STARS AT THE PAVILION

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No one can deny that the Europe Top 12 tournament staged in the Pavilion at Thornaby, Cleveland was anything but an outstanding success from a playing point of view. We had a 14-year-old, Olga Nemes of Rumania, winning the women’s competition and our own Desmond Douglas — so long in the running for the top award — finishing in second place to Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia.

There were no histrionics to speak of, but commendable sportsmanship and utterly good play throughout which received the plaudits of the crowd and deservedly so.

But, as it did with the Birmingham World Championships as a spectacle, one can only mourn the lack of interest shown by the television companies and, to some extent, the media of the press.

Granted the press corps was impressive albeit mainly ‘from abroad but there was a great deal to be desired. National sports editors did not share the same enthusiasm as, their reporters.

Missing too were many more spectators to fill those empty seats the moral panaceas and, to some extent, the media. There were no histrionics to speak of, but two losses — to Lindh and Jacques Secretin of France — both in the morning session on Saturday. Subsequently this master of his trade dropped but three games in his remaining six sets — to Appelgren, Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden and Andrzej Grubba of Poland, his disposal of Douglas being by scores of 13, 17 and 12!

Sweden’s former world champion, Stellan Bengtsson, withdrew after the third round, suffering from a throat infection, but at that stage he had been beaten by his namesake, Ulf, and by young Waldner although accounting for Appelgren in Round 2.

Douglas began in most resolute fashion by reversing his loss to Secretin in Cardiff and followed up by the 3-straight dismissal of Jindrich Pansky, the second Czech. In Round 3 the Birmingham left-hander had an equally convincing win over Grubba and sat out the fourth round following the withdrawal of Stellan Bengtsson.

Matters looked exceedingly rosy for the English champion at that stage and still did at the end of play on the Saturday for, despite his loss to Orlowski, Douglas had memorable wins over Lindh and Waldner at which stage he headed the men’s field.

The sun still shone on the Sunday morning as, in Round 6, Douglas continued his winning ways with a hard-fought five gamer against the giant penholder, Zoran Koltic of Yugoslavia.

But matters went awry when, in the ninth round, Ulf Bengtsson brought off that most unexpected of victories only for Douglas to reassert himself in the penultimate round when beating Hungary’s Istvan Jonyer, 14 in the fifth.

And so to the climax with Douglas committed to beating Appelgren in the hope, somewhat fortuit, that Orlowski would lose (continued on page 5)
Desmond Douglas had his chance. It did not work out that way with Appelgren not for being beaten and Orlowski, despite a hiccup in the third game, getting comfortably home against the Polish champion.

Ulf Bengtsson managed only one other success and that against his namesake whilst the wooden spoon went to Pansky whose two wins were at the expense of Jonier and Waldner.

On the distaff side young Olga Nemes gave notice of her intent in the very first session when she came off best in a thrilling counter-hitting set with Valentina Popova, the Russian champion and 1980 European champion.

Not content with this scalp the diminutive Rumanian next disposed of Bettine Vrieseekoop, a victory which considerably quietened the Dutch girl's following from her native village in Holland. No stamping of the clogs was to be heard after this setback for the European champion!

Significantly it was only against Jill Hammarlund-Parker and Miss Kruger that the Rumanian girl failed as the tactics employed by her western European opponents were somewhat at variance to the all-out attacking methods of those players that bowed the knee to her.

The wooden spoon in the women's competition was picked up by Yugoslavia's Branka Batinic whose two wins were against Kruger and Marie Lindblad of Sweden.

The setting in the Pavilion at Thornaby was ideal and much to the credit of the promoting Cleveland County Leisure Services in conjunction with Cleveland County Table Tennis Association. Sponsorship and equipment was further supplied by Tamasu Butterfly Europa GmbH whose European chief, Dr. Bella Simon, was in attendance as was Annekret Steffen rep-

Desmond Douglas had his chance.
and the press corps was well served by Bob Oldfield, Brian Spicer and Maureen Gosey. All in all a dream come true for organiser Alan Ransome, his wife Josie, and last, but by no means least, Bill Sykes the promoter on behalf of Cleveland County Leisure Services.

Another Swedish star, Erik Lindh, his best European today, final position 4th.

SCORES

FRIDAY EVENING

Round 1 Women

Lindblad v Batiss 10, 17
Orlowski v Grubba 15, 10
Papova v Knipper 15, 10

Round 1 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 19, 12, 16
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 2 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 2 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 3 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 3 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 4 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 4 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 5 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 5 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 6 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 6 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 7 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 7 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 8 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 15, 20, 19, 20
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 17, 12, 20, 9

Round 8 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Round 9 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 18, 19
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 19, 17, 16

Round 9 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 10 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 18, 19
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 19, 17, 16

Round 10 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 11 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 18, 19
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 19, 17, 16

Round 11 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Round 12 Women

Orlowski v Grubba 18, 19
Waldner v U. Bengtsson 19, 17, 16

Round 12 Men

Apelgren v S. Bengtsson 15, 23, 13, 12
U. Bengtsson v S. Bengtsson 15, 20, 19, 18

Score summary:

Women 9th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st

Men 9th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st
**EUROPEAN LEAGUE**

**ENGLAND SECURE**

by The Editor

Beating Denmark 7-0 in Copenhagen on Feb. 9 England made sure of their Super Division standing for next season at the same time plunging their hosts back into Division 1 after but one season's stay among the elite.

Only two of the seven sets in Copenhagen needed a third game decider — the first in which Graham Sandlely beat Claus Pedersen 19 in the third and the fifth in which Desmond Douglas and Karen Witt were extended by Pedersen and Annie Ramberg.

RESULTS


Meantime Yugoslavia, the defending title holders, after their 4-3 win over England in Pula on Jan. 11, accounted for Hungary 5-2 in Zrenjanin on Feb. 9 to maintain their unbeaten record with one match to play, away to Sweden on March 9.

In Zrenjanin the Yugoslavs took a winning 4-0 lead when Dragulin Surbek and Zoran Kalinic won their opening singles, as did Branka Batic, with the partner pair also successful in their doubles encounter. Janos Takeda, in his third match, made an agreement on the second set, and the perfection of beating Surbek after the visitors had won the doubles.

SCORES


Poland secured their second win of the season in beating Denmark 7-0 in Wroclaw on Jan. 12 but, away to Czechoslovakia in Przibram on Feb. 9, they suffered a 0-2 defeat which kept their hosts still breathing down Yugoslavia's neck. Now, with an expected 7-0 win over Denmark in their final match, Czech can now score the Sweden/Yugo result with more than a passing interest!

**SCORERS**

Poland v Denmark

S. Dryszel bt M. Daugard -17, -13; A. Grubba bt L. Hauth -17, 11; J. Szatko bt D. Hauth -12, 9, 11; Dryszel/Grubba bt Daugard/J. Hauth 14, 12; Grubba/Szatko bt Daugard/D. Hauth 12, 8; Dryszel bt L. Hauth 16, -14, 13; Grubba bt Daugard 12, 6.

Czechoslovakia v Poland

J. Dvoracek lost to Grubba 20, -10, 17; J. Panasy v Dryszel 12, 19; M. Hrachova bt Szatko 10, 12; Pansky/Hrachova bt Grubba/Szatko -11, 16, 16; V. Broda/Pansky v Dryszel/Grubba 19, 21; Dvoracek lost to Dryszel -13, 16, -17; Pansky bt Grubba -14, 17, 11.

Czechoslovakia, in their previous match away to Sweden in Karlskrona on Jan. 11, won 5-2 after taking a winning 4-0 lead. Successful only in one of the four men's singles Sweden's only successes came from Mikael Appelgren, who beat Josef Dvoracek, and in the mixed when Erik Lindh and Menni Weizades had a notable win over Jindrich Pansky and Marie Hrachova.

**SCORES**

M. Appelgren lost to Pansky 14, -13, -12; J.O. Waldner lost to Dvoracek 18, -20; M. Weizades lost to Hrachova -6, -17; E. Lindh/Waldner lost to Broda/Pansky 14, -18, -14; Lindh/Weizades bt Pansky/Hrachova -19, 9, 15; Appelgren bt Dvoracek 21, 24; Waldner lost to Pansky 14, -15.

No scores are to hand following Hungary's 4-3 win over Federal Germany on Jan. 12 but, in Gottingen, Sweden, on Feb. 9, the Federal Republic were on the receiving end of a 'whitewash' administered by Sweden.

**SCORES**

M. Plum lost to Lindh -12, -13; G. Bohm lost to Waldner 16, -13, -16; K. Kruger lost to M. Lindblad -20, -16; E. Hugos/Plum lost to Lindh/Waldner -16, -16; Bohm/Kruger lost to Lindh/Lindblad -18, -7; Plum lost to Waldner -8, -8; Bohm lost to Lindh -20, 16, -18.

Fixtures for March 9/83

Poland v Hungary

Denmark v Czechoslovakia

Sweden v Yugoslavia

England v Federal Germany (Eastleigh, Hants)
SUPER DIVISION

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DIVISION 1

With their sights firmly set on a return to the Super Division, the Soviet Union registered wins over Norway (6-1) in Bergen and, in Moscow on Feb. 5, 7-0 over Finland.

SCORES

v Norway

Mazunov lost to T. Johnsen -17, 15;
I. Solopov bt G. Gustavsen 11, 15;
V. Popova bt T. Folkesen 12, 9;
Mazunov bt Solopov bt Gustavsen 15, 17;
Mazunov bt Popova bt Johnsen 16, 17;
Solopov bt Johnsen 16, 17;

v Finland

Solopov bt S. Soderberg 14, 10;
B. Rozenberg bt M. Pyykko 15, 15;
A. Zaharjan bt S. Greberg 18, 17;
Mazunov/Rozenberg bt Pyykko/Soderberg 19, 21;
Greberg/Zaharjan bt Pyykko/Greberg 14, 22, 15;
Solopov bt Pyykko 17, 13;
Rozenberg bt Soderberg 9, 14.

France, in second place, followed up their 7-0 win over Italy (no scores to hand) by beating Austria 5-2 in Besancon on Feb. 9.

SCORES

v Finland

P. Renverse bt D. Palmi 18, 13;
F. Farout bt E. Amplatz 17, 13;
P. Germain bt D. Fetter -19, 13, 17;
Farout bt Renverse bt Amplatz 23, 19;
Renverse/Germain lost to Muller/Fetter 23, 19;
Renverse lost to Amplatz 21, 11, -17;
Farout bt Palmi 12, 18.

The Netherlands, in trouble having played former English international Bob Potton against Norway — they have lodged a complaint — beat Finland 4-3 in Helsinki but subsequently lost by a similar score at home to Italy in Heerenveen on Feb. 9.

SCORES

v Finland

J. Jokinen bt R. Hijne -15, 19, 13;
Hijne bt G. Bisi -15, 16, -11;
Soderberg lost to H. and R. van Spanje -20, -16;
Greberg bt M. Kloppenburg 7, 12;
J. Jokinen/Jokinen lost to H. and R. van Spanje -17, -17;
Jokinen/Greberg lost to H. van Spanje/ Kloppenburg 22, 22, 22;
Jokinen bt H. van Spanje 22, -11, 7;
Soderberg lost to Hijne -21, -10.

v Italy

Hijne lost to G. Bisi -14, 16, -11;

Belgium, at home to Norway in Herve on Feb. 4, made sure of a retention of their status by winning 4-3 this following their 5-2 defeat by Austria in Ybbsitz on Jan. 12.

**SCORtS**

- Austria v Belgium +6 -3 3 18 24 3
- Guernsey v Iceland +6 -1 1 8 13 2
- Italy v Finland +6 -2 4 17 25 2
- Malta v Norway +6 -2 1 8 13 2
- Soviet Union v Malta +6 -6 0 32 10 6
- Malta v Guernsey +6 -3 -1 8 13 3
- Portugal v Spain +6 -1 1 16 26 0
- Iceland v Norway +6 -5 -1 29 13 5
- Spain v Luxembourg +6 -1 1 28 14 5
- Scotland v Guernsey +6 -6 3 22 20 3
- Guernsey v Ireland +6 -6 3 17 25 2
- Ireland v Malta +6 -6 1 19 30 1
- Portugal v Malta +6 -6 0 4 38 0

**DIVISION 3**

- Turkey v Portugal +6 -1 1 9, 19, 13
- Portugal v Spain +6 -6 0 6 4 38 0
- Spain v Luxembourg +6 -1 1 16 26 0
- Wales v Amsterdam +6 -1 1 29 13 5
- Scotland v Wales +6 -6 3 17 25 2
- Guernsey v Malta +6 -3 -1 8 13 3
- Wales v Ireland +6 -1 1 9, 19, 13
- Malta v Guernsey +6 -6 0 4 38 0

**Outstanding fixtures**

- Feb. 9 Portugal v Spain
- Mar. 9 Spain v Luxembourg
- Mar. 9 Scotland v Malta

**DIVISION 2**

- Latest results from Division 2 are: Hijne's bt Costantini 19, 16; Wales 3 Turkey 4
- Portugal v Spain
- Amsterdam's bt Bisi/Costantini 19, 16; Wales 3 Turkey 4
- Switzerland v Ireland

**FOOTBALL**

- Portugal v Spain
- Scotland v Luxembourg
- Ireland v Portugal

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The Norwich Union Welsh Open Championships

SPECTACULAR BEST by H. ROY EVANS

Teams from twenty-five countries were at the first Norwich Union Welsh Open, played at Cardiff from Jan. 20 to 22, and the event produced a lot of sparkling play, the televised final between Secretin and Appelgren in particular showing table tennis at its spectacular best.

Regrettably spectator support was far less than budgeted for, a feature unfortunately in line with others at the National Sports Centre recently, and also repeated at other top class table tennis events. Maybe it is in this area that the recession is really biting, with people having money enough for the essentials, but little to spare for entertainment. Those who didn't come missed a treat, with the wily Secretin producing astonishing virility against much younger opponents.

The Team Events

England had a good day in the team events on the Thursday, winning the men's section with a 3-1 victory over France, and being runners-up to Hungary in the women's event.

