

## Berenbaum Wins U.S. Title, Beats McClure; Schiff Falter Philadelphia Awarded 1936 Nationals; Amzone at Washington

New Yorker Outpushes Mark Schlude in Dull Final As Crowd Boos

### BLATTNER FLATTENS CHAMP

Chicago, Apr. 8: Abe Berenbaum won the 1934-35 U.S. title and Gimbel trophy as the 5th and greatest National championships slid into history in the Hotel Stevens grand ballroom at 2:30 a. m.

Seeded No. 3, the slender City College of New York lefthander, who lost only one tournament this season, upset the dope with his deadly chop and dogged defense. He becomes the first undisputed National table tennis champion, since Mark Schussheim wore the crown in 1931.

Boos and applause greeted the final match when 800 spectators, appetites whetted by brilliant, slashing matches, fidgeted thru a 2½-hour pushing contest, in which Abe outlasted Mark Schlude (No. 4, St. Louis) and won 21-19, 13-21, 21-16, 13-21, 21-9.

In an equally long semi-final, that sizzling Co-Champion Jimmy McClure (No. 1, Indianapolis) pierced Abe's defense with blistering aces for 2 games, then, as if mesmerized, switched to monotonous defense, and Abe won 9-21, 20-22, 21-18, 22-20, 21-17.

Schlude downed Robert "Bud" Blattner (St. Louis) 21-16, 15-21, 19-21, 23-21, 21-14 in the other semi-final, after Blattner had went through Co-Champion Sol Schiff, seeded No. 2, in 3 easy games.

(To save space repetition of 21 is omitted from following scores. Minus sign indicates game lost.)

#### Quarter-Finals

Green Quarter: Berenbaum d Richard Tindall (No. 7, St. L.) 19, 18, 18.

Red: Schlude d Calvin Fuhrman (Hamilton, Ohio) 18, 13, 22, 20.

Blue: McClure d Harry Cook (No. 8, Brooklyn) 19, 15, 18, 15.

Orange: Blattner d Jack Boksenbom (Cleveland) 11, 15, 18, 19, 20.

#### 5th Round

Green: Berenbaum d William Condy (Wilmette, Ill.) 15, 17, 18. Tindall d Herman Leavitt (Chicago) 18, 18, 20, 18.

Red: Schlude d Toye Lindblad (Portland, Ore.) 20, 18, 17, 9, 17. Fuhrman d Sam Silber-

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### 1934-35 CROP OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



(LEFT TO RIGHT) ABE BERENBAUM (N. Y.), MEN'S SINGLES AND MEN'S DOUBLES; RUTH HUGHES AARONS (N. Y.), WOMEN'S SINGLES AND MIXED DOUBLES; ED SILVERGLADE (TRENTON, N. J.), MEN'S DOUBLES; GEORGE HENRY (ST. LOUIS), BOY'S SINGLES; (LOWER) HERMAN FREUNDLICH (WILMETTE, ILL.), VETERANS' SINGLES; SYDNEY HEITNER (N. Y.), MIXED DOUBLES.

### Ruth Hughes Aarons Wins Women's Singles Crown

BY VIRGINIA WELLS

Ruth Hughes Aarons, for the 2d straight year, won the national women's singles without loss of a game.

With the grace of a fencer the slim blonde New York girl danced her way through the greatest field of women contestants yet assembled, to meet, in a thrilling final, Jessie Purves (Des Plaines, Ill.), the all-around girl athlete who captured the 1932-33 title.

Miss Aarons won, 21-18, 21-17, 21-12, yet the score does not indicate the thrilling quality of the battle. Both girls, wearing the attractive blue slacks in vogue among feminine contestants, chopped, angled and drove with the ability of veterans, returning repeated drives from 15 feet back and keeping the spectators in an uproar.

#### Semi-finals

Aarons d Mrs. Ethel Baer Schneider (St. Louis) 17, 12, 14; Purves d Emily Fuller (South Bethlehem, Pa.) 11, 11, 18, 17, 12.

#### Quarter-Finals

Aarons d Flossie Basler (Chicago) 16, 7, 10; Schneider d Helen Ovenden (Chicago) 18, 13, 7; Purves d Anne Sigman (N.Y.) 16, 16, 17, 11; Fuller d Virginia

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### Silverglade and Berenbaum Capture Men's Doubles

The superb pen-holder driving of big Ed Silverglade (Trenton, N.J.) and stonewall defense of Abe Berenbaum (New York) won the national men's doubles title in a knock-em-down-and-drag-em-out final with Coleman Clark (Glencoe, Ill.) and Dick Tindall (St. Louis).

The score (13-21, 21-15, 21-9, 21-8) was not as one-sided as it appears, for both these new doubles combinations put on a great show, taking many chances for points in wild and woolly rallies.

#### Semi-Finals

Silverglade & Berenbaum d McClure & Inman (Indpls.) 15, 16, 19, 16, 18; Clark & Tindall d Blattner & Nix (St. L.) 18, 20, 17, 18, 21.

#### Quarter-Finals

Silverglade & Berenbaum d Drake & Ladin (Chi.) 17, 9, 15, 18; McClure & Inman d Schiff & Silberman (N.Y.) 15, 16, 19, 16, 18; Blattner & Nix d Dugan & Fushimi (Chi.) 19, 15, 18; Clark & Tindall d Schussheim & Heitner (N.Y.) 14, 19, 14, 17, 15.

#### Eighth-Finals

Drake & Ladin d Cook & Rose (Brooklyn) 12, 19, 18, 14, 17; Silverglade & Berenbaum d Condy & Prouty (Chi.) 15, 15,

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Chicago to Stage Inter-City; St. Louis, Western; Worcester, Eastern

### "FIGHTING FUND" FOUNDED

Chicago, Apr. 7: A harmonious USTTA executive committee, including representatives from 14 states, today tentatively assigned these 1935-36 tournaments:

Nationals at Philadelphia, week-end after Easter; American Zone at Washington; Intercity Team Matches at Chicago; Western at St. Louis; Eastern at Worcester, Mass.; Middle Atlantic at New York; Missouri Valley at Omaha, Neb.; Great Lakes Open at Cleveland. The New England, Pacific Coast and Southern remain to be sanctioned.

