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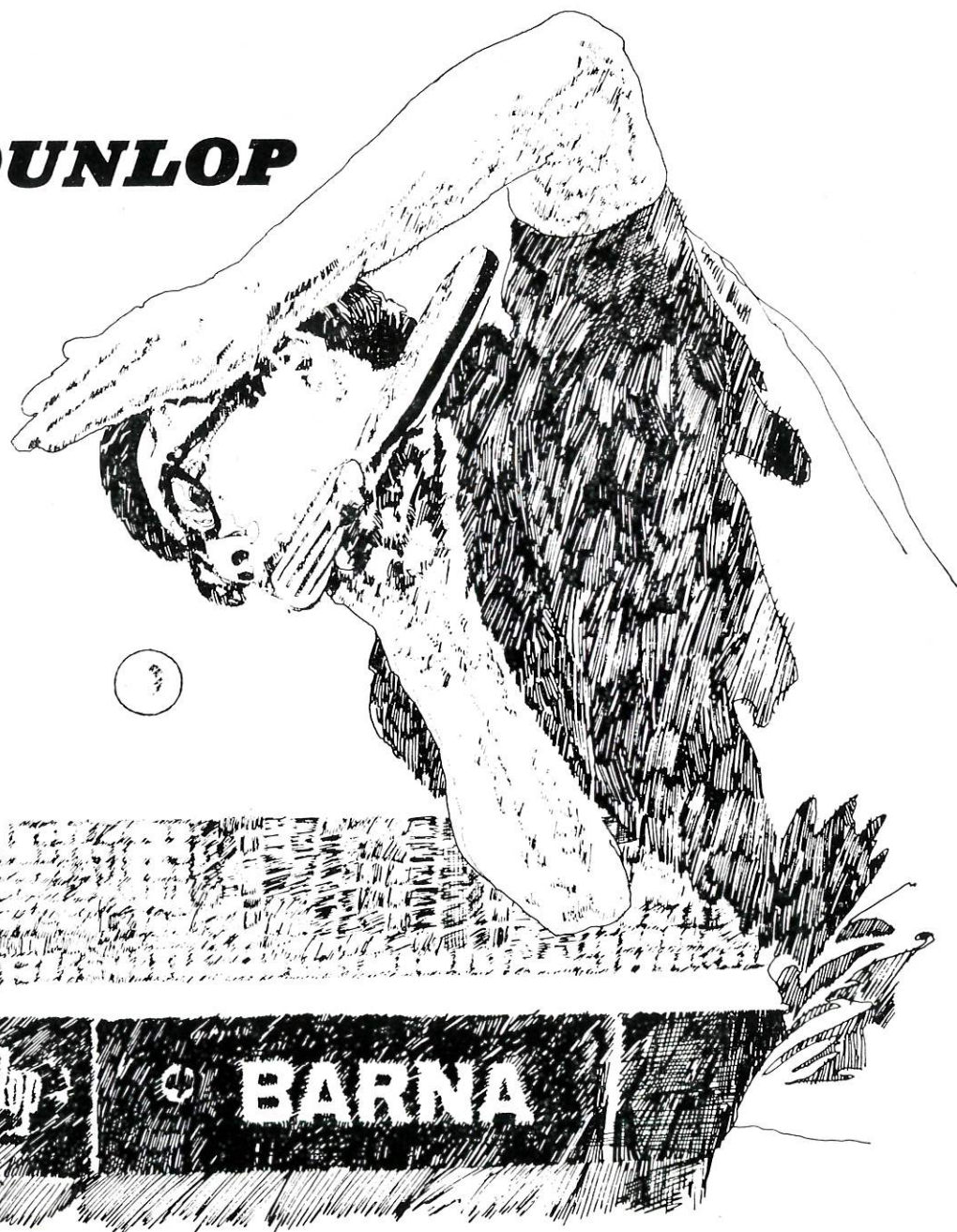
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## MESSAGE OF WELCOME



from

A. K. Vint, O.B.E., President E.T.T.A.

In the name of the English Table Tennis Association a sincere and warm welcome is given to the officials and players of the Table Tennis Association of the People's Republic of China who are visiting us again after an absence of some years.

China has been a member of the International Table Tennis Federation since 1953 and we were privileged to receive visits by their leading players in 1959, 1963 and 1965. They have produced world champions in our sport—in the Swaythling Cup, the Marcel Corbillion Cup, the Men's and Women's Singles and the Men's and Women's Doubles. It may not be generally known that table tennis is the most popular sport in China and is played by many millions of people, men and women, boys and girls, young and old. Tables are in factories, offices, sports halls, public parks—in fact anywhere space can be found. Playing standards and skill are high and we are confident during the current series of matches being played in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales we shall witness fast and exciting play—perhaps some new techniques—which will delight us all.

May we express the two-fold hope that during their stay our friends from China will enjoy a pleasant time and many sporting games with the opportunity to further develop the great friendship which exists between us so that they will take back with them the happiest of memories of their visit to the British Isles.

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Chairman of the Sports Council

Friendly competition between great nations is what sport is all about, for sport is the meeting-place where people of different cultures, different customs and different temperaments learn to honour and respect one another. For this reason I am delighted to be asked, on behalf of the Sports Council, which is representative of the whole sporting fraternity of Great Britain, to welcome our distinguished visitors—the players and officials of the table tennis team of the People's Republic of China.

The English team's short tour of China in the spring not only made sporting history but opened up a fresh channel of communication between our two countries. I have been told by Charles Wyles, Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association, how warmly he and the rest of the party were received, and how delighted they are this month to be able to return this hospitality.

Table tennis is a well-organised game in Britain, with its thousands of clubs, its thriving league competitions and its quarter of a million affiliated players. But it is also a game which flourishes at the very heart of British family life—even if it has to be played at times on an ordinary dining-room table with chairs that act as slight obstacles to a polished technique. The simple enthusiasm for it is what we particularly share with China, a country which can claim some 3½ million players.

I sincerely hope that China's team will enjoy their matches in our various cities and that in meeting us both in competition and socially will be able to take back with them the happiest of memories.



# TABLE TENNIS IN CHINA

by

CHARLES WYLES, Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association and Leader of the English party which visited China in April, 1971.



## FRIENDSHIP FIRST — COMPETITION SECOND

This was, undoubtedly, the theme of our visit to China and I am quite sure of its continuation within the United Kingdom.

Our first encounter with table tennis on our now epic eighteen day friendship tour to that vast country was during a car ride through the streets of Peking.

We had arrived the day before and after breakfast left our hotel in a chauffeur driven Chinese produced limousine. Winding perilously through the numerous bicycles—there are over 2 million in Peking alone—round a corner and there on the pavement two eleven year old boys were playing table tennis. Their equipment was far from 'ITTF approved'—upturned door resting on bricks with more bricks across the 'table' to form a solid net, a couple of rubber bats and, I presume, Double Happiness Balls.

This simple incident in Peking was typical of the tremendous interest in the game. Everyone it appears plays and this includes the Premier, Chou En Lai, most of his Ministers, many of whom we were fortunate to meet. The workers play in their canteens and children in the schools. Without a doubt it is the No. 1 sport in China to-day, with probably Basketball and Badminton following close behind.

With an entry of no less than 14-million in their Closed Championships and over 400,000 in the National Students' Tournament, this alone reflects the National interest. Small wonder we had been caught up in a tremendous international interest which surrounded our tour from the first day until our day of departure.

The Chinese Government provide extensive sporting facilities for most sports. In most streets there is somewhere to play table tennis with further coaching facilities at the more modern sports hall for greater advancement. All equipment is entirely free, including clothing, and Sports Halls are open day and night for the shift workers, thus giving equal opportunity.

Apart from table tennis the main cities have Olympic type swimming pools, Soccer pitches everywhere, athletic tracks, many indoor sports arenas and even specially built towers for parachute jumping, the last being a popular sport for all ages.

Competition is rife between the Communes, Settlements, Factories and Schools. Table Tennis tables are a 'must' and vast numbers support their favourites in rival competitive matches.

