‘MATCH OF THE DAY’

European Cadet Champion CARL PREAN plays with FRIENDSHIP RUBBERS from Jaques

Photo by Gerard C. Kellett, Preston
Birds of Prey

One has only to look over one's shoulder to behold the vultures that descend with grasping talons on unsuccessful businesses.

No pleasure was afforded to learn of the demise of 'Table Tennis', the complementary magazine to ours, and only serves to make one further aware of the spectre that haunts this publication.

For the past two years 'Table Tennis News' has suffered a loss having, in the previous fourteen, made a profit. Additional advertising and, more especially, a greater number of subscribers are sorely needed lest this magazine too should suffer a similar fate.

One cannot agree more with the sentiments expressed by Kenneth Muhr in his letter to the Editor. The onus is on each and everyone of us to keep this magazine alive and it can only be done by a vast upsurge in sales.

Surely the recession has not reached such depths whereby our only platform of expression is to be cut from beneath our feet. It would be a pleasure to seek the services of professional writers and to go in for colour on a grand scale as did Marshall Publications.

But until such times as one can afford to so indulge one has to cut one's cloth accordingly lest those birds of prey espy another carcass.

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CADET GOLD FOR CARL
by George Yates

For the first time ever in the European Youth Championships, both England's junior teams mounted the rostrum in Hollabrunn, Austria over the period, July 16-25, 1982, to collect bronze medals. So too did Carl Prean, in mixed twin with Lisa Bellinger, the Isle of Wight youngster achieving the accolade of gold by winning the Cadet Boys' singles with a final victory over Ilija Lupulesku of Yugoslavia. Young Prean will have fond memories of Hollabrunn with a haul of one gold and two bronze — he figured somewhat prominently in the boys' team event losing but two of his 18 sets to Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden and Vladimir Dvorak of the Soviet Union.

Lisa Bellinger can also feel proud of her...
achancements in being the recipient of two bronze medals in the mixed doubles and girls' team event in which she too lost but twice in ten sets to the Russians Ionanta Danilavichute and Elena Vecherok.

Significantly it was Miss Danilavichute who went on to win the girls' singles title and Waldner retained his boys' singles crown with the former outsting Lisa in the third round of the singles event.

Waldner picked up his third gold when also retaining the boys' doubles title, with his compatriot Jonny Akesson, but had to contend himself with a silver in the mixed when, with Katalin Balvani of Hungary, they were beaten in the final by Jorgen Persson of Sweden partnered by Olga Nemes of Rumania. But, in also retaining the boys' team title, with Akesson and Persson, Sweden's new neorl stamped his authority on the championships in no uncertain style.

The Russians too seem to have an assured future especially their girls who took all four titles in that category — one more than in Topolcany where Hungary took the Cadet girls' team. And, although Miss Nemes failed to do herself justice, Rumania can take consolation in their championship winning Cadet boys' team.

Overall our captains in Hollabrunn, Donald Parker and Jill Hammersley (Parker) can be justifiably proud in the deeds performed by their charges for, in the junior category, our boys team lifted themselves from 8th to 4th, and the girls from 8th to 3rd.

Unfortunately our cadet teams, comprisin Martin Firth and Andrew Cunningham, and Joanne Shaw and Lesley Polkiewicz, found themselves just a little on the hot side as indeed did Adrian Moore, Nicky Hoare and, to a lesser degree, Billy Gleave although the latter has still to master his own temperament.

LETTER FROM HOLLABRUNN

(with apologies to Alistair Cooke)

by JOHN PREAN

Hollabrunn may be an hour away from Vienna, but it is a remote, small town surrounded by agricultural land, a college town that can provide both accommodation and a Sports Centre during the summer holidays.

For the young competitors just to be there is the greatest moment of their Table Tennis career that sustains them through a season which is hard and demanding when the temptation to stop or take it easy is often strong. European Table Tennis would be in a sad state without the European Youth Championships which have provided an early spur and fulfilled the early ambitions of so many great players of the present.

Though there was much to criticise the occasion generated its own charisma and it was a privilege to be there.

For England it was a heartening tourna­ment. I believe it was the first time that both our Junior Boys and Girls reached the semi­finals of the Team Event in the same year. The last time a team of English boys did so was in 1975. The team - Day, Barden, Mitchell, Potton. The only other occasion in 1971 when Nicky Jarvis was the leading light. The girls did it a few years later with a team consisting of Carole Knight, Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers. This gives some indica­tion of the class of player needed to win a Bronze Medal and to win two in one year was something special. It was also the second year in succession that we won four medals and eight in two years too is a new achievement, though perhaps neither year quite equalled the 1976 inspired by a Paul Day tour de force.

Both Jackie Bellinger and Jean Parker acquitted themselves reasonably but with­out the success achieved by the multiple medal winners Carl Prean and Lisa Bellinger.

The Swedish Boys are the Chinese of Junior Europe. They won all their matches 5-0, but not against England. Billy Gleave led Waldner 10-2 in the 3rd. Nicky Hoare led 20-16 in the 1st and 20-19 in the 2nd against the same player and 19-16 against Akesson in the 1st, lost that one and then won the 2nd. We could have won 5-2 or led 4-3 with two sets still to go. In the end we could only contemplate what might have been as the Czechs were destroyed 5-0 in the final.

All three boys will be available again next time, the main rivals will lose players to the 'march of time', the Czechs their whole team.

After that, impending combination bat legislation may cast more shadows over England than elsewhere.

I read of moves to colour the slower rubbers, so that they will be immediately detectable from the other end, a move presumably dedicated to achieving longer rallies. I entertain considerable doubts on that score since such a move will re­act mainly against defenders who have been an under-privileged class for many years, seldom seen at Finals Nights on the big occasions.

I see far greater clouds in the domination of the service which is often delivered from shielded positions that make it impossible to detect the spin and guessed returns often go into the net or are despatched for 3rd ball winners. To legislate therefore against, say, anti-loop, but to do nothing about service domination seems highly irrational.
The equipment jungle remains more confusing than ever. A new glue, available only to a privileged few, has again made rubbers faster as has been the case ever since Dortmund in 1989 when rubbers were supposedly "standardised".

International leveragers will gather in Tokyo this week, to a pity, to put it to them that it is the faster, not the slower, rubbers that destroy rallies and spectator support.

In short, England's prospects, Junior and Senior, may depend on administrative and technological factors as on our efforts on and off the table.

About one aspect of the organisation one could not feel happy and that was the treatment of the spectator. There were very few and most of those had travelled hundreds of miles to see their teams. It was equipped with that magic official badge they were herded into the gallery where in the nature of things viewing conditions were far from good, and removed quite ruthlessly from the main area where they could see well, it was generally quite unbearable. Hot rainballs and wisps of smoke in the gallery it was therefore quite awful.

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**COUNT-DOWN TEAM EVENTS**

**Boys**

- **Sweden 1**
  - **Czechoslovakia**
    - **Silver Medal**
    - **Bronze Medal**

**Girls**

- **Sweden 1**
  - **Czechoslovakia**
    - **Silver Medal**
    - **Bronze Medal**

**Consolations**

- **Sweden 2**
  - **Czechoslovakia**
    - **Silver Medal**
    - **Bronze Medal**

**Combined**

- **Sweden**
  - **Czechoslovakia**
    - **Silver Medal**
    - **Bronze Medal**
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ENGLISH TEAM RESULTS

BOYS

v Switzerland (lost 3-0)

Gleave bt Stolzl 11, 6 - 2, 13 - 11, 11 - 9, 4 - 11, 7 - 11, 11 - 8.

v Germany (lost 3-2)

P. Prean bt Akesson 13, 11, 10 - 12, 19 - 17, 11 - 9, 7 - 11, 11 - 9.

v England (lost 2-3)

Firth bt Kocz 9, 14, 12 - 10, 8 - 11, 7 - 11, 11 - 3, 9 - 11.

England finished 4th in Group A 1st Stage

v Austria (lost 3-0)

Shaw bt Grimm 11, 9, 6, 14 - 10, 11 - 6, 13 - 11.

v Sweden (lost 3-0)

P. Prean bt Fladmark 9, 11, 7, 11 - 8.

v Russia (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Kaposztas 9, 11, 13, 11 - 9.

v France (won 3-0)

Balling bt Gageauf 11, 9, 6 - 1, 11 - 8.

v Finland (lost 2-3)

Firth bt Igleiasso 11, 13 - 11, 7 - 11, 11 - 4, 4 - 11, 6 - 11.

England finished 4th in Group B 2nd Stage

v Austria (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Kocz 11, 13, 6 - 1, 11 - 8.

v Sweden (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Stolzl 11, 9, 6, 14 - 10, 11 - 6, 13 - 11.

v Russia (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Kaposztas 9, 11, 13, 11 - 9.

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Firth bt Gageauf 11, 9, 6 - 1, 11 - 8.

v Poland (lost 0-3)

Firth bt Stolle/Radtke 6 - 1, 11 - 8.

v Denmark (lost 0-3)

Firth bt Ulleberg/Pertersen 6 - 11, 8 - 11.

v Belgium (lost 0-3)

Firth bt Plantyn 6 - 11, 8 - 11.

v Netherlands (lost 0-3)

Firth bt Vekhst 6 - 11, 8 - 11.

v Germany (lost 0-3)

Firth bt Karl 6 - 11, 6 - 11.

England finished 9th in Group C 2nd Stage

v Austria (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Sechle 11, 9, 6, 14 - 10, 11 - 6, 13 - 11.

v Sweden (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Stolzl 11, 9, 6, 14 - 10, 11 - 6, 13 - 11.

v Russia (won 3-0)

Firth bt Kaposztas 9, 11, 13, 11 - 9.

v France (lost 3-0)

Firth bt Gageauf 11, 9, 6 - 1, 11 - 8.

