are as follows:

**Pauline Long reports from... NORTHUMBERLAND**

**GOOD FORM CONTINUED**

The Yeovil Area Juniors continued their recent good form when in successive weeks they beat Northumberland 7-3 at Byker Community Centre on Jan 17, and Cleveland 8-2 in their venue on Jan 23. Neil McMaster, Charlie Burges and Martin Doran (on debut) replacing the injured Clare Moss for the first time, were unbeaten in both matches, while Martin Tate lost only one singles. Nicholas Jeffrey replaced Allam Mathewson to make his debut in the Cleveland event, but unfortunately lost both his singles, although partnering McMaster to a boys' doubles victory.

The Northumberland team represented by Dave Newman, bronze medalist at the European U15 Championships, touring the Levant for the first time. bracelet the singles and doubles titles. Top seed Neil McMaster was a comfortable winner in the boys' singles final over Martin Tate, but Tate at least had the consolation of partnering Nicholas Jeffrey to victory in the boys' doubles. The mixed doubles proved to be the closest final, with senior Closed champions McMaster and Christine Burke only just managing to scrape through against the less experienced pairing of Tate and Doran. The big surprise was the defeat of Clare Moss by Christine Burke in the girls' singles final, although she gained partial compensation by retaining her cadet girls' singles title, and partnering her companion to victory in the doubles.

**RESULTS**


Boys' Doubles: Tate/N. Jeffrey bt M. Schapira/A. Scott 21-19, 18.

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CHANCE GONE

Any realistic chance of honours in the County Championships this season disappeared on Jan. 23 when both first teams suffered heavy defeats.

The seniors were beaten 8-2 by Leicestershire, which must put the midland county as favourites to win Div. 2A. Leicestershire had already been a bogey team for Cambridgeshire and the only time we have beaten them was in last season's play-offs at St. Neots when we scored 11-0, although Leicestershire were without Chris Rogers.

They went without him on this occasion however and along with Paul Randall and Karen Smith went through the match unbeaten. Cambridgeshire's two wins came from a couple of the best Peter Douthwaite and Joanne Palmer, who did well to get the better of Julie Revill. There was a rare thought for Keith Richard although Phil Reid tells me he played really well.

This team now seems certain to finish last in the league. Norfolk, however, had problems to replace Geoff Davies so this team was well below par.

Robert Swift was back after injury and this will be the first time since 1978 that the juniors' chance of gaining promotion has toiled ceaselessly and not only has he been blessed with a player like Paul Jackson, who produced a fifth successive win, but he also managed to have a good run.

The juniors were beaten 8-2 by Northwood. Bob King Under-17 Team Trophy. This was a real thriller with Paul Jackson losing 20-18 but then winning 20-16 to level the score with a comfortable win in the third.

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Gerald Green reports from...

SHROPSHIRE

GROVE MAINTAIN CHASE FOR NATIONAL HONOURS

Two comprehensive wins and a hard-fought draw ensured that Grove maintain their chances for the Division 2 North National League title.

They hammered lowly South West Durham 6-0 at Bishop Auckland in a match which lasted only a little over two hours. Mark Hankey gave Grove the start they needed by beating Durham's top player John Crawford whilst Tony Boasman, including an exciting victory over To Thuy Dinh. Well done Yonne!

Webb continued his recent good form when beating Blackburne, whilst Hankey proved too much for Gent and Bowen completed a fine style when beating Green in an exciting three-game match.

March went the same way 8-0. Boasman won four of his five games and starts by beating Andy Withers in a hard-fought three set. The last game was Hankey's first round clash with Stuart Palmer of the Shropshire player's consistent form. Hankey beat Stuart Palmer easily and the score became 3-0 in Green's favor over Tony Holmes. Hankey continued his good work by defeating Robert Smith and Boasman made the match safe when accounting for Palmer. The score became 6-0 as Hankey used his defensive skills to good effect against Smith and Green was impressive when beating Withers to leave Boasman the task of concluding the rout by annihilating the opposition in a one-sided set.

An unbeaten display by Hankey saved Grove from defeat by Ormsby at Middlesbrough. The talented Cheshire county player gave Grove a good start by beating Linda Jarvis in a hard-fought three set. The last game was Boasman's first round clash with Lindsay Taylor. Boasman and Green both displayed their usual form and the score became 6-0 for Grove. Green fought hard to beat Steve Brunnli and Boasman supported him superbly. The result was a hard-earned win for Boasman and Green contributed enormously to a very good final with excellent rallies and plenty of excitement. The biggest surprise in this event was the defeat of No. 1 seed Keith Paxton in the second round by an unbeaten 3-0 over Newman and Smith respectively gave Grove an unbeatable lead and brought a premature end to the match.

Ray Simpson reports from...

DURHAM

ACTION-PACKED MONTH

An action-packed month in County Shrewsbury saw a surprise winner of the County Closed for the National Knockout Cups.

The annual County Seniors Closed Championships were held at Lowfield Road Sports Centre, Peterlee on Jan. 31, with David Godbold of Philadelphia winning the men's singles, after playing some inspired tennis.

The junior events were almost dominated by Grove's England-ranked Alison Barker, who travelled to Leicester expecting to play the best player on view scoring a victory over the highly rated Leicestershire County player Paul Randell, after Boasman had hammered Maurice Newman an evening.

Robert Bayliss added one success against a luckless Williams. Nicky Roberts was the 'A' team's 6-3 win over Telford 'B' and was supported by Graham Cheetham who beat Robert Bayliss and Gary Webstell. The junior Closed was confirmed for Sunday, 7th March at Walsall so completing their programme with a 100% record. Star of the 'A' team's 6-3 win over Telford 'B' was support

The men's doubles saw the defeat of No. '1 seed Keith Paxton in the second round by an unbeaten 3-0 over Newman and Smith respectively gave Grove an unbeatable lead and brought a premature end to the match.

The women's singles saw another surprise with the unseeded Linda Spenale playing extremely well to come out on top after beating three county-ranked players - Lynne Yarnell in the first round. Lynne Bainbridge in the semi and Julie Smith in the final. However, Miss Morris and Spenale did find consolation in the doubles in which they defeated Bainbridge and Mrs. Gelder in the final.

The junior events were almost dominated by players from the county. Martin Gons in his last season as a junior, won the boys' doubles and was ranked above him in the county. David Blackburne and Gary Webstell were dominant in their matches, Blackburne did gain a measure of revenge when, together with another-ranker Green of Peterlee they won the junior doubles...
defeating Gent and Webstell in the final, and also he won the U-15 boys' which would have been a great surprise if he had not done so.

Lorna Wilson found herself competing in three girls' finals, winning one and losing two. She won the U-15 girls' defeating Andrea Davison, but she lost to County No. 1 Elaine Blackburne in the U-17 girls', and with her partner Debra Armstrong lost the girls' doubles to Miss Blackburne and Miss Davison.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

L. Weyant bt. F. Smith-Reay 16, 15.


Women's Singles Semi-finals:

F. Smith-Reay bt. J. Smith 17, 16.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

L. Spenser bt. L. Bainbridge 16, 18.

Sunderland will face Tyneside Summer League in that final. Tyneside beat Bishop Auckland this time but in the same. John Prean reports from...
Both results were disappointing for Swindon. Their women reached the final, and their girls the semi-finals, last season.

Wiltshire's Two-Star Open will be repeated next season, pledges Wiltshire TTA secretary Len Smith.

But he reckons the bill could reach £2,000. Put the dates — Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31 — in your diaries.

Swindon players continue to dominate the Wiltshire table tennis scene. They fill 28 of the 40 places in the latest ranking lists.

Full rankings are:

Seniors

Men

Women

Boys

Girls

Veterans' Singles:
1. Mrs. J. Parker bt Miss C. Maisey 15, 14.

Women's Doubles:
Mrs. J. Parker/To Watkins bt Maisey/H. Wilson 10, -9, 15.

Men's Doubles:
S. Davies bt McBean -13, 15, 15.

Women's Doubles:
B. Lee bt S. New 21, 12, 15.

Boys' Singles:
Lee bt S. New 21, 12.

Girls' Singles:
Lee bt S. New 21, 12.