Never to be forgotten was the vast Sports Stadium in Peking where England played China in the first of a series of Internationals. The arena, incidentally, was the venue of the World Championships in 1961 and reputedly seats 18,000 people. But with the initiative of the Chinese, by packing spectators between the legs of others, no less than 24,000 people viewed our matches. And would you believe it—it was estimated that there were over 50,000 persons outside just hoping to get in. After that every match was an all ticket affair.

Just for the record we played at each venue both in the afternoon and evening to allow an equal chance for the shift workers.

Many notable Chinese political personalities attended our matches, including twice the acting Foreign Minister, Mr. Chiao Kuan-Hua, who is now heading the Chinese delegation to the United Nations in New York.

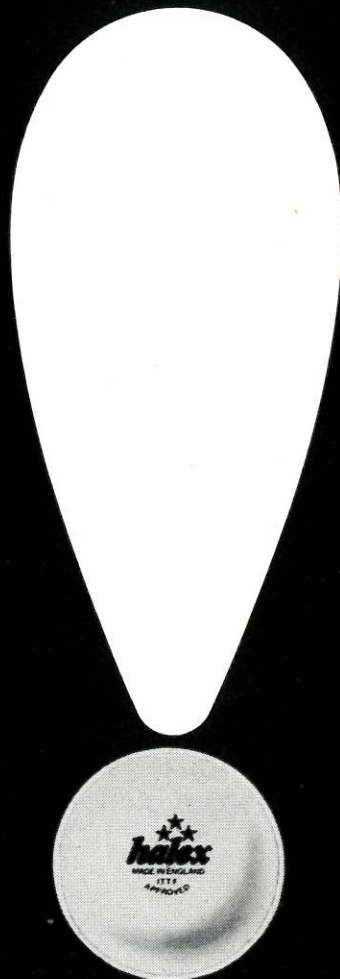
There was a particular incident concerning the presentation of the International matches which pleased us all very much. At the commencement of each match the players were presented to the audiences in a completely empty arena, the National Anthems were played, the participants left and on ran about 50 boys and girls, all dressed alike in red track suits, carrying all the equipment for the two matches. Table, surrounds, scoring machines, chairs, forms, umpires' tables, nets, refreshments, indeed, everything required including the portable television equipment. Every moment had been rehearsed and completed without a hitch in 90 seconds! And it was all cleared in the same manner after the last point of the match ready for the closing ceremony.

But what a lesson—NOT A SINGLE PERSON stirred from their seats and none did so until the entire closing ceremony had been completed and the guests had left the arena.

Truly, in the traditional Chinese manner, they have expanded the game as a family participation sport with really vast numbers both taking part and supporting the presentation of the game, thus creating through table tennis an atmosphere of Sporting Friendship within China itself. The expansion of this friendship through table tennis is fast spreading over all the world.



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The Table Tennis Association of Wales was formed in  
 1921 and celebrates its fiftieth birthday this year. It was  
 a Founder Member of the International Table Tennis  
 Federation in 1926, and the Association is now composed  
 of three County Associations—Glamorgan, Monmouth-  
 shire and Denbighshire, with Leagues in Aberdare,  
 Abergavenny, Angelsey, Bangor, Barry, Bridgend, Cardiff,  
 East Flint, Eastern Valleys, Llandrindod Wells, Llan-  
 dudno, Merioneth, Merthyr Tydfil, Newport, Rhyl,  
 Swansea, Tredegar, West Pembrokeshire, Wrexham.

Approximately 500 Clubs are affiliated, and about  
 5,000 directly affiliated players.

In addition to club matches and tournaments within  
 the local leagues, there is a Welsh League in which repre-  
 sentative league sides participate.

The County Associations participate in the National  
 Counties competition under the auspices of the English  
 Table Tennis Association.

There are several Open Tournaments in Wales, in  
 addition to a National (Closed) Tournament, and an  
 International (Open) Championships which attracts top  
 European stars. Welsh players also participate in the  
 main English tournaments.

Wales will play in the European Championships in  
 Rotterdam in April, 1972, and in the West European  
 Group of the European League in the preceding week.  
 We hope, also, to send our top juniors to the European  
 Youth Championships in Denmark in August, 1972.

Preparations are also being made for participation in the  
 World Championships in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in 1973.

The set piece of Welsh table tennis, however, will be  
 the Second Commonwealth Championships to be staged  
 in this National Sports Centre in March, 1973. Sixteen  
 Commonwealth countries have already promised to come,  
 and organisation work has commenced.

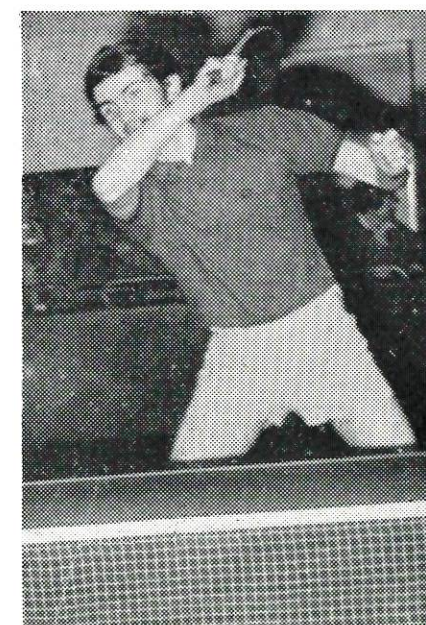
We operate coaching schemes at Elementary and  
 Advanced levels and have co-operated with the National  
 Sports Centre in their coaching syllabus. We have a panel  
 of qualified umpires.

Although never ranked very high in men's International  
 table tennis, Wales has cause to be proud of its women  
 players. The late Miss Dolly Gubbins, Mrs. Howard  
 Evans of Aberkenfig, was runner-up in the first World  
 Championships in London in 1926, and Mrs. Roy Evans  
 was ranked seventh in the world in 1938.

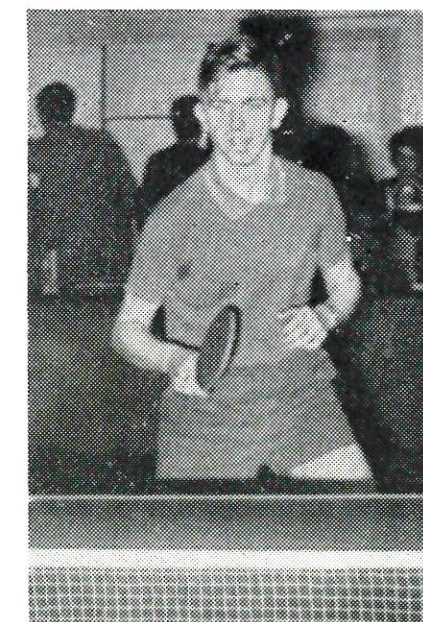
After the war, the Welsh women's team attained a  
 position of sixth in world ranking, and held that position  
 for four years.

Distinction to-day lies in the realms of administration.  
 After sixteen years as Honorary Secretary of the Inter-  
 national Federation, Mr. H. Roy Evans, our President,  
 became President of the world body in 1967, a position  
 he still holds, whilst Mrs. Roy Evans, our General Secre-  
 tary, is also Honorary General Secretary/Treasurer of  
 the European Union, and a Council member of the  
 International Federation.

ALAN MORRIS  
 Chairman



**GRAHAM DAVIES.** The Welsh No. 1. Graham Davies  
 is a 22-year-old schoolteacher from Bridgend. He is an  
 attacking player on both wings who has been Welsh  
 Closed Champion and has represented Wales in World  
 and European Championships, and in the European  
 League.