England finished 9th in Group D 2nd Stage

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Shaw bt Karl 6 - 11, 6 - 11.

England finished 9th in Group E 2nd Stage

v Austria (lost 3-0)

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Letters to the Editor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WITH THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have written to me after my win in Europe. We shall reply to everyone.

I would like to thank my captains, Don Parker and Jill Hammersley (Parker), who selected me to play in the Junior team whilst still a Cadet, at the age of 12, and Mr. W. Shaw, who trained with me during the two years of the training camp, my teammates and the whole England party who gave me support, the Organisers of U-11 and U-12 tournaments who gave me an early start, the main sponsors, and the whole English table tennis scene who helped to make this all possible.

And TABLE TENNIS, with its analysis of those people who with wisdom and foresight had argued that TABLE TENNIS NEWS, should give the liquidation of the parent company the latter journal folded, have had their views on the state of the game more generally short and fast, a kind of hugely accelerated athletic chase, which lent itself easily to good descriptive prose.

English playing standards, and there will now be no specialist journal on the game for the first time. I urge every enthusiast to put pen to paper and join John Prean in contributing your views, ideas and experiences.
HYMIE DIES

Hymie Lurie, one of Manchester's pre-war greats who patterned his game on that of the late Victor Barna, died on May 24th, aged 64. Having achieved international fame his career was cut short by the advent of the last war. Hymie leaves a daughter, Andrea, and a son, Philip.

JAQUES GENERATION

Generation II who will operate this season in the newly formed Division 1 of the Halex National League have cemented their already strong links with John Jaques & Son still further, by signing a sponsorship deal. "We are fortunate in having a large hard working committee" said Tim Manhire, Club Chairman "who until this season have raised its entirety". "But with some financial assistance from Jaques things will be a little easier this season".

ELECTION OF PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Although four players were duly nominated for the above position, three of the candidates withdrew leaving Barry Johnson as the only nomination willing to serve. Therefore Barry Johnson is returned unanimously as the players' representative to serve for the period 11th July, 1982 to 9th July, 1983.

If you have any matters of policy that you wish to raise, Barry can be contacted at the address below.

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Tel. 05646 2978.
REVIEWED CLASSIFICATIONS

Some indication of the strength in depth of table tennis in the People’s Republic of China is shown by the revised individual classification list for 1982 issued by the ITTF.

Chinese players occupy the first three places in the men’s classification and the first six places in the women’s category spearheaded, respectively, by the current world champions Guo Yuehua (CHN) and Tang Ling who won their crowns last year in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and will become due to defend them in Tokyo next May.

In the men’s list which goes down to No. 52 only two Englishmen appear — namely Desmond Douglas at No. 13, having previously figured at No. 8, and John Hilton, down from No. 29 to No. 43. Out from the previous list at No. 50 goes Paul Day.

In the women’s list, Linda Jarvis — now retired and previously at No. 40 — and Karen Witt, who figured at No. 46 have been omitted. England’s sole representative in the list is Jill Hammersley-Parker who has been lifted from No. 15 to No. 12 following her final appearance in the Budapest European Championships when beaten by Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands.

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EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATIONS

Following on the European Championships in Budapest, the Classification Committee of the ETTU chaired by Elsa Constanti of Romania, have highly pronounced the new singles champions, Mikael Appelgren of Sweden and Bettine Vrieskoep of the Netherlands, as the respective No. 1. The latter, winner, like Appelgren, of the TOP women's list of the 1982-83 season, remains in her position in Budapest, the Classification Committee at its meeting on Aug. 29, moved her into the women's list at No. 29.

England's top players Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley-Parker remain in their former positions at No. 4 and No. 2 respectively as does Karen Witt, at No. 27 in the men's list.

In the men's list Dougglie Johnson drops from No. 23 to No. 24, John Hilton from No. 29. Carole Moore (nee Knight) comes from No. 23 to No. 24, John Hilton from No. 29. Carole Moore (nee Knight) comes into the women's list at No. 29.

Bigger jump from the previous list is that of Sweden's Jon-Olof Waldner, from No. 30 to No. 6 whilst, on the distaff side, Gabriella Szabo is uplifted from No. 14 to No. 7.

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37th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Tokyo).
May 1 - May 7

12th Hapoel Games (Israel).
May 28 - June 6

12th South East Asia Games (Singapore).
Aug. 20 - Sept. 3

9th Pan-American Games (Caracas, Venezuela).
Oct. 28 - Oct. 30

Swiss Open (Olten).
Nov. 11 - Nov. 13

Hungarian Open (Miskolc).

ABBREVIATIONS for ITTF Member Associations


6th Asian Championships

JUST LIKE ANOTHER WORLDs

by Mihaly Kozak of Hungary

The Asian Championships, featuring the best of the international field, primarily Chinese, Japanese and Korean players, ranks as a major event in world table tennis. This year's 6th Championships were staged in Jakarta in late May-early June, with the participation of male players from 17, and females from 11 countries respectively.

The event provided a surprise in so far as South Korea was not represented, this despite that table tennis has been chosen as an Olympic sport, and the next games are to be held in Seoul in 1988.

Chinese superiority prevailed in Jakarta, players from that country winning all seven events and, as at the last World Championships in Novi Sad in 1981, Chinese players vied for both the singles and doubles titles. The only upsets were that neither the male singles world champion Guo Yuchua, nor Tong Ling, the reigning female world champion, won a gold this time.

Kuo was eliminated in the semi's, while Tong Ling was edged in the final. As for the doubles champions, the men's and women's pairs this time played in a different line-up, while in the mixed Ox Sun Saie and Huang Junqun only achieved third place.

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Women's Singles Semi-finals: Cao Yanhua (CHN) bt Kim Gyong Sun (PRK) 20, 19, -19, 6; Tong Ling (CHN) bt Huang Junqun (CHN) 14, 19, 12. Final: CAO YANHUA bt Tong Ling 17, 14, -16, 18.


Women's Doubles Final: CAO YANHUA/HUANG JUNQUN bt Li Chunli 16, 17, 17.

Mixed Doubles Final: JIANG JIALIANG/TONG LING bt Guo Yuehua/Li Chunli 17, 20.

European League

DISAPPOINTING RESULT
by The Editor

There is little doubt that England's performance against Hungary in their opening European League Super Division match at Bath on Sept. 15 left a great deal to be desired.

To be beaten 5-2 after Desmond Douglas had opened up the proceedings with a convincingly won over Gabor Gergely and then, despite Jill Hammersley-Parker's loss to Edit Urban, for Graham Sandley and Dougall Johnson to be successful in the men's doubles against Gergely and Istvan Jonyer, was deserving of a better fate.

But, from equating the match score at 2-2, and after Douglas and Karen Witt had won the first game of the mixed, it might be best to draw a veil over what followed next.

Karen failed to provide adequate support when Jonyer and Gabriella Szabo came back from that opening game deficit and Douglas could not find his rhythm against Jonyer, Paul Day looked to be anything but match-tight and failed to better either Jonyer or Gergely going down in straight games in both sets.

Scores
D. Douglas bt G. Gergely 10, 9;
P. Day lost to I. Jonyer -15, -17;
J. Hammersley-Parker lost to E. Urban -16, -13;
D. Johnson/G. Sandley bt Gergely/Jonyer 17, 16;
Douglas/K. Witt lost to Jonyer/G. Szabo 16, -17, -17;
Douglas lost to Jonyer -16, -19;
Day lost to Gergely -16, -16;

Meantime in Slavenska Pozego, the defending champions, Yugoslavia, ran out 6-1 winners over Poland whose Leszek Kucharski had the distinction of beating Dragutin Surbek.

Scores
Z. Kalinic bt A. Grubba 20, -23, 20;
D. Surbek lost to L. Kucharski -17, -19;
B. Batlicn bt Bielewarski 9, 8;
Kalinic/Surbek bt Grubba/Kucharski 19, 16, 14;
Surbek/Batlicn bt Grubba/Bielewarski 19, 8;
Kalinic bt Kucharski 18, 14;
Surbek bt Grubba -15, 18, 15.

Promotes Denmark, at home to Sweden in Fredericia, were beaten 6-1 the one that got away being Jan-Ove Waldner's defeat by Claus Pedersen.

Scores
C. Pedersen lost to E. Lindh -13, 13;
K. Kartholm lost to J-O. Waldner -14, 16, 12;
S. Pedersen lost to M. Weizades -14, -17;
L. Hauth/Pedersen lost to J. Aksesson/Waldner -13, 20, -16;
Kartholm/Pedersen lost to Lindh/Weizades -11, -18;
Pedersen bt Waldner 13, 16;
Kartholm lost to Lindh -19, -17.

Czechoslovakia, at home to Federal Germany in Trebic, got home 4-3 after Jindrich Paraky had lost both his singles to Georg Bohm and Michael Plum, and Marie Hrachova had been beaten in straight games by Kristen Kruger. Milan Orlowski was the match winner with two singles and a share in the men's doubles with Paraky who also partnered Miss Hrachova to success in the mixed.

Scores
M. Orlowski bt M. Plum 12, -20, 5;
J. Paraky lost to G. Bohm -15, -17;
M. Hrachova lost to K. Kruger -18, -19;

EIN UNTERhaltendes Format für Ihre rundum Erlebnisse
Scores

England v Poland (Birchwood, Warrington)

Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia

Poland v Denmark

Yugoslavia v Hungary

Sweden v Hungary

England v Poland (Birchwood, Warrington)

FIRST DIVISION

Super Division demoted, France, did not have matters all their own way in their opening fixture against Finland in Poitiers on Sept 14 their 4-3 victory only being clinched in the last when Patrick Renverse beat Jarmo Jokinen in the deciding game. Prior to Jukka Ikonen had beaten both Renverse and Christian Martin and the Finns had taken the men’s doubles.