A splendid doubles win by Douggie Johnson and Graham Sandiley on Jonyer and Gergely and a fine first set win by Graham over Kriston were the deciding features of England's 3-2 semi-final win over Hungary, whilst in the Anglo-French final, Des and Gergely produced a display of all the missing from the first set, with Des keeping himself for the individual singles, and this let the Russian luck play in. Des was certainly unfortunate when his racket accidentally got in the way of a fast ball late. There was not so much atmosphere in it as in the match between Secretin and Douglas, but it was a fine final deservedly won by the veteran Secretin, and televised very much to the benefit of table tennis generally.

Jill Parker withdrew from the women's singles, and this let the Great Britain team through against Kovalenko in the quarters. Bellinger lost in the round, but the eventual winners Olah of Hungary and Karen Witt was the second round victim of another Hungarian Szabo.

Olah and Magos proved too strong and England went down to a 3-0 defeat.

The Individual Events

There were shocks throughout the men's singles. Stefan Bengtsson went out in the first round to the Hungarian Kriston, whilst Carl Pearn coming through from the qualifying rounds, beat Josef Ovacecek in Round 2, after eliminating the Frenchman Patrick Rensvold. He then lost to Kriston in the third round.

The West German Bohm beat Jonyer in Round 3, and Cliff Carlson eliminated the other Hungarian Gergely at the same stage. Johnson made a second round exit to

Engel, whilst Sandiley was another Kriston victim in Round 2. Desmond was now the only Englishman left in the quarter-finals.

Jacques Secretin was beginning to serve notice of a firm determination to disprove those who said he was on the decline. After beating Peter Stellwag of Germany in straight games, he put a summary end to Kriston's gallop with another three-straight win to the semi-final. Desmond also advanced to meet Secretin there, but only after a long five game battle with Carlson.

In the other half it took Appelgren, the No. 1 seed, five games to overcome Bohm, and Jan-Ove Waldner beat fellow countryman Erik Lindh in four. The semi-final was another Swedish battle for Waldner, but he tried unwaveringly against Appelgren. It was a good game, but one had the impression that Appelgren was always in command.

The other semi-final produced the long awaited battle between Desmond and Secretin, the latter eager to avenge his loss to Lambert and Butter defeat. It was a tremendous match, Des taking the first game, Secretin levelling, then Desmond winning the third in great style. Secretin took the fourth equally convincingly, and the decider swayed this way and that. Des hit the ball to all corners of the court but Secretin always seemed to be there without much effort. Des was certainly unfortunate when his racket accidentally got in the way of a Secretin hit off the table when the score was 18-all, but when Secretin finally won, one felt it was a just result.

The final between Secretin and Appelgren was another two players taking the ball late. There was not so much atmosphere in it as in the match between Secretin and Douglas, but it was a fine final deservedly won by the veteran Secretin, and televised very much to the benefit of table tennis generally.

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The quarters were fought out by Kovalenko /Lindblad, won by the former, Kruger who beat Szabo, Olah who accounted for another Russian Balutava, and Magos who beat Belgium's Barbara Lippen.

The semis saw Kruger, a "twiddler" come through against Kovalenko in five long games. Olah account for her team mate Magos.

The Final between Olah and Kruger was taking place with the men's final before it, and Olah eventually won in four.

The Czechs, Orlowski and Pansky, took the doubles, but it was unfortunate that the scratch pairing of Paul Day and Alan Batter, who had blossomed so well to an unexpected final, were so outclassed in the end.

The women's doubles saw the elimination of English pair Witt/Gordon and Moore/ Stevenson in Round 2, and the eventual winners Olah and Kovalenko had some recompense for some frustrating results in the singles.

The Mixed turned into an all-German affair, Rebel and Wenzel scraping home in a semi-final clash with Lindh and Lindblad, whilst Bohm and Kruger beat Molnar/Magos more easily. The final was good without being exciting.

Wales's Frustrating end to the European League Season

Wales lost to Turkey in the last game of the last match in Cardiff on January 19, the third game Thomas losing to Cimen 14 in the third with the score 3-all, Alan Griffiths won his two, and Lesley Tyler won her set. The mixed went to Turkey 22-20 in the third, and this was very much the deciding clash. Wales then beat Portugal at Bridgend on Jan. 25, only Lesley Tyler losing her singles in the 6-1 win, which ensured Welsh participation in Division 2 next season, but this was followed by a poor display against Scotland, only a good Gary Wilkins win over Richard Yule and a mixed win for Mark Thomas and Lesley Tyler showing on the Welsh score sheet.

JOHN PREAM AT THE WELSH OPEN

Impressions of a Spectator

This is not a tournament account, just a few recollections which will stay with me for a long time. I did not see everything and too much of one player, but some remarkable things happened in three days of wonderful, sometimes strange table tennis.

Jonyer Returns from the Dead

The scene the team event. Germany lead Hungary 2-1. Stellwag leads Jonyer by one game and 29-7, but Jonyer wins. I only saw the come-back from 20-13 and several people confirmed the 20-7 situation. I still cannot believe it. Jonyer rather matched the third game too, levelled the match at 2-all. Kriston beat Bohm and Germany went out. The greatest reversal of all time? The next day in the Individual Jonyer bow out tamely to Bohm 3-0.

England Win the Team Event

After some awful moments in International Opens we had something to cheer about — an undoubted and major success. Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Germany were out in force. Excellent play by Douglas, Sandiley and Johnson who played in all the doubles.

It might have been a double because the Girls too got to the finals, but Jill Parker's back injury took too much from the side though the Hungarians were always likely to be difficult.

Enthralling Semi-finals

A Hollywood script writer would not have dared to produce two better semi-finals. In the first round Nos. 1 and 2 Appelgren and Waldner, the latter a treble victim against the Chinese in the French Open, but not here against his countryman who handled those lethal serves remarkably well and in this match at least held his No. 1 spot. There was a strange incident. Waldner broke his bat and then very deliberately re-lined another blade with new rubber and that now fashionable glue whilst everybody waited for the conclusion of this ritual. Then with his faster or at any rate different bat he proceeded to wipe out his opponent's winning lead only to bungle it all in the last few points. Play was hardly continuous.

Still, an interesting match, but not compared with what was to follow when Secretin defeated Douglas 19 in the 8th in an incredible contest lit up by a piece of remarkable sportsmanship by the English player who unhesitatingly acknowledged a
volley from a ball way off the table which in my view cost him the match.

For some time now the French Master has not been a competitive player. One still saw him at tournaments and he still entertained, his lobbing still unsurpassed, his exhibitions world famous, but he was more likely to depart in Round 1 than later, but here he rose to his former greatness or had he lost the urge to win, if not that to please the crowd?

He answered all these questions conclusively with a marvellous display in the final to which the European Champion had no answer. All points were won with spin and touch, with flair and elan. He needed no special glues and neither did Douglas earlier. I was glad he came back, to see him at his best, as an entertainer certainly, but also a winner.

Bicycle Glue

When I watched the European Youth Championships I first heard the new sound, hollow and unmistakeable that heralded a new table tennis stupidity and one perhaps more worthy of attention that the so-called funny, slow rubbers. This glue, a rubber solution, speeds up rubber which is already too fast. Players hit harder, or seem to, and make more mistakes as Waldner and Appelgren certainly showed, class players though they unquestionably are.

If you believe, as I do, that it is the faster rather than the slower rubbers which ruin the game as a sport, the emergence of the ‘glue’ cannot be greeted with unreserved joy.

It dries quickly and when it has hardened it loses its effectiveness and another layer has to be applied. Obviously as you apply the layers the blade quickly becomes uneven. Therefore the top players with unlimited supplies of rubber apply the solution only once and then throw or give the rubber away. One well known player was reported as using £1,500’s worth of rubber a year. Certainly, when I was in Europe, I could observe the Swedish juniors throwing their sheets (retail value in England about £10) out of the window where the children of underprivileged nations (like England) could observe the Swedish juniors throwing their sheets (retail value in England about £10) out of the window.

In this egalitarian age one thing we do not need are different qualities of equipment for the stars and the rest or to keep aspiring players hit harder, or seem to, and make more mistakes as Waldner and Appelgren certainly showed, class players though they unquestionably are.

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The Team for Tokyo

We got up early on Saturday to get to the Centre as England’s World Championship Team was about to be announced and Carl was anxious to hear his fate. The big moment came (or did it?) when the team was announced — 5 men and 4 ladies. But it never happened. What was announced were 6 men and 5 ladies and most of them will now sweat it out for another month or so to discover which one will be dropped and of course the superb matches and of course the pressure they do not need as they assemble such a stunning event. That a bickering in its wake.

Final: OLRONSKI/PANSKY bt Day/Hitcher 9, 7. 
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Both decisions will take time to implement, particularly as regards the cost. A chief executive will be a well qualified person of experience in business life and a good knowledge of the game and its administration. The Sports Council has been asked for grant aid and although the matter is being given sympathetic consideration, there is no possibility of any additional grant aid.

The regional co-ordinating committees will require financial support and this could happen in the near future as there is the possibility of support from the regional Sports Councils.

This is all right for the future but what can we do in the meantime?

We have been given the red light by the trade suppliers who inject nearly £30,000 each year into the game at all levels. One manufacturer has stopped making tables and another is keeping going more for sentimental than economic reasons. But they have said it cannot go on much longer. One recent four year agreement with Jacques and Dunlop, which is worth £60,000, may well be the last of its kind unless the sales of equipment improve over the four year period.

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It is again a question of finding the money. Whilst I do not favour an increase in the present fee of 80p per team place and another is keeping going more for sentimental rather than economic reasons. But they have said it cannot go on much longer. One recent four year agreement with Jacques and Dunlop, which is worth £60,000, may well be the last of its kind unless the sales of equipment improve over the four year period.

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In the meantime, is there anything else we can be doing? We are still getting a feedback from the recent televised exhibition by Secretin and Purkart. This made a greater impression on the regular television viewer than anything else since the World Cup 1977. It was followed by the Norwich Union Trophy and the Lambert & Butler Invitation events. With the Norwich Union Welsh Open and the Norwich Union English Closed also due in the new year, we seemed to be back in business and ordinary people were talking about the game again. Regrettably, the television companies failed to grasp the opportunity to televise the Europe Top 12 from Thornaby and the impact was lost.

We cannot get all we want from television; we have to take what is offered. A chief executive should be able to spend more time and effort to convince the television companies that table tennis has much to offer and can compete with most alternative sports that are now monopolising the small screen.

The exhibition convinced me that there is still a great entertainment element to be exploited. We must not forget that it was the Barma, Zabados, Bellax circus in the 1930's that generated interest in the game all over the U.K. So why not try it again. The ETTA is investigating the possibility for Secretin and Purkart to tour with their exhibition in 1983 and we are also considering exhibitions by our own players, in their time off from training and competing, who have already demonstrated their talents and skill in such a project.

In April, the National Council will decide on whether or not to support any change in the laws of the game at the I.T.T.F. Congress in Tokyo. This is a very emotive issue and there are two schools of thought, which have been raised in this magazine. It will be up to the Council to decide which line to take. The I.T.T.F. Congress represents world opinion and its decision will be conclusive. The members of the ETTA will have a final say when the adoption of the new law is put to the AGM in July.

Whatever changes and decisions we make, we must be courageous and even adventurous. I am not known for taking risks but bold action is called for and we do not have sufficient time left to pursue the matter in the traditional manner.

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Woolwich 1-STAR

Scheduled for Saturday, March 5, the Woolwich 1-Star Open has been cancelled.
Ron Hadley reports from . . .

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

INTER-LEAGUE AT SOHAM

The first half of the Bucks Inter-League competition, for men, took place at the Montem Sports Centre, Slough in November.

After failing to enter teams in the competition last season, Milton Keynes League entered two of the strongest teams that have been in the competition for many years. Slough and High Wycombe also had strong teams and an exciting competition was in prospect, although it was unfortunate that Aylesbury were unable to raise a team.

In the 'A' division, Milton Keynes 'A' proved too strong for the opposition. David Sharpe (Beds No. 2) ended the day with a maximum nine wins. Unfortunately David and his teammate Jonathan Wright were not so popular for their antics on end of the table. Les Wodding (M.K. 'A') and Karl Buchel (H.W. 'A') are in second place with six wins out of nine. Milton Keynes 'B' are lying in second place equal on points with Slough 'A'.

The 'B' division is being run in two sections with four teams in Group 'A' and three in Group 'B'. Slough 'C' are the only unbeaten side in Group 'A' with two wins. In the 'B' Group High Wycombe 'C' and Maidenhead 'C' have both beaten Chalfont and the group will be decided when these teams meet.

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Unfortunately the venue has come in for even more criticism and more players are saying that they will not play at 'Montem' again. As at least six tables are required few venues in the county are suitable and those that are cost far more than can be afforded.  

HIGH WyCOMBE LEAGUE

In response to a request by the 'Mayor' of the league decided to run a tournament to raise money for the Cancer Research Centre. Five rounds of 20-minute handicap singles, consolation singles and mystery doubles. The mystery in the doubles was that each entrant was drawn a partner and each winning pair went into a draw for each round, including the final.

Unfortunately the entries were half the hoped for number but an excellent day was had by all who entered. In the handicap singles the first round was won by 5-2 and over 50% of the sets won the whole distance. The second round was contested by P. Unwin (Div. 9) v D. Morris (Div. 2) and R. McMurdo (Div. 7) v B. Avery (Div. 11). Unwin had an easy win over Morris and McMurdo defeated Avery 20 20 in a most exciting set. In the final McMurdo proved too strong for Unwin running out a comfortable winner.

In the consolation singles final G. Robbins (Div. 1) won a tense battle with R. Galler (Div. 3) in the third. The doubles final climaxed an event that most players appeared to enjoy and it gave every player a chance of reaching the final. The eventual finalists were J. Dodds (Div. 3) and M. Ainsworth (Div. 1), playing together for the third time, against K. Norris (Div. 4) and D. Hurst (Div. 2). The pair were very evenly matched with Dodds/Ainsworth running out narrow winners in the third.