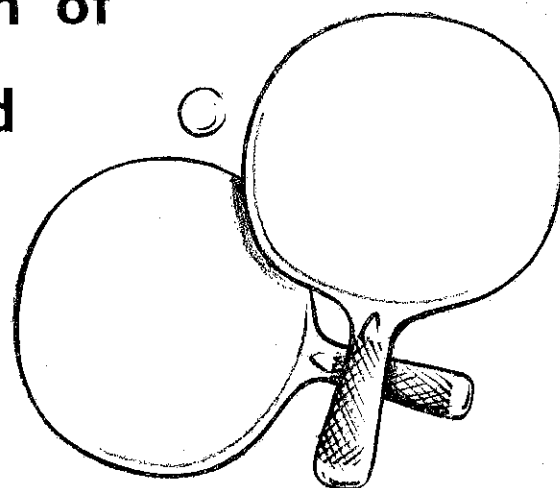


**ALAN GRIFFITHS.** No. 2 ranked in Wales, and is  
 present holder of the Welsh Closed Championship. Alan  
 is a 19-year-old technical trainee from Pontypridd, who  
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 pionships and in the European League. An attacking  
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I would also like to extend an especially sincere and warm welcome to the Chinese players and officials. It is of course expected that world champions travel extensively to exhibit their skills but nevertheless we in Scotland are indeed honoured that they have seen fit to include us in their itinerary. I trust that they enjoy their stay with us and take back many happy memories of their visit.

P. H. CANDLIN  
President  
Scottish Table Tennis Association



Malcolm Sugden

## PEN PICTURES

**MALCOLM SUGDEN.** Scottish No. 1. Left handed. Aged 29. He is a salesman. Winner of the Scottish Open title three times, and many other Open titles. Comes from Edinburgh but based in London.

**RICHARD YULE.** From Aberdeen but studying in Edinburgh. No. 2 player, aged 21. He is at Edinburgh University studying languages. Very much improved over the last year. He is the Scottish Closed Champion.

**ERIC SUTHERLAND.** Aged 21. Civil Servant. Married with one child. Scottish No. 3. Right handed. Winner of many Scottish Tournaments. Fair haired. Comes from Edinburgh.

**ELAINE SMITH.** Young Scottish junior who is 16 years old. Has won all Junior events this season. She is a schoolgirl from Bridge of Cally. Studying for A levels. She has most of the Open Women's Singles titles.

**KATHY ANGUS.** Aged 21. Right handed. From Aberdeen, at present in her final year studying at Aberdeen University for an Honours degree in Maths.

## RESERVES :

**TERRY FORKER.** Aged 19. Left handed. G.P.O. Computer worker. Has recently won 2 Men's Singles Titles and is now establishing himself as a Scottish International. Comes from Edinburgh.

**LESLEY MONTAGUE.** Aged 19. Comes from Lenzie, West of Scotland. Left handed. At present studying at Strathclyde University in Hotel Management.

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### MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT DERMET L. HENNESSEY

As President of the Irish Table Tennis Association may I on behalf of table tennis players throughout the length and breadth of Ireland extend a "Cead mile a Failte" to our Chinese friends. Table tennis has welcomed many distinguished visitors to our country but none are more welcome than those who are with us to-night.

They have reached the heights this past number of years with their brilliant displays in the World Championships and we look forward to seeing some outstanding table tennis to-night.

May I express the hope that their short stay in Ireland will be a memorable one and they will take back to their own country our sincere felicitations.

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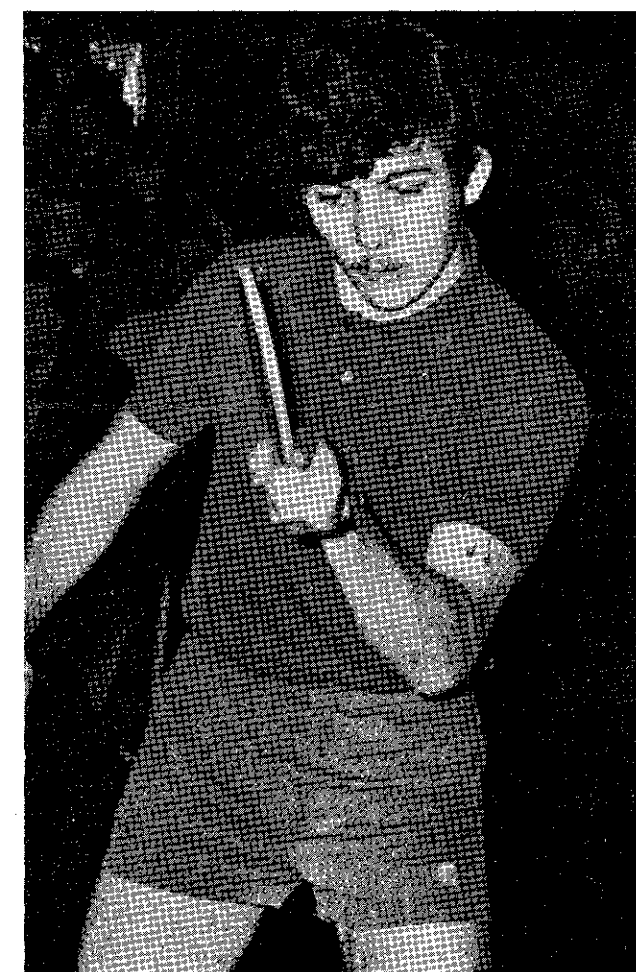
**JIMMY LANGAN** (Dublin). Aged 23 years. Has been capped 64 times for Ireland. An attacking left-hander who has had many excellent wins against English and European players. Been playing for 9 years.

**TOMMY CAFFREY** (Balbriggan). Aged 28 years. Has been capped 99 times for Ireland. An attacking right-handed player who has been playing for the past 14 years.

**CLIFFORD THOMPSON** (Belfast). Aged 27 years. A defensive player who has played 42 times for Ireland in the last 10 years.

**MISS KYRA STEWART** (Magherafelt). Aged 19 years. Has 4 caps for Ireland. Played in last World Championships in Nagoya and has been coached for three months in Japan. This is her third year playing.

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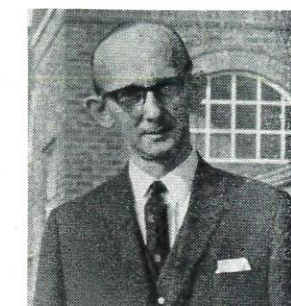
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The sequence of events is now part of history and indeed, may well be written into the history books of the future as the opening of a new understanding between the East and the West.

The E.T.T.A. had intended the Chinese to visit England in the first place but the initiative was taken by the Chinese authorities in inviting our party to stay over and tour China following the recent World Championships in Japan.

We now have a wonderful opportunity of showing our appreciation of the exceptional hospitality given to the English party during the fabulous tour earlier this year.

With seven matches to be played and some 2,000 miles to travel in a limited period of thirteen days, there will be little time available to entertain our friends to the fullest extent we would wish but we will see to their comfort and their entertainment so that they will return to China with the same enthusiasm as our team returned to England.

So the organisation of this tour has been considered to be a major operation of the most important event in the history of the Association. It would not be strictly correct to say that expense has not been considered, but due to the generous assistance received from various sources it has been possible to organise the tour without having to limit our ideas because of the lack of money.

It is difficult to estimate the full cost of the tour but on a commercial basis it would probably amount to something in the region of £10,000 or roughly £750 per day. The money or equivalent facilities are being provided and the four home countries associations involved will benefit

financially. The greatest benefit, however, will be derived from the interest created in each country amongst the general public.

It is anticipated that 20,000 spectators will attend the various matches and many more would do so but for the limitations of accommodation in our existing sports halls. In addition, millions of viewers will see the matches on television and on the newsreels. This will provide a boost to the game that far outweighs any financial gain.

Nevertheless, there will be some profit available and the first priority will be to provide for an early return visit to China by a team from England. Other possibilities come to mind, such as an international match between schoolchildren of England and China, and the British Government has already indicated that it is prepared to assist in this type of event.

By the end of the tour it may well be obvious that there is a gulf between the standard of play of each team and this gulf can only be bridged by giving our own players as much international experience as possible. This too, must be a priority and it is expected that England will participate in more international competitions in future, and more experience will be given to younger players.

The tour will also add to the enthusiasm already being shown for the World Championships in 1977 which England has an option to stage. A decision will have to be made very soon and any surplus money could be very well allocated to start off a World Championships fund.

Whilst particular events, such as the current tour, may from time to time provide additional revenue for the E.T.T.A. it must be remembered that, apart from members' subscriptions and Government assistance, the E.T.T.A. relies on the regular assistance provided by manufacturers and sponsors. Your attention is drawn to the advertisements appearing in this programme and we hope that the friends of the E.T.T.A. will benefit from your continued support. Our sincere thanks are due to these companies.