Scores

C. Martin bt J. Jokinen 19, 19;
P. Renverse lost to J. Jokinen 17, -15, -17;
B. Thiriet bt E. Malmberg 13, 14;
C. Marti n bt J. Joki nen -17, 19;
P. Renverse lost to J. Ikonen -17, -15, -17;
Gustavsen lost to Palrni -20, -16.

In Moscow on Sept. 15, the Soviet Union included the last when David Hannah got the better of Martin Hafen to get the Scots home.

Scores

B. Rosenberg bt G. Bisi 8, 18;

Top

The tables that have for many years been available under this scheme may now be obtained at an outright purchase price, instead of the current four annual payments of £50.

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Welcome once more to a new season and may it be successful and rewarding to you in whatever way you participate. I referred last season to my retirement from business and the fact that I would have more time to devote to the job of Chairman and travel around more. Little did I know what I was letting myself in for! I have had many requests from leagues and counties to visit them for discussions, attend annual or anniversary dinners, or to make presentations. In addition I have taken the opportunity to travel abroad to the senior and junior European Championships. It has been hard work but very enjoyable and rewarding. I have met many league and county officials but I doubt if I will remember all their names. Just to give you some idea I have met officials from eight counties and six leagues. I have attended three presentation evenings, the Schools' International tournament at Gloucester, the Seallink Championship finals and a holiday camp competition. On the business side I have met all the trade representatives and negotiated various short term and long term agreements. On my two trips abroad I made contact with representatives of some foreign manufacturers and officials of other European associations. Prior to the Senior European Championships I visited the squad at their training camp at Lilleshall. We all went out for a dinner on the last evening when we toasted the success of the squad in Budapest. In between, of course, there have been the usual E.T.T.A. meetings to attend and these included the Annual General Meeting and the first meeting of the new National Council. A very pleasant event was the 60th Jubilee Dinner following the A.G.M., which is reported elsewhere in this issue. I have been up to Teesside for a meeting of the committee of the European Top 12 tournament of which I am the Chairman. So a traveller I have been, but that is not all. I felt lowed it to my wife to take her on a holiday for the first time in many years and to get away from table tennis for a couple of weeks. This was to celebrate my retirement and our Ruby Wedding. We had a most interesting and exciting trip up the Nile, starting and finishing at Cairo and getting as far as Aswan by river boat. But I could not go to Egypt without making contact with an old friend of mine and a good friend of table tennis, Amin Abou Hief, the Vice-President for Africa on the I.T.T.F. So we did not get away from table tennis completely but we had a very enjoyable evening with Abou Hief and several African officials at a night club in the desert as shown by the accompanying photographs. I recommend “belly dancing” as good training for our young lady players! I must confess that this sudden burst of activity has helped me very much to bridge the gap between work and retirement and for that I am very grateful. My previous articles and the occasional letters to league and county secretaries has brought me many interesting letters and invitations. I will do what I can in the new season to visit as many leagues as I can, particularly whilst I am in an area to attend an international match or championship. Some astute reader may well be wondering how much this travelling around has cost the E.T.T.A. Do not worry, I travel half price as an O.A.P. and my total expenses are grant aided by the Sports Council by 75%.

TRAVELLER’S TALES
by TOM BLUNN
Chairman, E.T.T.A.

DOWN UNDER
SECOND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS
Final results in the 2nd Oceania Championships played in Sydney on Sept. 11 were:
Men's Singles:
P. Pinkewich (A) bt J. Danielsson (V) 13, -19, -12, 17, 9.
Women's Singles:
C. Lee (NZ) bt J. Morris (NZ) 14, 17, 12.
Boys' Singles:
G. Haberl (A) bt M. Walker (NSW) 11, 12.
Girls' Singles:
A. Campbell (NSW) bt C. Gray (NSW) 6, 7.
Men's Doubles:
Danielsson/G. Tepper (V) bt R. Lee/J. Morris (NZ) 15, 17, 14.
Women's Doubles:
Lee/Morris bt N. Bisiach (A)/K. Danielsson (V) 10, 15, 12.

Mixed Doubles:
Pinkewich/Bisiach bt Morris/Morris 20, 13, -17, 11.

Men's Team:
Australia 7 New Zealand 2
Tucket (3), Pinkewich (2), Haberl (2), Griffiths (2), Morris (0), Templerly (0).

Women's Team:
New Zealand 4 Australia 1
Lee (nee Little of Australia) (2), Morris (1) and Doubles Munday (1), Bisiach (0).

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Robert Oldfield, the E.T.T.A.'s Development Officer, has changed his address to 193 Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 9RT. His home telephone number of 0273-854774 is unchanged.
Philip Reid reports from... LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SHAKE-UP

Leicestershire had an unprecedented upheaval when the President, Secretary and Treasurer were all ousted. Reg Billson and John Grimley were replaced, respectively, by Bryan Hall, Ian McKeelay and Karen Smith.

Reg and John have carried the Leicestershire banner through troubled times and John, particularly, has never been afraid to put his hand in his pocket to help the ailing coffers of the county. The county owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

The Leicester League had no such drastic changes in leading officials. Fund-raising is sponsored marathon, involving all the top cadets to their twin-town of Coulommiers in France, where they played against much older players from Titisee, Germany, who also experimented with a new bat face still gaining a silver.

Their success has inspired a huge response in South Beds. Dunstable T.T.C. run by Keith Thompson has swelled to around 50 Juniors — enough to form a Junior Division in the League, and Leighton Buzzard already has one. Keith’s players include three ‘boss’ children and a contingent of deaf children from Luton’s ‘Hard of Hearing Unit’.

Support for the South Beds Holiday Play Scheme which includes both towns, with coaching by Dolly Harmer, was quite overwhelming and Leighton Buzzard had to turn would-be players away.

Roy Williams reports from... NORTH WALES

NEW IDEAS

North Wales Counties are ready for the new season with their biggest ever programme of events. The N.W.C. League commemorates the first series of matches on Sunday, Oct. 14. Nine full days are being devoted to the coaching of beginners in nine towns and a coaching seminar has also been arranged in a bid to recruit more players to the sport.

It is hoped that the NWTCTA will launch a league umpires’ scheme to improve the presentation of club and NWTCTA matches to ease the burden of county and international umpires. This venture will be discussed at the umpires’ seminar at Rhyl.

The North Wales closed championships are to be run at Colwyn Leisures Centre, Erias Park, Colwyn Bay on Feb. 6/83 and entry forms will be available in due course. Once again we have a veterans team playing in the County Championships and we resume activity with a team in the senior divisional category. Our next aim is to have, perhaps next season, a junior team also.

AROUND THE LEAGUES

Whizz kid Ian Hargreaves reports that Anlesey have to have a strong league once again. Although a little thin on the
Cammberidge. Cammberidge have entered this season in the County Championships this season instead of the usual four. They will still have two teams at senior level, but only one junior team; the second junior team having been withdrawn owing to a shortage of girls of county standard. The senior first team, who finished a credible third last season, continue in Division 2A. Of last season’s opposition they will play Yorkshire II, Lancashire II, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, while newcomers are Cheshire and Northumberland, both relegated from the Premier Division and Staffordshire II, who replace their first team, promoted to the Premier. The second team will again play in 3D matches staged at the St. Neots club. The juniors are also in the same division as last season’s Junior 3D which creates a precedent for the County Championships by having nine teams. They will again be playing Essex II, Hertfordshire II, Sussex II, Norfolk and Suffolk, with relegated Hertfordshire and Essex II completing the fixture list. The seniors have lost Frost and Cameron, with 10% to £11. Hassy Soham have acquired two new players, Scottish international Dave Hannah and England No. 2 Junior Nicky Hoare. Dave Welles has left for Leamington. Hoare will be No. 1 and Doug Bennett has not been retained. Hoare has a splendid start in Soham’s first match winning both his singles against Barry Johnson and went down in three, although there was only two points difference in all three games. Then John Souter was beaten in straight games by Ian Horsham, before Hoare came along to complete his double with narrow wins over Barry Johnson and Robert Swift. The two games were won on the 25th of June. In the Welsh Open Championships in South Korea, his inclusion in the Welsh team for the Seoul Open Championships in South Korea.

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TUG-OF-WAR

NICKY HOARE, England's No. 3, junior from Surrey is now resident in Bexhill, practicing furiously with the talented Moore brothers in preparation for the new campaign.

There could be a tug-of-war between Surrey and Sussex, but they are both serving in the County Championships and the National League. Dolphins are hoping to save him travelling away to all fixtures, but Graham Spencer is hoping to hold on to him. Past experience shows that it is particularly wearing for a young player required to travel a round journey of 140 miles for 'home' matches. That will be required of Nicky Hoare if he continues to play for Surrey and Graham Spencer, instead of Sussex and Dolphins.

FRANCIS STIKES AGAIN?

I have reason to believe that Malcolm Francis, the Sussex champion is poised to pull off the biggest 'coup' of his professional table tennis career — in fact, if it comes off, it could be dream come true — for more details watch this space next month!

In July, Francis took his talent to the USA where he was made to work for their national crown and is hoping to do the same at the World Cup in Paris next January.

He bagged a further six victories to take his career tally to 13 in the past 12 months, with four of the defeats being to the world No. 1, Keith Burrows, and the other two toworld No. 2, Derek Bunday at the annual meeting. "Of course we are" responded county chairman Bert Fretwell, but in fact plans had been laid at the annual meeting of the county management committee to bump up the county prize money for first division from £65 to £60, thus producing another £600 for the kitty from the 3,200 registered players.

Gerald Green reports from...