U-13 Girls' Singles:

Boys' Doubles:
Davies/Davies bt Davies/New 4-3, 15.

Girls' Doubles:
H. Wilson/Hunter bt M. Cook/New 19, 16.

Junior Mixed Doubles:
McBean/O. Aldridge bt Davies/New 12-13, 21.

Swindon showed their dominance of the Wiltshire Junior game by winning all three divisions of the Wiltshire Inter-town league.

Their "A" teams filled top spots in all leagues and their "B" sides were in second place in all divisions.

Steve Davies and Mike Oakey were the only two unseeded and they were both defeated in the semi-finals.

Swindon girls won the Berkshire Inter-town tournament at Reading. The Swindon team, Tracey Watkins, Ruth Parmelee and Debbie Aldridge — beat Reading 5-1, Newbury 5-1, Bracknell 3-3 and drew 3-3 with Maidenhed. Tracey Watkins had a 100% record.

Wiltshire seniors scored a 7-3 victory over Surrey in the County Champions but the juniors won down 4-6 against Chalmers.

The Wiltshire women, Claire Malser and Janet Parker, were unbeaten and so was Kevin Satchell who teamed with John Chandler to win the doubles.

Wiltshire's other win came from Chandler in the singles.

Rove McBean picked up two wins in the Junior game for Wiltshire. The home side's other victories came from Brenda Lee who won her singles and paired with Helen Wilson to win the doubles.

A. G. Carey reports from...

SOMERSET

HOPE ON HORIZON

Although the Somerset Senior teams are having a lean time at present, there is hope on the horizon for the future in the "Catch Them Young and Teach them Right" coaching policy being carried out by Les Bridges and John Reakes in Bridgewater, started some three years ago with a broad base of boys and girls of ages ranging from 6-11.

Although some have twirled for a while and faltered as the way, as is to be expected in any sport, we are starting to see some fledglings which have survived the hard work and tears to come out into the harder competitive table tennis world of their local leagues where they are learning to adapt to different styles.

The more advanced ones are being further blooded in Junior County and later-town matches. They have also been involved in local and national schools competitions with varying degrees of success.

They have also joined the tournament circuit with all that entails, such as early morning starts to reach venues in most cases by 9.00 a.m. when they are hardly awake and late returns after playing most of the day. They have performed very well in spite of this and with varying degrees of success, in some cases beating ranked and seeded players. With a little more luck with the draw they may have achieved more, but I am sure we shall see the day when they have acnogised all the experience they have had this season and will blossom into worthy junior rankers.

We are spreading our net wider each season to try and catch emer from the early stages, and three from Dana Kurock (three of three) and Susan Czok, two of two, Swindon girls' winners were Brenda Lee and Helen Wilson.

Laurie Selby reports from...
has been lifted by the hard work of Bill Kelly, a teacher at Minehead School, and some promising results are appearing. Also, the Yeovil area has produced some good promising junior boys and they are now starting to encourage girls to the sport. Chand also active in this area, but Taunton, where we would have expected a reasonable flow of talent from their private and public schools, are having problems. However, they are proceeding slowly.

My next sentence will, I am sure, cause some amusement among my table tennis colleagues who see me when my daughter is playing, but I feel that if we couple patience and understanding with good, sound coaching of our youngsters, then fortunes of Somerset Table Tennis in both junior and junior ranks for the future will be restored.

COTSWOLD SELECT

A squad of junior players from the Bridgwater & District T.T. League took part in this competition. The 3 girls, Melodie Carey, Fiona Stuart and Sarah Webb, and 3 boys, Bean Jones, Philip Payne and Paul Fowler, all had varying degrees of success in their sections, and considering the very high turnout of class ranked players, these were no mean achievements.

In the U-15 Girls, Melodie reached the semi-final, losing to Dawn Wickstead. In the U-14 Boys, Paul Fowler got through to the 2nd round, where he met a more experienced player.

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In the U-14 Boys, Sean Jones had a hard battle with a top seed, M. Syed, and Philip Pay n had a hand in his match, taking his opponent to 3 games.

We had a slight success in the Girls' Doubles, with Melodie and Fiona combining well and winning their match and having to meet two ranked players in the next round, Knight and Scudder, who probably won fairly comfortably. Scudder, however, he had seen the good experience for all of them and, considering the very high standard of the players present they acquitted themselves well.

I should like to add my thanks to the Tournament Organisers for the efficient manner in which it was conducted, from the¼ to the way they listed the tables to the adherence to the time-table.

Also, the relaxed attitude to players having a break after matches-up to 15 minutes - and then having to meet two ranked players in the next round, Knight and Scudder, who probably won comfortably. Scudder, however, he had seen the good experience for all of them and, considering the very high standard of the players present they acquitted themselves well.

Another novel idea which perhaps other tournament organisers ought to adopt is the payment of 1½ to voluntary umpires. This is to my mind helps to keep things flowing without putting too much strain on volunteers. The main thing is just lost his match and is unable to continue. Caroline was playing in another section, she is still trying to analyse how they lost.

CHAMPIONSHIPS — AREA FINAL

Somerset was represented by six teams of 4 players each from Bridgwater Town area, namely Chilton Trinity and Blackdown, Bawdrip, Bridgwater College, Milfield and the other two teams coming from Milfield. The age groups were both boys and girls, and all the teams acquitted themselves well, with varying degrees of success. The Bridgwater College team in the U-15 Boys and Girls won their way through to the Final although.

The two Chilton teams in the U-16 Girls and Boys had mixed fortunes in their groups. The Boys met two very strong teams from Devon and Cornwall but this did not deter them from putting up a good performance. The Girls team also met a strong team in the Cornwall representative but, undaunted, they played their best and from being 2-4 down they pulled back to draw 4-4 on singles which led to a doubles match as a decider and this developed into a real nail-biting cliff-hanger with each side fighting for every point. The set went to 3 games with the slightly more experienced Cornwall getting the verdict by 3 points and our girls getting valuable experience for the future.

The two Milfield Boys' teams in the U-11 doubles won well and finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Boys' and Junior team of David Lee, Ruai Captain, Lee Sladler, Wendy Payne and Fiona Stuart, competed against a strong Middlesex second team at Malta on Jan. 23 and after a hard-fought match went down 4-6, after suffering the loss of David Lee through injury just when we thought the tide was turning in our favour.

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STANDING OVATION

by Geo. R. Yates

Not for many a year has a men’s singles final evoked such a response from the crowd as that which took place at Basingstoke Sports Centre on Feb. 20 when Desmond Douglas defending his crown in the Norwich Union English Closed, was taken to the very brink of defeat by Surrey’s Gordon Chapman in the final after the latter had removed the favourite Derek Johnson from the semi-finals at 23-21 in the fifth.

There were no real shocks in the men’s singles with the top four seeds all reaching the semi-finals but one deed of note was David Tan’s victory over Phillip Bradbury but only at 22-20 in the fifth. Junior champion Carl Prean after a win over Mark Mitchell was brought back to earth by Skyes Andrew who, in turn, was felled by D. Billy Gleave after a win over Mark Mitchell in turn, so that David Tan and the latter had removed the favourite Derek Johnson from the semi-finals.

In the women’s doubles second-seeded Alison Gordon and Karen Witt were removed in the quarters by Sally Midgley and Mandy Smith, the surprise finalists, who also took out the Bellinger sisters, seeded No. 4.

Seeds in the mixed, equal No. 3 Sandley and Miss Gordon fell to Parker and Joy Grundy whilst Day and Karen Smith were put down by Kenneth and Miss Witt.

All in all a tournament well worth visiting putting to shame the finals sessions at Crawley in the Norwich Union English Open. But all was not yet finished at Basingstoke for the crowd had a further treat in store for them — an exhibition by Jacques Secretin and Vincent Partark.

It lasted well over the hour and not a member of the audience left the arena as these two talented Frenchmen put on a show that defies description, it was truly remarkable and the brainchild of John McDonnell, Public Relations Manager of the Norwich Union Insurance Group. What a policy!!