# Introduction to the

members of the

## CHINESE TABLE TENNIS TEAM . . .



Chi Yu-hua



Kuan Huei-kuang



Hsu Yin-sheng



Wang Chih-liang



Lou Ta-peng

Chi Yu-hua

Kuan Huei-kuang

Hsu Yin-sheng

Wang Chih-liang

Lou Ta-peng

Team Leader : **CHI YU-HUA**

Leading member of the Department of Sports of Peking Physical Culture Institute.

Deputy Leader : **KUAN HUEI-KUANG**

Chief of Section of the Department of Sports of Peking Physical Culture Institute.

Coaches : **HSU YIN-SHENG**

National Coach.

**WANG CHIH-LIANG**

National Coach.

Interpreter : **LOU TA-PENG**

Staff member of the All-China Sports Federation.

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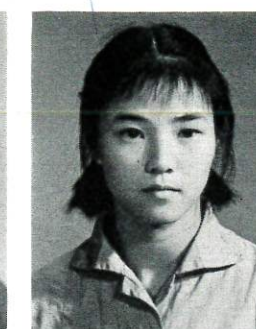
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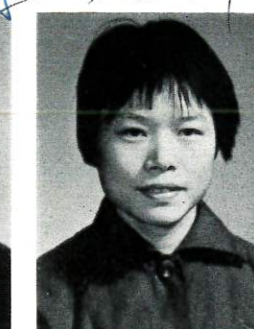
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胡玉兰



Hu Yu-lan

黄世平



Huang Hshi-ping

Women Players

**LI LI**

31st World Championships Women's Singles semi-finalist.

**LIN MEI-CHUN**

Member of the 31st World Championships Women's Team Event finalist.

**HU YU-LAN**

Member of the 1971 Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament Women's Team Event Champion.

**CHENG HUAI-YING**

Member of the 1971 Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament Women's Team Event Champion, Women's Singles Champion.

**HUANG HSHI-PING**

Junior player.

李景光



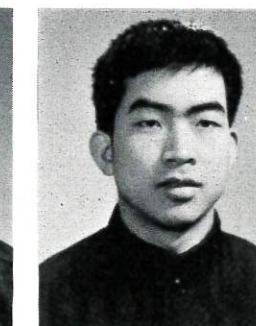
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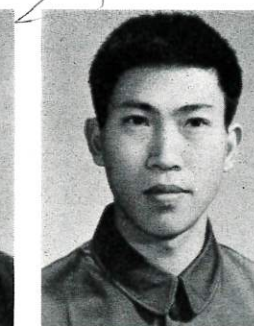
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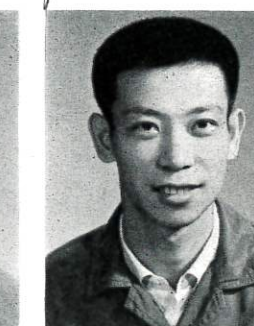
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Men Players

**LI CHING-KUANG**

Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team Event Champion.

**LIANG KE-LIANG**

Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team Event Champion.

**TIAO WEN-YUAN**

1971 Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament Men's Doubles Champion.

**HSI EN-TING**

Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team Event Champion, Men's Singles semi-finalist.

**YU CHANG-CHUN**

Participant of 27th, 28th and 31st World Championships.



# MATCH PROGRAMME

The names of players, number of games and the order of play will all be announced

Teams :

## CHINA

Li Ching-kuang  
Hsi En-ting  
Liang Ke-liang  
Tiao Wen-yuan  
Yu Chang-chun

Li Li  
Lin Mei-chun  
Cheng Huai-ying  
Hu Yu-lan  
Huang Hshi-ping

## ENGLAND

Chester Barnes  
Denis Neale  
Trevor Taylor  
Tony Clayton  
Nicky Jarvis

Jill Hammersley  
Karenza Mathews

Captain : Bryan Merrett

Teams :

## IRELAND

Chester Barnes  
Jimmy Langan  
Sammy Caffrey  
Clifford Thompson

Kyra Stewart  
Karen Senior

## SCOTLAND

Malcolm Sugden  
Richard Yule  
Eric Sutherland

Elaine Smith  
Kathy Angus

## WALES

Graham Davis  
Alan Griffiths  
Chester Barnes  
Trevor Taylor

Jill Hammersley  
Karenza Mathews

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2			V						
3			V						
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Result : ..... beat ..... by ..... sets to .....

All matches against England in this series are being played for the Mothercare Cup



# MEMBERS OF THE ENGLISH TEAM

## JILL HAMMERSLEY



England No. 1 perhaps better known by her maiden name, Shirley. Born at Carshalton, Surrey, in December, 1951. Jill started her table tennis career in Slough and became a Junior International of considerable ability. She won the English Junior Open title in the 1968/69 season, then a year later literally exploded into the senior ranks by reaching the final of the English Open Singles beating the reigning European Champion, Ilona Vostova, on the way.

A sponsored trip to Japan in 1969 had a great bearing on Jill's development and her fine play last season in both the Commonwealth and World Championships resulted in her inclusion in the official World Ranking List. She holds the No. 17 position.

Last season started slowly for Jill but as the season progressed so did her status and she went on to win the Commonwealth Singles title, beating her team-mate, Karenza Mathews in the final. Further successes came her way at the World Championships in Nagoya, then an unforgettable trip into China crowned a memorable six months of her life.

Jill is basically a defensive player with a fine chop from both forehand and backhand. She does not possess a consistent hit but when her opponent is least expecting, she unleashes a penetrative angled hit that is most effective. Her quiet demeanour belies the tenacity and determination that is smouldering beneath the surface.

## CHESTER BARNES



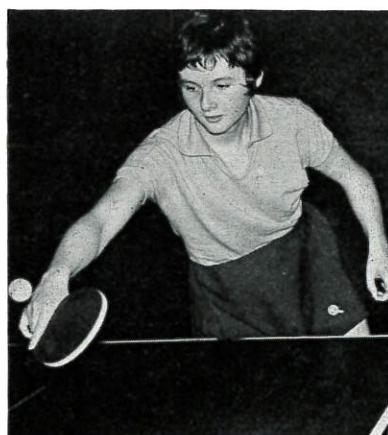
The present England Champion and England No. 1, Chester was born in London in 1947. In his table tennis career he has become perhaps the most publicised English player since Johnny Leach was World Champion in 1951. He has endeared himself to the younger generation by his pop star appearance (he has one inch of hair length for each of his 24 years) and by his controversial publicity.

Chester first hit the headlines in 1963 by being the youngest player to become English Champion at the age of 15. Since then he has been England's Champion on numerous occasions and has never been ranked lower than No. 2. He has also been consistently placed on the European and World Ranking Lists. He has been successful abroad and has won several European National Open titles. He has travelled to many countries playing table tennis and the wonderful control he has over the tiny celluloid ball has been admired wherever he has played.

Chester has a fluent attacking game based mainly on his powerful forehand topspin drive. He has also great control on the backhand wing and this combined with lightning reflexes has brought him victory over the world's greatest attacking players.

As he unfortunately missed the chance to play the Chinese in the World Championships in Japan in April, he will be very keen to secure victories over our Chinese visitors in these matches. When the Japanese came to England last year Chester was one of our most successful players. Can he repeat the performance on this occasion?

## KARENZA MATHEWS



England No. 2. Born at Bristol in September, 1950. Karenza was a junior of exceptional talent and made her first appearance for England when only 14. Two years later she was selected for her country in a full scale Senior International fixture. Since then she has been an indispensable member of England's team and has had many tournament successes on the world circuit. She is currently on the official World Ranking List.

In the late sixties, Karenza teamed with Mary Wright and a Doubles pairing of outstanding quality was formed. Their partnership reached its peak in April, 1970, when before excited fans they won the coveted English Open Doubles title. The taste of success spurred Karenza to greater effort and it was in the following season (1970/71) that she had her finest moments. She won the Spanish Open Singles title, reached the Singles final of the Commonwealth Championships in Singapore and for good measure took the Ladies' Doubles titles at both those Championships. During the early part of the season Karenza impressed the selectors by a tremendous win over the reigning World Champion, Toshika Kowada, in an official International against Japan. She then won the National Closed Singles Title in convincing style and was elevated to the No. 1 position in England's Ranking List.