The committee also (1) established a "Fighting Fund" of donations to send a U.S. team to World championships at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, 1st week in March; (2) appointed committee to study organization; (3) voted against foreign-stars tour of U.S. next season; (4) recognized past p.p. champions as t.t. co-champions; (5) approved non-seal equipment advertising in TOPICS; (6) approved Tau Theta Epsilon, a national fraternity established at Indianapolis to reward merit; (7) applauded selection of Anita Currey, Omaha, as national women's chairman; (8) heard treasury balance March 30 was \$222.86.

### Cokey Clark Out

Chicago, Apr. 7: Coleman Clark resigned as USTTA executive secretary because of pressure of business, but will continue in an advisory capacity.

### Correction

In Illinois tournament final, Marion Jacoby defeated Virginia Booth 3-1. Semi-finals: I d Jay Purves 3-2, B d Flossie Basler 3-1.

### Hardy Sees Big Future

The New York Sun of April 9 contains a long interview with Samuel Hardy, who becomes honorary president of the USTTA June 1. He told the writer, J. P. Allen, he sees a big future in table tennis.

### Old Man Experience Says

Don't slam every ball. Don't "chisel" every shot, either. There's a middle course—the aggressive, alert, scientific game.

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## Editorials

## Discipline

New Jersey TTA recently ex-  
pelled an official on charges of  
failure to co-operate. Illinois  
TTA barred a star player for  
disciplinary reasons.

These are encouraging signs  
—that the organized game is in  
good hands—that irresponsibles  
are not wanted.

To quote H. W. Fay, first vice  
president of New Jersey TTA:  
"Dissension has no right in a  
good, clean, dignified sport of  
the character of table tennis, and  
those who do not co-operate  
should be expelled from the  
Association."

## Exhibitions

The exhibitors are the  
salesmen of the game.

There is no better way than  
this to win new players and  
demonstrate to a doubting pub-  
lic the fascination and skill of  
the game.

Like any salesman, the exhibi-  
tioner should dress the part and  
act the part, as he is looked up-  
on as a typical table tennis type.  
It is therefore important that ex-  
hibition players are carefully se-  
lected, for we want them to give  
Mr. Public the right impression  
of the game.

Another responsibility rests on  
the exhibition player. It should  
be remembered that the men  
that pioneered in this game, who  
spent years of their time for the

sheer satisfaction of proving to  
a skeptical and even hostile pub-  
lic that it was a worth-while  
sport, did so without any  
thought of financial gain. There  
was never a thought of making  
any money, just bare expenses.

TOPICS therefore condemns  
the practice of "chiseling" extra  
money for exhibition matches. It  
hurts those who do it and the  
game, too. If table tennis has  
given pleasure to exhibition  
players (and it has), it seems  
they should be more than glad  
to give their time for the fun  
and glory.

Hungarian Stars Scoff  
At American Side-Spin

Do you like to baffle your op-  
ponent with side-spin?

That's a waste of time, in the  
opinion of Viktor Barna, world  
champion, and his American-  
tour partner, Sandor Glancz.  
Their opinion of side-spin was  
expressed in four words:

"It makes no sense."

Only beginners are deceived  
by side-spin, in their opinion. It  
means nothing to the experienc-  
ed player.

Chop and top-spin, however,  
are the forte of the Hungarian  
champions. Some of their shots  
have a little "side," but that is  
incidental to the stroke.

## Recruit Wins Title

Philadelphia, Mar. 17: After  
learning to play table tennis two  
months ago, Izzy Bellis, co-holder  
of National boys' indoor ten-  
nis title, breezed through the  
city championship at Sportsmen's  
Show in Commercial Museum.  
The 15-year-old flash flattened  
Gene Smolens in final, 7,18,-19,  
14. Semis: B d Al Nachsin, S d  
Tim Denihan. Ralph Gerber  
upset Irving Edelstein, de-  
fending champ, in 2d round.  
First 4 seeded stars did not reach  
semis. Draw limited to 128 out  
of 219 applicants.

## Tourney on Philco Cruise

Philadelphia, April 11: About  
75 entrants will fight for "cham-  
pionship of the high seas" when  
annual Philco cruise to Jamaica  
on "Queen of Bermuda" leaves  
New York May 18. Defending  
champion: Jim Skinner, Jr.  
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ely in attempting to serve, it's a  
point against you.

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until you read "Table Tennis  
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the winners, as runner-up prizes  
in minor events?

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for me? . . . Answer: For one  
thing, it brought Barna and  
Glancz to America for you.

## "Side Lines"

## What a Relief!

It develops now that Mrs. Tex  
Lloyd (Rochester) didn't take  
any of those horrible photos in  
October TOPICS, comment on  
which caused her hubby to chal-  
lenge your editor to a duel.

## Show This to Your Wife

To enthusiastic table tennis  
players married to indignant ta-  
ble tennis widows:

Ask Her whether she'd rather  
have you chasing after some  
blonde siren or brunette vamp-  
pire than chasing out to some  
table tennis match or meeting.  
. . . On second thought, you'd  
better not say anything about  
it. But try laying this issue of  
TOPICS, with this page open,  
some place where it's likely She  
will see it.

## One Grand Hobby

"Give Your Hobby Its Head!"  
is the title of an article in Feb-  
ruary *Reader's Digest*, condensed  
from *The Rotarian*. The author,  
Ray Giles, cites instances of men  
unearthing great talents by as-  
siduously pursuing hobbies—  
Ely Culbertson, bridge; Joseph  
H. Dodson, bird houses; Al Foss,  
pork-rind minnows; C. W.  
White, kiddie-kars. "Give your  
hobby horse his head!" he ad-  
vises. "Let him run away with  
you if he will!"