SHROPSHIRE

GROVE WELCOME JOHN HILTON

John Hilton, European Champion in 1980, current world-ranked player and England International, has joined the Grove Table Tennis Association, Market Drayton. He will play a major role in the development of table tennis in the Market Drayton area.

Hilton will take charge of coaching the Grove's leading young players in weekly sessions at the Grove School and will lead Grove's challenge for honours in the first division of the English National League. The Grove, rated highly among England's top clubs can only benefit from Hilton's vast experience of World Table Tennis.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS

In Grove's National League Team, Hilton will be supported by five nationally-ranked players — Andrew Bellingham (Staffordshire), Stephen Scowcroft and Phil Bewin (Lancashire), Mark Hankey (Chester) and the only 'native' Shropshire No. 1, Malcolm Green.

Peter D'Arcy an England selector and top veteran will lead the Grove second team in Division 3, supported by Paul Barnett, Bill Bridgeman, Stan and Joe Dawkin (all Staffordshire), with the squad completed by the rapidly improving Shropshire players David Williams, Sean Groom, Keith Stilloe and Colin Wills.

Playing and practising with the high class 'imports' can only benefit the youngsters.

TELFORD RANKINGS

The Telford League started on Sept. 27, with Bill Herbert starting the campaign as No. 1 ranked player, but with the rankings to be reviewed monthly.

Top Ten
1. W. Herbert
2. M. Beaman
3. G. Chedham
4. D. Elkin
5. M. Langford
6. A. Williams

WINNERS PRIZE 

IN MARKET DRAYTON

The Market Drayton League opens the new season with four Senior and one Schools Division in action and over £1,000 worth of voucher prizes on offer. For the second successive year Tees Sport are sponsoring the league.

The first prize in the Premier is £300 with the runners-up gaining £230 and the third and fourth teams £140 and £100 respectively. In Div. 1, the top prize is valued at £100 with the second and third teams contesting for £70 and £40.

Jack Chalkeley reports from...

STAFFORDSHIRE

LITTLE DOUBT

The Standing orders, which we hope will be a step forward to the ladder following parents, are now in place with the梯级的 form would doubtless be keenly watched by Derbyshire County's National League secretary, Keith Weighman.

With the County's top junior Alan Cooke a permanent fixture in the Senior first team, Keith will be hoping to build up a squad of juniors to improve on the second team placed last season. This could be difficult if the seniors require the top two junior girls to Thy Dung and Louise Forster, but Keith's daughter Joanne and Clare Bentley received valuable experience in the County second and third teams last season, so the doubt lay with the ability of the juniors to achieve success.

Andrew Henry led the Junior Boys last season, but will require to show a higher level of commitment.

Neil Marples takes over as County first team Captain, and his driving force is likely to drive the team to success. Neil lost his place in the County first team two seasons ago with the emergence of Cooke, but is now keen to establish his own presence in the team after leading Chesterfield to the Midland League title last season for the first time.

Cookie is the undisputed Derbyshire No.1, being the best player Derbyshire has had.
since Geoff Jury, but the remaining places in the County rankings could be interesting. Iver Wanner was threatening to retire at the end of last season, but has still been practicing so may still be challenging for a place.

County Secretary Les Allwood continues as captain for the second team, and the competition for first team places may provide the incentive to lift the second team’s fortunes.

The Junior selection will depend upon the team manager and the second team may still have a strong claim for selection, and the first team has not performed well. The Yorkshire team has had a good performance, but has still been practicing so may still be challenging for a place.

The Derby League are set to spend the second season without a Headquarters after the 1981 fire in the previous H.Q., however, plans are well advanced for a £100,000 purpose-built accommodation to be shared with the Derby Athletics Club. The joint venture could have advantages which individually would not be possible, and would be in operation for the 1983/84 season.

The Derbyshire Challenge Cup returns this season to be played off between the Handicap Knock-out Champions of the Leagues within the county and is being organised by Malcolm Hans.

The Derbyshire Closed Championships will be held at Alfreton Sports Centre on Feb. 6/83.

Les D’Arcy reports from...
It is with regret that we announce the passing of Eric Fairhead, Hon. Life Member of the Norfolk County TT Association, who died in early June, and will be remembered affectionately for many a year to come.

Eric, in partnership with Gerry Rix, founded the present Association in 1948, and served as the Secretary until 1974 when he decided to call it a day.

He gave an incredible amount of time and devotion to table tennis considering he hardly played himself and was always looking for ways to popularise the sport.

This led to the East Anglian League of Leagues that embraced teams from Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire to compete at senior and junior level in inter-city play and tournaments.

Also, for many years, Eric was National Councillor representing Norfolk's interests, a position we have always had difficulty filling ever since.

We shall miss his rare type of humour as this was his trademark and he was always good in putting this humour into print particularly his articles in the Norwich League's magazine "Mardle", in which some real gems appeared.

Putting table tennis in perspective, Waffle, he called it, but waffle or not, he made the point and he made you laugh. That was Eric everyone's friend.

V.B.

Mary Rose reports from...

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

Once again the South Birmingham team dominated the Warwickshire League by beating East Birmingham in their final match to take the title without the loss of a point. As a playing member in this league myself, I have great respect for the teams which are still flourishing and the Midland Shires Building Society are sponsoring the League's activities.

This season there is also to be a Premier Division of the Warwickshire League. There will be only 5 teams and a high standard and teams will play each other 4 times. Leading players from Warwickshire, Hereford and Worcestershire will be playing.

There is a great deal of interest and excitement in this new Division. However, Warwickshire is in a central position and provides a "battleground" for players of high standards.

It seems a good thing provided it does not mean that teams are too far distant from the other local teams, e.g., as regards allocation to divisions. A problem may, of course, arise if we had the services of Douggie Johnson at the first week-end's matches but unfortunately he suffered a training injury the evening before he was due to leave with the squad for Walthamstow.

Our "B" team won only one match and finished bottom but one in Div. 2A and were relegated.

The story was even more depressing for our Junior 'A' team. They failed to win a match and were relegated. Plan the Premier Division, but on a happier note our Junior "B" side won 4 of their 7 matches and finished 3rd in Div. 3B.

After the previous season's successes it was very disappointing and it is hoped that our County teams will soon be back to their winning ways.

County Badges were awarded at the end of the season to:

Senior "B"
A. Pilgrim (Coventry), L. Smith (Birmingham).

Junior "A"
M. McHaven (Coventry), F. Lewis (Birmingham).

WARWICKSHIRE CLUB COMPETITION

(B. Mackie Cup)

Forty-one teams entered the Competition which becomes more popular every year. The semi-finalists were Talbot v Garretts...
Tony Carey reports from.....

SOMERSET
CONSOLATION, VICTORY AND REWARD

I begin this report with an apology for the absence of my article in the May/June issue, due to a variety of reasons too numerous to relate here.

The last few months have been extremely hectic for our hard-working County Coaches John Reakes, Les Bridges and Bill Kelly, preparing our Cadet and Junior boys and girls for various competitions which, for their stage of development, are considered important. These were the Regional Trials at Worle School, Weston-Super-Mare, the English Schools Individual Championships at Mansfield and the English Cadet Ranking Trial at Northfield.

A lot of strokes have been made, a lot of games have been played, hopes have been raised and dashed and ambitions have been realized during this period — and I have gained a great deal of pleasure in seeing how much better our top players carry the Senior flag.

At the South-West Regional Trials at Worle School over the weekend of 24/25 April we had some good successes and encouraging results which indicated to us that we had the base of talent on which to build.

The County No. 1 U-17 girl, Wendy Payne, gave an account of herself in spite of having to use a borrowed bat. I hope this will inspire her to continue practising and playing during this coming season which will be her last as a junior.

The boys were performing admirably at one end of the hall there was an air of tension building up at the other end in the girls' competition with Somerset's hopes of retrieving place in the England U-13 Trial resting on the shoulders of our top two girls Melonie and Fiona, both having been finely tuned for this event. They started off in separate groups with Melonie having Sarah Webb and Rachel Scott in the U-14 girls and Paul Fowler, Paul Smith, Shaun Jones and Philip Payne in the U-14 boys all put up a creditable performance against very good opposition. Philip giving us a preview of his potential for the future with his new defensive style allied to a combination bat. He is the first of our younger players to try this style and I think if he works hard at it and resists the urge to smash the wrong ball he will find good matches.