Karenza has a fluent attacking game with a particularly fine backhand. There is a machine-like perfection about her strokes which is balanced with a temperament ideally suitable for the cut and thrust of top competition. Still only 21 she has many years left to achieve even higher honours.



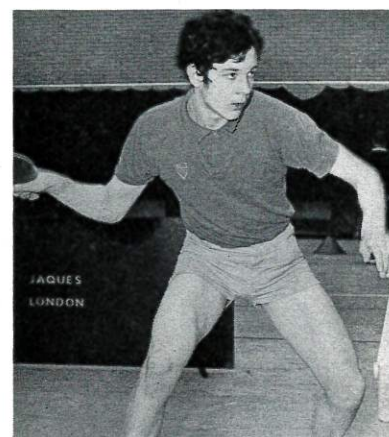
## DENIS NEALE

Denis, now ranked No. 2 in England, was born in Middlesboro in 1944. He first started playing at the age of 14 at the local boys' club and represented England as a junior two years later. This swift rise to fame as a junior was echoed when he broke upon the senior table tennis world with a phenomenal run of successes in the European Championships in Sweden in 1964. Here he defeated the number one players of the five strongest European countries. These five included two European Champions!

Denis is a fine all round athlete and has in fact covered 100 yards in ten seconds. This explosive power he uses to great advantage at the table. His two wing attacking game is unusually difficult to play against because he takes the ball very early. His spectacular jump to kill a high ball is also something to watch for.

Denis has travelled all over the world playing table tennis. He was invited by the Japanese to form part of a team representing Europe to tour Japan in 1969; a tribute to his outstanding international record.

He has an eternal rivalry with Chester Barnes and will certainly be out to do well against the Chinese during this tour. He is anxious to regain the No. 1 position on the English ranking list and success against the Chinese could well help him to achieve this object.



## NICKY JARVIS

The youngest member of the England squad at 17 years of age, Nicky Jarvis, like his team mate Denis Neale, comes from one of the keenest centres of table tennis in the north, Middlesboro.

Nicky started playing at school and his talents soon took him to Ormesby Table Tennis Club—which he still represents. Although a fine all round athlete, he made remarkable progress at table tennis. Having first represented his county at the age of 13 he pinned on an England junior badge at the age of 15. The same year saw him promoted to England Junior No. 1.

His powerful attacking game demands great fitness and he trains regularly at his club. His tournament successes at home impressed the selectors so much that this season—his first as a senior—he was sent to the Yugoslavian and French Open tournaments. In Yugoslavia he lost only narrowly to ex-European Champion Surbek and in France won both his singles against the host country in the Team Event.

He is currently ranked No. 8 in England and it seems that this is destined to be a great season for him. As one of England's future champions the experience he gains against the Chinese will be of great value to him.



## TONY CLAYTON

A hive of industry in the table tennis world is the Yorkshire town of Hull. Despite their keenness however they have never been able to boast a top class international player. Tony Clayton, born in Hull in 1950, has put that situation to rights.

The advent of a player upon the international scene has rarely been achieved more dramatically. Tony set about this by first travelling to Canterbury in January where his only loss was to Chester Barnes in the final of the English Closed Championships—an outstanding performance. Thus encouraged he handed out a hiding to the Czechoslovakian Champion Stephan Kollarovits in February, 1971, before his own delirious crowd.

Sometimes the reserve gets a break; and this is exactly what happened to Tony. Selected as reserve for the team to represent England at the Commonwealth Championships in Singapore and on to the World Championships in Japan, Tony had a telegram on the day of departure and found himself on the plane to the Far East. As if that wasn't enough he then toured China for a fortnight with the England team!

A great character, and a very talented and dedicated player, Tony has a wonderful future in table tennis. His strong left handed attacking game is improving all the time and he will certainly form an important part of the England squad in years to come.



## TREVOR TAYLOR

Trevor was born in March, 1952, and was introduced to the game, as so many have been, on the dining room table at home in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

He first represented England at the age of 14 and played for England 14 times as a junior. His unusual style soon became the talk of European table tennis for here was an attacking player with the cool deliberation of a world class defensive player! From 1968 when he first represented England as a senior, he began to pile up his international victories. He has now played for England nearly 50 times and crowned his record this year by becoming the first ever Commonwealth Champion.

His style will soon become apparent as he is content simply to return the attacking shots of his opponent with apparent nonchalance. That is until he chooses his moment to unleash his own incredibly powerful forehand smash.

Prevented so far by Denis Neale and Chester Barnes from reaching the No. 1 spot, Trevor is a wonderful asset to English table tennis and is destined to play an ever increasingly important role in the game in this country in years to come.



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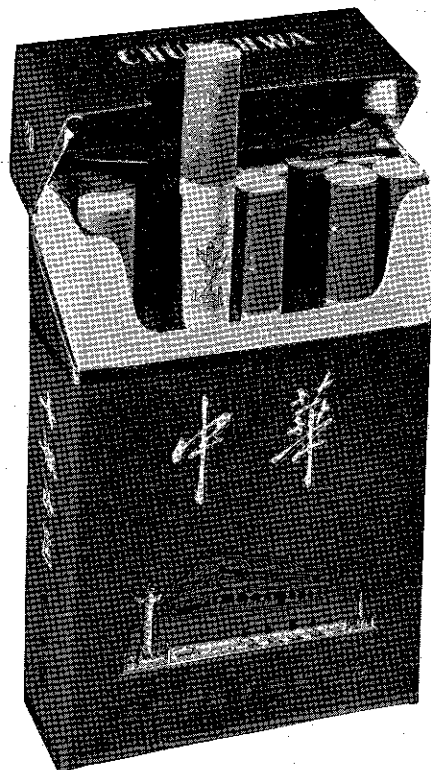


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## FUTURE OUTLOOK— BRIGHT!

by

Johnny Leach, M.B.E.



Nearly two decades have passed since an English player last figured on the list of World Champions, and yet I have never felt more confident about this country's future prospects than I do to-day.

Except for those early 'ping pong' days, English players have never dominated world table tennis honours as did, for example, the central European stars of the 1930's, the Japanese penholders of the 1950's, and the Chinese artists of the 1960's. I would still rate the latter as outstanding. But now I firmly believe that an era of English excellence is just around the corner.

The reason for my optimism is that I consider our youngsters of 11 and 12 years of age to be as well endowed with the skill and self discipline, much better coached and trained, and more dedicated than their fathers before them.

This conclusion will surprise those who can see little praise in the present long haired, extrovert and irreverent younger generation; and also those who believe the Asian style to be still streets ahead of our own in the west.

But having had personal contact with many thousands of boys and girls who, every summer enter the News of the World Coaching Scheme at Butlins Holiday Camps, I have a great deal of admiration and respect for them. In fact, I think we all tend to underestimate the character and ability of the best of them in comparison with the 'giants of the past'; also that the best will be better still if we were to forget our prejudices and give them the wholehearted applause and encouragement their efforts deserve.

As for the contention that Asian style is superior to our own, I have long argued—and still believe—that the success of the Japanese and Chinese champions in recent years has been due largely to superior fitness, speed and dedication. Style of play does not enter into it, except that initially Asian technique was strange and unfamiliar to us. The latter is a handicap we are still striving to correct by providing our players with more opportunity to travel and gain playing experience in the Far East.

Gradually the leading players in Europe have been narrowing the gap in standard, until, at the last World Championships earlier this year, the West was able to recapture both the Men's Singles and Double's crowns. And, bearing in mind, the several successes English players have scored in recent encounters with the best players in Europe, we can fairly claim then to be far stronger contenders for future world honours than the current ranking list might suggest.