More than 50 notables con-  
tribute articles to "Hobbies for  
Everybody," a new book edited  
by Ruth Lampland, published by  
Harper & Bros. Among them,  
Albert Payson Terhune, famous  
student of and writer on dogs,  
says: "You can't find a hobby.  
The hobby must find you. More,  
it must obsess you."

More and more men are find-  
ing that table tennis—playing it  
and participating in the govern-  
ment of the game—is a pret-  
ty good hobby.

## This is the Life

Life for April has a cover  
showing the maid and the chaf-  
feur playing a hot game of table  
tennis while master is away.

## Hainline Wins Miss. Valley

Davenport, Iowa, Mar. 18:  
Richard Hainline, 15 (Rock Is-  
land) won Mississippi Valley  
singles title by upsetting Cham-  
pion Eddie Robinson (Moline)  
in the final 10,-17,13,14. Semis:  
H d Lennart Pearson, R d For-  
rest Hainline, Dick's older bro-  
ther. Other finals: men's dou-  
bles, Hainline brothers d Robin-  
son & Pearson; women's singles,  
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E. Van Vooren (Moline); mixed  
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Blue: McClure d Jack Hartigan (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.) 9,8,13.  
Cook d Wm. Price (St. Louis) 14,14,13.

Orange: Blattner d Sol Schiff (N.Y.), defending champion, 12,13,10. Boksenbom d James Jacobson (New Rochelle, N.Y.), 1933 co-champion, 19, -14,17, -17,14, in three hours.

**4th Round**

Green: Berenbaum d Chas. W. Blacklock (St.L.) 13,13,13. Tindall d Melvin Rose (Brooklyn) 19,-19,-20,18,7. Condy d W.F. Rivette (Milwaukee) 19, 7,19. Leavitt d Ed Silverglade (Trenton, N.J.) 21,-17,14,-12, 15.

Red: Schlude d John Toedtman (St.L.) 9,12,19. Silberman d Robt. Ratcliffe (Evanston, Ill.) 12,17,17. Lindblad d Sydney Heitner (N.Y.), 1933 co-champion, 25,18,19. Fuhrman d Bud Tracy (St.L.) 9,9,14.

Blue: McClure d Elmer Dory (Chi.) 14,8,11. Cook d Wm. Burd (Chi.) 18,9,18. Hartigan d Courtney Bock (Cleveland) -15,-10,21,19,18. Price d Coleman Clark (Glencoe, Ill.), 1932 co-champion, 13,-19,6,20.

Orange: Schiff d Edwin Woody (St.L.) 18,16,20. Blattner d Max Rushakoff (Chi.) 15, 17,16. Boksenbom d Joel Inman (Indpls.) 17,9,10. Jacobson d Carlton Prouty (Winnetka, Ill.) 16,10,-15,-20,15.

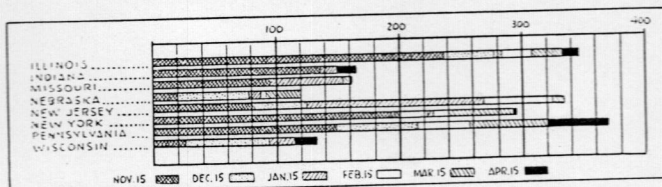
**3d Round**

Green: Berenbaum d Duane Maule (Wauwatosa, Wis.) 12, 17,14. Blaylock d Howard Koltenbach (Indpls.) -16,7,10,18. Condy d Richard Nelson (Winnetka) 7,9,13. Rivette d Wm.R. Stewart (Park Ridge) 19,-15, -17,18,17. Tindall d Brownie Jablonski (Chi.) 13,12,19. Rose d Jerry Glanz (Cleve.) 13,18,15. Silverglade d Edwin Lewis (Chi.) 19,9,22. Leavitt d Henry Spaulding (Indpls.) 19,-18, 17,-16,17.

Red: Schlude d Gordon Pleune (Grand Rapids, Mich.) 16,12,17. Toedtman d Stewart Carson (Milwaukee) 20,-18,16, -7,21. Heitner d Geo. Sturgiss (Cleveland) 18,-22,21,26. Lindblad d Herbert Aronson (Chi.) -21,17,10,12. Silberman d Stanley Davis (Detroit) 16,12,15. Ratcliffe d Ned Steele (Huntington, Ind.) 24,-17,19,18. Tracy d Ed Dugan (Chi.) 20, 12,16. Fuhrman d Castle Churan (Chi.) 9,16,17.

Blue: McClure d Gordon Wells (Wilmette) 12, 15, 17. Dory d Mark Schussheim (N.Y.), 1931 & 32 champion, -22, 14,18,6. Bock d Jack Nix (St.L.) -18,11,-19,20,13. Hartigan d Harley W. Davis (Detroit) 20,11,21. Cook d Ed W. Sirmay (Minneapolis) 12,15,13. Burd d Reginald G. Hammond (Highland Park, Ill.) 14,12,17. Price d Robt. Bonney (Chi.)

**MEMBERSHIP RACE ENTERS HOME STRETCH**



15,18,14. Clark d Milton Zeitlin (E.Chi.) 12,12,11.

Orange: Schiff d Earle Sering (Chi.)-17,14,11,19. Woody d Henry Hafer (Chi.) 10,16,16. Blattner d Gordon McNeil (Chi.) 12,17,14. Rushakoff d Sidney M. Biddell (Mamaroneck, N.Y.) 13,15,16. Boksenbom d Morton Ladin (No.6, Chi.), Western champion, 14, -11,18,-18,20, in a 3-hour 10-minute struggle. Inman d Wilbur Larson (Chi.) -19,-18,15, 15,17. Jacobson d Vernon Tietjen (St.L.) 10,13,-19,10. Prouty d David Meyers (Buffalo) 19,14,-9,9.