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season at least. Let us hope that our budding sportswriters will take the opportunity to watch, learn and try to emulate the wonderful touch that Jill has in her play. I know that she has been an inspiration to some of our older juniors, and it is beginning to show in their play. Thanks, Jill, for your past help in coaching at Worle and Chilton and giving them that good start to their table tennis careers each is so vital at their age. While I am on the subject of age and experience, I would like to suggest a possible fourth standard grade in the career of players which has been discussed among our council coaching staff and no doubt among other people in the game. This is the inclusion of an intermediate grade between the Junior and Senior ranks, bridging the gap from 17 to 21. This, I feel, would be of benefit only to the later developer in Junior ranks and perhaps help to lower the drop-out rate amongst the talented, but still immature players, who find the cut and thrust of a senior league too tough when they realise that a good dog paddler can last the course longer than a tree-styled Committee. Back to the juniors again and the new season and all it may hold. For Somerset the season is already under way with the first Open Tournament crossed off the calendar. This was the Bridgend Junior Open on August 21. Somerset got together a squad of 21 boys and girls entered in U-12, U-14 and U-17 age groups, and some of the younger ones being only 9 years old, but they did us proud, giving of their best, and when it came to the end of the day they all, with very few exceptions, reaped their reward with a fair percentage of the prize money and trophies. Our girls, Melonie, Fiona and Sarah, reached the semi-finals of the Cadet Competition, the fourth being the Gloucester No. 2, 3 and 4 with Melonie No. 2. The first semi was between Fiona and Jenny and Jenny then went up to the finals at v Gloucester. The latter proved to be the case, with the two top seeds meeting, and give a sense of purpose and encouragement to the younger players. Melonie took one step further than last year by being runner-up in the U-17s closed. This opened up two positions for the juniors whose three teams lost only once during the season yet because of the vagaries of the system, none of them were promoted. There have been other successes, most noticeably that of Phily Lauder, Essex's own world champion, possibly the first since Johnny Leach (indeed almost certainly the first since Johnny Leach). Phily and several others travelled to Gothenburg in Sweden for the first world veteran championships and arrived home with a gold medal in the women's over-70 section. She followed that with an even greater triumph - runner-up in the Essex executive committee's closed in which she beat junior match secretary Ray George and lost in the final to competitors secretary Terry Rayner. Success too came the way of Dave Newall who was voted 'player of the year' and first winner of the Junior and Senior County practice sessions. Dave also captured the men's closed title, having been runner-up in both the closed and Junior Boys' closes. The story of the day at the closed, however, was provided by 13-year-old Lisa Chu Van Que, 2 Ian Robertson, 3 Andrew Clark, 4 Fred Short, 5 Neil McMaster, 6 Martin Young, 7 Tom Trevithitt, 8 Martin Moors, 9 John Burke, 10 Glenn McCartie, 11 Peter Whiteham, 12 Martin Tate, 13 Dave McMaster, 14 Ronnie Scott, 15 Phil Stewart, 16 Alan Matthewson. Women 1 Claire Mouzon, 2 Christine Burke, 3 Caron Buglass, 4 Kill Cheung, 5 Pauline Long, 6 Julie Lander, 7 Lisa Lander, 8 Susan Norris. Junior Boys 1 McMaster, 2 Peter Curry, 3 Thomas Blackman, 4 Stephen Pearce, 5 Stephen Waugh, 6 Eddy Smith, 7 John Rodd. After the A.G.M., the county has two new life members, Gill Squier and Len Hoffman, and three new presidents, Dick Rollie and Roger Vardon, but no new faces on the executive committee, as volunteers for the vacant posts of tournament secretary and vice-chairman were not forthcoming. Dave O'Keeffe, a key mover to the treasurer's chair, will continue to operate in a kind of tournament secretary emeritus role, offering a guiding hand but getting others to help with the masses of work he got through last season. Finally congratulations to Ian Whiteside on winning the E.T.A.'s Ivoir Montagu Award, for services to table tennis in the country. Ian's contributions to the county and also to the Chelmsford and Braintree leagues have been enormous over the years. It is good to see him getting recognition from the top.
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2nd Team: Fred Short, Neil McMaster, Martin Young, Caron Buglass, Kit Cheung.

Junior Team:
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Medals:
- Neil McMaster and Clare Mouzon will play for the junior team only where there is no clash with the senior team matches.
- Neil McMaster and Clare Mouzon will play to their squad as well as Northumberland at junior and senior level over the years and we thank her for her future happiness. Julie, however, has now escalated into a national level over the weekend of July 2/4, in the National League after a hectic end-of-season scramble to avoid relegation, will again be competing this year with the same squad of Chu Van Que, Keith Paxton, Andrew Clark and Ian Robertson. Although post seasons for all the current and previous season's teams, Martin Tate, Alan Mattheeson, Nicholas Jeffreys and Christine Burke are now all over age. This will obviously mean that this season's team will only be a valuable asset to this young team.

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Hon. Publicity Officer: A. F. Pepperd. 

The County selectors held the first trials of the season at Cheltenham College on August 22. The selectors wish it to be known that six of those trials are to take place a meeting was held and a firm policy agreed upon. 

As several players did not answer their invitation to trial it was agreed to rank those who did not turn up: there were 3 in all; respectively 1 - 8 and the remainder who were not present would be ranked thereafter in full recognition of their previous known form.

The ladies presented somewhat of a problem, only three were available for the trials. In view of this it was decided to rank them without trials.

With reference to both the Men's and Ladies' rating lists it should be pointed out that these lists will be used as a guide to future selection.

Key:
Gloucester—G, Cheltenham—C, Stroud—S. 
Men 1 Richard Russell (C), 2 Paul Jackson (G). 3 Dave Harvey (C), 4 Andrew Golding (S). 5 Darren Griffin (G), 6 William Dawe (G). 7 Paul Gled (C), 8 Richard Poppard (G), 9 Bryan Merrott (G), 10 Martin Lane (C). 11 Graham Black (C), 12 Steve Moreman (G), 13 Peter Harris (S), 14 Mike Collin (G), 15 Alan Giles (S), 16 Guy Greening (C).

Women 1 Nina Tsakaliakous (G), 2 Cathy Robb (G), 3 Jean Golding (G), 4 Christine Ipoc (C), 5 Julie Beacroft (C), 6 Wendy Ruffles (G), 7 Jenny Slery (G), 8 Heather Cowell (G), 9 Julia Evans (C), 10 Julie Towse (G), 11 Janet Foulser (G), 12 Sylvia Giles (S).

Concluding on County trials the Juniors will have their trials in mid-September far too late for the October edition of Table Tennis News.

Ron Hedley reports from . . .

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

TWO TEAMS WITHDRAW

At the AGM it was decided to run three county teams this season and not five as previously. This decision was made to look justified at the county trials during September. Entries for the men's and boys' trials were down on previous years and only four veteran men attended.

The main concern centres on the females as only two women and two girls attended the trials and only one woman wants to play for the veteran team this season. A proposal to reduce the veteran teams was defeated and it is rather fortunate it was, as we could not have run the two sides anyway.

The following officers were elected at the AGM: Chairman - B. R. J. Webb, Vice-Chairman - L. Thompson, Hon. Sec. - A. J. H. Wickens, Hon. Treasurer - W. M. Clark. County Match Sec. - R. J. Hedley. Inter-League Sec. - P. Avenell, Umpires Sec. - A. Emery. A vacancy exists for Coaching Officer.

SLough

The new Gen. Sec. of the Slough & Dist. T.T.L. is Jacquie Farwell. The league season started on Sept. 20 with 51 teams from 10 clubs in 4 divisions. The Hard Bat tournament will be held at Langley Grammar School on Nov. 14.

Honours for the 1981/2 season were:

Men's Singles: Yv McCarthy. 
Women's Singles: Mandy Reeves. 
Men's Doubles: McCarthy/Syd Montgomery. 
Women's Doubles: Reeves/Jacquie Farwell.

Mixed Doubles: McCarthy/Linda Phelps. 
Boys' Singles: Mark Butter. 
Girls' Singles: Carole Brown.

Vic Bennett reports from . . .

NORFOLK

GREAT SHOCK

It was a great shock to all the table tennis fraternity to hear of the passing of Eric Fairhead in early June. Eric was a co-founder of the Association in season 1947/48, being its Secretary for a quarter of a century until his retirement in 1974. He had also connections with the East Anglia League of Leagues and also the North
League for whom he staged many internationals at the Lady's Club and was credited with his so-called "Beer Crate Stand." He was also a National Councillor. Not many committee changes for the season, and new members are Sidleye on the Selection Committee and Mick Musson taking over the 2nd team seniors. This team was withdrawn due to many factors i.e. travel, expense and managerless. Mick made the last minute rescue act to get the team re-instated and take over the team's management. This final twist in the story is to find other teams dropped out, leaving four matches only - all home.

The five-man Ranking/Selection Committee have met over the past few weeks a total of seven hours to attempt to "get it right" for the senior campaign. Although it seems a lot of man hours it is hoped the players will endorse its findings and show as much commitment as the committee showed at its meetings.

On the Junior front, it's good to hear of the Wall Road School, Norwich, and is still running his junior coaching sessions at the Wall Road School, Norwich, and is always interested in new recruits, particularly girls.

My Norwich colleagues inform me the "Big Day" is near with the commencement of the National Community Centre, as building progresses, on Sept. 27, 1982.

The five-man Ranking/Selection Committee of the Norwich School Team Championships was won by Hewett 'A', team - the next home match is against Poole was a tense battle from start to finish. There has been no time for a county standard but Improvements to this are in hand.

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The centre boasts ten World Champions and these are complemented by their nets and posts and surrounds. The facilities provide an ideal setting for a family night out.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

WOMEN'S DOUBLE MATCH ATTENDANCE

1. J. Williams lost to Werner -20, -21; lost to C. Shetler -11.
3. J. Bassett bt Shetler 17, 16; bt Thomas 12, 15.

Despite a slightly disappointing crowd, the atmosphere was second to none. Why not come and support your National League team - the next home match is against Sollhull on Sunday, Oct. 17.

It is encouraging to see clubs taking a more responsible attitude and organising themselves to a greater degree this season. This has become apparent by the introduction of the Cornwall Inter-Town League where clubs amalgamate within their town to achieve the strongest side possible and thus greater co-ordination between clubs is taking place. So far, eight towns will be competing, namely: Camborne, Falmouth, St. Ives, Redruth, Launceston, St. Ives, and Truro.

St. Austell are hot favourites for the title whereas the National League format of four players per team has left St. Ives and Redruth under-achieved. As usual Fal- mouth should be there or thereabouts. This is yet another scheme devised by Launcestons hard working official Peter Henrici in an effort to encourage top class facilities; attract more spectators; boost publicity and to provide more representative honours for more players.