The fact is that in recent years the E.T.T.A. has got the message, and snapped into a thoroughly modern, enlightened approach. Under the experienced supervision of leaders like Bryan Merrett, Brian and Mary Wright, and Les Gresswell, all our outstanding English players have been able to attend regular training sessions at home, while they have also been given additional opportunities to compete and train abroad. Commercial sponsorship has been found to facilitate travel, also to provide bigger

financial incentives which encourage competitors in home tournaments. The more professional approach is vital to-day. Our sport has become so highly competitive that no individual can expect to be consistently successful, nor even maintain a high standard, without constant fitness training, practice, and involvement in competition at the highest level.

The result of all this increased activity to date is that England can boast strength in depth as probably her greatest asset. To mention but a few talented teenagers now poised for a break through into world class table tennis, we have the Taylor brothers, Nicky Jarvis, Simon Heaps, Ian Horsham, David Alderson, Linda Howard and Janet Hellaby. And I could go on.

These, then, are some of the reasons for my optimism. And nothing, perhaps, could be calculated to give a bigger boost to England's future prospects than the current visit from the brilliant stars from China.

I think our visitors will be impressed by the improvement in English play since they were last here. Our players need no longer fear the strangeness of the Asiatic style, nor their fitness, speed and dedication which we are now close to matching. I think the England team will give a good account of themselves, though they still have much to learn from these oriental wizards, the best the world has seen so far.

But the chief value of the Chinese team could be its impact on those English youngsters watching from the sidelines, amongst them our potential representatives for the 1977 World Championships to be staged in England. Let the stars of to-morrow watch closely and learn, and then apply themselves with enthusiasm to their own improvement. If they can do this, by 1977 I feel sure that England will be able to introduce players capable of winning world honours and heralding a new era of English success.



Trevor Taylor (left) and Alan Hydes visiting a Chinese home





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The Hon. Ivor Montagu, Life Vice-President of the E.T.T.A.

Japanese Ping Pong Association in 1927, with a special form of service, a table 4 ft. 8 ins. wide and games scored at eleven points up. Only after the foundation of the People's Republic did table tennis in China become a really national game, and become affiliated to the International Federation.

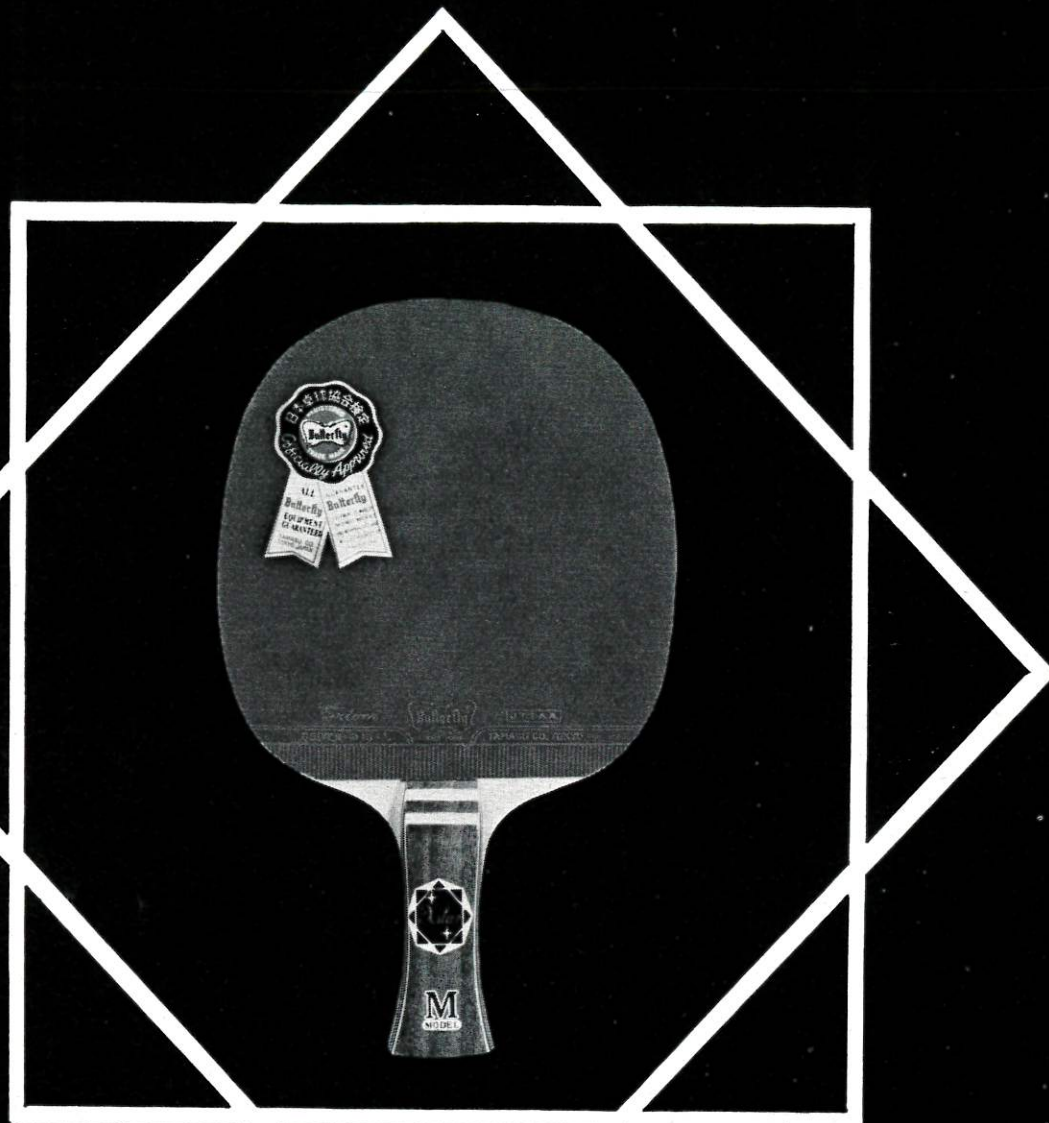
The first meeting between our two teams—in 1953 at the Bucharist World Championships—resulted in an English victory by 5-0, but since then the pupils have become the masters, and it is long since an accepted balance of the scores at our meetings has been at least very near the other way.

For many years now players and spectators alike, the world over, have looked to Chinese teams to show them not only the highest sporting quality but the greatest skills to which the game is capable. And this high standard rests not on a handful of exceptional stars only but on the general encouragement to athletics throughout their country. Such progress is an encouragement to everyone. We are delighted that the friendship is being renewed and hope that the visit to our shores may be of equal pleasure to our guests.



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Not only do table tennis players come from China, but it is also the home of the Giant Panda. Chi-Chi, which means "naughty, mischievous little girl," is now 14 years old and probably not as mischievous as she used to be. Nevertheless, she is still a major attraction at the London Zoo and it is hoped that our guests will have an opportunity to visit her.

Chi Chi at London Zoo

#### NATIONAL FIXTURES - 1972

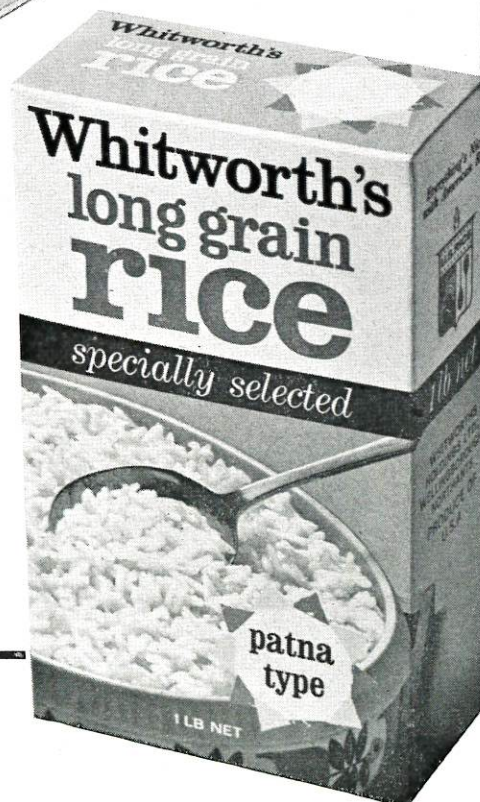
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9th January	—	English Junior Closed Championships	—	Crystal Palace
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6th March	—	England v. Czechoslovakia	—	Bracknell
7th March	—	England v. Czechoslovakia (Venue to be confirmed)	—	Leicester
9th March	—	England v. Czechoslovakia	—	Norwich
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## THE TOUR



by

Derek Tremayne

General Secretary E.T.T.A. and Tour Organiser

On joining the E.T.T.A. five years ago I was very much aware of the successful visit of a Chinese Table Tennis team to England which last took place in 1965. There is no doubt that the Chinese team of that year was most outstanding and left many memories of their skill.