DETAILED RESULTS

Men’s Singles Round 3:
D. Douglas (Wa) bt R. Jermyn (He) 16, 10, 5; N. Eckersley (Ch) bt P. McQueen (Sy) 15, 14, 18; D. Tan (Mi) bt A. Sanderson (Y) 17, 18, 16; D. Johnson (Wa) bt A. Wellman (Bk) 16–14, 16, 11; G. Sandley (Mi) bt I. Horeham (E) 12, 8–10, 20; D. Parker (La) bt M. Harper (Ca) 12, 15, 17; S. Andrew (E) bt C. Prean (IoW) 12, 16, 17; P. Day (Ca) bt D. Wells (Mi) 19, 19, 14.

Quarter-finals:
Douglas bt Eckersley 8, 10, 9; Johnson bt Tinn 11, 8, 15; Sandley bt Parker 12, 17, 18; Sandley bt Day 10, 13, 17.

Semi-finals:
Douglas bt Johnson 4, 14, 15; Sandley bt Day 10, 13, 17.

Final:
Douglas bt Sandley -20, 13, -17, 19, 21.
The exhibitionists, Vincent Pukari and Jacques Scerri, flanked by Stan Lenton and Martin Fouler of Lentec Ltd, with Nadine Daviaud sandwiched in the middle.

Women's Singles Round 2:
- J. Hammersley (Bu) bt N. Tsakaristanos (Ga) 5, 10, 10;
- L. Jarvis (Cv) bt M. Smith (Bk) 1, 15, 10, 12;
- L. Bellinger (Bd) bt A. Mitchell (Mi) 9, 17, 13;
- K. Witt (Bk) bt J. Park (La) 12, 19, 13;
- C. Knight (Cc) bt H. Williams (Mi) 14, 17, 7;
- S. Handley (Mi) 13, -11, 16.

Women's Singles Final:
- K. Smith
- Stevenson bt Gordon -11, 9, 17, 18;
- J.arvis bt Bellinger 7, 15, 14;
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Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:
- Hammersley/Bellinger bt Mitchell/Midgley
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Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
- D. Barr (Bk) / M. Mitchell (Mi) w.o. J. Kitchener (Cc)/Tan ser.;
- D. Barry (Bk)/M. Mitchell (Mi) w.o. J. Kennedy/I. Kenyon (Kc) ser.;
- Johnson/Bandley bt P. Bradbury (Bu)/Wellsman 15, -19, 12;
- Johnson/Bandley bt Parker/Grundy 14, 18.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
- Day/Douglas bt Johnson/Sandley 14, 18.
- D'Arcy bt Battrick 17, 17.
- Parker/Wilson (Mi) w.o. J. Kitchener 12, -18, 14.

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Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:
- D. D'Arcy (Ch) w.o. A. Cockerill (Bk) ser.;
- S. Battrick (E) bt D. Soholme (Ho) 4, 5;
- G. Chapman (Sy) bt G. Thyeson (E) 11, 11;
- D. Schofield (Ch) bt W. Brookman (Mi) 18, 15, 14.

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Photo coverage by Murray Corbin

EAST MIDLANDS CADET LEAGUE

by Philip Reid

Pontesbury, a small village league side situated some five miles from Shrewsbury, proudly head the East Midlands Cadets League against competition from large city leagues. Their inspiration emanates from John Morris, who has welded together this most useful side, outstanding of whom is Peter Thomas, still 100% after 27 encounters.

It was, in fact, Thomas that was the main difference between the two sides when they played Chesterfield and took away their unbeaten record, recording a two-straight maximum. Chesterfield, in fact, found they had a fight on their hands with hosts Loughborough. Paul Bumpus won all three for the North Leicestershire side but the fifth set - the doubles - proved vital, Billington & Glossop defeating Bumpus & Miss Forster -19, 14, 23. Loughborough had now almost certainly determine the championship. They had huge wins over Grantham, Hinckley and Nottingham, with Garry Woodcock and David Tucker outstanding. It was a bad day for all their victims. Grantham, in fourth place at the start of the proceedings lost by massive margins to Nottingham and Coventry while Nottingham had a 9-1 trouncing by Loughborough. Grantham's main hopes lie in Jason Neville, who won both their sets, whilst Nottingham will rely mainly on Robert Fearn and Tim Sheppard.

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Coventry's second string, with David Thomas and Darren Mills on form had three good wins, despite the presence of Martin Burwell, who showed up well against them for Lincoln. Derby, with Paul Harvey and Arran Joshi shining, had a trio of wins to show for their efforts. Leamington had a poor day, their only crumbs of comfort coming from Vikki Shanahan, who had two noteworthy wins against Coventry 11. Nuneaton had only Stephen Haddow to thank but it is pleasing to end on a happy note. Congratulations to fighting Hinckley on breaking their 'duck' - twice. Well done Jason Neville and Joe Ward Burton!
CURRENT AFFAIRS

by TOM BLUNN
Chairman, E.T.T.A.

LET'S LOOK AT OURSELVES

The very favourable image of the game created by the World Championships of 1977 is now rapidly fading away. The television coverage was the best ever for table tennis in the United Kingdom and by the second week the event became compulsive viewing for many people who, until then, had very little idea as to the skill and excitement inherent in the game.

For the past three years the television coverage has fallen and the image of the game has deteriorated to such an extent that it took the organisation of the finals of the World Championships last month to make us realise what drawing power the game could produce if only we got the right ingredients.

The very close final between Desmond Douglas and Graham Standley had some good ingredients, except a colourful presentation. There was skill, excitement, drama and pathos, but all this appeared on a rather drab background of green and brown.

Had the content not been so good we would have, once more, concluded that a chance had been lost to present our game as we all know it can be presented.

The background of a sports hall is never very colourful and a brown floor covered with tramlines does not add to its attraction. We are always looking for more attractive venues but these, normally have unattractive price tags attached to them. For many years now I have had the idea of a centre court for staged matches, particularly the ones likely to appear on television. To a certain extent we did this at Brighton years ago. It was necessary to legislate for the construction of the racket otherwise the game would have died as a spectator entertainment. Many players gave up playing as they considered they were competing against equipment rather than against an opponent.

It is time we looked again at standardisation of the racket. I cannot think of any other serious sport where the basic equipment has such a wide variety of choice.

The development of various types of rubber now provides an amazing variety of surfaces which can be doubled up by having a different rubber on each side of the racket. I wonder, in fact, if all the surfaces available are, in fact, genuine rubber?

A move at the last ITTF Congress to rationalise the racket surface was defeated by not obtaining the necessary 75% in favour. England supported the move and it could be introduced on a rather high level. The National Council will decide in the light of circumstances at the time.

In the meantime, England has made a proposal to reduce the votes required to change the laws of the game from 75% to 66%. This is not just designed to achieve a change in the equipment but also to facilitate any other change in the laws which may be proposed in 1983 and subsequently.

What other changes will bring back the excitement of the past? It is accepted that over the past 60 years there have been both exciting and dull periods lasting several years. I believe the present dull period needs to be tackled as soon as possible. Reports from all over the country reveal a falling off in spectator interest and thus a fall in income to the promoters.

Several suggestions have been made in recent articles, which include a higher net, a larger ball, a net higher in the middle, a net higher at each end and, of course, a restriction on the choice of racket surface.

The foregoing suggestions concern the equipment. What about the laws of the game relating to scoring? The possibilities include, a shorter game of eleven up with the best of seven games to form a set, the award of two points if the opponent fails to touch the ball with his racket (there is a lot more detail behind this one), serving in singles as in doubles diagonally left to right into the opposite quarter of the table, or a badminton type of scoring which requires the right to take points to be earned by taking that right away from the server.

There could be other suggestions and the ETFA is anxious to hear about them. Please think about the points I have thrown in and let us have your views, and any better suggestions.

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School teams from Shropshire and Derbyshire head the list of challengers for titles when the National Finals of the National School Teams Championships (organized by the English Schools Table Tennis Association) take place at Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Saturday, May 15, 1982.

The Grove School, Market Drayton, have three teams through whilst Derbyshire's bid for titles is led by Tupton Hall, Chesterfield (U-16 Boys and Girls) and Dronefield Junior School (Boys U-11).