**2d Round**

Green: Berenbaum d Daniel C. Mabee (Villa Park) 15,10, 16. Maule d John Hildebrandt (Glen Ellyn). Koltenbach d Dick Dickel (Milwaukee) 18, 24,18. Blaylock d Carlton Drake (Chi.) 16,-17,13,14. Condy d Lambert Bredehoft (Evanston) 11,17,10. Nelson d Stanley Feitelson (New Rochelle, N.Y.) by default. Stewart d Ralph Miller (Chi.) 10,20,8. Rivette d Dan Kreer (Winnetka) 16,17, 19. Tindall d Carl Breutner (Elmhurst) -22,14,14,21. Jablonski d Harry Rosen (St.L.) -19,20,18,13. Rose d Jack Bartlett (Evanston) 10,12,17. Glanz d Robert C. Stimson (Mnpls.) 17,9,19. Silverglade d Urban K. Allen (Chi.) 4,6,16. Lewis d T.C. Oakley (Quincy) 14,-19, 6,-18,9. Leavitt d Albert Rosenberg, Jr. (Oaklyn, N.J.) 13,8, 17. Spaulding d Elias Schumann (Washington, D.C.) -19, 12,-11,17,16.

Red: Schlude d Herman Freundlich (Wilmette) 12,13, 19. Pleune d Billy Warner III (Charleston, W.Va.) by default. Toedtman d Bob Livingston (Chi.) 15,12,10. Carson d Ralph Muckow (Evanston) 19, -19,19,-16,12. Heitner d Donald MacCrossen (Milwaukee) 13,18, 19. Sturgiss d Chas. B. Dahmen (Hoboken, N.J.) -20,13,-19,8, 14. Aronson d Robt. Pippel (Grand Haven) 18,11,-19,15. Lindblad d Edward Litman (St. Paul, Minn.) 11,11,15. Silberman d Dave Doll (Chi.) 11,16, 11. Davis d Willard Johnson (Rockford) 16,17,-19,16. Ratcliffe d Lee Webb (Kansas City) 17,23,21. Steele d Earl Coulson (Mnpls.) -12,18,15,-15,15. Dugan d Konstantin Haensel, (Evanston) 8,17,11. Tracy d Isadore Kanevsky (Racine, Wis.) Fuhrman d Ed Dorey (Indpls.) by default. Churran d J. Ray Leininger (Chi.) 15,-15,18,16.

Blue: McClure d Paul Cum-

mins (Evanston) 10,10,9. Wells d Lennart Pearson (Moline) 13, -10,-16,15,8. Schussheim d Wm. Anderson (Grand Rapids, Mich.) 16,5,15. Dory d Forrest Hainline (Rock Island) 14, 19, 13. Nix d Jack MacCrossen (Milwaukee) 13,18,-19,5. Bock d Herbert W. Allen (N.Y.) 10, 18,12. Hartigan d Merle Arens (Dayton, Ohio) -13,-17,14,14. 14. Davis d Billy Willard (Chi.) 17,14,-15,12. Cook d Geo. Littell (Chi.) 9,7,14. Sirmay d Mason Rapp (Chi.) 10,9,14. Burd d John T. Ryerson (Wilmette) 6, 7, 8. Hammond d Robert Kling (Bismarck, N.D.) 17,13, 15. Price d R.M. Palmer (Chi.) 5,8,18. Bonney d Richard B. McDowell (Indpls.) -19,12,15, 17. Clark d Edward C. Meltzer (Chi.) 7,10,21. Zeitlin d Sidney Green (Chi.) by default.

Orange: Schiff d Leslie Lowery (Chi.) 16,16,-17,7. Sering d Emil Calban (Chi.) 17,21,16. Woody d Robert Amaden (Macon, Ill.) 10,11,11. Hafer d Geo. Schein (N.Y.) 17,14,12. Blattner d Wm. Allen 8,8,10. McNeil d Wray Hertzline (Cleve.) -14,18,18,11. Rushakoff d Henry Nieboer (Grand Rapids) 16,13,14. Biddell d Carl Nagy (Chi.) 17,17,22. Ladin d Norman Schneider (St.L.) 7,13, 17. Boksenbom d John Kruisink (Chi.) 13,17,16. Inman d Frank Tabaldo (Chi.) 15,15,15. Jacobson d Henry Cragg (Chi.) 19,23,18. Tietjen d W.P. Coleman, Jr. (Madison) 6,17,18. Prouty d Edward Mitchell (Racine) 11,12,16. Meyers d Richard Hainline (Rock Island) 16, 13,14. Larson d Wm. Gunn (Mamaroneck, N.Y.), default.

**1st Round**

Green: all byes.

Red: 18 byes. Davis d Frank E. McComb (Chi.) 13,13,11. Johnson d Art Anderson (Chi.) 8,14,11. Ratcliffe d A.E. Hadady (E.Chi.) 19,15,17. Webb d James O'Connor (New Rochelle, N.Y.) 15,16,-15,-14,19. Steele d Marlin Tucker (Chi.) 17,13,15. Coulson d Eddie Robinson (Moline) 18,-17,20,19. Dugan d Fred Hoyer (Omaha, Neb.) 10, 13,7. Haensel d Morris Cochansor (N.Y.) 17,19,18. Tracy d Bud Blumenthal (Evanston) 18,-16,18,19. Kanevsky d Geo. J. O'Connell (Chi.) 13,14,19. Fuhrman d J. Feinberg (N.Y.) 6,8,9. Dory d Stanley Evans (Evanston) by default. Churran d Fred McEvoy (Kirkwood, Mo.) -15,16,22,-15,8. Leininger d Allen Oakley (Quincy) 18,12, -20,19.

Blue: 19 byes. McClure d Tom Rodman (Glencoe) 12,10,

**Pennsylvania Takes Lead in Membership**  
(Special Telegram)

St. Louis, Apr. 15: Tom Bradley's Pennsylvania TTA won its 2d straight monthly USTTA membership cup and took the lead from New Jersey.