A great deal has happened and table tennis in this country has developed considerably since that time as it has throughout the world. There is no doubt, however, that the most memorable happening must surely have been our team's visit to China in April. This was a visit of friendship and we hope it will be the forerunner of many similar exchanges between our two countries in the future.

This present tour has been discussed and negotiated in various parts of the world from Park Crescent to Peking and we are happy to have our visitors with us as a result of these discussions.

A tour of the British Isles such as this requires considerable organisation and would not be possible without the support of dozens of voluntary workers who are members of the various associations staging the matches. They are the backbone of any sports organisation and without their support a professional administration could achieve little. There is no doubt that the efficiency of table tennis administration at all levels is much admired by many governing bodies of sport and we have a reputation to be proud of.

Whilst we are reliant on voluntary workers to carry out all the tasks involved at local level a tour of this magnitude requires considerable finance. The Association had to think in terms of thousands of pounds instead of hundreds.

In order to safeguard our finances it was agreed that some form of financial support should be obtained if at all possible. To this extent the Association is greatly indebted to Mothercare Limited for their support which is most valuable and a certain insurance against any loss. This relationship between a family company and our family sport is valued highly by the Association.

Thanks are also expressed to members of The 48 Group—a group of companies trading with China—for their financial and other support.

It was suggested that with such a large group of Chinese and English players and officials to transport around the country the most suitable method of transport would be by air. On looking at costs through charter companies it was quite clear that the expense would be prohibitive. Once again we were able to find a "fairy godmother" in the shape of Hawker Siddeley Aviation Limited who have provided an aircraft to transport the teams throughout the British Isles and further if required.

Support has been forthcoming from numerous other companies in various ways and these are mentioned elsewhere in the programme. To these companies and others who have assisted at local level we are most grateful.

In other ways this tour must also be unique in that it has brought together the Associations of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales for the mutual purpose of welcoming our table tennis friends from the Peoples' Republic of China. It is unfortunate that it was not possible to arrange for a visit to Guernsey and Jersey within the tour but it is sincerely hoped that this might be possible on some future occasion.

We are naturally extremely pleased that matches are being played in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin and know that our guests will enjoy their visit to these cities. The opportunity for many people from much of the British Isles to see table tennis of the standard envisaged is very welcome and the standard of table tennis as a whole can only benefit from such matches.

Whilst table tennis in these Isles is still very much a growing sport we still have a lot to learn. Particularly in terms of play we must take note of the developments in those countries where the sport is given first priority and considered to be a major sport.