These teams and others qualified as a result of the Regional Finals which were held at Leeds, Stroud and Orpington. The results of the Three Regional Finals which were held at Leeds, Stroud and Orpington. The rest of the 24 teams through to the National Finals of the National Schools Championships were from no less than fifteen counties involved.

The following teams emerged winners at the Regional Finals:

**NORTH (Leeds):**
- G19 Bournemouth School for Boys (Dorset)
- B13 The Grove, Cheshunt (Hertfordshire)

**MIDLANDS & WEST (Stroud):**
- G19 Bournemouth School for Boys (Dorset)
- B13 The Grove, Cheshunt (Hertfordshire)
- G16 Tupton Hall, Chesterfield (Derbyshire)

**SOUTH & WEST (Orpington):**
- B19 Stepney Green (Inner London)
- B16 Rutlish High, Merton (Surrey Met.)
- G16 Brampton Manor, Newham (Essex Met.)

**DIARY DATES**

The Stiga English Schools' Individual Final entries are due in at Curdworth Community Centre, Sutton Coldfield, on Sunday, May 16, 1982 at 2.15 p.m.

**RESULTS**

Please note also that propositions may only be submitted by an affiliated County Schools TT Association.

**DIARY DATES**

The English Schools' Table Tennis Association (ESTTA) has elected Dave Lomas as "Caretaker" appointment as Senior Computer Training Officer in Dubai (United Arab Emirates), and has been nominated.

All titles but one changed hands at the National League this season. Have announced that their sponsorship deal with Gillette U.K. Ltd. has been extended for season 1982/83.

The club have had a successful season so far winning four and drawing one of the nine matches played. Their young squad of players whose ages average 15 years, are managed by Jim Stokes whose playing form has been the inspiration behind their success.

The presentation of their matches at Woodley is now the envy of other National League sides throughout England, and plans are already being made to continue with the policy of providing local supporters with high class table tennis in as attractive a manner as possible.

Secretary, Brian Halliday said today that he was extremely pleased with how the club were to continue their association with Gillette. "We could not present matches in this manner, or compete at this level without their assistance. Our players have the chance to get to the pinnacle of the game in this country and Gillette are providing them with that opportunity. The cooperation of everyone, especially the staff at Bolmersea School, has been superb and we are confident that next season we can build on this season's success."

**Cover Picture**

Nigel Eckersley who accomplished so much in the Commonwealth Championships was here petting the business again at Harlington in the Norwich Union English Closed. Unfortunately, his path was barred in the quarter-final, by Desmond Douglas who won 8, 18 and 9, this after the Cheshire man had disposed of John Kitchener and McQueen.


**THIS & THAT IN SURREY**

by MURRAY CORBIN

WERNER TRIUMPHS AT WOKING

The first TIB of England Junior 2nd Open was held at Woking Leisure Centre, last month, over two days. In spite of the initial coldness of the centre every morning, I soon settled into a relaxed but competitive atmosphere, as the hall became warmer. The events were run with the expertise associated with a NORMAN HOOPER organisation; he acquires the best Officials and Staff, there is. Again, they served him well.

On the first day, when the U-14's paraded their talents our LESLEY POP-KRISZIC suffered an unexpected defeat in the final of the Girls' Singles, when she was outclassed by the vibrant and aggressive RACHEL KNIGHT of Middlesex. On the following day, we had some successes. In the U-17's, MICHAEL HAMMOND AND ANDREW SEXTON won the Doubles crown against O'Leary and Topwala of Middlesex in a set of skill and tactical play, the best and most surprising result should have been the disposal of MARK WERNER - the No. 5 seed from Desent, in the final of the Boys' Singles by our NICHOLAS HOARE - the No. 1 seed. This was not to be, Nicholas approached the set looking as if he was already a game down, Marx, to his credit, took so much control of the proceedings, that a boring final ensued.

Combination hats, similar to Marx's, seem to paralyse the nervous system of many supposedly talented players, who lack the discipline to serve short, push the ball around - again keeping it short, mixed with a few slow touches or side spins, which should allow the ball to fall so that they can try to a reeent lapse of top form AIRS, CREW were the biggest upsets, when they defeated GARLAND, and VERA KRESLIE, in the Mixed. Then went on to take the Women's Singles in a round-robin session because this event was very poorly supported. Another Elmbridge artist, STEVE ROYACS, had to pull a few stops to finish ahead of DAVE RIDGERS of Old Woking, in the Veterans' Singles final. Congratulations to all concerned. Well done!

Back to the League - GILDA MORRIS are romping away with the title in Div. 1 for the second year; the main interest now being the fight for the 'Runners-up' position. MIKE BARRATT informs me that, here, MOUCHIR, were looking good, but due to a recent lapse of top form, AIRS would just pip them at the post.

This League has teams in both INTER-LEAGUE Competitions, and can boast, along with THAMES VALLEY of always having supported these competitions Mike observed that the Men's and the Mixed teams of Elmbridge were tough, especially as some players are barred because of out- country qualification, ironically, as better players from other Leagues are still able to play.

Representing the League so far have been RICHARDSON, NATHAN SIMMONDS, JOHN BYLES, JOHN PENNY, TIMOTHY WATSON, ROGERS FAIRBROther AND MIKE BARRATT.

**BITS AND PIECES**

MADEL, FRANK HAMMOND-ALLSPRUI will make every possible effort to attend the SURREY SENIOR CLOSED at Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton on Saturday, 27th March. Recently, her brother Aloysius wrote-off her TR7 in the snow; she may find it difficult as a result of this, getting from St. Hilda's Oxford. Congratulations to ANDREW SEXTON for securing TSP sponsorship. This is not easy to obtain.

**Obituary**

FRANK WILDE

On February 6, 1982, suddenly but peacefully at his home, Pimlico, East Lane, Eastgate, West Sussex, FRANK WILDE best known as a tennis player, particularly in doubles, and was a member of England's Davis Cup team in 1937, 1938 and 1939. He was also a Swarthmore Cap table tennis player, and participated in the 3rd World Championships in Budapest in 1939. He was also an international player, playing against Great Britain in 1927/8, 1928-9 and 1929/30 and was captain in this latter match.

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ERIC AUSTIN, the Head of P.B. Department, S.E. Division of the Trustee Savings Bank, helps MIKE HAMMOND and ANDREW SEXTON support their spoils of war, after winning the U-17 Boys' Doubles.
England's Desmond Douglas and Paul Day won the men's doubles title in the 30th Federal German Open played in Keil over the period Jan. 22/24. Their final victims were Mikael Appelgren and Eric Lindh of Sweden beaten 10, 12, -11.

Other results:

Men's Singles:
J. Doverace (Cze) bt M. Orlovski (Cze) 15, 17, 20.

Women's Singles:
An Hae Sook (KRR) bt O. Nemes (Rum) 9, 17.

Women's Doubles:
Hwang Nam Sook (KRR)/An Hae Sook bt J. Magne/O. Sato (Hun) 14, 17, 17.

Mixed Doubles:
J. Finsbury/M. Hrabova (Cze) bt M. Orlovski/I. Ulikhova (Cze) 10, -14, 14.

England's women, Jill Hammersley and Karen Witt, reached the final of the team event losing 1-3 to South Korea following wins over Canada (3-0), Federal Germany (3-2), Japan (3-0) and Finland (3-1). The counterpart men's event was won by Yugoslavia with a 3-2 win over Japan.

In the singles events Douglas was taken out in the quarters by Milan Orlovski, John Hilton by Engelbert Huging (GFR) and Day by Dragutin Surbek. Jill Hammersley suffered a second round reverse to John Hilton by Engelbert Huging (GFR) and Day won the men's doubles title in the 30th Federal German Open played in Keil over the period Jan. 22/24. Their final victims were Mika'el Appelgren and Erik Lindh of Sweden beaten 10, 12, -11.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles:
Duffield bt Jukes 14, 15.

Girls' Singles:
Davis bt S. Boden 19, 19.

Junior Doubles:
Duffield/Jukes bt L. Cartwright/R. Massey 14, 1.

Consolation Singles:
Jukes bt J. D. Hug (6, 15.

Veteran Men's Singles:
W. Wood bt B. Batcher -19, 14, 16.