Totals at noon:

State	Mar.	Gain	Apr.
Pennsylvania	321	49	370
Illinois	335	13	348
New Jersey	336	0	336
New York	294	3	297
Indiana	150	15	165
*Missouri	160	1	161
Wisconsin	114	19	133
Nebraska	120	0	120
Michigan	75	8	83
Ohio	82	1	83
Massachusetts	73	0	73
Dist. Columbia	24	20	44
Iowa	22	0	22
Washington	19	0	19
California	13	0	13
*Kansas	8	1	9
North Dakota	6	0	6
West Virginia	6	0	6
Minnesota	5	0	5
Totals	2163	130	2293

\*Members transferred to Kansas from Missouri.

The race ends at noon, May 15, the State having the most members to receive the USTTA cup. Small cups for greatest gain each month have been won by Illinois, Wisconsin, New Jersey (twice), Pennsylvania (twice). Members' 25-cent dues and names and addresses in duplicate should be sent to USTTA Treasurer Elmer F. Cinnater, 900 Missouri Pacific Bldg., St. Louis.

8. Cummins d Leon Harlan (Glen Ellyn) 13,9,10. Wells d Eduardo Yap (Washington, D.C.) 13,9,10. Pearson d C. Burton Clark Jr. (Chi.) 13,13,16. Schussheim d Anthony Klimas (Chi.) -10,18,16,10. Anderson d Jack Mee (Wilmette) 8,15,17. Dory d Al Findley (Cleve.) 19, 15,-15,16. Hainline d Geo. H. Cottrell (Indpls.) 17,19,-14,15. Nix d Alex Rogers (Chi.) 14, 17,6. MacCrossen d Bob Baity (Chi.) -17,18,10,-19,20. Allen d Yoshio Fushimi (Chi.) 9,15, 19. Hartigan d Robt. Genser (Chi.) 17,15,21. Arens d Jerry Lavin (Chi.) -23,17,-18,21,18.

Orange: 31 byes. Wm. Allen (Kansas City) d Abbott Nelson (Winnetka) -19,17,18,20. Every former national champion was numbered among the 257 entrants, who played under auspices of the Illinois TTA. Committee: Dougall A. Kittermaster, chairman; Reginald G. Hammond, vice chairman and entries; Edward C. Meltzer, tickets; Coleman Clark and Robert E. Clark, publicity; Mason Rapp, property; George R. Littell, referees; Walter R. Beebe, ushers; Wm. R. Stewart, program.

Hal Totten, WMAQ sports announcer, broadcast 2 1/2 hours of the matches last night.

To be a good sportsman one should read the rules, and live up to them, and insist on others doing the same.

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**Ruth Aarons Wins**

(From page 1)

Booth (Barrington, Ill.) 19,8,11.

**3d Round**

Aarons d Mrs. Enola Stevenson (Richmond, Ind.) 7, 10; Basler d Anita Currey (Omaha, Neb.) 2,22; Ovenden d Mrs. Clara Harrison (Cleveland) 19, 15; Schneider d Anne Gibovik (Racine, Wis.) 7,18; Purves d Dolores Probert (St.L.) -18,18, 17; Sigman d Trudy Schnur (Glencoe, Ill.) 11,-16,13; Fuller d Marion Jacoby (Park Ridge, Ill.) 16,15; Booth d Ruby Aboline (Detroit) -15,19,17.

**2d Round**

Aarons d Dorothy Lock (Glen Ellyn) 3,6; Stevenson d Mrs. Mabel Etzweiler (Milwaukee) 16,-15,18; Basler d Kathryn Harlan (Glen Ellyn) 5,6; Currey d Mrs. Hazel Stambaugh (Cleveland) 17,11; Ovenden d Mrs. Clyde Baysinger (Aurora) 14, 22; Harrison d Alice Curtiss (Chi.) 13,11; Schneider d Mrs. W. R. Stewart (Chi.) 7,3; Gibovik d Mary Mason (Toledo) 19,16; Purves d Marie Duke (Chi.) 5,4; Probert d Ruth Basler (Chi.) 19,13; Sigman d Dorothy Glasson (Omaha) 15,11; Schnur d Loretta Hopke (Chi.) 12,12; Fuller d Helen Hoyal (Omaha) 8,11; Jacoby d Deal Cannon (Toledo) 23,-18,13; Booth d Mrs. Ruth Anderson (St.L.) 9,8; Aboline d Mrs. Ruth Meltzer (Chi.) 17,8.

**1st Round**

Curtiss d Mrs. Florence O'Connell (Chi.) 19,13; Schneider d Mrs. V. A. Spoehr (Chi.) 12,10; Stewart d Violet Johnson (Rockford) by default; Gibovik d Mildred Wilkinson (Glen Ellyn) -19,17,12; Mason d Mrs. Gladys Spaulding (Indpls.) by default; Purves d Mrs. C. E. Booth (Chi.); Duke d Mrs. Clara McDowell (Indpls.); Probert d Violet Johnson; Ruth Basler d June Bollinger 15,-18, 18; Sigman d Gail Kimbell; Glasson d Marion Schryver. 21 byes. Entries: 44.

In the deciding game of a match, as soon as one player scores 10 points, players change ends of table.

**Men's Doubles**

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21; Schiff & Silberman d Lindblad (Portland, Ore.) & Elmer Dory (St.L.) 13,16,16; McClure & Inman d Burd & Ratcliffe (Chi.) 15,13,16; Blattner & Nix d Jacobson & Hartigan (New Rochelle, N.Y.) -12,17,13,16; Dugan & Fushimi d Lavin & Klimas (Chi.) 13,17,-22,-19,19; Schussheim & Heitner d Leavitt & Aronson (Chi.) 18,-14,12,-16,18; Clark & Tindall d Bock & Sturgiss (Cleveland) -19,-12, 25,20,18. Teams entered: 52.

**Hendry Wins Boys' Title**

Stocky little George Hendry (St. Louis) plowed through Don MacCrossen (Milwaukee) 21-17, 21-11, 17-21, 21-17 to win the first national boys' title as the crowd yelled its approval. True to human nature, it favored the smaller lad over the taller Don, whose flashy hard drives off the corners indicate he will be a tough customer in men's singles in a year or so. Semis: Hendry d Jack Wolfson 17,12,12. MacCrossen d Wayne Kempf 12,-19, 21,-14,13. Entries: 37, all under 14 years.