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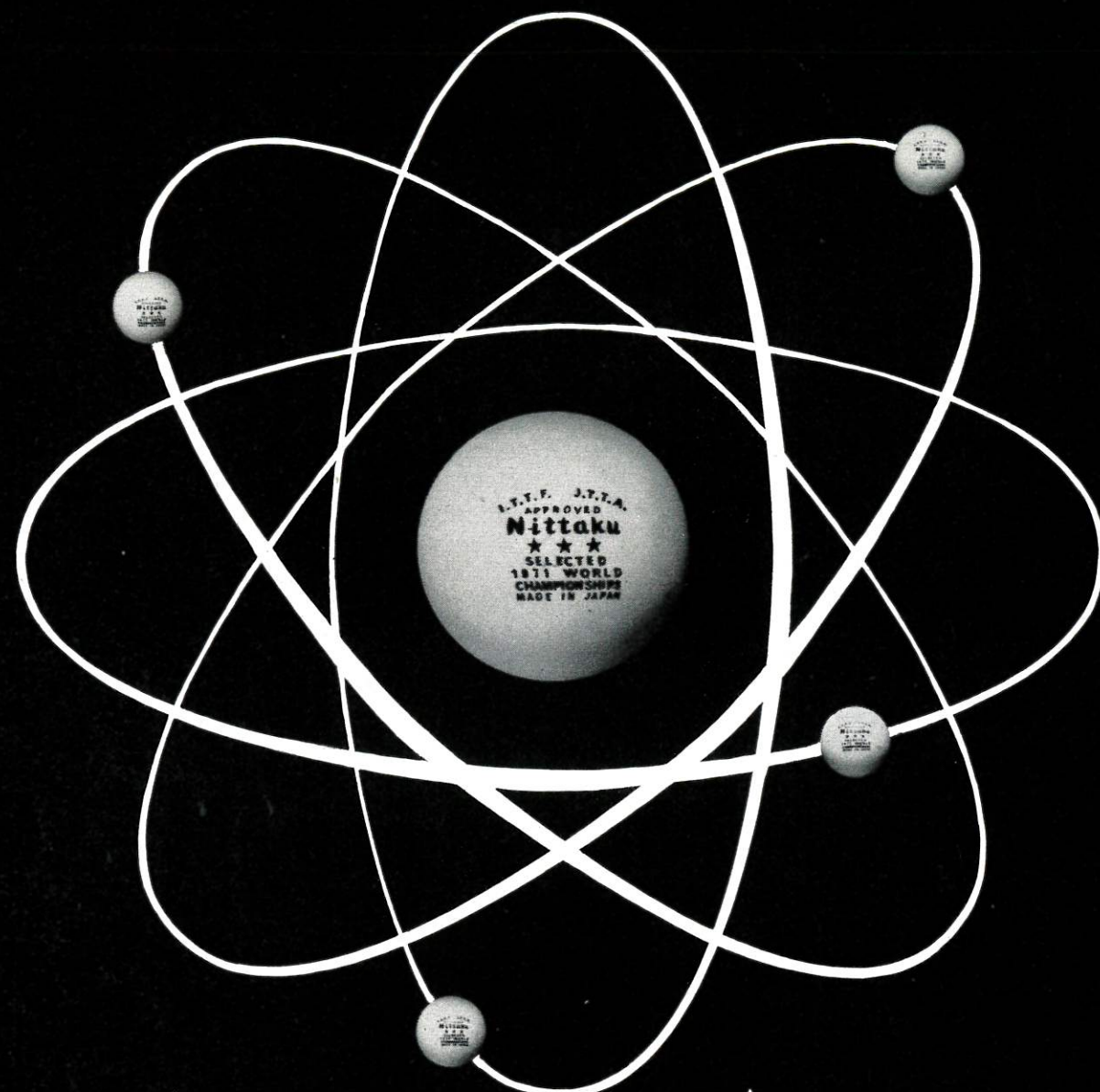
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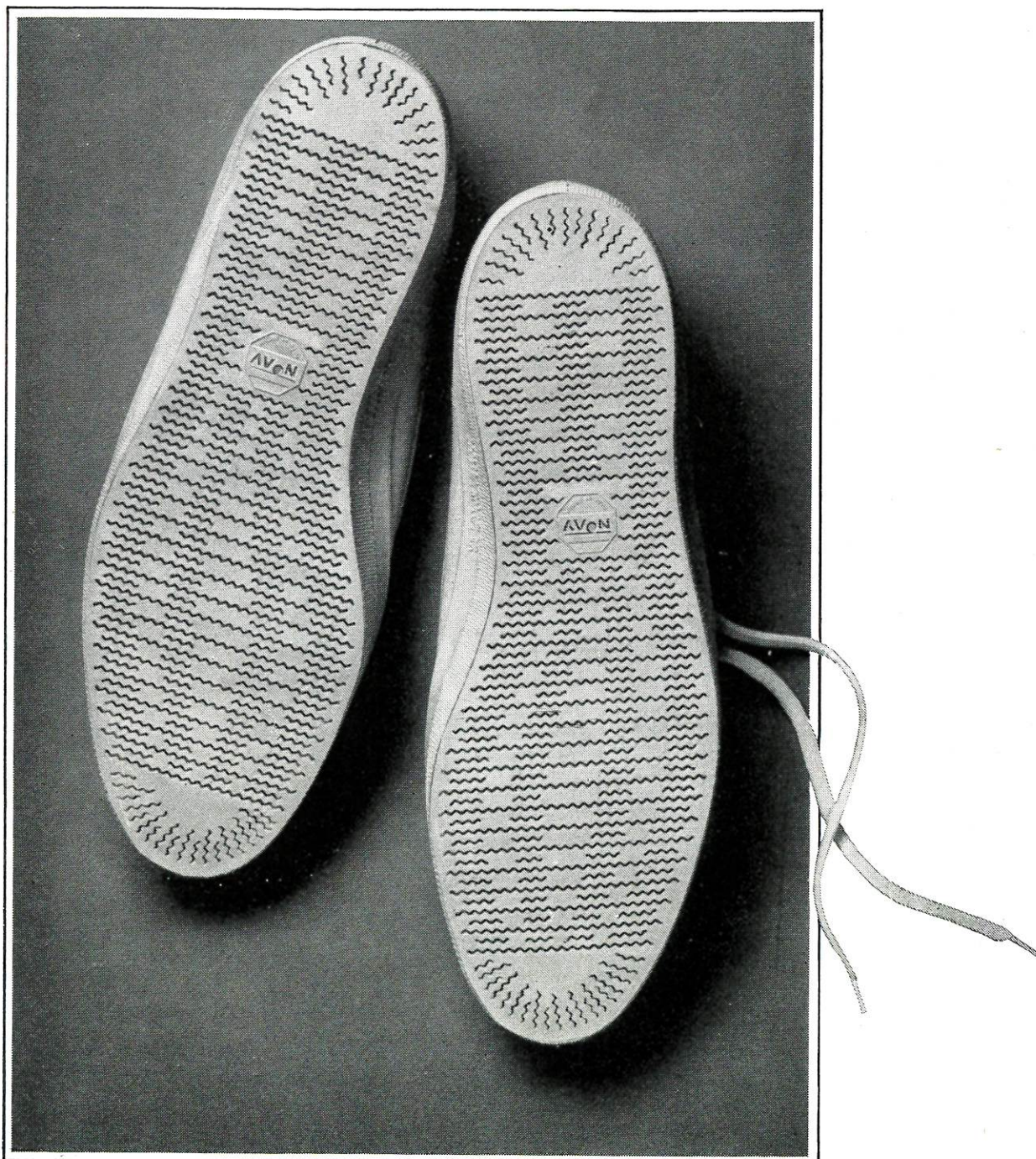
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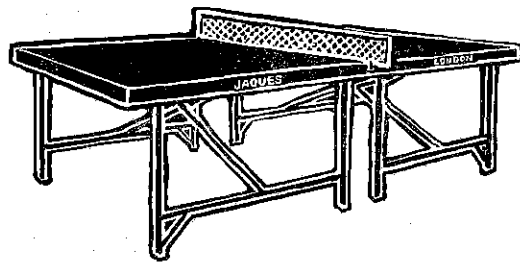
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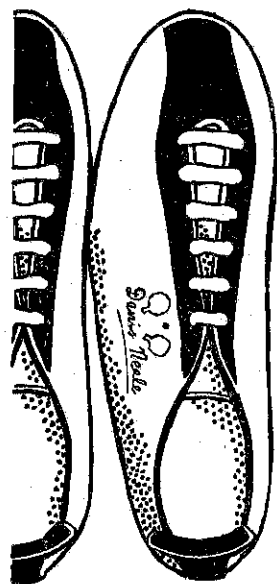
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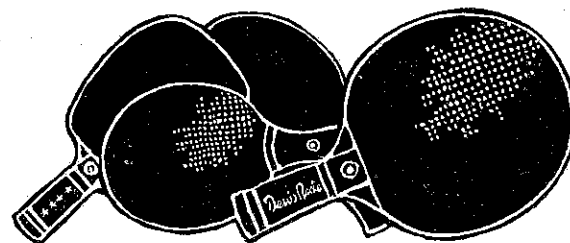
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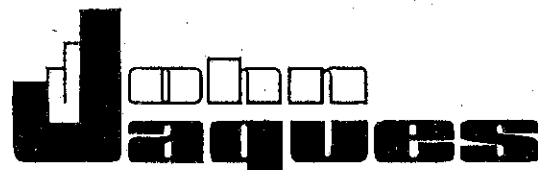
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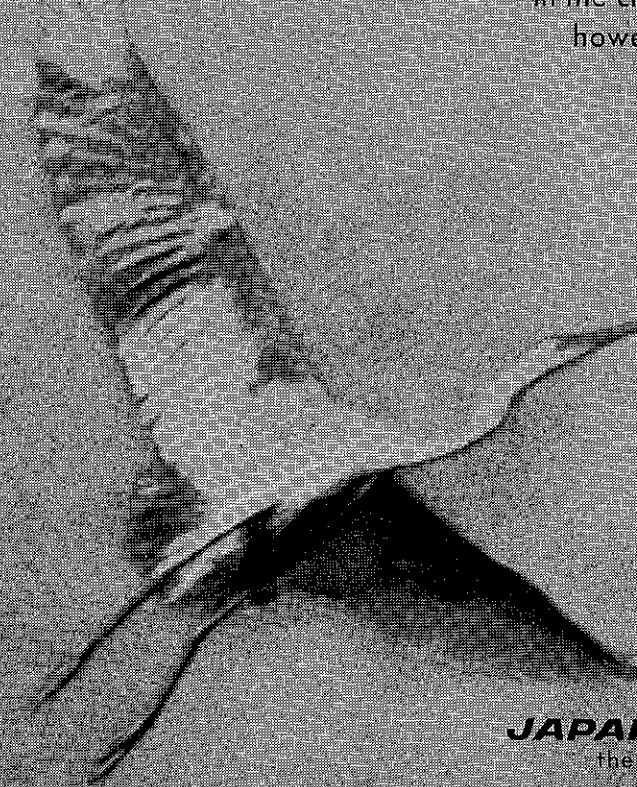
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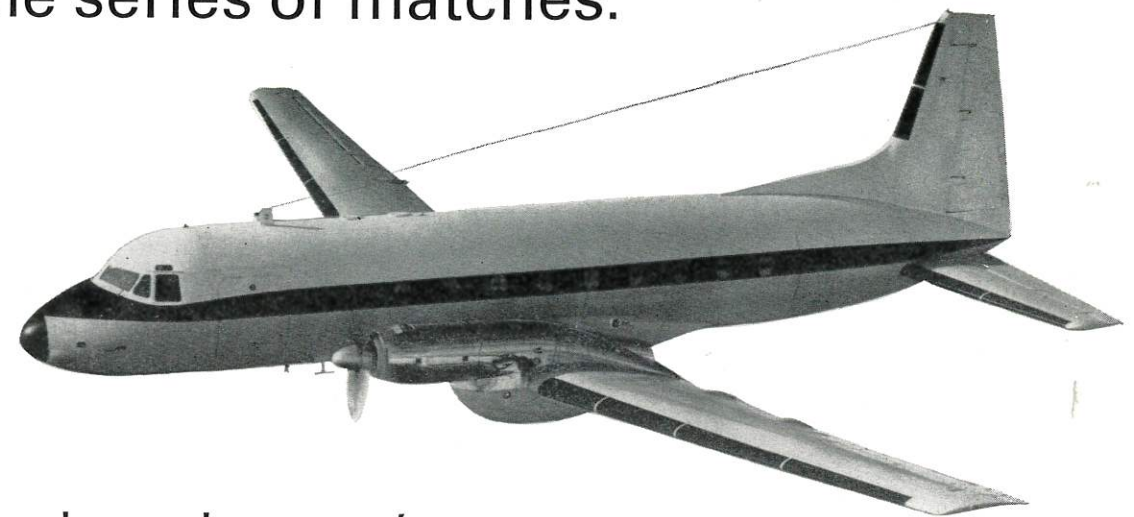


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