Veteran Women's Singles:
B. Jukes bt S. Hembury 12, 17.

Veteran Doubles:

Dunlop Lancashire Junior Open

STEVEN TOO SHARP FOR GUNN

Yorkshire's Steven Sharp proved too sharp for Warwickshire's top-seeded Philip Gunn in the final of the boys' singles event in the Dunlop Lancashire Junior Open played at Bolton's Institute of Technology on Feb. 28.

Indeed, Sharp was on target again in the doubles partnering Jeffrey Thatch to a final success over the Cleveland pair Darren McVitie and Chris Metcalfe.

The only title won by the Red Rose county was the girls' singles in which top seed Jean Parker beat Christine Peacock the latter having ousted the No. 2 seed Sue Collier.

Lancashire's No. 3 seeded Shann Brown was a first time finalist to Stephen McBean, the No. 1, who subsequently dipped to Sharpe in the semi-finals.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
P. Gunn (Wa) bt A. Barker (Sp) 15, -17, 21.

S. Groom (Sp) 14, 17, 14.

Firth bt Syed -(14, 13, 14.

Shaw bt Malpass -15, 11, 11.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
Evans/Lightfoot bt D. Thatcher (Sp)/F. Collier 10, -14, 13.


Malpass bt Barker 14, -12, 13.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Jukes (Wo) bt D. Williams (Sp) 19, 20, 17.

S. McBean (Wi) bt C. Render (Y) 19, 11.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:


Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

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13TH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Desmond Douglas and Jill Hamersley spearhead England's squad of nine players entered for the 13th European Championship to be played in Budapest from Apr. 17-21, 1982. The players selected are:

-Men
Desmond Douglas
John Hilton
Paul Day
Dougie Johnson
Graham Sandley
Reserve: Kenny Jackson

-Women
Jill Hamersley
Karen Witt
Linda Jarvis
Carole Knights
Reserve: Alison Gordon, Joy Grundy, Lisa Bellinger

The non-playing captains are Peter Simpson (men) and Nicky Jarvis (women).

ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Dr. Georgy Lakatos, President of the Hungarian TTA. Mr. Sándor, President of the Championships, his deputy being Tibor Horváth, the General Secretary of the Hungarian TTA. Chief Referees are Hans Glöckner of Federal Germany and Dr. Gabor Dülér of the host nation.

The Championships will open on Apr. 17 with team matches being played from 9 a.m. while the opening ceremony will be held in the evening of the first day. The men's and women's team events are scheduled to end on Apr. 20.

April 21 will be a rest day. The second stage of the competition will start on Apr. 22. The finals of the mixed doubles and consolation events will be played on Apr. 24. According to the planned schedule, the semi-finals of the men's and women's singles, as well as the men's and women's doubles, will be played on the morning of Apr. 25. The finals of these four events will be held in the afternoon of the same day.

The Championship will be played on 14 butterfly tables with Nittaku balls.

ATTENTION TOUBISTS
Hundreds of tourists have indicated their intention of travelling to Budapest. In their response countries intending visitors are advised to turn to the Hungarian State Travel Bureau IBUSZ through major tourist agencies. IBUSZ has an office in London but tourist countries intending visitors are advised to turn to the Hungarian State Travel Bureau IBUSZ through major tourist agencies.

ROYAL RESPONSE
In response to a message of loyal greetings from the ITTA sent to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, on her 30th anniversary of accession to the Throne the following reply has been received from Buckingham Palace:

"I sincerely thank you, the Officers and Members of the English Table Tennis Association for your kind message of loyal greetings on the 30th anniversary of my accession to the Throne, in this your Diamond Jubilee Year. At your Patron, I greatly appreciate this message and send you my congratulations and best wishes on this very notable occasion.

ELIZABETH II.
February, 1982."

Roy Williams reports from...

NORTH WALES

WELL DONE KEN
Llandudno's Ken Jones became the North's newest International Umpire to boost our total to five in the recent examinations. John Johnson and Jeff Nicholls also passed their County Umpire test to bring the Llandudno League tally to five umpires, three of them in the international grade. And, Dennis Hunt (Llandudno) has been upgraded to Intermediate Coach by the Welsh Association.

WYLF A BEATEN
Llaneged a stoppached Wyfa P.S. in their tracks when they beat the Power Station 6-4 in their Anglesey League Div.1 match. This first defeat for the powermen was largely brought about by Keith Williams who won all his sets.

In Rhyd's top division Chester 'A' are now on their own and look as if they will retain their title. In the Llandudno League Lansdowne drew a second time this season against the powerful Junction team to give champions Connwy Hope a top edge at the moment. It looks odds on for the return match to be a championship decider.

Gowerlais march on in the Wrexham League and with a players of the calibre of Terry Turner, Peter Williams, Haydn Young and Derek Stanford it looks as if they will top the first division at the end of the season.

NORTH WALES CLOSED - NEW CHAMPION

ROYAL RESPONSE

RESULTS
Men's Singles:
T. Turner (W) bt K. Ashton (L), 11-8, 11-6, 15-13.

Women's Singles:
L. Evans (L) bt J. Jones (L), 11-6, 11-5.

Junior Boys' Singles:
I. Edwards (L) bt J. Hook (R), 11-4, 11-5.

Junior Girls' Singles:
A. North (W) bt K. North (W), 11-6, 11-5.

Junior Boys' Doubles:
J. Brown (L) /A. North (W) bt K. North (W) /L. Evans (L), 11-2, 7-11, 11-4, 11-5.

Junior Girls' Doubles:
A. North (W) /K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L) /I. Edwards (L), 9-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-6, 11-5.

Junior Mixed Doubles:
K. Ashton (L) /J. Hook (R) bt I. Edwards (L) /L. Evans (L), 11-6, 11-2, 11-5.

Junior Veteran Mixed Doubles:
A. North (W) /K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L) /I. Edwards (L), 11-2, 7-11, 11-6, 11-5.

Junior Veteran Singles:
A. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-4, 11-2, 11-3.

Junior Boys' Veteran Singles:
J. Hook (R) bt A. North (W), 11-2, 11-5, 11-2.

Junior Girls' Veteran Singles:
K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-5, 15-13.

Junior Veteran Doubles:
A. North (W) /K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L) /I. Edwards (L), 11-5, 11-2, 11-5.

Junior Veteran Singles:
A. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-5, 11-5, 11-5.

Junior Girls' Veteran Singles:
K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-2, 11-2, 11-2.

Junior Veteran Doubles:

Junior Veteran Singles:
A. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-2, 11-2, 11-2.

Junior Girls' Veteran Singles:
K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-2, 11-2, 11-2.

Junior Veteran Doubles:
A. North (W) /K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L) /I. Edwards (L), 11-5, 11-2, 11-5.

Junior Veteran Singles:
A. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-5, 11-5, 11-5.

Junior Girls' Veteran Singles:
K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-2, 11-2, 11-2.

Junior Veteran Doubles:
A. North (W) /K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L) /I. Edwards (L), 11-5, 11-2, 11-5.

Junior Veteran Singles:
A. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-5, 11-5, 11-5.

Junior Girls' Veteran Singles:
K. North (W) bt L. Evans (L), 11-2, 11-2, 11-2.
have now fallen to the twirling blade of
including Andrzej Grubba (Poland), ranked
Mikael Appelgren (Sweden), ranked Just
World, Gabor Gergely (Hungary), Jaques
the latest scalp to be claimed by Johnson
son promoted to the No. 3 spot, In the
Kucharski (Poland), and Joseph Dvoracek
stands on the threshold of greatness, In, his
seventeenth No. 12 in the World, former
chosen sport, for I am convinced we are
only seeing the start of a fabulous career.

The Midland Open' triple champion,
stands on the threshold of greatness in his
chosen sport, for I am convinced we are
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Impressive wins over the European-
ranked Massimo Constantin, of Italy,
up with another giant win over Kucharwski,
together with a win over the European No. 25, Half Wokor (Federal
Germany) enhance his quest for at least
a European Ranking.

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Forty players representing 8 leagues
throughout the area finally managed to
beat the weather and play the first matches of the Warwicks League Championship on Jan. 24 at the West Warwickshire Club, Solihull.