At the last Executive Committee meeting on August 19 it was decided that this season's County Closed should be held at Launceston instead of at Camborne Tech as in previous years. Mr. David Penticgton, M.B.E was re-elected as the association's President and Mr. Brian Baker was elected as Finance Chairman in recognition of his financial help. It was also decided that the county should apply for "selected" status for its 2-Star Junior Open in 1984. The Association's new "100 Club" lottery devised by Tom Honey, has been well supported and has almost reached 100 members each paying £12. This scheme was also introduced to help clubs, as the profits from the lottery go to the club elected by the member. St. Ives T.T.C have set an amazing example to other clubs by selling nearly 100 tickets and will now reap the benefits financially. A vast amount of tickets were sold by fund raising officer Ernest James, who now heads the Cadet Boys rankings in the national list. Alison Clemens is now 16th at the White Hart. The responsibility now lies with the players to make it an enjoyable and successful season for Cornwall.

CORNWALL NATIONAL LEAGUE ENTRY!

Welcome to the 1982-83 season in which looks to be the busiest ever for both officials and players alike. While the players have hung up their bats for a well deserved summer break, the officials have been busy organising a host of new events - the most ambitious of which is the National League Team Launceston Kernow.

Months of preparation came to a head on Sunday, Sept. 12 when, complete with a smart new playing strip and a superb venue, Launceston Kernow became the first Cornish club to play in the National League. The team is indebted to Mr. Brian Baker proprietor of the White Hart Hotel for sponsoring this venture so generously. The first fixture at Launceston against Poole was a tense battle from start to finish and ended in a draw after the Cornish side had been 5-1 in the lead. Launceston's success was ironically veteran John Bassett, who has come out of retirement this season for the umpire's standpoint and can still win comfortably over class opposition at the age of 42.

Match scores:
B. Cornelius bt J. Creasey 17, 8, 16; lost to M. Werner -15, -15.
4th KIRKLEES 2-STAR OPEN

BY GORDON SANDERS

Kent's Ian Kenyon and Lisa Bellinger of Birstall took the major titles to become the recipients of the biggest cheques, amounting to £275 and £175 respectively, at the Kirklees 2-Star Open got the new tournament season underway.

Top seed and title holder, Dougie Lightfoot, failed to put in an appearance and, with Hilton gone, the title was wide open but neither was it destined to be captured by the next two favourites, Nigel Eckersley and Steve Mills.

Out of the pack, in the lower category of seeds, it was Yorkshire's Kevin Beasley who triumphed having the easiest of passages against Chris Rogers in the final.

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Melanie Seaton of Yorkshire was the winner of the girls' singles beating Tracy Lightfoot of Crewe in the final having ousted the top seed, Jean Parker, in the semi.

THE COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR OPEN

BY GEORGE YATES

In conditions more in keeping with a scene at Stretford Sports Centre on Sept. 18 the local press story was centred on the third round defeat suffered by former European champion, John Hilton, at the hands of England's fourth-ranked junior, Alan Cooke, in the men's singles.

Nor was it to be Cooke's day for in the round robin match it was the Chesterfield boy's turn to take a nosedive when beaten 18, 22, 4 (!) by York's Tony Sanderson who, in turn, fell to Stephen Scowcroft of Bolton.

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Originally scheduled for Jan. 10, but snowed-off, the Bath tournament was eventually held on May 3. An entry of 130 was received and play took place in the Sports Centre in the very centre of the City. Playing conditions were superb.

In the Men's Singles three of the four seeds progressed to the semi-final stage with Richard Russell of Gloucester putting out Gary Wilkins in the quarters. Tony Healan did well to win a tight final against top seed Malcolm Francis.

Semi-finals:
M. Francis (Sx) bt R. Russell (Gs) 19, 17, 12.
A. Healan (Wa) bt P. Whiting (Dv) 17, 21.

Final:
Healan bt Francis 21, 19.

The Women's Singles produced no major upsets with all four seeds appearing in the semi. A very evenly contested final settled at "doose" in the third.

Semi-finals:
R. Mackerell (Sx) bt S. Jones (Av) 17, 16.
E. Short (Dv) bt T. Shortman (Av) 7, 11.

Final:
Mackerell bt Short-13, 15, 21.

In the Boys' Singles the Welsh had a field day and the final between the two lads from Swansea was of a high standard.

Semi-finals:
C. Phillips (Wal) bt S. McBean (Wi) 12, 16, 15.
K. Davies (Wal) bt S. Dixon (Wa) 15, 19.

Final:
Davies bt Phillips-18, 19, 20.

In the Girls' Singles young Karen Testa of Swansea was a deserved winner. She defeated Linton's Linda Smith 21, 14.

In the Cadet Boys' Singles the Welsh had a field day and the final between the two lads from Swansea was of a high standard.

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Final:

Dennis Millman reports from...

NORTHANTS

SHORT LIVED EUHORIA

Close season despondency in Northants changed to something akin to elation, when the younger element in table tennis circles, Rod Wooding, John Sanders, Ken Nicholl and Chris Handshaw took an administrative hand in proceedings, but the feeling of euphoria was short lived, when five players selected for the opening County Championship matches declined the invitation, and threw the new selectors into confusion.

However one player to be congratulated on his current approach to the game is Graeme Mckin, son of former International athlete Billy McKim. Graeme travels to Shetly, Ipswich at the end of October for the E.T.T.A. Junior Ranking Trials, and his No. 1 ranking as County Junior is just reward for his dedicated approach during the summer. Additionally, Graeme, who now adds to his commitments in the Northampton and Wellington Premier Leagues by joining Kettering Town in the corresponding Kettering division, will be attempting to complete a hat-trick of wins in the County's three premier leagues, a feat which has previously eluded, albeit narrowly, John Palmer and John Sanders, from Mr. Ian Brown of The Groves, Union Mills, Isle of Man. (Phone: 0694 651535.)

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The Isle of Man T.T.A. have a Stiga Robot for sale and enquiries are invited from Mr. Alan Brown of The Grove, Union Mills, Isle of Man. (Phone: 0694 651535.)

E.T.T.A. 100 CLUB

At the Diamond Jubilee Dinner held on Saturday, July 10, the opportunity was taken to conduct a 100 Club Draw and the winners, none of whom were in attendance, were:

£100 - J. Pike
£50 - S. Woodard
£50 - S. H. Crevald
£150 in Premium Bond prizes came the club's way recently so this was divided into three £50 prizes which were won by:
C. Reeves, Kent County T.T.A.
G. T. Bolton

BEACH RESIDENCE

With effect from Monday, Sept. 20, Aubrey Drapkin, the Hon. Treasurer of the E.T.T.A., took up residence at 49 Beach Avenue, Whitby Bay, Tyne & Wear NE26 1DZ. Phone: 0622-614963.

BRIDGEN JUNIOR OPEN

Carl Prean won the Bridgend Junior Open boys' singles title beating Billy Gleave 11 and 16 in the final on Aug. 21. His semifinal victim was Philip Gunn (7 and 10). Prean and David Griffiths - the Welsh No. 2 Junior - won the boys' doubles beating Mackerell and Gunn 19 in the third. Adrian Dixon was the winner of the Cadet boys' event. There was very good prize money at Bridgend with £100 for the boys and £50 for the Cadet boys.
Hello! Here we go again! Perhaps you will allow me to wish every one of you a happy, progressive and productive season, irrespective of your role in promoting our sport.

However, I must warn you players that ensuring enjoyment and happiness will only prevail if you approach the season like true professionals—paying particular attention to every minute detail. In so doing, you will progress throughout a career and become a successful player. Players are generally so afraid of getting to a tournament early after being well rested the night before — you will help yourselves to achieve better results.

After each season and before the next one starts, coaches must reassess and reshape their MASTER PLAN; keep the ideas that proved productive and replace the "fables" with new sound ideas. Do not be afraid to experiment. Explain clearly what you are thinking and the benefits of the exercise can become habitual. If an exercise does not work immediately or even not at all, it has still been an experience shared and you do not come out feeling a "failure".

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My answer is always; "A coach is a business man: successful business man must not fail, the unsuccessful fail to plan. Communication is major factor in planning". I do not know a really bad coach but I see a few achieving less than they should: these have generally got stuck in a rut and failed to respond to new challenges. Our life style changes every year along with technology, we too must look for new ways to get the same or better results, and make coaching enjoyable for all and not just a necessary chore.

MIKE KERCHER had his usual Saturday sessions going at Tweedale School during the summer, while FRED GARBET specially organised eight Sundays at Spicers for the Cadets. Invitations are always extended to coaches to come along with their invited pupils. Sadly, only GAIL MCCULLOUGH, PETER CORNER and myself seem interested and willing to turn out to help the two aforementioned on a regular basis. We have so many coaches and student coaches in Surrey that they must simply be afraid to find out or be told that they are doing something "not quite correct". At County level, we sometimes have a conflict of interest relating to stance, form or one of the other five basic points a player must be well versed in. We are not ashamed of the pupils seeing our heated arguments, because they realise that this is being done for their sole benefit. This is the reason why Surrey holds its head high above many counties. Our team and individual results are always very satisfactory, but this is due to the application, discipline and team work of a dedicated few coaches.

The Club Coach is, in my opinion, the most important coach — he is responsible for programming "good habits" into the beginner. If this is not achieved at this stage progress throughout a career may be hindered or even lost forever. For every young player who becomes a success at senior level there may have been more who looked likely prospects as juniors who have failed to fulfill this early promise.

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Dates to Remember

Nov. 13/14: SURREY JUNIOR CLOSED, Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton-on-Thames.
Jan. 15/16: SOUTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR OPEN, Woking Leisure Centre.

BITS AND PIECES

IAN BALDWIN and particularly PETER BURROW (Redhill) should be pleased with the progress they have made during the Summer County Sessions... Laziness is the real "smashing lady"... Again may I wish the very nice and lovely MICHIE to the best of luck for the season. I believe that Michele has suffered from listening to too much advice from too many coaches. She should now pick out her four best shots and build a simple and more effective game around these. If you look at players playing and you cannot understand their tactical plans, then nine times out of ten, their games are too complicated. Table tennis should always be kept simple be...
The Secret in Purkart exhibition which was staged in conjunction with last season's World Cup of Table Tennis, proved to be a magnificent production with songs, dances and innovation which was highly successful and entertaining. The audience witnessed a brilliant production number, with songs and dances which held everyone, even the most jaded spectators, in its grip.