The event raised £111.65 towards the appeal and the league are indebted to all players and companies who helped, especially Haylemere Community Centre who donated £46.

CIPPENHAM

In the Hales National League, Cippenham gained their first ever easy win at the expense of Waveney. Ray Tilling showed a return to form to win both his sets and Vy McComb earned his side a further maximum win. The opening round of the league is on.  

The new year brought two tough matches for Cippenham in the Club Championships overcame local rivals Maidenhead Y & CC - comprising the visitors only lain Fullerton's three sets. Then came a visit to Bristol and a defeat to an Andy Creed-inspired Knowle. Brillington. Simmonds won both of Cippenham's sets.

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Meanwhile good local results have forced Cippenham selectors to add 18-years-old McCarthy and Earis to the team.  

In the National Club Championships Cippenham have (again) drawn near neighbours Maidenhead Y and CC - comprising players who use the 'old chopper' every week in the league. Pat Maher won the final "deuce" in the third, against Brian Wrightson.

The Slough Closed takes place on Saturday/Sunday, March 8/7 at Montem Sports Centre. Last year the Slough League published a booklet entitled "50 Years of Table Tennis in Slough". In celebration of the half century, a few copies are still available and can be obtained from Graham Trimming, Salt Hill Way, Slough, SL1 3TG for the sum of £1.50.

Colin Taylor reports from . . .

CUMBRIA

LITTLE BRIGHTER

Things are looking a little brighter after the latest County match. The Senior side scored a good 6-4 win over Northumberland II. After losing the first three sets, a fine team effort gave Cumbria the next six. Debbie Scobiehill (W) and Angie Spiller (B) were unbeaten in singles and doubles while Neil Smith (M) and Tim Pashul (M) won their doubles plus a singles each. David Hilliback (W) playing his first match narrowly lost to his opponent No. 3-19, 19-18, 19-17.

The Junior I team beat the Junior II team.

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100 as expected. Ian Sharp (M), Stephen Holland (W) and Debbie Soothill (W) proved too good for the second teams, winning their sets comfortably. Chris Brockbank (B) however was given a testing by Norman McLeod (B) and Stephen Parker (B).

The top positions at the start of January in the Barrow League, 1st Division are as follows:

**Vickers** 13 8 0 4 77 43 32
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Things are tight at the top but it looks as if Millom F.P. will have to beat Vickers next time around, to be in with a good chance of the League 'title. Alan Fay leads the averages with 35 wins out of 36, followed by Neil Smith with 30 wins out of 33.

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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**HOPES SHATTERED**

Cambridge were without Keith Richardson, Mandy Judd and Julian Wheat, all No. 1's in their respective categories, for the last series of County Championships matches and all three teams were beaten.

The senior team, even with Keith and Mandy, were still well beaten and the younger teams have pressed to extract any points from their top-of-the-divison clash with powerful Leicester-shire, so without them the task was even more formidable. In the event they were beaten 5-2, with the defeat almost any chance the county may have had of gaining promotion to the Premier Division is virtually ended.

Chris Rogers, Paul Randall, Anita Steven-son and Karen Smith were always too good for the home county and their successes were no surprise, the only defeat being by Andy Withers and Robert Smith, deputising for the injured Richardson.

The second team were also beaten by the same score against Hertfordshire at Soham.

For the second successive match, the men failed to win a single set and it was left to the women to save them from complete disaster. Alison Edge and Val Parkes, both playing in their first county match of the season, won their respective singles. Alison beat Linda Walters 20, -11, 12, while Valerie gave her usual solid fighting display with a straight games win 17, 19 against Karen Morton.

The juniors, still without Wheel, recovering from an appendix, travelled to Norwich to play 40, 40, 8, 8, 77 43 32, for some extra-ordinary reason, the second team in the Barrow League, 1st Division are as follows:

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**Gerald Green reports from . . . SHROPSHIRE**

**BAD START TO NEW YEAR**

There was a disappointing start to the New Year for Grove in their encounter with Jacques Generation. The Market Drayton side lost 1-7 to be ousted from top place in Division One of the Halse National League. John Hilton gave Grove the start they needed, beating Ian Kenyon, but from that moment on things turned sour for the Shropshire side.

The long journey to Brighton to play Dolphins promoted a return to winning ways against a spirited South coast team. The Grove raced into a 5-0 lead with Hilton in commanding form beating both Adrian and Stephen Moore, while good support came from Steve Sidworth who beat Adrian Moore, Malcolm Green at the expense of Mick Brown and Andrew Bellingham over John Green. However, all credit to Dolphins who won the last three sets.

Meanwhile the second team maintained their challenge for honours with two wins. They turned in a good performance to beat Tamar 2 to Wolvesingham 6-2. Paul Barnett led the team in fine style and did not allow Colin Wilson to be in a convincing performance. Further wins came from Peter D'Arcy and Keith Silkott.

A full strength team of Barnett, D'Arcy, Stan Deakin and Bill Bridgeham then travelled to Launceston, Cornwall and showed tremendous form, returning 5-0 winners.

**MIDLAND LEAGUE**

It was a disappointing weekend for Grove in the Middle League. A weakened men's team were beaten 3-7 by Leamington. Silillote recorded two wins and Wilson added another. The women also found life together. Grove 'A' losing 0-10 to a strong Birmingham side and Grove 'B' losing 1-9 against Derby despite an excellent performance from Carol Wickstead who beat England-ranked Thuy Dung in the opening set.

The Grove girls have however made an excellent start to their campaign in the Bromfield Trophy. In the second round they beat Nottingham 5-0. The Nottingham side having to answer to the talent of Adriamtr (0) 6-2, Paul Barnett led the team in fine style, and did not allow Colin Wilson to be in a convincing performance. Further wins came from Peter D'Arcy and Keith Silkott.

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**TELFORD RANKINGS**

Dave Elkin heads the Telford TTA January rankings after winning 32 of his 35 sets this season.


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**TELFORD HANDICAP EXPERIMENT**

The handicapper are said to have the final say in deciding results in Telford TTA's forthcoming knockout competition.

That is because opposing teams will not know what their handicap is until after the game, when a sealed envelope will be opened to reveal what, for some, could be the awful truth.
The first time this year - was thought to be fairer and would encourage the maximum and give a true result at the end of the match”, said Mr. Pritchard.

Sure everyone will be rushing back to the table tennis table in the hope of getting rid of those extra pounds and inches put on over the festive season, and I would like to wish you all a very happy and successful new year.

The Junior ‘B’ team gained a creditable draw 5-5 and this to Leicestershire winning 7-3. The Junior ‘A’ team gained a win against Warwicks and lost 6-4.

The Warwickshire Club Competition (B. Mackie Cup) handicap is now at the 2nd round stage. The closest results from Rd. 1 was between BTS and British Telecom (M/R) - BTS received a start of 135 and won 353-352 - and Serck lost to Coleshill after the latter had received 46 pts. start winning 346-300. In all cases the handicap is sealed until the finish of the match.

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

First round matches in the Warwickshire League were played on Dec. 12 at the West Warwickshire Club.

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Rugby caused the biggest shock of the day. They have a very young side and the matches between themselves and South Birmingham and East should prove very interesting — perhaps the South have a real challenge on their hands, we shall see. Jean Hewer of South Birmingham caused the biggest upset of all when she beat Lynn Brison, Leamington’s county-ranked No. 4 in straight games. Well played Jean. The second session of matches will be on Sunday, March 27 at the same venue.

RESULTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Birmingham Closed Championships — Sat./Sun., Mar. 12/13 (Rover Solihull TCC).

Warwickshire Closed Championships — Sat./Sun., Apr. 23/24 (Rover Solihull TCC).

Boys' Singles:

L. Davis bt M. Jones 8, 19.

Girls' Singles:

L. Davis bt H. Jones 8, 19.

Cadel Bingles:

Davis bt P. Blackford 16, 10.

Doubles:

Jukes/Davis bt D. Kloos/M. Jones 15, 13.

The County teams were all in action on Jan. 8. The L.I. team travelled to Glamorgan and achieved a great 9-1 win. Sandra Roden made her first team debut and put up a good performance although losing narrowly at “deuce” in the third. Jukes also stepped into the 1st team with Simon Claxton not being available. However, the week before, in a Worcestershire Premier Division match, Murray beat Simon for the second time this season. Murray also notched his 20th win in the County match. The Veterans visited Ketton and came away with a 7-2 win. The Juniors were without services and lost 3-7 to Warwickshire II but put up quite a good performance. Lisa Hunt (Kidderminster) did very well to beat Tina Brown (Warwickshire) and teamed up with Louise Davis to win the girls' doubles. Louise was surprisingly beaten in her singles set although only at “deuce” in the third. Dean Kloos kept up his good County
The County II team travelled to Norwich to play. A setback occurred on the morning of the match when Annette Snee (Malvern) had to cry off because of illness. Stella Henbury (Dudley) stepped into the breach and with 2 hrs. notice was on the 200 mile journey to Norwich. Ken Walton (Dudley) won one of his singles and Barbara Jukes, promoted to No. 1 lady, played very well to win her singles. Norlok won 8-2.

The County Association has an excellent coaching project in hand for mid-February. Arrangements have been made to obtain the services of Nick Button in Worcestershire for coaching sessions over 2 days at Christopher Whitehead School. He will be concentrating on about 12 of the top juniors and the Selection Committee has wisely selected juniors who will qualify for Junior status again next years. This gives opportunity to sessions over 2 days at Christopher Whitehead School. He will be concentrating on about 12 of the top juniors and the Selection Committee has wisely selected juniors who will qualify for Junior status again next years. This gives opportunity to sessions over 2 days at Christopher Whitehead School. He will be concentrating on about 12 of the top juniors and the Selection Committee has wisely selected juniors who will qualify for Junior status again next years.

Having gone through the first half of the season so far undetected, they look quite capable of keeping that record intact up to the end of the season.

David Cosway reports from...

Hampshire

Mixed Results

A mixed set of results from the most recent county matches, three wins, one draw and two defeats. The senior A team again went down heavily 2-6 to Suri but one consolation was good wins from Graham Toole over Mark Oakley and Serena Bartocci over Lorraine Gasco. The draw by the senior A team was a pity as they fielded two reserves. A win would have taken them to top spot over their Berkshire II opponents. Chris Shieller and Chris Wilshire each won singles and combined to take the doubles but both were frustrated by "funny bat" merchant Jonathan Samuel. Steve Snow making his senior debut was a disappointment. Barbara Clarke won her singles with Aldershot partner Andrea Beagar to take the doubles. The Junior A team beat Avon 2-2 with Tony Monty and Robert Magill and Richard Waters and once again the juniors went down to defeat. Sarah Hammond and Kate Lines won their singles and both doubles events went our way. The Junior B team, to Dorset II also by 8-2: Ian Whyton, Dominic Evans and Colin Oh, making his Hampshire debut was a disappointment. Barbara Clarke won her singles with Aldershot partner Andrea Beagar to take the doubles.

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In the Senior Section of the League Ely now have a commanding lead over their next two rivals North Herts 'A' and Bedford and it will take a great effort by the latter teams to overhaul the leaders who have 62 points from 9 matches. Northampton 'B' are playing well and could finish runners-up should they collect some valuable points in their next few games. Cambridge 'B' and Northampton 'B' are at the foot of the table but are still striving to improve their position before the end of the season. R.A.F. and Wellingtonborough who have played the least amount of matches to date are in good positions and either of them may rise dramatically in the table.

In the Veterans' Section Barnet, in their first season, are at the top of the table with a four point lead over St. Neots 'A' who in turn are only one point ahead of Cambridge. In the remaining fixtures Barnet have to play Huntingdon Central and Cambridge so that the latter team could decide whether or not Barnet will be successful at their first attempt. St. Neots 'A' on the other hand have to play North Herts and Hunts Central so that a very interesting position has arisen at this late stage of the season as the last series of matches will be due on Jan. 22. All in the League seems to be running very smoothly and I am sure that all the players have enjoyed their matches and that new team Barnet in the Veterans Section will be very happy at their performances.

**Leading Positions**

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**Northumberland**

**STRENGTHENED TEAM**

The County junior team was strengthened by the inclusion of Clare Mouzon for their match against Cleveland II at Bryker Community Centre on Dec. 18 and the No. 13 England-ranked girl had little difficulty in winning her singles and the doubles with Denise Campbell. Peter Curry and Thomas Northampton's playing very well to win all their singles sets and Steven Pearce won one to make the final score 7-3 to the home side.

**RESULTS**

Northumberland 7 Cleveland II 3

- Peter Curry bt Paul Brown 14, 21, 12, 1-0
- bt Andrew Watson 16, 17
- Steven Pearce lost to Watson 19, 11, 12, 0-2
- bt Thomas Blackman 17, 18
- bt Pashley 6, 9
- Pearce/Blackman lost to Brown/Watson 16, 12

Clare Mouzon bt Susan Richmond 6, 5
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Leslie Constable reports on the . . .

**STEVEN T. L. WINTER LEAGUE**

In the Senior Section of the League Ely now have a commanding lead over their next two rivals North Herts 'A' and Bedford and it will take a great effort by the latter teams to overhaul the leaders who have 62 points from 9 matches. Northampton 'B' are playing well and could finish runners-up should they collect some valuable points in their next few games. Cambridge 'B' and Northampton 'B' are at the foot of the table but are still striving to improve their position before the end of the season. R.A.F. and Wellingtonborough who have played the least amount of matches to date are in good positions and either of them may rise dramatically in the table.

In the Veterans' Section Barnet, in their first season, are at the top of the table with a four point lead over St. Neots 'A' who in turn are only one point ahead of Cambridge. In the remaining fixtures Barnet have to play Huntingdon Central and Cambridge so that the latter team could decide whether or not Barnet will be successful at their first attempt. St. Neots 'A' on the other hand have to play North Herts and Hunts Central so that a very interesting position has arisen at this late stage of the season as the last series of matches will be due on Jan. 22. All in the League seems to be running very smoothly and I am sure that all the players have enjoyed their matches and that new team Barnet in the Veterans Section will be very happy at their performances.
holiday period. On Dec. 19, they lost 3-5 at home to their closest challengers Wharfedale Herrings, with only Young showing anything like his true form by beating Steve Watson. When it was all over, Watson was the first set that he had lost all season. However, they returned to form with a vengeance in their next match, when they trounced Lincoln Crusaders 8-0, with the only success coming from McMaster, who beat Robert Dave Goldbold. Mcmaster, Cliff Olson and Malcolm McIvor (on his debut) all gaining maximums.