**Mixed Doubles**

Two New York teams fought out the national mixed doubles championship and Sydney Heitner & Ruth Hughes Aarons survived over Sol Schiff & Anne Sigman, after a courageous uphill battle, 11-21, 17-21, 22-20, 21-15, 21-18.

**Semi-Finals**

Heitner & Aarons d Jimmy McClure (Indianapolis) & Trudy Schnur (Glencoe, Ill.) 15,-20, 14,-17,21; Schiff & Sigman d Sam Silberman (N.Y.) & Emily Fuller (South Bethlehem, Pa.) 18,-9,17,18.

**Quarter-Finals**

Heitner & Aarons d Dick Tindall & Dolores Probert (St.L.) 16,15; McClure & Schnur d Calvin Fuhrman (Hamilton, O.) & Helen Ovenden (Chi.) 19,14; Schiff & Sigman d Coleman Clark & Jessie Purves (Chi.) 17,14; Silberman & Fuller d Ed Silverglade (Trenton, N.J.) & Anita Currey (Omaha, Neb.) -12,18,10. Teams entered: 22.

**Freundlich Tops Vets**

Amid creaking of joints, Herman Freundlich (Wilmette, Ill.) captured the national title for 40-year-olds and over, defeating Ralph Wells (Detroit) in the final, 21-16, 22-20, 22-20. Semis: Freundlich d George Binger (Milwaukee) 18, 16. Wells d J. Ray Leininger (Chicago), defending champion, 15,-15,11. Entries: 22.

**Provincetown Joining****Plans Summer Tourneys**

Provincetown, Mass., April 9: Provincetown PPC at its annual meeting voted to change its name to Provincetown TTA and join USTTA. Under Massachusetts TTA sanction it will conduct annual Bronze Dolphin tournament for women last week-end in July (first won by Anne Sigman, now held by Helen Ovenden), and Silver Cod Quinola first week-end in August (first won by Joe Blatt, now held by Sam Silberman). Chairman: Paul Smith. Provincetown Bookshop, 447 Commercial St.

**Erie Joins USTTA**

Erie, Pa., Apr. 6: Erie TTA was organized by James J. Fox, 2807 Oakwood Ave., and joined Penna. TTA. Large headquarters are planned.

**First Kansas Unit Joins**

Kansas City, Kans., Mar. 21: Wyandotte County TTA, of this city, joined USTTA. President: Chester R. Shepherd, 1515 Georgia avenue.

**Charleston, W. Va., Joins**

Charleston, W. Va., Mar. 21: Billy Warner III, 917 Grant St., formed Charleston TTA to join USTTA.

**12 Pages Next Issue**

June TOPICS, final issue of this season, will contain 12 pages, including the International Rules and many tournament results crowded out of this issue.

**Schuman Wins D.C. Title**

Washington, Mar. 30: Elias Schuman defeated Eduardo Yap in District of Columbia final at

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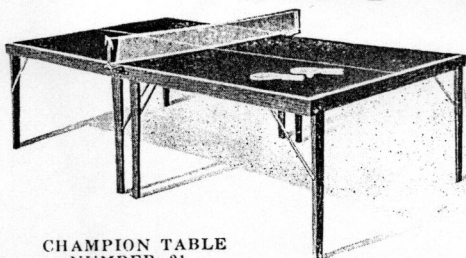
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Wardman Park Hotel 21-9, 21-18, 21-5 and won trip to Nationals. Semis: S d Kenneth Lafferty; Y d Raphael Sherfy. Other finals: women's singles Reba Kirson (Middle Atlantic women's lawn tennis champion) d Mrs. Joyce Engleberg; men's doubles, Lawrence & Raphael Sherfy (twins) d Schuman and Albert Sappington; mixed doubles Raphael Sherfy & Belle Rundle d Yap & Mrs. Engleberg; consolation, Wm. P. Bardwell d Nathan Sameth. Chairman: W. A. King, 1018 15th St., N.W.

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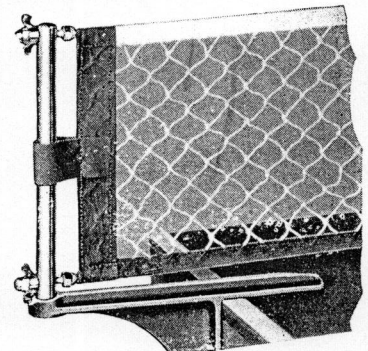
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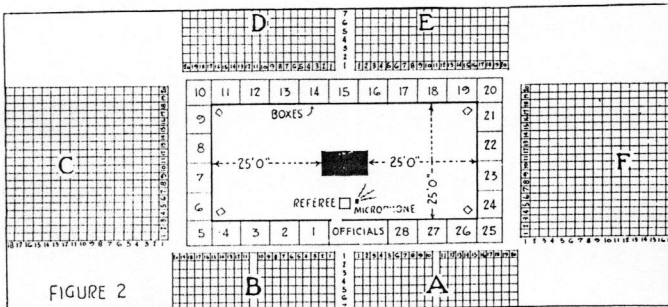
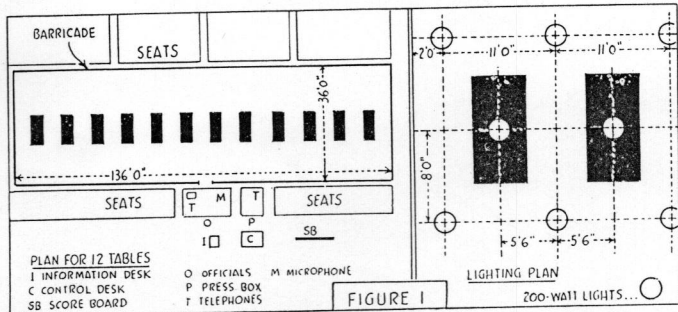


Figure 1 shows early-round table arrangement; Figure 2, re-arrangement for semi-finals and finals.