The Farewell party was one of the most social occasions and proved to be highly successful, with officials involved in receptions given by the Sports Minister, the Organising Committee of the 1988 Olympic Games, The Mayor of Seoul, and the Korean Television Company which incidentally did a first-class job of filming the event.

Predictably the South Korean women took their team title, a semi-final 3-0 win over Sweden being followed by a 3-1 victory over Japan I, who had accounted for the young Frina Greiberg and who was looking forward to this meeting.

Eric Boggan had a comparatively easy win over Bohm in the one semi-final, and Waldner only scraped home 22-20 in the other. Korea's lack of success in South Korea's lack of success in the mens' doubles, with the Swede's service to play on the lawn tennis courts, shops, bars, and for the purpose of playing table tennis, this was a fantastic city and, with its rows of boxes, had its floor leaving everyone rather flat and with nothing to do after the Finals.

The officials were at the Schylla, a little more upstage, with even more comfort to them, giving them unreserved praise for their hospitality and enjoyment of the game as well.
The Swansea Open

Mark Thomas (Rhyl) won the season's first tournament at the very good venue in the Swansea University.

Mark had many an anxious moment, surviving some very difficult pressure from Carl Morgan, the very promising youngster from Birmingham. Carl had been given a good run by David Kenefick in the quarters, whilst Mark had beaten team mate Gary Wilkins.

In the other half Dave Weisman scraped home 22-20 in the third against Tony Healan, after having match point against him, but then had an easy win against a lack-lustre Nigel Thomas, who had to play and long to dominate the defender Trevor Manning.

The final was a tense battle, with Dave, back to better form, taking the first game. Mark took the second, and lead 20-15 in the third, only for Dave to catch up at 20-all. Mark then won the two points to give him victory, but he was a bit shaken!

Mark and Nigel teamed up successfully in the doubles, registering another win over Morgan, partnered by Lester Bertie.

No. 1 seed Lesley Tyler took the women's title with a 2-straight win over Shirley Cain from Wombourne, who has a Welsh qualification, and these two also won the doubles.

Nigel Tyler won the boys' singles, but Adrian Dixon, who had beaten David Griffiths, gave him a hard run. Rachel Roberts played steadily to overcome Evelyn Wright's improving defence in the girls' event.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Semi-finals:
D. Weisman bt N. Thomas 19, 11.
M. Thomas bt C. Morgan 16, -7, 16.
Final:
THOMAS bt Weisman -18, 18, 20.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:
L. Tyler bt H. Cotter 15, 12.
S. Cain bt J. Sully 11, 15.
Final:
TYLER bt Cain 18, 17.

Men's Doubles:
M. and N. Thomas bt Morgan/Bertie -18, 16, 18.
Women's Doubles:
Tyler/Cain bt Cathryn and Susan Jones 19, 13.
Boys' Singles:
Girls' Singles:
R. Roberts bt E. Wright 16, 22.
Consolation Boys' Singles:
Dixon bt M. Coxley 14, 20.
Consolation Girls' Singles:
Wright bt M. Carey 11, 8.
The event was organised by Mr. Bob Taylor from Kent at the Northfleet Sports and Youth Centre and ran very successfully.

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The United Kingdom’s largest Table Tennis tournament at Under-13 and Under-16 ages for boys and girls is again sponsored for the 1982/83 season by Sealink UK Limited, Europe’s largest car ferry operator. Known as the “Sealink Youth Cup” the tournament will again offer prizes valued at over £5,000.

Regional Finals will be held at six locations in Great Britain, followed by the National Final in London in June 1983.

This season brings a slight change in format with the Under-15 events raised by a year to Under-16 and Regional Finals now being scheduled to take place in May 1983 followed by the National Final.

It is expected that the altered schedule will now qualify the “Sealink Youth Cup” as a national ranking tournament.

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At very competitive terms Norwich Union will provide a basic selection of covers and will tailor the policy to the needs of the individual member.

The three basic covers are Personal Accident, Public Liability and All Risks, aimed to protect in turn the Player, the Club and the Club Equipment. These covers can also apply to League and County Associations.

The Player

Personal Accident provides protection for members in respect of bodily injury whilst playing (including injuries, practice and training) and whilst travelling by road (motorcycle costs extra) or rail to or from away fixtures. Injury can mean expense and loss of wages.

The Club, league or County

Public Liability provides protection starting from £500,000 in respect of bodily injury or damage to third parties or their property. This is an essential insurance to protect the member or officials from liability at law. Claims may well be infrequent but they are always expensive and if, for instance, a serious accident occurred for which the club or an official/member was responsible, then individual officials could become personally responsible for many thousands of pounds.

The cover will include liability arising from food or drink supplied (and also liability arising from visitor’s activities).

Equipment

All Risks cover is loss or damage from (almost) any cause. It includes theft and accidental damage and will principally otherwise only exclude gradually opening damage (like ‘tarnishing’). This cover applies throughout the U.K. and Republic of Ireland and includes transit. It is available for Sports Equipment and other Club property as well as Cups and Trophies, etc.

Some clubs have their own premises and these will need additional insurance in respect of bodily injury whilst playing (including ‘friendlies, practice and training) and whilst travelling by road (motorcycle costs extra) or rail to or from away fixtures. Injury can mean expense and loss of wages.

WHAT TO DO

A proposal form is included within this publication and Norwich Union will be pleased to provide quotations without obligation. All enquiries should be directed e.g. to Norwich Union at Brighton where special arrangements have been made to help you. Please write or telephone E.T.T.A. Dept., Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Norwich Union House, North Street, Brighton, East Sussex, Tel. 0273 21266 Ext. 281.

Remember

This insurance arrangement is exclusive to the E.T.T.A.; we have negotiated very competitive terms; it is up to you to benefit.
CAROLE GOES FOR MOORE

Carole Knight took the plunge one week prior to Jill Hammersley’s wedding to Donald Parker when, at St Thomas’ Church, New Marske on Sept. 4th, the blessing of her marriage to Mr. D. R. Moore, L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng., Dental Surgeon took place. Future address: 196 Enfield Chase, Hunters Hill, Guisborough, Cleveland. Phone: 0287-33763.

RANKINGS ’82-83

Chairman, National Selection Committee

“Lentex” are continuing their valuable support of the National Ranking Panel by the provision of computer services for the coming season.

Last season’s experimental year showed the value of a computer ranking system but by the end of the season it became clear that the programme used needed to be changed. Most of the problems faced were as a result of the inclusion of a points losses system.

Therefore, the programme for the coming season will be on a wins only basis. No point losses will be taken and there will be no penalty points. The event weighting will enable a player to gain considerably more points at the major tournaments and championships.

Points will be gained by wins over other players with a computer score (not just those in the issued ranking lists). Obviously, more points will be gained by a win over a player than by a greater score than yourself.

A technical article will follow in a later issue of Table-Tennis News, but the following are details of starting points, events, weightings and bonuses.

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Division and National League

English Closed:
Winner: 40 pts. Runner-up 20 pts.

3-Star Opens, Selects and Ranking Trials:
Winner: 30 pts. Runner-up 16 pts.
3rd or 4th places or losing semi-finalists 10 pts. each.
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places or losing quarter-finalists 5 pts. each.

2-Star Opens:
Winner 10 pts.

The Committee will retain responsibility for all lists issued. Players may be withdrawn from the lists if he or she has not competed for a reasonable period. There will be more issues during the season, six instead of three in each category as before.

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WEIGHTINGS

Results in different events will be of different values. Calculations are based on the points difference between two players at the time they meet. The points gained on the result of the set are multiplied by the following weighting factors which will be explained in the technical article to follow:

Senior
- 2-Star Opens & National League
- County Championships
- Premier Division
- 3-Star Opens, Ranking Trials and Friendly Internationals
- Other International Opens, Commonwealth Championships and English Closed
- Major International Opens, European League and European
- Top 12
- European/World Championships

Junior & Cadet
- 2-Star Junior Opens
- County Championships
- Junior Premier
- Select Junior Tournaments, National Ranking Trials and Junior Friendly Internationals
- English Junior Closed
- International Junior Opens and European Youth Championships

Results will be included only in the category under which the event is played; e.g. Junior players' senior wins will not count towards his Junior Ranking, only his Senior one. Junior events in Senior tournaments will not be processed, although Cadet events in Junior tournaments will be.

BONUS POINTS

Senior
- European/World Championships: Winner 50 pts. Runner-up 35 pts.
- Losing semi-finalists 20 pts. each.
- European Top 12 and International Opens: Winner 46 pts. Runner-up 30 pts.
- 3rd or 4th places or losing semi-finalists 15 pts. each.

Junior
- European/World Championships: Winner 30 pts. Runner-up 20 pts.
- Losing semi-finalists 10 pts. each.
- Other International Opens, Commonwealth Championships and English Closed
- Major International Opens, European League and European
- Top 12
- European/World Championships

Junior & Cadet
- European/World Championships: Winner 20 pts. Runner-up 12 pts.
- Other International Opens, Commonwealth Championships and English Closed
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There is no time now to debate why the present exists BECAUSE of the past without spoiling the pattern. The future is but the past entered through another gate. So, what are you doing about the future?

Tennis News" which, following the traditions of the ITTF's International Umpire Scheme, continues to produce a Roll of Honour, in its first sixty years and to its everlasting life".

Greetings to all our members and our friends and neighbours - Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and all points north and south and east and west!

For now our game has become one of the most widespread of all, giving pleasure even to millions and founding friendships all over the globe.