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DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE WEST
Casting an eye over the latest Lentec National Ratings Lists, it was once again disappointing to note that no Cornish player appears in either senior list. Unfortunately, what with Hales National League and County commitments, our top players are finding it difficult to get to the top tournaments and as the lower divisions of the National and County, it should be mentioned, however, that Young’s defeat by Maurice Newman was the first set that he had lost all season. However, they returned to form with a vengeance in their next match, when they trounced Lincoln Crusaders 8-0, with the only success coming from McMaster, who beat Robert Dave Goldbold. Mcmaster, Cliff Olson and Malcolm McIvor (on his debut) all gaining maximums.

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COUNTY MATCHES
After a rather mediocre start to this season’s campaign, Cornwall’s senior and junior teams achieved some success in their last matches. The seniors achieved a hard-earned victory over a strong Dorset II with Jon Woollings’ victory over John Robinson being the highlight of the encounter. The juniors faced the long haul to Surrey II and although losing 3-7, showed some promising signs: Alison Clemens proved how strong she is at this level by recording a 14, 16, to take the title that he first won in 1979.

In April Stroud honoured me by inviting my presence at the Stroud Closed to present the trophies. It was a most enjoyable evening, Andrew Golding won the men’s singles and his mother Jean (also a stalwart working administrator of the County Committee) took the Women’s singles. And so from there somewhat late in early summer (or not to offend LATE Spring) I popped over to take in the Cheltenham Closed. Dave Harvey with a 100% League singles record (played 56 won 56) beat Steve Moreman in the main draw and Cathy Robj won the Women’s singles.

For six weeks period table tennis, apart from City and County meetings, became somewhat static then out of the blue, in June, I received an invitation from Pat Archdale in Keynsham, to attend an informal get-together at which the guest speaker was the ETFA’s Chairman. As I wrote in October my only regret was that I did not take my tape recorder along to record many of the interesting topics of conversation that took place that day, the memory of that superb turkey lunch still lingers, thank you, Pat and Bob Archdale.

A short pause of about a fortnight then bang in the middle of summer. The Stiga Schools International was staged at Gloucester Leisure Centre, to help unload the Woodfield 1-Star, Woollings had a fine win over Andrew Dixon taking him into the last 16 and the Cornish/Jersey pairing reached the quarters of the double at Woodfield and Aberdare. Other good performances included Phong Tran and Karen Brozek (Launceston) reaching the quarters and semi’s of their respective County singles at the Wiltsines 2-Star. It is doubtful, though, whether any more open tournaments will be attended this season.

Alf Peppard reports from . . .

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
REFLECTIONS ON ’82
Readers will, I hope, forgive me if I lapse into such sentimental nostalgia but in this last bite of the County press reporting it has been my privilege to meet some very fine people, and to keep in touch with others (many like myself) a little further down the rows of the tennis ladder.

I write these notes in early January. The new year and all it holds lies ahead of us, but the memories of the year just gone still remain rather vividly in one’s memory. For instance, the journey to Crawley with Bryan Merrell in early January to see the English Open and to meet Rob Oldfield the ETFA’s Press & Development Officer, Bob and I have met upon more than one occasion since then and his help to me in the ways of the news media has been very instrumental indeed. Thank you Bob.

Next came the Cornwall Junior ‘Select’, Bryan, Jack, Reeves, William Dawe and myself, spent long hours getting the tables from Mike Lewis’s home at Belfast, Fortunately we had plenty of helpers back at the Gloucester Leisure Centre to help unload and erect. Well the tourney with about 400 entries was a great success; the aftermath however, for us table humpers, proved a little hectic, we had to take them all down to Swindon, Jack and I performed this task of endurance minus Bryan. He had flown off to Bombay for the Commonwealth Championships, and from certain reports that came from him later, I think Jack and I came off best.

Then came the Gloucester City Closed, where, in the final of the men’s singles, Martin Lane, after being two games down to William Dawe, simply produced out of this world table tennis to beat young William, 13, 14, 16, to take the title that he first won in 1979.

Tournaments
Few tournaments have been reached this season due to the hectic schedule but Cornish players have played in a few in groups using the White Hart minibus. At the Woodfield 1-Star, Woollings had a fine win over Andrew Dixon taking him into the last 16 and the Cornish/Jersey pairing reached the quarters of the doubles at Woodfield and Aberdare.

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Jeremy Williams reports from . . .
November was an exceptional busy month. Apart from my regular weekly radio broadcasts, Roy Morley & Molly Hawkins (nee Jones), kindly obliged me with personal interviews over local Independent Radio Severn Sound. My thanks to you both.

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The Chairman of the Sports Complex, Mr. Blackman, kindly presented the cups and trophies to the respective winners and runners-up. They were:

Men’s Singles:
Darren Griffith (Gl) bt Andrew Golding (Str) -19, 17, 19.
Women’s Singles:
Nine Tsakarisianos (Glos) bt Anita Wyman (Glos) 10, 9.
Cadet Boys’ Singles:
Lawrence Symonds (Glos) bt Craig Saunders (Glos) 17, 15.
Cadet Girls’ Singles:
Tsakarisianos bt Elly 10, 4.
Boys’ Singles:
Griffith bt Aarcon Beckett (Glos) 10, 20.
Veteran Singles:
Elly/Tsakarisianos bt J. Golding/C. Iacopi 16, 14.
Men’s Doubles:
Mixed Doubles:
Tsakarisianos Dbewt J/A. Golding 24, 18.

When the first list of County rankings was published they created quite a lot of interest and also involved players from all over the Country in considerable controversy (pos-
ibly the County Selectors as well).

The Selection Committee are hoping that the second list will perhaps have the same effect, but it should be well emphasized that these lists reflect players efforts outside their local league and County, and not just results between each other in domestic competition.

Here are the very latest rankings, and the first ten players have been registered with the ETTA for the 1st of January 1983.

**Senior Men**

**Senior Women**

**Veterans Men**

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Dorset’s Halix National League side Jolifile Poole were successful in their last match away to Bridgend despite Gary Evans winning two. The Dorset side of John Robinson, Jason Creasey, Rod Thomas and Steve Davies won the rest.

Malcolm Allsop reports from... DEBURYSHIRE WELL DONE ALAN

Congratulations to Alan Cooke upon his moving up to No. 27 in the England Senior Rankings. All Derbyshire supporters are hoping the 16 year old Chesterfield star will rise even higher.

When informing players in Derby of Alan’s England Ranking, the cry went up, ‘But what does a Computer know about table tennis? A Computer cannot understand the finer points of the sport, which is the backbone of the local Leagues.

Derbyshire has boasted good junior girl players over the past 15 years, many of whom have gained England Junior Rankings, but the present senior female strength makes that hard to believe.

Country Women’s Champion, Jackie Billington, does not make herself available to the Derbyshire selectors to give the younger players a chance, but with the exception of Marilyn O’Sullivan, the select-
or are having to rely upon the junior girls who fortunately have strength in depth.

**DORSET LEAN TIME**

Dorset are having a rather lean time at the moment with only the Junior 1st Team winning consistently. In their last match, the Junior side defeated Wiltshire 6-4. This was a good win for the Dorset side as they weren’t at full strength. Graham Plutz played very well and won his two singles. This win keeps Dorset at the top of their division but their big match comes on 19th February when they play Surrey who are unbeaten.

The Senior 2nd side are struggling and were defeated 6-4 by a much improved Cornwall side in their last match. Jason Creasey played well and won his two singles. Both Veteran sides are without a win this season and are finding it tough against the best Veterans in the country.

The Senior 1st team will be hoping to improve on their results at the last premier weekend when the second weekend is held in February but it looks as if both Dave Constance and Simon Heaps will be unavailable again, they will be up against it.

The latest Dorset ranking list is as follows:

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The outstanding junior girls of the past have left the Sport admitted some after getting married, but surely we are the only County to have so little senior female talent to show for the amount of junior talent produced.

In Division One of the Derbyshire Inter-Town League, Alfreton 1st made a successful start in their bid to retain the title by beating Burton 1st-7/3, and Eastwood 1st by 8-2 with Geoff Gill remaining unbeaten. Dave Fear won 3 for Matlock 1st in their 6-4 win over Derby 1st.

In Division Two, Derby 2nd gained their second win by 8-2 over Chesterfield 1st, with Martin Simpson unbeaten. Burton 2nd gained their second win by 6-4 over Eastwood 2nd, but M. Pearson stole the honours with 3 singles wins for Eastwood.

Will Doxey won 3 for Matlock 2nd, only to be thwarted by the all-round team effort of Alfreton 2nd with Clive Holmes, Ivan Holmes and Mark Star. Both men and Holmes combined to win the doubles in a 5-5 draw.

In the Junior Division, Derby gained a 7-3 win over Burton with Alan Hearn continuing the good form since his comeback. Chesterfield 1st won their opening two matches by 7/3, with Warren Stanley winning his 3 singles matches for Matlock, only for Richard Francis, Kevin Caulfield and Lee Day to win 2 each for the spine team. Kurt Nelson won all 3 for the Chesterfield junior team against Alfreton, who replied with 2 from Mark Pacey and 1 from R. Smith.

The Burton League Championships are being held on Sunday, February 20th at Granville School, and, on the following Sunday, 27/2/83 the Derby League stage the championships at the Lansdowne Sports Centre.

John Woodford reports from...

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"MAN OF THE MONTH"

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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The quarter-final of the G. S. Radcliffe Cup produced two close results with Clywd 'A' (John Hook, Meiron Williams and Tony Smith) just winning by 6-4 against Schooner 'A' who were represented by Howland, Geoff Hollis and Ian Preston.

Lansdowne 'A' also won by 6-4 against Llandudno Junction 'A' and Llandudno champion, Glynn Gibbons, to thank for winning all his singles. Max Sheron won 2 sets and Graham Gibbons one. For Junction Arthur Roberts won two whilst Sue Roberts won one. Arthur and Sue won the doubles.

Wyfyl Power Station strode into the semi-final led by Hobbs against St. Mary's, Holyhead by 6-1. Malpass had a walk-over. Semifinal draw: Malpas v Clywd 'A' Lansdowne 'A' v Wyfyl P.S. 'A'.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Nancy and Roy Evans, the secretary and president of the Table Tennis Association of Wales who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 31st of January, 1983.

Vic Bennett reports from...

NORFOLK

SEASON'S FIRST

The month of December was indeed very kind to the county of Norfolk, that saw all the county teams win with the first win of the season for the seniors at Cambridgeshire. Following this, on the 19th, all eyes were on the weather forecasts — remembering the snowbound roads of last year! However, the good weather stayed with us except for a deluge of rain later in the day. Even this did not alter what was probably one of the best County Closed Championships at the University of East Anglia for many a year.

With the normal surprise results during the days play, all the shockers came at the end, with Doug Bennett losing his title to Martin Stevenson in a three set cliffhanger. Doug started in grand style to take the first set 21-10, but Martin gradually came back into the game winning the second then the third at 19. Wendy Hogg, probably the ladies' six times winner, against Veteran Joy Dixon, both men are Sussex selectors! But Hastings still staggered through 5-4 against Crawley as Andy Meads (36) could not match the pace of the 35-year-old veteran team clinched Division 3A with a huge figure of Horton. But, in the final, Cock and Smith could not match the speed and rested Smith.

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In the next match, the Seconds travelled to Yorkshire with a weakened side and were soundly beaten. It is very necessary to say that we will not hold our place, nor will we deserve to, in the higher divisions if we do not turn out our strongest team regularly. We do not have players in depth as do some of the larger counties and we need the loyalty of all players if we are to stay at the top level. Having said that, I am pleased to be able to report that Bill Bridgeman (Stafford), playing in his first match for the County this season, was the star of the side with a win against Mark Illingworth end, with Evans, a win in the doubles. Both Bridgeman and Evans can consider themselves unlucky not to have beaten the Yorkshire No. 1, Tony Sanderson, who ergonomically seems unwilling to use fully his undoubted talents. In the end, Yorkshire ran out winners 9-2.

Both our junior sides suffered setbacks to their promotion hopes. After good wins by the 'A' team away to Lincolnshire (9-1) and the 'B' side at home to Cumberland I (100), the 'A' team dropped a point at home to Durham — due to the strength of the visitors two nationally-ranked boys — and the 'B' team conceded their first points in four matches by losing narrowly to Derbyshire, their close rivals in Div. 3A. This match was excellently staged by the Lichfield Association, and it must be said that the various leagues around the County have responded in tremendous fashion to our request for them each to stage one of our matches during the season.

The results of the matches played in the first of the Premier Division weekends have already been recorded, but I would like to add one or two comments. Jack Harris made a major contribution, winning two out of her three singles — losing only to Melody Hill "deuce" in the third and — two out of the three mixed — once again a "deuce" in the third defeat in partnership with Andy Rich by the Middlesex pair, Colin Wilson and Miles Williams. The 5-4 win against Dorset gives us a chance to keep our place in the Premier Division, and this win was a fine team effort. Tony Clayton was in great form for Dorset, winning his singles and, with Abbott, the men's doubles, but the key match was the decider between Craig Bake­well and Martin Abbott. Playing his first season with the first team, it was under­standable that he was overawed by the top class opposition he had faced against York­shire and earlier against Clayton, and it was more than we could expect for Craig to gather in the points for Staffordshire. But "Cometh the hour, cometh the man (for whatever the expression is), and certainly Bake­well was our man. He took a little time to settle in the second game, 15 down he took control and gave a sound performance to win the second. The second game was a little more nerve-rocking as hopes of a win began to materialise, and although Abbott levelled at 15-15, Bake­well pulled away to win 21-17. With a win such as this under severe pressure, Bake­well's stature in table tennis has gone up several notches and he will be a useful member of the squad at the second weekend. The second weekend will have been played by the time this is read but we have some justification in approaching it with a measure of optimism.