The eight leagues were Rugby, Leamington,
Stafford, Nuneaton and the Birmingham
League sides, South (last season's winner), Business Houses, East and West.
Throughout there were fine matches and,
last year, a most enjoyable and enter-
taining day was had by all, Mick Wootton,
representing South had the only 100% record from his six sets. Fellow Leagu-
ees Rod Lewis, ranked No. 36 in the latest Lentec Junior rankings, and the promising Steve Bertie had five wins out of six.

Peter Pocock and Terry Barker represent-
Egham, East also achieved 5 wins as did Peter Mint of Nuneaton. On the
dual side only Manly Myton, the Worcs No. 1 and Lyn Irwin of Leamington were unbeaten in their 3 matches.

Due to the distances involved the second
stage of the championships will once again be an all day event on Mar. 14 again at Solihull. We thanks are duly accorded the West Warwickshire Club for making their fine facilities available to us.

WARWICKSHIRE CLUB COMPETITION
Last season's winners of the Warwicks Club Competition, Britannia, certainly lived
dangerously in their 2nd round match against St. John's Ambulance (Coventry),
winning by just one point. St. John's having a 198-197 win. Again, the winners two years ago, made 272 points against Birmingham
City. City won 211 points but with the 16 handicap they too won by a 1 pt. margin.

It was a very good evening for P. Waiter
of Birmingham City as he took a game
from both Arthur Sutton and Terry Bache which was the deciding factor. Brian Lloyd
and his fellow handicappers must feel very
happy over the closeness of these two matches.

Dennis Millman reports from...

NORTHANTS

NOT WITHOUT INCIDENT

Although Tim Chamberlain eventually
became the Northampton League's Men's
Singles champion for 1982, his progress to the
coveted honour was not entirely without
incident.

When the tournament committee gene-
really accepted the late entry of Ron
Dunkley, it was not to know that he would
be just one of the many strong opponents that he began to eliminate the
the top seeds, including Chamberlain among his victims. When he became aware of the problems he was inevitably causing, Dunkley, in the best sporting traditions withdrew, and Chamberlain was re-instated.

Grasping this unexpected opportunity
with both hands, with the right one playing
the dominant part, Chamberlain proceeded
smoothly to the semi-final, where he lost
the first end against Steve Lyon, and
tried (6-18) in the second, before regaining
both his composure and his form to take
the next eleven points, and with his
confidence restored went on to take the
decider and the match.

Meanwhile Keith Jones had made steady
progress to the final, with a 14, 13, 18
win against David Gallo his closest call at
the quarter-final stage, a result soon erased by a 17, 12 win over Ray Kingston at the
penultimate stage.

In an enthralling final, Jones, last
season's champion took the first end, but
then joined his vanquished opponent to
the decider and the match.

The final was played at the West
Warwickshire Club with Brian Wooding and Mrs. Dunkley providing the opposition.

Wooding in turn, gained consolation
from a Men's Doubles win in partnership with Lyon, who has now won the event
eight times, and won the County Champion title, still managed to reach the final of the com-
parable league event before bowing out to
Cliff Bull's greater range of shots.

At junior level, the promising and
talented Nigel Metcalfe gained a narrow singles win against Richard Batchford, and
together to the Rivals for the Boys' Doubles.

Phil Slade, who was again in charge of
affairs at Northampton, must be an un-
rivalled enthusiast, or else a glutton for
punishment, for just one week later he was to be seen playing a prominent part in the
running of the Kettering Closed, at the
usual Recreation Centre venue, and even
found time to reach the final of the Con-
solation Singles, where unfortunately the
result did not do justice to his strenuous

Hard Bat Tournament
Sunday, May 2, is the date of this season's International Club hard-bat tour-
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Middlesbrough looped, who had shown his letters to the Editor, emerged as a very good junior and although sportsman both on and off the table. He played the Russian Aleksandr Saprykin. Number one is a title he carries with racing round to take everything on his must win now? But it was not to be. The has given everything he had and come luck is very little consolation to a lad who wants to see him lose. England's Mike Johns in about 1970. He had just junior at the 'Caernarvon Hotel' on calling Jarvis had decided to call it a day as far as the Russian took the lead and each time Jarvis reached a stage which always seemed for the very first time. Surely he that the disappointment is intense. 'Bad for England and playing against Russia. I after an initial warning, could award three dismissal on the third, then players would make it easy to spot off-enders and deal to my mind, Table Tennis News which ironically which ironically the points he raises were taken up with the television authority immediately after the points he raises were taken up with the television authority. I think that from what I have said the Association's policy on T.V. coverage is self-evident. It is to obtain as much coverage of our sport as possible and to ensure the best possible presentation from every point of view. Those aims are easy to state but, believe me, much more difficult to achieve, although not from want of trying.

NICKY JARVIS — A TRIBUTE

NICKY JARVIS IN ACTION

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PENALTY POINTS

With reference Mrs. Glover's comment (Jan. issue) on Mr. Prean's contributions, to my mind, Table Tennis News is an excellent magazine but still requires such views, even if they are mainly from one source, to help stimulate thought and possibly provoke response.

In the same issue, it was evident there has been a considerable difference of opinion on the Disqualification of a player in the English Junior Closed. Without prejudice I am unable to comment on the rights and wrongs of the matter. I for one will miss seeing his game. His presence would be appreciated by England's young people. A mind of his own nonetheless.

According to the Editor's report, the Referee gave three warnings prior to dismissal. If it was recognised that a Referee, after an initial warning, could award three penalty points on a second occasion and dismissal on the third, then players would be under no illusion as to how they stood! P.S. At least I've been 'proved' into penalty point response and hope you get more letters in your postbag from other readers.

B. J. MCKENZIE,
45 London Road, Thatcham, Berkshire.

DISAPPOINTING T.V. COVERAGE

In his letter in the February issue Mr. Shill seeks comments on points he raises and a statement of the Association's policy on T.V. coverage. May I say at once that I agree with the comments in which Mr. Shill makes about coverage of the Lambert and Butler Championships and the Norwich Union Open Championships. I can assure him that all those involved were taken up with the television authority immediately after the event.

May I also hasten to correct an inference which could be drawn from Mr. Shill's letter: namely that the Association has control over what is recorded for television and what is eventually transmitted. It has not. The contract we sign provides for the television company concerned to record the event, decisions about the amount of recording and transmission are in the hands of the editor of the programme and the producer.

That having been said, the T.V. authorities do, of course, seek our advice and I can assure Mr. Shill that we are continually advising that the best matches are by no means always the final events and that camera should be available to record all matches in early rounds. Unfortunately, our advice is not always acted on, as is obvious from the two events mentioned. In fairness we have to accept that the hands of those concerned are sometimes tied for technical reasons but that does not deter us from continuing to press our advice on both this and many other aspects of television coverage.

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NORMAN REEVE,
Vice-Chairman, Public Relations, 8 Thornton Grove, Blandford Forum.

BAD EXAMPLE

With regard to your comment in your leading article on bad behaviour I would like to point out that this problem had become widespread. And not just among the young people. I believe, are following the bad example set by some of the seniors. There is no doubt whatsoever that this problem will continue to escalate until the STTA declare war on the offenders. Since we are to become an Olympic sport in 1980 we must stop this practice now.

Those players who feel free to swear at their opponents or say things of a similar manner must be made to realise that the game of table tennis will survive without them. They must be banned from both national and club level.

It is no good appealing to offenders to mend their ways. Provision must be made on score sheets to record warnings given to any player for misbehaviour. This will make it easy to spot offenders and deal with them through the league. All complaints must be taken seriously and incident reports filled in by the hands of the editor of the programme and the producer. The contract we sign provides for the television company concerned to record the event, decisions about the amount of recording and transmission are in the hands of the editor of the programme and the producer.

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W. G. EAKIN,
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IDLE HANDS

Does the STTA have a coherent response to the growing problem of youth unemployment? If it does not, I suggest that it should have. A lot of status and importance traditionally has been attached to getting a job, and the spending power it allows gives the young person greater independence and an adult identity.