## Kittermaster Reveals Inside Facts You Ought to Know

BY D. A. KITTERMMASTER  
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS  
CHAMP. ONSHIPS, CHICAGO, 1935

The successful running of any tournament, whether it is Table Tennis or any other sport, is primarily a matter of (1) organization, (2) hard work.

Selection of a tournament committee is all important. The success or failure of your show depends on whether you have enthusiastic and suitable men who are willing and able to put in real hard work.

The general chairman should have the ability, time and facilities to coordinate the activities of his workers and make them glad to work. Let him appoint sub-committee chairmen for the jobs as outlined hereafter. These men can, in turn, pick their own workers.

The size and importance of a tournament naturally determine the amount of organization required. A city tournament in a small town is a much simpler problem than a sectional or national.

The committee outlined herewith is quite sufficient for a national championship, and may be scaled down to meet the requirements of a smaller tournament.

The sub-committees, under chairmen who report to the general chairman, are: (1) Entries and Administration, (2) Property, (3) Publicity, (4) Tickets and Finance, (5) Referee, (6) Program, (7) Ushers, (8) Entertainment, (9) Trophies.

The selection of the hall should be decided by the general chairman after consultation with his sub-committee chairmen. The following facts should be considered in arriving at a decision:

(a) The number of tables needed to conduct the tournament in the time available. Figure 15 minutes for best of three game matches and 25 minutes for best of five for the first two rounds. As competition becomes keener in later rounds, use 20

and 30 minutes respectively as an average.

(b) Space needed for play. The best arrangement is to place your tables side by side in line. The space between sides of tables should be at least six feet if doubles are to be played and the distance from end of table to barricade enclosing playing floor should be at least 12 feet. If you can allow more, do so, especially for semi-finals, when 20 feet is not too much. Using the minimum dimensions given above, you need at least 33 feet width for your playing floor; length, 11 feet multiplied by the number of tables, plus six feet.

(c) Seating accommodations. In addition, you need space on either one or both sides for seats. Raised bleacher seats are essential.

The floor should be wood. Marble or tile is very hard to play on and if it is white it is hard on the eyes.

Figure 1 gives suggested layout for early round matches; Figure 2 for semi-finals and finals.

The detailed duties of the various sub-committees are given herewith:

### 1. Entries and Administration

This is your largest sub-committee. Its work falls into two sections: (a) before the tournament and (b) during play.

(a) Before the tournament the first job is to secure entries. Entry blanks must be prepared containing the following information: place, address and date of tournament, events to be played, entry fees, starting times, length of matches, closing time for entries, equipment to be used

(balls, nets, tables) and any special regulations regarding clothing and conduct.

For any large tournament these entry blanks should be distributed by mail at least a month before the tournament starts. Send them to key men in important centers such as the officers of state organizations, all outstanding players, local clubs, schools, colleges, YMCA's, etc. The closing date for entries should be set at least 10 days before play starts so that all players may be notified that their entries have been accepted.

As entries are received prepare a 3x5 card for each event that the applicant has entered and file with the other cards for the same event.

The second job for this committee before the tournament is to make the draw for all events and this cannot be done until the number of entries is definitely known. This is the main reason for closing the entries 10 days in advance.

The total number of places on the draw sheet must be 16, 32, 64, 128 or 256. Select a draw sheet capable of handling all your entries.

The National Ranking committee should furnish a list showing the order in which players should be seeded. (For smaller tournaments get this from your state or local ranking committee.) At least one player in every eight should be seeded.

For simplicity let us assume that your draw contains 32 entries and you have received the names of the first four seeded players. Nos. 1 and 2 shall be placed in positions 1 and 17 on

## It's Mainly a Matter of Organization and Hard Work

draw sheet by tossing a coin. (Not in positions 1 and 32.) The 3d and 4th seeded players in the same manner are placed in positions 9 and 25 (not in 16 and 17).

In seeding a larger draw the same procedure is adopted, remembering that seeded positions are always at the top of the half, quarter or eighth and never at bottom.

A certain amount of judgment may be used in separating players from same city or state after the first four have been placed.

After seeded players are properly entered in draw sheet, remove their cards from other entry cards and shuffle remainder. Unless you have enough players to fill draw sheet selected there will be a number of byes which should be placed equally at top and bottom of draw sheet. To do this take cards you have shuffled and fill in every alternate place on entire sheet. With cards that are still left, starting at center of sheet, fill in empty spaces alternately in either half. When all cards are entered, empty spaces are byes. If late entries are accepted they are filled in alternately in either half in vacant spaces.

If your entry consists of 128 or more players it will greatly simplify the running of the early rounds to divide the draw into four quarters and have each administered by a separate group of officials. Call your quarters red, blue, green, etc., and control desk for that quarter should be labeled RED QUARTER, etc. On entry acceptance card which you send each player, advise him what quarter he has been drawn in and hour at which his quarter will start play.

If possible have all quarter control desks in a separate room from where play is conducted, such as the lobby to a hotel ballroom. Registering and allotting matches is noisy.

Each control desk should have a draw sheet for that quarter  
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fully completed. As players register they are given their badges, numbers and entry tickets and told when to report back for play. Match cards for all first-round matches are prepared in advance from the draw sheet. A 3x5 card like Figure 3 is satisfactory.

The numbers to the left of the players' names are the position numbers on the draw sheets. This simplifies the location of their names when the results are returned.

If the 1st and 4th quarters contain byes, play will start with the 2d quarter followed by the 3d, 1st and 4th.

(b) The tournament starts with a call being made for all players in the 2d quarter to report to their control desk. Match cards are distributed and players are allotted to tables. As play progresses each succeeding quarter is called up and handled in a similar fashion. It is important to allot sufficient matches so that there are always players waiting to go on the tables as other matches finish. All tables must be kept filled. One or more officials must be detailed to see that this is carried out.