In the first County match played at Leek for thirty years, Staffs II had a good 6-4 victory as Nantwich were relegated from the Premier last season but without their England-ranked Chi Van Que. Paul Barnett had two fine wins, but many of the matches were close. Mark Evans in particular making a fantastic retrieve to level in the second set against Neil McMaster to stay in the match and preventing Steve Rowsell on "deuce" also. The young visitor, Clare Mouzon, playing with a combination bat came out on top against our ladies, Janet Dunning and Fiona Elliot, although Fiona could have taken the singles having maintained her confident aggression of the

it is obvious that this would be a considerable cost to the ordinary player, playing at club level, the innocent victim of the deceit which has been brought into the game. Maurice Thorne, the Potteries County Representative, is one of many who hold strong views on the matter, and if I could refer to a letter in last month's issue, Mr. Lenton does not help his case by his attack on Albert Shipley, who, contrary to Mr. Lenton's view, represents a large number of players who are concerned about the future of table tennis. In any case, the suggestions which are being discussed by the ETTA — and let's hope they produce a decision for next season — do nothing to affect the efforts of Len exposure to the Japanese, efforts which many of us admire and applaud. What is wanted is the removal of what amounts to trickery and cheating, but to avoid the cost to the club player it is worth considering that, at local level, individual exemptions might be granted within a league. Players with bats which are obviously not combination would then avoid the cost of a different coloured rubber. Mind you, our ordinary club players have come across, in our time, a number of "old faithfuls" with perished surfaces, many of which could be regarded as the forerunners of the combination bat.

Now to turn back to County Matters. In the final match in Div. 1, Stafford 'A' needed a 7-2 win against the leaders Potteries 'A' to force a play-off for top position, but although the Stafford team of Bob Murray, Bill Bridgeman, Phil Birchall and Lynn Burgess managed to win 5-4, they will have to be satisfied with runners-up spot for the second year running. Potteries retain the Div. 1 title. Staffs 'A' are the Premiers of Div. 2, but in another close finish Walsall 'A' beat Stafford 'B' 5-4 to accompany them into the top division. Stafford had their final match in Div. 4. Stafford Veterans beat Wolverhampton 'D' 6-4, and although Tamworth 'A' had a good win 7-3 against Lichfield 'B', the Veterans topped the division by a better sets average. Leek 'D' still have to play Potteries 'D' to decide Div. 5, but both teams will gain promotion. Div. 3 remains undecided at the top, and at the bottom Cannock have put in their worst performance for many a year.

Division 1

Potteries 'A' ............ 5 4 1 28 17 8
Wolverhampton 'A' ............ 4 2 2 21 15 4
Wolverhampton 'B' ............ 4 2 2 16 14 2
Leek 'A' ............ 4 3 1 10 26 2
West Bromwich 'A' ............ 4 0 4 10 26 0

Division 2

Stone 'A' ............ 3 0 16 11 6
Walsall 'A' ............ 4 3 1 22 14 6
Stafford 'B' ............ 4 2 2 20 16 4
Wolverhampton 'B' ............ 4 3 1 23 13 8
Wolverhampton 'C' ............ 4 0 4 27 0

As a postscript, may I send greetings to a colleague from my Gloucester days, Alf Peppard, now going into print with the news that I am still in good form with the pen and bat. Please give my good wishes to all our friends in the Gloucester Association. Many will remember Mike Leach who was with me at Gloucester and is now general secretary at Wolverhampton and a fellow member of the County Committee. I am sure he joins me in sending greetings.
LEICESTERSHIRE PRODUCIVE WEEKEND

Leicestershire had a productive weekend in the County Championships weekend, winning their doubles and losing their singles. The first team beat a weakened Midland International 6-2. David Gannon being the only loser.

Two seasons ago Leicestershire lost to Warwickshire II, but they were struggling for a team and a set. Leicestershire, for whom only Martin Pickles and Colin Truman had crushed the opposition, were close to their 2nd round. The match was a tight affair with both girls playing with a good opening and the coaches on the side-lines having their own private meetings to inspire their charges; these being Paddy Jackson for Helen and Les Bridges for Melanie. The tension was increased in the third game when at the turn-round point Melanie held a 10-9 advantage and we thought the vital breakthrough had come. But we had not put into our minds the fact that Helen can fight as well as Melanie. This she did to win 21-19, and if all the matches between these two are as good, we can look forward to some exciting games in the future, with the results varying both ways. Helen followed this match with a fine semi-final against Lesley Boulter, losing, but putting up a good performance. Well played, Helen!

Somerset Rules O.K.

Somerset travelled to the Welsh dragon's lair to try and gain a final win for this season of trips across the bridge, which we have not had since the Bridgend tournament at the start of the season, although our youngsters have fought well against all odds.

The competition this time was the Glamorgan Open and we took our usual flock of youngsters. We had high hopes, with mixed some trepidation, and from February edition, I have moved and although I am far from straight, I have at least got a clear idea of what I am doing. I will not say much about the Middlesex Move Completed.

Well, as announced in the January/February edition, I have moved and although I am far from straight, I have at least got a clear idea of what I am doing. We will try to keep my correspondence up-to-date, including regular contributions to Table Tennis News.

I will not say much about the Middlesex 3-Star Open Championships, which were fully covered by Ken Muir, but I would like to express my personal thanks to Doris...
Moore, Doreen Stanward, Geoff James and Ken himself who between them took over the jobs I have done in the past, apart from continuing with their own jobs. When one person has to withdraw from a small Committee the additional burden laid on the remainder can be onerous but if everyone else pulling their weight, things can be onerous but with everyone else pulling their weight, things can be onerous but with things done. At the "post mortem" held after the event, some improvements were suggested which we hope to put into effect next season provided the necessary sponsorship is forthcoming.

Sadly I have to report that after our Premier Division team had won all their matches over the weekend 27th and 28th November it was discovered that they had played out of order. In consequence the results were amended making the match against Warwickshire a 4-5 loss (instead of a 5-4 win) and the matches against Dorset and Staffordshire into 6-3 wins.

Our Junior Premier Division team did well over the weekend, beating Devon 7-3, Bedfordshire 9-1 and drawing 5-5 with Kent. At the moment they are second behind Yorkshire with a further week-end to look forward to.

We seem to be having troubles with our closed Championships. We think we have solved our problems and hope that the Junior Closed will be held at Ben Johnson School, Stepney, on 15th May with the Senior Closed over the preceding weekend (7th and 8th May) at Eltham Club. Whatever we do we will not lose most of our entrants to Open Championships and needing to find venues which will not bankrupt us, we found the answer was to play late in the season, playing late in the season, in the only answer was to play late in the season, in the only answer was to play late in the season, playing late in the season, playing late in the season.

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Ron Fosker reports from ESSEX

New captain

Essex have a new county captain. Ian Horsham, who has been in one county team or another for some 15 years, was chosen to fulfil the role in the second County Championship premier division weekend (which takes place after my deadline):

Stuart Gibbs has filled the role for a number of years, latterly in a non-playing capacity, but it was felt that Ian now has the experience and quality of leadership to make the luxury of a n.p.o., one county no longer needs to afford.

Ian impressed all those present last year not so much for his playing ability but for his determination to carry on with his Intention to resign. In that he succeeded. One hopes he has similar success with the team.

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**DUNLOP LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN**

BARNS EMULATED by George Yates

It was back in 1971 when last an Essex men's singles event in the Lancashire Open, but on Saturday, January 29, at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock nr. Bolton, Ken Jackson emulated the deeds of Chester Barnes in winning the coveted title.

Jackson, seeded No. 7 in a star-studded field, dispensed of the top seed, John Hilton, the former European champion, at the quarter-final stage and went on to beat the defending champion, Kevin Beasley, in the semis and Steve Mills in the final.

Donald Parker, seeded No. 2, was also taken out in the quater-finals by Philip Bradbury, who, in turn, lost to the "spiderman" Mills.

The Red Rose blossomed in the women's singles when Joy Grundy beat the defending champion, Anna Stevenson, in the final and Parker, with his Preston teammate, Steve Turner, won the men's doubles at the final expense of Welsh internationals Mark Thomas and Gary Wilkins.

The women's doubles title went to the Birmingham pair, Karen Groves and Sandra Peakman, and Derek Schofield triumphed once more in the veterans singles beating Peter D'Arcy in the final to claim the title for the third successive year and for the eighth time overall. En route Derek had beaten his own wife. Doreen (10 and 14) whilst D'Arcy had more of a struggle to despatch of John Cooper (25, 16 and 18).

Two former English Internationals met up at the Lostock venue when Mike Symonds dropped in en route from South Africa to New York and "Connie" Warren made the trip from the Metropolis to display his playrite wares and to complete a trio of former celebrities Jack Clayton journeyed over from Blackpool.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**
1. K. Jackson (E) bt J. Hilton (La) 19, 12;
2. K. Beasley (Y) bt N. Mason (Sy) 12, 12;
3. J. Grundy (La) bt J. Shaw (Y) 14, 20;
4. P. Bradbury (Bu) bt D. Parker (La) -19, 17, 17.

**Semi-finals:**
1. Jackson bt Beasley 20, 13;

**Final:**
Jackson bt Mills 17, 18.

**Women's Singles Quarter-finals:**
1. A. Dawson (Le) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 12, 13;
2. J. Parker (La) bt K. Groves (Wa) -29, 20, 14;
3. J. Harris (St) bt C. Peacock (La) 18, 15;
4. J. Cooper (Le) bt J. Shaw (Y) 14, 20.

**Semi-finals:**
1. Stevenson bt Parker 21, 16;

**Final:**
Grundy bt Stevenson 15, 14.

**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**
1. Thomas/G. Wilkins (Wal) bt C. Bakewell/
2. G. Hallam (St) 14, 7;
3. Parker/S. Turner (La) bt Beasley/M. Wilkins
4. E. Perrott (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch) 14, 14;
5. P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch) -19, 15, 5.

**Final:**
Parker/TURNER bt Thomas/Wilkins -25, 9, 12.

**Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**
1. Harris/Stevenson bt C. Clarke (Ch) /
2. Groves/S. Peacock (Wa) bt D. Johnson (Ch) /J. McLean (Y) 13, 17, 11.

**Final:**
GROVES/P. BEASLEY bt Harris/Stevenson -6, 21, 14.

**Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:**
1. D. Schofield (Ch) bt Mrs. D. Schofield (Ch) 10, 14;
2. W. Powell (Ch) bt J. Evans (La) -12, 15, 20;
3. E. Griffiths (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch) 14, 14;
4. P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt Mrs. D. Johnson (Ch) -22, 16, 16.

**Semi-finals:**
Schofield bt Powell 12, 16;
D'Arcy bt Griffiths 20, 16.

**Final:**
SCHOFIELD bt D'Arcy -9, 14, 8.

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**BATH 1-STAR OPEN**

**WELSH INVASION**

by George O'Brian

Held at the Bath Sports Centre on the 16th Jan., the strong Welsh contingent dominated the day's play and eventually made off with four of the six titles.

Leading the charge was evergreen George Evans who reached the semi-finals of the Men's Singles with a string of low score victories. In the semi he met Malcolm Francis who eventually threw in the towel at 5-10 in the third. In the other semi Paul Whitting unceremoniously disposed of Tony Healan the holder of the title, in straight games. The final produced superb table tennis with the advantage swinging from one player to the other and with George, surviving match points, getting home 24-22 in the final.

In the Men's Doubles the Welsh pairing of Evans and Healan coasted through the tournament without dropping a game beating Martin Pickles and David Gatson in the final.

In the Women's Singles Elaine Short proved both strong and experienced for the opposition although Lynn Brison battled hard in the semi. In the other half young Helen Perrott did extremely well to reach the final, beating Jayne Sully and Claire Hunter on the way. In the final however, she had no answer to the experienced Elaine.

Elaine, partnered by Debbie Lott also reached the final of the Women's Doubles but they were unable to hold Tracey Watkins and Claire Hunter.

Both Junior events were won by Welsh youngsters. Jayne Sully reversed a result in the 'Women's Singles, beating Helen Perrott in the Girls' Semi-final with a very elegant display of controlled attacking play, in the Boys' Singles, Kevin Davies (Llanelli) retained his title with a two-straight victory over Andrew Oxley (Swindon).

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles Semi-finals:**
1. Whitting (Dv) bt A. Hoelan (Wal) 10, 11;
2. Evans (Wal) bt M. Francis (Sa) -19, 15, 5.

**Final:**
EVANS bt Whitting 10, 14, 22.

**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**
1. Evans/Healan bt Whitting/M. Short (Dv) -14, 19;
1. Women's Doubles: Short/D. Lott (Dv) bt K. Withyman/J. Ellery.


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5. A. Oxley bt E. Martin 11, 11; K. Davies bt D. Richards 9, 16.


8. RESULTS
   Men's Singles Semi-finals:
   M. Francis (Sx) bt D. Royle (Ha) 18, 9;
   H. Perrott (Av) bt R. Moreman (Cs) 23, 10.
   Women's Singles Semi-finals:
   S. Gibbs (E) bt J. Kennedy (K) 20, -19, 17;
   J. & R. Thomas (Do) bt L. Adams (Mi) 17, 10.
   Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
   L. Walker (Av) 11, 15;
   A. Murphy 19, 17.
   Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
   M. Francis (Sx) bt D. Royle (Ha) 18, 9;
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   Boys' Singles Final:
   S. Gibbs (E) bt J. Kennedy (K) 20, -19, 17;
   J. & R. Thomas (Do) bt L. Adams (Mi) 17, 10.