However, the reality now is that many youngsters will have to wait a long time before they are employed and some may never have jobs. On top of feeling unwanted, rejected, demoralised and depressed, insecure and unsure of their future, unemployed teenagers may also have to put up with the disapproving remarks of parents and friends about them being 'lazy', 'worthless' and 'good for nothing'.

Little wonder then that they become
bored, apathetic and sometimes hostile to society. How should they spend their enforced ‘secure’ time? Playing table tennis may help in some small way to mitigate the harmful, debilitating, soul-destroying effects of unemployment. Sport has often been used as an agent of social control — to keep teenagers off the streets and out of trouble — but there are greater benefits to be gained for the individual.

Hopefully playing the game is enjoyable. It also assists in keeping the person physically fit — better than staying in bed all day and watching the television all evening! Getting out and about to do something not only means that boredom is lessened, but also other people are met and friendships made so that the process of socialisation is continued. As the young person becomes more proficient at table tennis so he/she may take pride in his/her skill and build up a better self image and self esteem.

At the basic level the sport requires relatively inexpensive facilities and equipment (as compared with other physical racket sports) and almost anyone can play it. But, increasingly at a time when for these reasons table tennis should be expanding, it appears to be in decline.

I’m not suggesting that table tennis is in any way a universal remedy to the problems of youth unemployment or that it is necessarily more suitable than other activities, but it may help a little bit. Of course some youngsters, by involving themselves in table tennis at the expense of obtaining qualifications or work skills may actually harm their employment prospects but that is another question.

So to sum up, I think that greater efforts should be made to make facilities available to encourage unemployed youngsters to play table tennis. And as the sport can be played at all ages, there is no reason why unemployed adults (future administrators?) should not be given the chance to take it up as well.

Finally, we the employed can all help those unfortunate without work by showing just a little consideration and tolerance if their manner is not always what we might like it to be.

KEN MUIR,
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A ‘NEW LOOK’
JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is sad that interest in the Junior County Championships seems to be declining, for this is one of the grass roots of our sport in England. With costs soaring throughout the divisions that some counties are in increasing difficulties owing to the considerable expenditure which the present arrangements involve. Even the juniors do not seem so interested in the honour of representing their county the days. Clearly this is the time for a drastic and bold re-think, so that the Junior County Championships become one of the important dates on the calendar for all counties and not just those in the premier division. We must create the sense of occasion for the enjoyment of players, officials and spectators alike.

My proposal focuses on the forty county junior first teams that, as present play in the junior divisions. My proposal could easily be expanded to accommodate a similar scheme for junior county second teams which I would heartily endorse. However, in the first instance, let’s concentrate on the principle and not on the details which can be sorted out later.

The thrust of my suggestion is that we should concentrate the Junior County Championships on two weekends (one in the first half and one in the second half of the season) at one venue in the centre of England. As an example, let us consider having eight divisions of five teams; the divisions would be Premier, First, Second and Third with two sections — A and B — in each. In the first weekend all the matches in each division could be completed by having five sessions over the weekend — three sessions on Saturday (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.) and two sessions on Sunday (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.). On this model a third Sunday session would be needed for a match between the teams placed third in the A and B categories of each division (see below).

For this number of teams we would need a venue which could provide sixteen tables. Before finiching at the amount of work involved, think of the wonderful sense of occasion we would be beginning to create with over 200 youngsters involved in playing over the same weekend. Unlike tournaments when only the winners survive, all these youngsters would be involved in playing throughout the weekend while at the same time having the opportunity of seeing the junior ‘stars’ in action. With sixteen matches going on at the same time there will be several which will build up to an exciting climax.

The other weekend in the second half of the season would involve a series of play-offs involving all the teams. Again there would be eight divisions of five teams. Each division would consist either the top two in the A and B sections of each division plus the winner of the match between the two counties placed third or the bottom two in the A and B sections of each division plus the loser of the match between the two

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by H. ROY EVANS

SNOWBOUND

It was bad enough having our European League match against Spain disrupted by the snow. It happened again, the weekend of the English Open when our team to play Switzerland literally couldn't get out of Wales! Ironically our two young teams in the Office Open couldn't get into Wales when we were due to return on the Sunday!

Our team eventually went off to Switzerland two weeks later, and again a frustrating 3-4 defeat was the result. Without being too unkind to our women players, we just don't expect whoever plays at the moment to register a win, so that our two men have to win their sets. On this occasion Lesley Turner played one of her best performances, and beat Carmen Witte. That was a bonus and should have meant a Welsh win, but although Alan Griffiths won his both, Nigel went down to Busin in the opening set, and lost 17 in the third to Hafen in the decider. And we lost both doubles:

Alan Griffiths bt Martin Hafen 19, 18;
Nigel Thomas bt Thomas Busin 19, -18, 11.

Nigel Thomas lost to Busin -16, -17;
Lesley Tyler bt Carmen Witte 18, 14;
Griffiths/Thomas lost to Hafen/Miller -14, -17.

Thomas/Lesley Tyler lost 14, -15, -18.

And so to Norway for the toughest match against likely promotion winners. It was a long journey - London to Oslo on one plane, and then Oslo to Tromsoen on another, with Alan making his way up from Copenhagen by another route. As expected, the Norwegians proved much too strong.

Alan did beat Pal Guttormsen, and he and Nigel won the doubles. But that was the sum total of Welsh successes.

SCORES:

Alan Griffiths lost to Tom Johansen -9, -14;
b t Pal Guttormsen 18, 20.
Nigel Thomas lost to Guttormsen -20, -13;
Lost to Johansen -18, -14.
Lesley Tyler lost to Tone Folkeson -15, -12.
Griffiths/Thomas bt Guttormsen/Johansen -12, -14.

So Wales continues to date with relegation. True, Ireland has been beaten, but there is still time for the latter to register a win, and Wales would then have to beat Scotland at Brighton in March to ensure staying up. And Scotland have just registered a good 4-3 win over Spain, to whom we lost 2-5!

Junior Internationals

We had two good junior wins - the boys beating Ireland 5-3 at Dewide, and the girls beating Scotland by the same margin at Abergavenny.

The Dewide win was an especially good one, because the Irish team included Colin Smith, currently playing at No. 1 for his senior team.

SCORES at Dewide:

Nigel Tyler lost to Brian Orr 12, 16;
Lost to Colin Slevin -20, -8.
Nigel won both matches against Rowland, bt J. F3/JII 17, 10.

David Griffiths lost to Stale Burke 8, 20;
Lost to Orr 16, -14, -8.

Curt Phillips lost to J. F3/JII 19, -23, -20;
b t Burke -17, 13, 13.

SCORES at Abergavenny:

Robert Jones lost to Diane Greig 18, -14, -18;
b t Lynn Johnson 11, 20.
Heldt Ottor bt Johnsons 12, 18;
b t Alison Cooke 10, 18.
Jayne Sully bt Alison Bennett 17, 8;
b t Greig 5, -19, 12.

Helen Sellick lost to Cooke -4, -15;
Lost to Bennett -19, -18.

Both Heldt Ottor and Jayne Sully played very well at Abergavenny, but Helen sellick, playing in front of her own crowd, was very nervous.

No 1 Junior Andrew Jones came within an ace of taking his first senior title in the Glaedog Open. Andrew was in fine form to beat Brian Jeunes in the quarter, and then brought off his first-ever win against George Evans in the semi-final.

In the other half, Kathuria, Dunlop Birmingham's No. 1 Indian, beat Mark Thomas over three games in the quarters, and then accounted for Tony Healan in the semi-final after the latter had done well to beat Kevin Batchelor.

Andrew seemed to be continuing his fine form in the final, but just lost the first game against Kathuria. He took the second, and lead 10-3 and 16-9 in the decider, with the Indian apparently well beaten. But the latter tightened up his serve, and helped by some indifferent play by Andrew, ran out winner 18, to deprive Andrew what would have been a timely win.

Andrew won the junior event, with a three game win over Welsh Junior No 2. Nigel Tyler, and then Andrew combined with Gary Wilkins to win their third senior doubles title in a row by virtue of a 3-1 victory over Dave Welsman and Mark Thomas in the semi, and a crushing win over John Bloomer and Andrew Evans in the final.