How did all this happen? Maybe we were right to be starry-eyed then, two whole generations ago. Personally I feel very humble about the whole business. If everyone had proof that it is not just particular people who get things done, we only have to think of things grew in our game in our country, in our association — and no one can be account of any merit as in the role of the common fall-guy — since we were not quite sure how anything was going to turn out?

Looking back, it's all turned out a marvellous success of the Association. The Roll of Honour will take some time to prepare but, hopefully, will have a preview at the centenary day officials to concentrate on consolidation and development for the future; the ground work having already been completed.

Whilst many world famous names have passed through our ranks, including players as well as officials, many of these are, sadly, no longer with us. And those who remain would not wish to be singled out for particular mention, such was the unselfish manner in which their services were given, I purposely say given as, in those early days, there was very little opportunity for anyone, official or player, to receive anything other than expenses and, in some instances, even expenses had to be sacrificed.

As regards the present, I wish to express my thanks tocolleagues and readers of this publication for their encouragement, and to all contributors who have helped to keep the sport moving forward.

The business of sport is not just to entertain, but also to educate and to improve people's lives. In this respect, tennis has a unique role to play, and I hope that this publication will help to bring it to the attention of the general public.

Ivor Montagu, Life Vice-President ETTA, Founder President ITTF.

CHAIRMAN'S TRIBUTE
I feel very privileged, and also very fortunate, to be the Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association at the time of the Diamond Jubilee. It could have been anybody, but it happens to be me. This souvenir brochure will, no doubt, be added to the archives of the ETFA and I would like to pay my tribute to those whose energy and imagination paved the way for the present day officials to concentrate on consolidation and development for the future; the groundwork having already been completed.

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To place on record our debt to these early pioneers and the second generation, the ETFA are to produce a Roll of Honour, in which will appear the names of past officials and players who have contributed to the success of the Association. The Roll of Honour will take some time to prepare but, hopefully, will have a preview at the dinner. One thing is certain, it will make most interesting reading at the centenary celebrations!

I will be referring to our guests when I propose the toast after the dinner, but we...
"IT'S GOT TO BE GOOD"
by Robert Oldfield

Six months of tough negotiation by ETFA Chairman, Tom Blunn, came to fruition on September 7th with the confirmation that the British ball manufacturer — Halex — are to sponsor the National League beginning this season. The final details have yet to emerge but it seems certain that most of the prize money — news that was welcomed by the top clubs — "is going to be good for the League", said Soham’s international, Paul Day, "as the cash will increase the League’s prestige with the players. After three years of the competition, it’s a very important boost".

Announcing the link-up, Group Publicity Manager, Vee Pattinson stressed the company’s commitment. "Halex are right behind the National League for the marketing of our Halex Ultra ball", she said, "and we’re backing our support for the Halex National League with a club for local clubs and increased promotion of the Halex/ETFA Proficiency Award Scheme. It represents a £100,000 investment by MS and Games Ltd. — the parent company of Halex — over the next four years."

Included in the deal is printing material for the League — scorecards, handbook and stationary — which will enhance the image of the League and help its administration. 

CLUBS FIND SPONSORS TOO

As well as the overall sponsorship, clubs have again been busy during the summer break and the league champions, Ellenborough, have signed up with Thorn EMI Lighting. "We’re pleased to be supporting the League champions", said Marketing Executive, Peter Butz, "and we are hoping to develop our involvement with indoor sports lighting from our link with Ellenborough."

Also in the Premier division, Larkhall have moved from Clasham to Letchworth, where they will receive support from the Letchworth Corporation at their superb new venue, and Omega have combined their move to the Wemead club in Maidenhead with a financial link-up to Bristol & West Investments club. But Wemead, unlike Letchworth who have captured David Wells from Soham, have retained the same basic formula of Bradbury, Barr, Wellman and Reeves and may be able to fight out the bottom spot with Newcastle.

Last year’s runners-up, Ormesby, have been doubly hit — with the loss of Sealink sponsorship and two of last season’s squad. Steve Mills has gone to lead Dunlop Birmingham with their new signing Ian Horsham and Keith Rodger is seeking another club. But a neat bit of fixture shuffling before the season could have dealt Ormesby a winning hand as all their matches with Soham and Thorn EMI Ellenborough are now scheduled for two weekends in March. With Donald Parker specialising in “peaking” the Ormesby players might be able to get it together at the same time. Or a “guest player”, signed just before Christmas, could tip the balance.

FIRST DIVISION FORECASTS

“Winning the First division is going to be tougher than the Premier”, predicted Jaques Generation dynamo, Tim Manhire, before the season. And the club’s line-ups seem to bear him out, with one current, and two former, European champions in the division. Carl Press leads Jaques Generation, John Hutton with the Senior “A” team, leaving A5V Saarbrucken after two years in the Bundesliga. "John is not just going to be our star player", said Grove General Manager, Ian Marshall, "but he’s also going to play a key role in the development of Grove table tennis. All our National League players turn out for local events the following day - Tarmac Wolverhampton at October 16th. Good news for their opponents the following day — Tarmac Wolverhampton!"

THE SEASON’S LINE-UP

Premier Division

City of Newcastle
1 Chu Van Quo, 2 Keith Paxton, 3 Peter McQueen, 4 Ian Robertson, 5 Andrew Clark, 6 David Svenson.

Dunlop Sports Birmingham
1 Steve Mills, 2 Ian Horsham, 3 Barry Johnson, 4 Barry Hayward, 5 Derek Munt, 6 Ralph Gunnison.

Thorn EMI Ellenborough
1 Graham Sandley, 2 Mark Mitchell, 3 Colin Wilson, 4 John Kirkpatrick, 5 David Tan, 6 Nigel Tyler, 7 Lloyd Lewis.

Unity
1 Skylet Andrew, 2 Steve Turner, 3 Chris Rogers, 4 Gary Thomas, 5 Billy Gleave.

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The Boys’ Under-15 singles was won by Billy Gleave who was troubled only by Nigel Tyler who Gleave beat 21-14 in the third. Tyler finished in second place winning all the remainder of his matches with only the drop of one game to Darren McVie.

The Under-15 Girls’ was predictably won by Lisa Bellinger who was not troubled in any of her four matches. Lisa beat her main rival, Susan Collier who finished in second place, 21-14, 21-12. Miss Collier took second place after a “deuce” in the third victory against Joanne Shaw.

The Under-13 Boys’ Singles was won by Adrian Dixon who dropped only one game to Gordon Waddell. In second place was Jonathan Goode, who won all his matches except for that against Dixon.

The Under-13 Girls’ championship was won by Jill Powis who also enjoyed a comfortable run. She won all her matches in straight games including a win 21-15, 21-12 over Lisa Hayden who finished in second place.

The prizes, which included a week which a week at Teas Sports Summer School for all the winners and £100 Butterfly equipment vouchers for the players finishing in second place, were presented by Mr. & Mrs. J. Hannah, the Public Affairs Manager of SEALINK UK Ltd. Jill Hammersley, M.B.E. and the E.T.T.A. Chairman, Tom Blum.

Boys’ U-15
Billy Gleave
Nigel Tyler
Steven Dorking
Darren McVie
Mark Jones
Mark James
Girls’ U-15
Lisa Bellinger
Susan Collier
Joanne Shaw
Andrea Hegarty
Lynn Johnston

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succession had a fine win against the Birmingham champions South Yardley to win the Grimsby Cup for the first time since the club was formed. Dave Constance was in line form to win three, including a straight sets win against Douggie Johnson.

V.R.S. Sigla 6 South Yardley 3
(Portsmouth) (Birmingham)

ELLENBOURNE RETAIN THE GAINSBOROUGH CUP
Ellenborough 6 North Bournemouth 0

The North Midlands ladies easily retained their trophy with a convincing 6-0 win against North Bournemouth.

OFFICIAL NEWS
by Albert Shipley
General Secretary, E.T.T.A.

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INTERNATIONAL INVITATION EVENT

Although a change of sponsor is possible, this attractive event involving six world class players will again be staged at the Wembley Conference Centre, on Sunday, Nov. 28/29 at 3 p.m. Tickets priced £4.50 and £3.50 will soon be available from the E.T.T.A. office.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

England have four home matches in the European League (Super Division), those European League (Super Division), those matches include:

- England vs. Federal Germany on Wednesday, June 2/6, 1982, at Wembley Conference Centre, on Sunday, Nov. 28/29 at 3 p.m. Tickets priced £4.50 and £3.50 will soon be available from the E.T.T.A. office.

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NORWICH UNION
Masters

CLEAN SHEET FOR ONO
by The Editor

In taking over the Masters crown from China's Guo Yushua in Echolesque Olym-
pium, Toronto, Canada, over the period June 2/6, 1982, former world champion Seiji Ono of Japan went through without defeat dropping but one game — to Istvan Jonyer of Hungary — in the process.

RESULTS

GROUP A
1. Jonyer (HUN) lost to 2. Dvoracek (CZE) -14, -18;
2. Park Lee Hee (KOR) 16, 18, 21,
3. J. Molnar (HUN) 9, 13, 18.

GROUP B
1. Sakamoto (JAP) lost to 2. Jonyer (HUN) 16, 18, 21;
2. Tomoaki Kusolescu (SWE) 9, 13.
3. Orlowski (POL) 19, 12, 18.

GROUP C
1. Asaturov (SUN) lost to 2. Park Lee Hee (KOR) 16, 18, 21;
2. Sakamoto (JAP) 9, 13.
3. Molnar (HUN) 19, 12.

GROUP D
1. Jonyer (HUN) lost to 2. Park Lee Hee (KOR) 16, 18, 21;
2. Tomoaki Kusolescu (SWE) 9, 13.
3. Asaturov (SUN) 9, 13.

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