9. SOUTH OF ENGLAND
   3-STAR OPEN
   by NORMAN HOOPER

   Tournament Organiser:

   The Surrey Table Tennis Association are pleased to confirm that the first ever South of England Three-Star Open Tournament will take place over the weekend of 19th and 20th March, 1983 at the Woking Leisure Centre. The late Trevor Channing was responsible for reviving the South of England as a two-star tournament in 1980, after a lapse of nearly twenty years. Right from the start it was Trevor's dream that this tournament should achieve the highest possible status, and we are delighted that after just three years his dream has come true.

   A major factor in gaining Three-Star status has undoubtedly been the authority of the Club, and following the pattern established over the past two seasons the necessary financial backing has been obtained on a sponsorship by event basis. There is a change in the format of the tournament this year with the two under-21 singles events being replaced by the popular restricted singles. A full list of full list of events, with their sponsor, is as follows:

   Entry forms have been sent to players who entered the tournament in 1982, to County Championships team secretaries, to Hales National League club secretaries and to the officials of any team being replaced by the popular restricted singles.

   The total prize fund is £5,000, with the winner of the men's singles receiving £250 and the women's singles winner receiving £125. The tables and other equipment to be used is being provided by charge of Jacques.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Under-13 ranking tournament this season.

The inclusion of the English Schools' International Championship results and the finals of the Sesilie Youth Cup both weighted as (x1) on the "Lentec" Computer System will provide sufficient results for producing a starter list of Cadets for season 1985/86.
Les D'Arcy reports from…

YORKSHIRE

NATIONAL HONOURS FOR YORKSHIRE PERSONALITIES

Two of Yorkshire's outstanding table tennis personalities, Maurice Shaffner, ETTA Vice-President, the County's record breaking long serving President with thirty-two years' service and Bradford's hard working tournament organiser and Youth Leader, Steve Nunn have both received honours for outstanding service.

Maurice received the O.B.E. in the recent New Year's Honours List. Steve is recipient of the National Association of Boys' Clubs Gold Keystone Award for 30 years' service to youth.

For many years I have known Maurice who always gives a mixture of dignity and humour to all his activities which he performs with sincerity and distinction.

As a player his attacking penholder style was too much for most of us in the Wakefield League during the early days and it was with some relief and satisfaction that I found myself in the same team and his doubles partner at Yorkshire League level where he could be relied upon to give 100% at all times.

Born at Sharlston, near Wakefield, where his father was headmaster of the local school, Maurice moved to Belle Vue Grammar School, Bradford and then on to Leeds University. A member of the legal profession for the last 38 years, Maurice has been West Yorkshire County Prosecuting Solicitor since 1973 and before that fulfilled the same role for the West Riding from 1966. Last year Maurice was President of the Wakefield Rotary Club and is deeply involved in its work. He is also Chairman of the Wakefield branch of the British Heart Foundation and President of the local sporting society. With so many pressing commitments he has little time for playing these days and has not played in the local league for several years, however, if ever he decides to make a comeback — and I hope he does — look out for there will be no half measures.

Your friends in Wakefield and in the rest of the country are proud of you and your achievements Maurice and, I'm sure, join me in sending sincere congratulations.

Steve Nunn first sampled table tennis at Bradford Sedbergh Boys' Club which he joined in 1935 as a 12-year-old, but spent most of his free time in athletics and football. Long distance running was Steve's forte and in one of his early competitions he came 6th out of over 150 in a National Association of Boys' Clubs event. When not running, he was usually found training or playing football for the Sedbergh football team, a nursery team for Bradford Park Avenue. Steve admired Bradford's professional stars of those days: Len Shackleton, Chic Farr and Billy Elliot, but found himself being inevitably drawn to the fascination of table tennis. He played some table tennis during the 2nd World War and then restarted in earnest when he played his first match for Sedbergh in Division 3 of the Bradford League in 1946. He helped his team to the divisional championship that season and the following season gained promotion with them to Div. 1 and has played regularly in those two divisions ever since. Wishing to pass on his skills to others Steve became a qualified table tennis coach and a part time youth leader.

In 1962 he started coaching at Parkside Way Youth Club which in those days was the Table Tennis Coaching Centre for the N.E. of England. The Centre became known nationally and attracted top coaches of the calibre of Jack Carrington, Peter Simpson, Peter Hirst and Brian Starkie to give Yorkshire players the value of their experience and expertise. Players who gained from the Parkside Centre's coaching scheme were Denis Beale, Nicky Jarvis, Linda Bashford, Jimmy Walker and later, Melody Hill and others. Steve added further to his commitment by becoming Yorkshire Coaching Secretary for five years and represented county table tennis on the Regional Sports Council where he did valuable work in the development of one of the county's leading table tennis clubs. Not content to rest on his laurels, Steve qualified as a T.T. umpire and also as a T.T. referee. In the meantime he gained several veterans' championships, including the Northumberland Open in 1987, the Pontefract Open, three times, the Bradford Closed, three times and has had many near misses. He has also represented Bradford Veterans on numerous occasions.

Mr. George Turton passes on a few tips to some of the younger members of his coaching club.

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Photograph shows (2nd left) Steve Nunn of Bradford, youth leader, TT coach, tournament organiser and referee, receiving long service to youth award from National Association of Boys' Clubs Officer, Mr. Keith Darlow. Photograph by permission of Telegraph & Argus.
ENCOURAGING

It was encouraging to read Philip Reid's account of the Leicestershire v Yorkshire 2nd match in his report in the December issue of the Table Tennis News. It was an interesting coincidence that although I had never had the pleasure of meeting Phil, I had just finished reading a section of his interesting book on the legendary Victor Barns whom I have had the pleasure of meeting.

Several county and county-ranged players have attended coaching courses at the Pontefract Centre: Julie Speight, Joanne Shaw, Karen Burrows, Ruth Baxter, Mandy Holmes, Steve Emmerson, Craig Rander and current West Yorkshire mixed doubles champion Deborah O'Driscoll have all benefited from coaching and training sessions organized at the Centre. Star guest coach on one of the courses was Carole Knight (now Moore), and Mandy and Deborah assisted by George and Rowden in close contact with Y.E.B. for the Pontefract/Castleford League first division title and the way the two girls improved could emerge as new champions.

Rowden Fuller has wasted no time after becoming the coaching organiser for the West Yorkshire region and has already held his first regional coaching squad at the Wakefield Sports Centre for twelve cadet girls aged 8 to 13. The standard was surprisingly good with eleven-year-old Janine Harrison of Leeds finished top on the day, but J. Bowley, R. Tennyson and D. Toole were in close contention. Rowden was much impressed with Miss Toole who only 10 was the only player to defeat the course champion. Further regional courses are already in the pipeline.

The new year ranking lists for the county are as follows:

**Men**

**Women**

**Boys**

**Girls**

**Spotlight on the Leagues**

Judging by the newspaper cuttings I have been receiving about table tennis from several of the leagues our sport is receiving excellent coverage from the local newspapers: Rea Balmforth (Hull), Chris Elliott (York), John Hatfield (Sheffield), Keith Hurley (Wakefield) are doing tremendous work in their respective leagues. Doncaster, Harrogate and Huddersfield who, according to one of their outstanding veterans, Howard Birch, are preparing for the League's Golden Jubilee with a special handbook, and Cambridge/Pontefract, who this year have enthusiastic newcomers, Tony Trigg as press officer are all in good hands.

Although Barnsley is not listed as having a press officer the league is up with the front runners according to Brian Iam, a modest and popular ambassador for table tennis in four leagues where he continues to enjoy opponents with his defensive skills. The Bradford League is lucky to have a professional who can calibre in Malcolm Hartley giving comprehensive coverage of county and local table tennis. I'm sure that there are other leagues who have hard working press secretaries who have not yet had the time to submit material to me for publication in this column. Look forward to hearing from you. Telephone 0964-366420.

**50 PLUS AND ALL TO PLAY FOR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN YORKSHIRE**

by LES DAVY

The 13th of January saw the launching of the Yorkshire and Humberside "50 plus and all to play for" Campaign at the Armley Sports Centre in Leeds.

It is the aim of the Sports Council, as part of its Ten Year Strategy, to increase the number of British sports people by 5.6 million. During the next five years the Sports Council aims to attract 1.8 million more women and 0.5 million more men to play sport regularly. The target is for 45 to 59 year olds being 140,000 new sportsmen and 180,000 sportswomen.

Civic heads from 27 of the 30 Councils in Yorkshire and Humberside gave the "launching" an enthusiastic send off with many of them joining in the sports and other activities provided. Several super fit veterans from a number of sporting pursuits demonstrated their skills and encouraged the dignitaries and other spectators to join in. It was very enjoyable being part of the team promoting table tennis with English Schools TTA President, Tom Matthews who continues his excellent work in different spheres of table tennis in a very active retirement. I received a few tips on fitness from co-demonstrator, multi world record breaker, Albert Rayner.

Father of nine children, ex boxing and running champion, Albert was also a former professional rugby league referee until his retirement at 50 when he was then able to concentrate on breaking world records at skipping and club swinging. He most recent world record of a phenomenal 128 skips in ten seconds may also qualify for two more world titles (a) the fastest person to have the rope around their neck in one second and (b) the oldest person to do two hundred skips in one minute. The rope is travelling at 200 mph and (b) the oldest person to have this type of record or possibly any other athletic world record. Albert's expertise will not be lost to table tennis. The leader in this "launching" a coaching session at the Wakefield Sports Centre by invitation of Rowden Fuller, W. Yorks. T.T. Coach for the Region, to show the youngsters how to achieve fitness the skipping way with the help of the Wakefield Sports Centre Manager, Mr. Alec Thompson, is hoping to popularise skipping for the general public who use the Centre.

Cyril Villiers, Regional Director for the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council and an enthusiastic table tennis player of inter league standard himself, and his staff did a marvellous piece of work in organizing and in presenting this giant "50 plus" project launching which was a credit to all concerned with Sports Council P.G.O. Nick Magoolagan making sure that the event received maximum publicity from T.V., press and radio.

One of the "50 plus" circulars points out that table tennis is an excellent way for "50 plus" people to keep fit and that table tennis is a suitable for the Campaign. If you and your organisation are keen to promote table tennis for the older player why not contact your Regional Sports Council Director for details of the scheme and the help available.
**County Championships Round-up**

by AUBREY DRAPKIN

**VITAL DECISION**

The second and decisive round of the Premier Division matches takes place on 10th/20th February at Bristol. I understand that Middlesex have appealed against the decision to take matches from them for playing "out of order" in the first series of matches which resulted in them losing their match with Warwickshire. At present the title race is wide open with five of the eight counties on level on four points. If, however, the Middlesex appeal is upheld they could start the second session clear of the field. A decision must be made before play commences in order to avoid further controversy.

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**VITAL DECISION**

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Kent 4 2 1 25 18 9
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DIVISION 4

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Devonshire 3 2 0 1 21 9 4
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CLEVELAND 3-STAR OPEN

FOREIGN DOMINATION

by Alan Ransome

Eastern European visitors Andrzej Grubb (Poland) and Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia), dominated the men's events in the Cleveland Three-Star Open at Thornaby Pavilion on Sunday, 18th January, 1983.

Winner of the men's singles was Grubb, who added the Cleveland title to the World Student Games men's singles that he won at Thornaby in 1981.

In the final, Grubb beat Orlovski in two close and entertaining games. Both players have attractive, attacking styles and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the match.

Grubb's hardest match was in the semi-final, when the Orlovski and England player Dougill took the first game 21-15. But the Pole settled down and over-

The prizes were presented by Mr. Alan Allen, Arts and Leisure Officer for Cleveland County Council who sponsored and co-organised the championship, and Chairman of the ETFA, Mr. Tom Blum.

RESULTS

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
M. Orlovski (TCH) bt G. Sandile (ENG) 11, 8; S. Andrew (E) bt J. Hilton (La) -16, 10, 20; D. Johnson (ENG) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) -12, 20, 15;
A. Grubb (POL) bt J. Ng (CAN) 9, 16.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
D. Johnson (ENG) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 15, 12; J. Bellinger (Bd) bt S. Hunt (Lit) 8, 14; A. Gordon (Bk) bt A. Ramsberg (DEN) 17, 12.
K. Witt (ENG) bt C. Moore (Cv) 16, 18.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
D. Johnson-Parker bt L. Bellinger 12, 6; Witt bt Gordon 16, 13.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
J. Hammersley-Parker bt E. Jackson (Ch) 12, 20, 15;

S. Andrew bt D. Johnson, 11, 9, 12;
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Final: GRUBB bt Orlovski 19, 16;

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**ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOC.**

by David Lomas

The seventeenth annual National School Team Championships (sponsored by Sliga) are well under way with all twelve Area Finals successfully staged on the weekend of Jan. 22/23. The winners go forward to the three Regional Finals due to be played on Sunday, Feb. 27, with the winners qualifying to compete in the National Finals on Saturday, March 6th, 1983, at the familiar venue of Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Several well-known former national finalists were amongst the list of Area winners. Goff's School, Cheshunt are making a strong bid to make it three wins on the trot in the Under-19 Girls' event. The National Finals take place at Moor Grange High School, Leeds (North), Stroud Leisure Centre (Midlands & West) and The Walnuts Sports Centre, Orpington (South & East).

**RESULTS**

**NORTH REGION**

Area 1 (at Thamby, Cleveland) B19 St. Mary's VI Form College, Middlesbrough (Cleveland) B16 Newcastle Royal Grammar (Tyne & Wear) G16 Lawrence Jackson, Guisborough (Cleveland) B13 Bishop Barrington, Bishop Auckland (Durham) G12 Lawrence Jackson, Guisborough (Cleveland) B13 Bishop Barrington, Bishop Auckland (Durham) B11 Hartburn (Cleveland) G11 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside) How times flies! Last time I recall St. Mary's involved in the honours was in 1972 when Nicky Jarvis was England No. 1 Junior and in that team, Organiser Vicki Nicholson reckons that Newcastle RGS (Boys' U16) should do well at Leeds.