Flint's Evelyn Wright took the cadet event, and Linda Leggett, partnering the women's runner-up, Tracey Lightfoot, beat Cathryn and Susan Jones in the women's doubles.

Anthony Jones added another cadet title to his bag.

SCORES

Men's Singles Semi-finals:
Andrew Jones bt George Evans 12, -13, 14.
S. Kathuria bt Tony Healan 13, 15.

Final:
Kathuria bt Jones 19, -19, 18.

Women's Singles:
Elaine Short bt Tracey Lightfoot -19, 8, 17.

Women's Doubles:
Jones/Wilkins bt Evans/Bloomer 11, 16.

Girls' Singles:
Andrew Jones bt Nigel Tyler -11, -9.

Girls' Doubles:
Andrew Jones and Nigel Tyler won again

Consolation Boys' Singles:
Andrew Jones bt Robyn Roberts -14, 18, 10.

Consolation Girls' Singles:
Evelyn Wright bt Fiona Short 4, 7.

Catherine Cardiff chalked up another National League win with an easy 7-1 score over Larkhall, but Clydebank slipped to third place in the Third Division Southern when they lost to S.I.B. Bath 3-5.

£1,000 PRIZE BONANZA

On Saturday, May 1 the Northumberland TTA will present the Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open Championships at the Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington commencing at 9 a.m. with the finals scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The prize fund amounts to £1,005 with £250 going to the winner of the men's singles - £110 to the runner-up. Entry forms are available from the Organiser, Mr. Aubrey Drapkin, the ETTA Hon. Treasurer, at 6 Northfield Road, Gosforth, Newcastlec-upon-Tyne NE3 3UL (Phone: 0632-838788).

Closing date for entries is Monday, April 5, 1982.
Les D'Arcy reports from... 

YORKSHIRE REPORT

Spotlight on the Leagues

Harrogate

For an area of only 64,000 population, Harrogate, with its 100 teams and well over 500 players must be one of Yorkshire’s leading leagues for its size and has come long way since it was founded in 1946 and had 18 teams in 1947. The first Secretary/Treasurer was Mr. E. M. Carter for the Adult League and Miss M. Jackson for the Youth Section.

The present policy is to encourage the playing of table-tennis at all levels and this season Harrogate has more teams playing at Yorkshire League level than any other league: six men’s, two women’s, one veterans, two juniors and one cadets. It would be interesting to discover from where all the enthusiasm generates. In addition to a hard working committee, Harrogate’s Mr. Table Tennis, Norman Lusher, must have something to do with it.

Harrogate men’s 1st team are having an excellent season in the Yorkshire League Div. 1. They share top place with arch-rivals, Wakefield. Both teams box set for promotion and a good result against Dewsbury, in the other promotion contender, could see Harrogate as champions — as they were in 1980. Wakefield, who have an easier final fixture against Barnsley II, will be hoping to reverse the 1980 decision when they were piped by Harrogate, after a marathon play-off.

Harrogate Veteran’s also look one of the favourites for promotion. Norman Lusher and Barry Walker re-enforced this season with the power of Len Browning — ex Leeds United player — look capable of going one better than last season when the 1st Division was just out of reach.

Richard Whisity, at sixteen, is proving to be the League’s leading player. He won the men’s singles and four other events at the Harrogate Closed sponsored by Modern Maintenance Products.

CONCLUSION

Richard’s praiseworthy performances throughout the season, particularly his very successful run with the county junior 2nd team have culminated in his being chosen for the junior premier squad to take part in the Junior Premier Weekend at St. Neots, March 6-7, with Stephen Sharpe (Wakefield), David Roos (Bradford), David Lingstrom (Barnsley), Lesley Broomhead (Sheffield), Josette Ryalls (Sheffield) and Melanie Seaton (Doncaster).

Richard then returns to the junior 2nd’s to lead them in to action against Gloucestershire Juniors at the T.F.D Centre, Bradford, Mar. 13. Martin Firn (Bradford), Jeff Thacker (Leeds), Rachel Brox (Dewsbury) and Joanne Shaw (Wakefield).

For the Senior Premier Weekend-end, Batley Sports Centre, Feb. 27-28, Steve Mills, Alan Fletcher, Kevin Beasley, Melody Hill with Mark Illingworth and Helen Shields reserves carried Yorkshire’s hopes to retain the Premier Title.

RESIGNATION

Wille Walsh, for long the contributor of Irish Notes to this magazine, has resigned his position on the Executive Committee of the Irish TTA. His contributions will be missed and we wish him well inside table tennis or out.

Richard Whisley (left) winner of the Harrogate Closed men’s singles title being assisted by his younger brother in the carrying of the various trophies won in the tournament. Also pictured in Mr. Donald Mackenzie the joint managing director of the sponsors — Modern Maintenance Products Ltd. of Harrogate.

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LENTEC COMPUTER RANKINGS

CAROLE UP TO NO. 3 by Robert Oldfield

Carole Knight, the Commonwealth champion, has been promoted to No. 3 in the latest "Lenlec English Ranking Lists". The controversial player, from Middlesbrough, Cleveland, has gone up two places in the computer rankings with a further chance of improvement depending on her result in the Norwich Union English Closed.

As expected, the current national champions (as on Feb. 12/92), Jill Hammersley and Desmond Douglas, remain at the top but the 14-year-old Lisa Bellinger has risen five places to No. 7. Revised rankings (previous positions in brackets):

Men
1 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2 Paul Day (Ca) (2)
3 Dougie Johnson (Wa) (3)
4 Graham Sandley (Mi) (4)
5 Donald Parker (La) (5)
6 Kenny Jackson (E) (6)
7 David Walls (Mi) (7)
8 Mark Mitchell (Bu) (8)
9 Nigel Eckersey (Ch) (9)
10 Skyelet Andrew (B) (10)
11 Steven Mills (Y) (11)
12 Philip Bradbury (Bu) (12)
13 David Constance (De) (13)
14 David Barr (Bk) (14)
15 Andrew Wellman (Bu) (15)
16 John Souter (Mi) (16)
17 John Kitchener (Bu) (17)
18 Ian Kenyon (E) (18)
19 Chris Rogers (Le) (19)
20 Alas Fletcher (Y) (20)
21 Carl Freen (IOW) (21)
22 Colin Wilson (Mi) (22)
23 David Newman (E) (23)
24 David Tan (Mi) (24)
25 Peter McQueen (Bk) (25)
26 Billy Gleave (Ch) (26)
27 Steven Turner (La) (27)
28 Kevin Batchell (Wi) (28)

Women
1 Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
2 Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
3 Carole Knight (Cv) (3)
4 Linda Jarvis (Bk) (4)
5 Alison Gorden (Bu) (5)
6 Anita Stevenson (Le) (6)
7 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (7)
8 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (8)
9 Melody Hill (Y) (9)
10 Karen Smith (Bk) (10)
11 Mandy Reeves (Bk) (11)
12 Joy Grindly (La) (12)
13 Helen Williams (Mi) (13)
14 Mandy Smith (Bk) (14)
15 Susan Hunt (Li) (15)

Tony Sanderson of Yorkshire, one of the six newcomers into the top 50. Photo by Brian Ashton, Bletchley.

The following players are not ranked owing to insufficient evidence but for tournament seeding purposes would be placed immediately below the player bearing the same ranking number:
1a John Hilton (Staarkreken)
8a Robert Potter (Alkenswaard)
19a Max Grunseim (Sy) (19)
30a Ian Horsham (E)
30b Jimmy Walker (Cv) (21)

Omitted from the previous list are:
Andrew Clark (Nd) (37)
Stephen Moore (Sy) (47)
Stephen Bowcroft (La) (50)

Surrey's Maxwell Crimmins previously listed at No. 7 and now omitted owing to insufficient evidence. Photo by Brian Ashton, Bletchley.

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Tony Sanderson of Yorkshire, one of the six newcomers into the top 50. Photo by Brian Ashton, Bletchley.

Mark Mitchell of Middlesex up from No. 12 to No. 8 and John Kitchener of Suffolk, also on the up and up, from No. 29 to No. 17. Photos by Brian Ashton, Bletchley.