Area 2 (at Leeds) B19 Olnder Hill Upper, Rochdale (Gtr. Manchester)

G19 Amy Johnson, Hull (Humberside) B16 Bury GS (Gtr. Manchester) G16 Castleford High (West Yorkshire) B13 Archbishop Cramner, Leeds (West Yorkshire) G13 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside) B11 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside) Boys' U16 very tight with Bury GS drawing 1-1 with Keetlethorpe but going through. Strongest teams appear to be in U13 categories. Archbishop Cramner convincing winners, 7-1, 8-0, 8-0. Amy Johnson beat Buttershaw (Bradford) 5-3 in G19. Organiser ESTTA Chairman John Arnold "warmed-up" before acting in the same capacity at the same venue for the Regional Final.


Area 4 (at Grantham) B19 Robert Pattinson, Lincoln (Lincolnshire) B19 Boston High (Lincolnshire) B16 Fairham Comprehensive (Nottinghamshire) G16 Caistor Grammar (Lincolnshire) G10 Great Gonerby, Grantham (Lincolnshire) G13 Kesteven & Grantham Girls' (Lincolnshire) B11 Chatterley, Chesterfield (Derbyshire) Stuart Worrell (B19) heads the Lincolnshire challenge. I also hear that the Boys' U16 title is a force to be reckoned with.

**MIDLANDS & WEST REGION**

Area 5 (at Wolverhampton) B19 Kings Heath, Birmingham (West Midlands) G16 The Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire) B16 Colton Hills, Wolverhampton (West Midlands) G16 Highfields, Wolverhampton (West Midlands) B13 Mary Webb, Pontesbury (Shropshire) G13 The Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire) No phone call from Organiser Ann Durnall. Perhaps she was being rather modest because I see that her own team (Height (GS)) are through in G16, and husband Roy has a team through in B16 (Colton Hills)." "A force to be reckoned with.


B11 Sladen CE Middle, Kidderminster (Hereford & Worcester) Almost a clean sweep for Hereford & Worcester teams but their President forecasts none of them finishing better than third in the Regional stage. And he should know! (He's ESTTA Competitions Secretary, Eddie Mitchell!).

**SOUTH & EAST REGION**

Area 7 (at Plympton) B19 Exmouth Comprehensive (Devon) G19 Hayesfield, Bath (Avon) B16 Camborne (Cornwall) B19 Exmouth Comprehensive (Devon) G19 Hayesfield, Bath (Avon) B16 Camborne (Cornwall) B19 Bournemouth School for Boys (Dorset) G19 Talbot Heath, Bournemouth (Dorset) B16 Glen Eyre, Southampton (Hampshire) G16 Talbot Heath, Bournemouth (Dorset) B13 St. Michael's, Wimborne (Dorset) G13 B11 Waltham Abbey, Lymington (Hampshire) Closest competition was in the Boys' U13 event. All three teams drew 4-4. But St. Michael's ratio of 19-18 (games) was marginally better. One day somebody, somewhere might even have to count up points!

Organiser Bill New is looking to Bournemouth School for Boys (B19) to make another trip to Lea Green and perhaps go one better than their runners-up spot last year.

**OUTSTANDING PLAYERS**

For Camborne are Mark James and Leon Jose. S1. Ives (B13) face one of the longest journeys. Holymead (Avon B11) have big hitters in their quartet. Many thanks to the Plymouth League for loan of tables.

**EXTRAORDINARY TRAVELS**

Boys' U11 team is a force to be reckoned with. I also hear that the Boys' U16 very tight with Bury GS drawing 1-1 with Keetlethorpe but going through. Strongest teams appear to be in U13 categories. Archbishop Cramner convincing winners, 7-1, 8-0, 8-0. Amy Johnson beat Buttershaw (Bradford) 5-3 in G19. Organiser ESTTA Chairman John Arnold "warmed-up" before acting in the same capacity at the same venue for the Regional Final.
B13 Lyndhurst House, Hampstead (Inner London)
G13 Mayflower, Billericay (Essex County)
B11 Buttsbury Junior (Essex County)

Close result in G16 where St. Martin's edged out Brampton Manor in a doubles "tie-breaker". Lisa Hayden at No. 1 for St. Martin's. Disappointing "nil" entry from Middlesex. Organiser Alan Shepherd ruled Woolwich Polytechnic runners-up to Brentwood by virtue of having used an ineligible player. This ruling later confirmed.

Area 12 (Croydon)
B19 Rutlish High, Merton (Surrey Metropolitan)
G19 Willows High, Morden (Surrey Metropolitan)
B16 St. Joseph's College, Croydon (Surrey Metropolitan)
G16 Tamworth Manor, Merton (Surrey Metropolitan)
B13 Field, Crawley (West Sussex)
G13 Hilleston Middle, Morden (Surrey Metropolitan)
B11 Otford County Primary (Kent County)

Good performances by Surrey Met. schools. After loading twelve Stiga Expert tables on to a lorry the Organiser (D. A. Lomas) tried his luck on the Monks Hill Sports Centre's heart-monitor machine. "Inactive" it said. I don't believe it!

GENERAL
At the last Executive Council meeting of the ESTTA the following selectors were elected for the Stiga Schools International Championships which are due to take place at Gloucester Leisure Centre on July 1/2/3, 1983:

Rea Balmford (Humberside) (Chairman)
Eddie Mitchell (Hereford & Worcs) (Sec.)
Ann Durnall (West Midlands)
Bob Wood (Lancashire)
Denis Worrell (Lincolnshire)

Qualification for consideration for selection remains unchanged: a player must have taken part in some stage of the National School Team Championships or the Stiga English Schools Individual Championships.

County secretaries are reminded that the closing date for entries for the Stiga English Schools Individual Championships (Mansfield, April 30) is March 22nd, 1983. There can be no late entries accepted.

Congratulations to Eddie Mitchell on his election as Honorary Treasurer of the National Council for Schools' Sports. Read his "pen-portrait" in the current issue of "Sports Teacher".

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— where sport & technology meet.
Mark Oakley defeated Martin Shuttle rather too easily. I understand that Martin's legs just could not see him through this final because he had had such a demanding day. Mark, on the other hand seemed fitter than ever and played some great stuff all during the day. To be quite fair to Martin, he did have to work extremely hard in earlier rounds particularly in those where he put out the defending champion Steve Holloway, and quickly followed this with another very exciting match against the still-sometimes — too noisy — Michael Hammond. A great talent is our Martin.

Women's Singles

A very exciting match with Linda 'Thunderffights' Cleett getting the better of Michele Hans, who seems to have lost her way again. I am sorry but I will be more careful in praising Michele in the future. Her game seems to be another Jekyll and Hyde story.

Men's Doubles

Mark Oakley/Glen Baker seem to have beaten Mike Hammond/Andrew Sexton without a drop of perspiration forming.

Women's Doubles

Joan "Playback" Warren/Lesley Popkiewicz pulled themselves together admirably in the second and third, after losing the first at 11 to Heather Payne-Drury/Linda Cleett.

Mixed Doubles

Mike Hammond/Jane Mills took control over Mark Oakley/Kerry Merritt.

Restricted Singles

Farihat Rasul cruised to victory over Graham Bateman.

Veteran Singles

Frank Hams had all of the answers to the questions asked by rvlike Hollaway. Well Vele, ran Singles 'first at 11 to Heather Payne-Drury/Linda Cleett.

Women's Consolation Singles

Lesley Popkiewicz had a run away victory over her doubles partner Joan Warren. Joan had a fine day. She is such a nice and warm lady.

County Games on 19/2/83

Our Senior 1st Team of Nicholas Hoare, Steve Holloway, Mark Oakley, Michele Hams and Lorraine Garbett had a 6-4 victory over the Sussex 1st Team of Mal Francis, who dropped out at the last minute, I am told. Teresa Moore and Rachel Mackriel. Our ladies lost all of their matches, so this is a very good result after the resultant pressure that was placed on our men, plus the fact that Holloway's back-hand was going like a 'dream'. He caused Hollaway quite a few bad moments before losing in the third. However, he pipped Oakley at the post in the third, to record the only win amongst the Sussex men.

Our Junior 2nd Team entertained Dorset and had to be satisfied with a 5-5 draw. Julian Daniels, in his previous match against Cornwall, won his two; this time he lost them. It was therefore left to Neil Sutton, Graham Bateman, Jane Mills, Lesley Popkiewicz and Claire Brooks, who accompanied Lesley in the Doubles, to salvage a draw. Dorset's team was of Graham Clutz, Rodney Thomas, Ray Fairhall, Leanne Harman and Suzanne Hegarty.

Bits and pieces

I am sorry for missing last month's issue. Many of you did notice. Well thank you . . . Steve Holloway took a game off Graham Sandley in the Essex 3-Star. Sorry mate, I can give you no hope for this; it simply is not good enough . . . Julian Dudman seems to be playing rather well, I can't say I should expect anything other than good. It can keep whipping the likes of Julian Daniels and Steve Carpenter, then he will be on his way . . . . My Westmi ster Correspondent Mike 'Radio' Loveder was showing great concern over the form of Mark Oakley, whose average in the North Mid League is 66.7%. However, with his recent performances in the Welsh Open and the Surrey Closed, Mike's heartbeat is now near normal . . . . It could be a great year for Linda Cleett, who, besides winning the Surrey Closed, thrashed off Peter Matthews in the Central League and when in partnership with Sally Prowen and Karen 'The Loop' May, dismissed Bricknell's Maureen Allchurch, Carol Harmer and Sylvia Brutton in the Rosebowl Competition . . . Rupert Boile, Peter Harry, Gordon Holmes and Paul Colvin of the London Business House League are through to the next round of the Wilmott Cup. And I still meet Central's Percy Collino, Babs Aedayo and John 'The Pain' Payne, who, last year, reached the semi against Pool . . . . It is always nice to see Heather Payne-Drury. She and Linda make a formidable 'pair'. . . . I heard two players discussing the 'snobbery' of certain players, particularly those who play on the ground floor table at Lark Hall. If this snobbery exists, what have these so called great players have to be snobbish about, Gordon? . . . I understand that the Surrey Schools were played recently, but like every year, I have not been sent any information about the outcome . . . To avoid clashing with other dates, I will be holding the Wansworth League Closed Championships on Saturday, 9th April (Junior Singles and Division 7 to 12 Knockout Singles, starting at midday) and all other events at Devas Club, Clapham Junction, on Saturday, 30th April/Sunday, 1st May, commencing at 9.30 each morning . . . I have not forgotten your reply to Li-Ly. Please send me some more Thames Valley News every month . . . Thank you all.

Death of Life Member

It is with profound regret that we learn of the death of Edgar Reay, an Hon. Life Member of the ETTA and a former stalwart of long standing stature in both Durham and Sunderland. Edgar, aged 77, died suddenly in hospital over the weekend of Feb 19/20 and our sympathy goes to his widow, Sally, at 11 Elm Road, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northants.

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Gateshead Challenge

by ALAN RANSOME

Eric Boggan, dubbed the John McEnroe of table tennis, was the first winner of the new Gateshead Challenge Tournament played on Monday, January 17.

Gateshead, made famous in recent years by the achievements of Brendan Foster and other leading athletes have through their Council's Leisure Services Department taken a decision to expand the range of international sports staged in their town, which is situated on the South Tyne.

The championship was staged in the Gateshead Leisure Centre which was built under the direction of Brendan Foster in his time as the Council's Chief Recreation Officer.

Boggan, seeded third in the competition, did well to take the title. The final against England's John Hilton was the best match at the night. Boggan won the first comfortably 21-14, Hilton the second after building up a big lead and then in the third and deciding game. Boggan built a massive lead of 17-7 before Hilton played himself back into the match, saving several match points before Boggan clinched it nervously at 21-18.

In the semi-final Boggan had no difficulty in beating Andrzej Grubba, who had won the Cleveland Open the day earlier. Grubba was unable to handle Boggan's combination bat and as soon as the Pole played a loose ball, Boggan attacked to win the point. In the other semi-final, Hilton produced one of his best performances to beat Milan Orlowski. Orlowski, known to have trouble against Hilton's combination bat lost tamely.

Gateshead Corporation were pleased with the event and hope to stage a similar tournament the day after the Cleveland 3-Star Open in future years.

RESULTS

Round One:
Orlowski (TCH) bt Eng (CAN) 14, 14;
Hilton (ENG) bt Hauth (DEN) 15, 17, 12;
Boggan (USA) bt Daugaard (DEN) 11, 10,
Grubba (POL) bt Sandle (ENG) 11, 16, 16.

Semi-finals:
Hilton bt Orlowski 14, 21;
Boggan bt Grubba 17, 10.

Third Place Play-off:
Grubba bt Orlowski 21, 19.

Final:
BOGGAN bt Hilton 14, 18.

1982 U.S. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

by MALCOLM ANDERSON

Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
December 16-19, 1982

Danny Seemiller regained the U.S. Men's Singles title from Eric Boggan in a frantic five game final. Eric, now our No. 1 rated player and seeded No. 1, took the first game easily at 21-9, and led the second game 20-15. At 20-18 Dan, playing a passive (for him) blocking game until then, took over the attacking role, winning at 22-20, then 21-15, and led 14-12 in the 4th game. Eric then charged to win that game 21-17, and led 19-16 in the 5th — and Danny took over again, winning 21-19!

Semis:
Eric Boggan d. Ricky Seemiller 11, 14, 10;
Dan Seemiller d. Attila Malek 7, 7, 18.

Quarters:
Boggan d. D. J. Lee 5, 12, 13;
Malek d. Perry Schwartzberg 17, 12, 18, 20;
Seemiller d. Brian Masters 18, 18.

(Masters earlier beat defending champion Scott Boggan 15, 19, -19, -8, 13).

Women's Singles Final:
In Sook Bhushan d. Angelita American Sistrunk 7, 4, 13.

Semis:
Bhushan d. Jin Na 14, 12, 4;

Men's Doubles:
Seemiller d. D. J. Lee 5, 12, 13;
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Women's Doubles:

Mixed Doubles:
Seemiller/Bhushan d. Scott Boggan/ Sistrunk 13, 7, 14.

Men's Amateur Singles Final:

Women's Amateur Singles Final:
Na d. Bisik 17, 18, -20, -15, 14.
Hard Rubber Singles Final:
Boggan d. Dean Doyle 24, -18, -18, 16, 14.

Semis:
Boggan d. Houshang Bozorgzadeh 19, -18, 19;
Doyle d. Schwartzberg 15, 15, -15, 16.

21 Singles:
E. Boggan d. O'Neill 13, 15, 19.

Boys' -17 Singles:
O'Neill d. Gene Lonnon 17, 8, 17.

Girls' -17 Singles:
Vuong d. Diana Gee 14, 16, 15.

+40 Singles:
D. J. Lee d. Errol Resek 17, 16, 18.

Women's +40 Singles:
Yvonne Kriolage d. Patty Hodgins 12, -21, 10, 16.

Boys' -17 Doubles:
O'Neill/Brandon Olson d. Steven Rodriguez/Chi Ngo 12, 14, 22.

Girls' -17 Doubles:
Tieu Len Vuong/Ardith Lonnon d. Lisa and Diana Gee -14, -19, 17, 19, 14.

+40 Doubles:
Bernie Bukiet/M. Blaustein d. Tim Boggan/ Dick Evans -17, 15, 16, -9, 10.

Boys' -13 Singles:
James Butler d. Chi Ngo 18, -15, 17, 12.

Girls' -13 Singles:
Michelle Mantel d. Stephanie Fox 16, 14, -13, 13.

-50 Doubles:
George Hendry d. Bill Hornyak 10, 8, 10.

-17 Singles:
Dhiren Narotam d. Chi-sun Chui 17, 16, 17.

-70 Singles:

-9 Singles:
Chi-sun Chui d. Eric Owens 8, 6, 7.

RETURNED UNOPPOSED
Tom Blunn (Chairman), George Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Aubrey Drapkin (Hon. Treasurer) have all been returned unopposed for a further term of office. All three main officers of the ETTA hereby express gratitude for the confidence expressed in them.
by ROBERT OLDFIELD

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

Even a protest by Ormesby manager, Alan Ransome, failed to stop Dunlop Birmingham from snatching a point on 23rd January when they played at home to the Middlebrough club. Ransome stormed into the arena during the final set of the match when Derek Munt was playing Lindsay Taylor, claiming that Munt's stamping was being used to gain unfair advantage.

But referee John Devey disagreed with Ransome's interpretation; Munt's defence gave Dunlop their second draw of the season; and Thorn-EMI Ellentonport took over at the top of the Premier Division having overhauled Ormesby's one match advantage two weeks previously. Though not before Birmingham's Steve Mills had broken Graham Sandaly's undefeated record.

On the same day Karen Witt was winning her first and most crucial set for the club with the abbreviated name - BWF Wamdsad - and, at 4-3 in favour of the Windsor and Maidenhead club, she faced the twiddling Billy Gleave. The experience of the England international was too much for young Gleave and Witt won an exciting finale but it looks as if we could lose to Birmingham 1-2 on the bottom.

On January when they played at home to the Thre-EMI I EII€inborough 9 8 1 0 58 14 17 record on a day when their star, Unity's record, came with the match score standing at 1-1 so to win the next set was most important. His first appearance at the table was expedite law was introduced, Watson went a second 21-17.

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TORGAY MOVE UP
Pengeley Sports Torbay, with the advantage of playing two of the weak teams in 3rd Division West, have leapt over Grove II into second place while the Market Drayton club were visiting the nearby Chan Construction. Carl Morgan remains undefeated.

At the other end of the table, Cowbridge will have two chances in March to get off the bottom — playing at home against Westminster Woolwich Solihull on 3rd March and then, three weeks later, away to Tarmac Ladies.

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WANTED: INFORMATION AND PHOTOS
Perhaps I can take the opportunity of repeating my request for local press cuttings as well as the usual supply of information and photographs to accompany the Hales National League reports in this magazine.

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WORLD AND COMMONWEALTH

At a meeting of the National Selection Committee (Selection Panel) held on Jan. 21 at the Crest Hotel, Cardiff consideration of the names of the party to represent England in the forthcoming Commonwealth and World Championships came under prolonged discussion before a short list of 6 men and 5 women was compiled. A final decision on the 5 men and 4 women to travel is to be made after the Norwich Union English Closed. The full list of names is:

Men
D. Douglas (W), G. Sandley (Mi), C. Preece (IOW), J. Hilton (La) and S. Andrew (E).

Women
Mrs. J. Hammersley-Parker, Miss K. Witt (Bk), Miss L. Bellinger (Bd), Miss J. Bellinger (Bd) and Miss J. Grundy (La).

The 7th Commonwealth Championships are to be played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from April 17 to 23 and the 37th World Championships in Tokyo, Japan from April 28 to May 9.

NAVA SUPPORT
John Waterhouse of John Jacques is seen outside Admiralty House with Admiral Sir James Eberle, GCB, President of the RNLT and Commandant Brian Taylor, Commanding Officer of the RN PT College, after final discussions of a new form of Sports Sponsorship with the Royal Navy.

LANCS JUNIOR OPEN
Wak shed's Stephen Sharpe did well to retain his boys' singles title in the 14th Dunlop Lancashire Junior Open played in Bolton on Feb. 20 when, in the final, he beat the top seed Billy Gleave. Jill Powis of Wolverhampton won both the girls' and cadet girls' singles beating, respectively Fiona Elliot and Angela Sanders also of Staffs. A full report with results will appear in the next issue.

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Irish Notes

RELEGATION AVOIDED
by Tony Martin

By beating Portugal 5-2 to obtain their second win of the season Ireland made sure of retaining their Div. 2 status in the European League mainly due to the form of Colleen Slevin. Slevin was successful in both his singles, against Ivanwei Moreira and Jorlo Portela, and further figured in two doubles successes when partnered by Kevin Keane and Anne Leonard. Miles Leonard obtained Ireland's other win in beating Anabelle Fernandez.

SCORES
C. Slevin bt J. Moreira 14, 15; J. Hamill lost to J. Portela -12, -16;
A. Leonard bt A. Fernandez 15, 12; K. Keane/Slevin bt Portela/Fernandez 14, 15;
Slevin/Leonard bt Portela/Fernandez 14, 5;
Slevin bt Portela 10, -16, -11.

Hamill lost to Moreira -16, -11.

Slevin, Ireland's No. 1 player, showed his superiority by winning the men's singles and doubles titles in the Leinster Open in Dublin. This tournament produced lots of surprises the main ones being the defeat of Tommy Caffrey, the No. 2 seed, by Brian Larrigan in Rd. 2, and the defeat of Derek Weir, seeded No. 8, by Frank Glynn.

Glynn went on to beat Larrigan to clinch the semi-final spot against Keane. Dave Pemberton got a breakthrough in beating Aidan Walsh and Brian Orr but was no match for Slevin in the quarters. In the semi Slevin accounted for Jimmy Hamill and Keane beat Glynn but the final was all one way traffic with Slevin dominating throughout.

With Anne Leonard resting an injury the women's singles event was wide open. The event was not short of surprises either with Anna Kelly beating the No. 2 seed Geraldine Leonard and Marie Martin beating the No. 4 seed Mary McMullen. Mary Sheehan, the top seed, accounted for Marie in the semis and went on to take the title beating Louise Gibson in the final.

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Men's Singles Semi-finals:
C. Slevin bt J. Hamill 13, 18;
K. Keane bt F. Glynn 18, 19.
Final:
SLEV IN bt Keane 11, 6.
Women's Singles Semi-finals:
M. Sheehan bt M. Martin 18, 17;
L. Gibson bt A. Kelly 16, 16.
Final:
SHEEHAN bt Gibson 19, -9, 13.
Men's Doubles Final:
KEANE/SLEV IN bt T. Caffrey/B. Larrigan 11, -19, 15.
Women's Doubles Final:
GIBSON/J. REID bt L. Cullen/E. McManus 14, 15.
Mixed Doubles Final:

Sealink Youth Cup

Approved by the English Table Tennis Association, Scottish Table Tennis Association and Table Tennis Association of Wales. U.K. National Table Tennis Tournament is under 13 and 16 open for Boys and Girls.

Tournament Director: R. T. Thomas. Tournament Secretary: Stuart Chisholm.

The Championship will be held in 5 regions throughout the U.K. Singles and team matches using the group and knockout systems of play with the winners regional winners qualifying for the National Finals. All regional tournaments will be played between May and June 1983.

PROVISIONAL REGIONS, DATES, VENUES & REGIONAL ORGANISERS
1. SCOTLAND
Sunday, 10th June, 1983;
I. U13 Scotland
Grampian Sports Complex, Grangemouth
2. WALES & WEST
Saturday, 28th May, 1983
Britannia Leisure Centre, SUNDERLAND
Saturday, 4th June, 1983
Thames Leisure Centre, BRISTOL
M. Lanes
3. NORTH
Saturday, 9th June, 1983
Bletchley Leisure Centre, MILTON CAVENDISH
Saturday, 9th June, 1983
Grove School MARKET DRAYTON
R. Marriott
4. MIDLANDS
Saturday, 16th June, 1983
Grove School MARKET DRAYTON
R. Marriott
5. EAST
Saturday, 16th June, 1983
Grove School MARKET DRAYTON
R. Marriott
6. SOUTH EAST
Saturday, 16th June, 1983
Grove School MARKET DRAYTON
R. Marriott

PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS
3000 00:00 Team Events
1000 13:30 Singles Round 1 Grass
1400 13:30 Singles Round 2 Grass
1600 15:15 Singles Round 3 Grass
1000 15:00 Semi-Finals
1830 15:30 Finals
BUTTERFLY Europe Tables will be used with SEALINK 3 Star Balls.
Chairs and Showers Facilities.
Restaurant, Car Parking at all venues.

Sealink Youth Cup ENTRY FORM
Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Telephone ____________________________
Date of Birth ____________________________
Please tick events entered:
1. Under 13 Boys Singles __ Fee £1.50
2. Under 13 Girls Singles __ Fee £1.50
3. Under 16 Boys Singles __ Fee £1.50
4. Under 16 Girls Singles __ Fee £1.50
5. Under 13 Boys Team Event __ Fee £1.50
6. Under 13 Girls Team Event __ Fee £1.50
7. Under 16 Boys Team Event __ Fee £1.50
8. Under 16 Girls Team Event __ Fee £1.50

TOTAL ENTRY FEE ________________
I agree to accept the rules as printed.
Signature ____________________________
(Please print)
Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Entry forms to be completed and returned with entry fee to: Sealink Youth Cup, Teesport Limited, Zetland Place, Middlebrough, Cleveland TS1 1VU by 31st March 1983.

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WHATS ON AND WHERE

March 1983
1 European League Division 1 Turkey v Scotland
2 Junior Ranking Trials (Lillehammer)
3 Youth Open Trials (Liverpool)
4 PCA National League (12)
5 European League Super Division (1)
6 Blackburn Open (Barrow), pounding the Table Tennis Centre, Blackburn, Hesp. 7-10
7/13 County Championships (16)
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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

All the first series of matches in the second Premier Division weekend at Bristol were abandoned because of a slippery floor. Subsequently, after a deal of scrupling, results were:

Middlesex 6 Lancashire 3
Yorkshire 4 Berkshire 5
Staffordshire 1 Essex 8
Dorset 1 Warwickshire 8
Yorkshire 7 Dorset 2
Berkshire 2 Middlesex 7
Lancashire 6 Staffordshire 3
Essex 5 Warwickshire 4
Middlesex 6 Yorkshire 3
Warwickshire 3 Lancashire 6
Staffordshire 7 Berkshire 2
Dorset 1 Essex 6

TABLE

P W L F A
Middlesex ............. 6 5 1 35 19 10
Essex .................. 5 1 34 20 10
Lancashire ............ 6 4 2 31 23 8
Yorkshire ............. 6 3 3 29 25 6
Warwicks ............... 6 3 2 29 27 6
Staffs .................. 2 4 21 33 4
Dorset ................. 6 2 4 20 34 4
Essex v Middx, Warwicks v Staffs.

MARTIN ESSEX 3-STAR OPEN
Karen wins another! Sandiey Triumphs!
Full report and pictures will appear in next issue.

HUNGARIAN RECOVERY

From being 1-2 down Hungary staged a recovery to beat Federal Germany 4-3 in the Super Division of the European League on Jan. 12.

SCORES
J. Mocnlar lost to P. Stellwag -16, -18; J. Jonyer bt P. Engel -16, 18; G. Szabo lost to K. Kruger -16, 12, -14; G. Gergely/Jonyer bt Engel/Stellwag -19, 21, 18; Jonyer/Szabo bt Stellwag/Kruger 13, 15; Molnar bt Engel -20, 17, 20; Jonyer lost to Stellwag -20, 13, -15.

News from the Trade

SWEDISH KRONA SMASHES TABLE TENNIS PRICES

The recent devaluation of the Swedish Krona has enabled Rodan (UK) Ltd., the sole distributor of Stiga table tennis equipment, to slash the prices on all of their tables — in some cases by as much as £100. Stiga’s best championship table, the Expert VM, has been reduced from £531 to £452 (retail). Interestingly too, is the introduction of a new table, the Expert VM, which has the same performance as the Expert VM, but comes with metal legs and at a snip of the price — only £275. Two roll n fold away tables, the Privat 5 Roller and the New Family Roller, have also had their prices cut, by £104 and £34 respectively. There’s price reductions on some bats too, with £5 and more being knocked off the retail price of Stiga’s top eighteen bats.

Lesser savings are to be made on accessories and nets, with the exception of robot training equipment, which has been cut by a massive £300.

In all, good news for the table tennis player, both amateur and professional and especially for the club or school who are considering buying a new table.

For further information and a full price list, contact: Rodan (UK) Ltd., 8 Avonbridge (0732) 862777. Telex: 957419.

PRESTON TRIUMPH

In a top-of-the-table clash in Division 1 of the Lancs and Cheshire League, defending champions Preston hammered the one that got away being Shaun Browne’s victory over Philip Huggon. Both Donald Parker and Steve Turner were unbeaten.

APOLOGY

Owing to pressure on space, even with regard to the additional pages this issue, the Editor regrets that several letters from readers have been held over until the next issue.

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Full report and pictures in next issue.