During early rounds when it is impossible to referee all matches, an official should be assigned to each pair of tables in a position between them at the

barricade. His duties are to give out and keep track of balls, receive the match cards and record

MATCH		ROUND				
No.	Players	1	2	3	4	5
TO BE PLAYED ON TABLE NO. _____						
SCORE: _____						
THIS CARD MUST BE RETURNED TO OFFICIAL DESK IMMEDIATELY AFTER MATCH						

Figure 3

on them the score of each game as it is completed. He can also announce the game and match scores. At the end of each match he returns the card to the winner, who gives it to the official at his quarter table.

As play in each quarter is completed, 2d round match cards must be filled out and allotted in good time. When the field has been reduced to 32 players, the quarter control desks may be consolidated into one.

As the early rounds of a men's singles tournament are very hard to handle at best, do not attempt to start any other events until the field has been cut down to a workable size. The only event that should be started at all in the same session is men's doubles and this cannot be advantageously begun until the singles play for the session is completed.

The public outside of the families and friends of the players, are apathetic to early round matches. In order to stimulate

interest, play feature matches on one or two center tables. Notify the press that the defending National champion will play on the center table at 8 p. m., and that other champions will compete at other hours. This will all help to build up spectator interest and gate receipts.

The second session should be devoted to women's singles, veterans' singles, mixed doubles and feature center court men's singles matches. Here again it is advisable to complete the women's singles play before starting mixed doubles to avoid conflicts.

The players, spectators, and press are naturally interested in the progress of the tournament. Have a duplicate draw sheet posted on a bulletin board in some prominent place away from the control desks, on which results are promptly posted. This will allow the officials to work on the original sheets without interference. Each control desk should have one man detailed to post scores on this board as soon as they are received.

*Next Article: Duties of the other sub-committees.*

**Sandor Glancz Urges**

**Science, Not Slamming**

Sandor Glancz, one of the world's greatest students of table tennis, could not quit marveling at what he considers the foolish habit of American players to kill the ball at all times.

"One should strive," he said, "not to kill every shot, but to prepare a situation for a kill."

"You should be a little more scientific. Plan a campaign that will draw your opponent out of position, then kill the ball. But not before."

A little reflection should convince one that the great Hungarian player is right.

If "Babe" Ruth tried to kill every ball, good or bad, that the pitchers delivered to him, he would never have set home-run records. Undoubtedly he would have set a staggering strike-out record instead. But he waited for a fairly good one, then gave it a ride. That is what Sandor would like to see American table tennis players do.

Play the game. Obey the rules.

**Would Lower the Net**

**To Speed Up the Game**

BY GEORGE H. COTTRELL  
USTA VICE PRESIDENT FOR INDIANA

Here is an idea which I think will help this grand game.

I have seen three major tournaments in the Middle West this season and have been terribly disappointed with the attendance and style of game of our better players. Don't misunderstand me. I don't blame these players, as I think they are being forced into this style.

I refer to the defensive "pinging" game. It's just ping-ping-ping-ping all night long. No wonder people fall asleep before one point is completed.

Players can't drive and win, so they drop back into pinging. I know such fine players as Billy Condy, Carlton Prouty, Morty Ladin, Mark Schlude, Dick Tindall, Calvin Fuhrman, Lester Adams and the rest don't like to play that way but they are forced to if they want to win.

Why? What's wrong? Baseball officials gave us the "rabbit-ball" when their game began to dwindle. Along came Babe Ruth to pulverize the ball and become the savior of the game and the national hero.

"Red" Grange became the "Galloping Ghost" of football because he furnished the spectacular. Football officials are opening up the game and giving the attacking team the advantage.

Bill Tilden was the drawing card of tennis because of his cannon-ball attack. So on in every sport that is in the foreground of popularity.

Our game is going to die if we don't give people the slashing two-fisted attack that is possible. Give these fine players a chance to pulverize that apple and they will open up and give the stands a run for their money.

Now my suggestion is to lower the net at least an inch or maybe an inch-and-a-half. Try it, all over the country, and see if it doesn't help.

Don't let our game die by driving people away from tournaments. Make table tennis one of the biggest drawing cards of the sports world. It's possible.

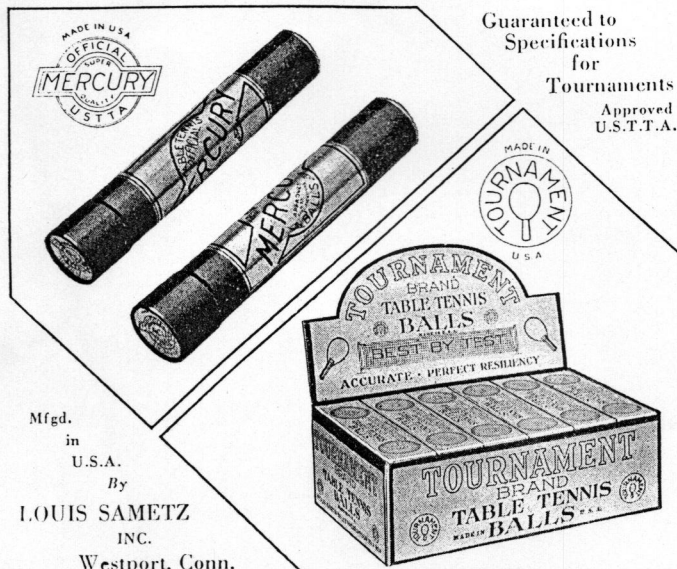
I would like to hear from those who have nerve enough to try this suggestion.

**N.W. Chicago Winners**

Des Plaines, Ill., Mar. 3: Jack Denninger (Glen Ellyn) won Elks trophy and northwestern suburban title by downing Vernon Galitz. Dan Mabee upset Paul Huxman, Jr., defending champ. Women's singles: Natalie Gatzke (Des Plaines) & June Bollinger. Men's doubles: Christiansen & Smythe d Huxman & Amaden. Boys' singles: Bernard Blumenthal d John Moodie.

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In practice, European players spend hours at a time for the improvement of each of the strokes. For instance, the average English player would take his racquet, get behind a table and work sometimes three or

four hours on his backhand, or whatever his particular weakness was. Patience such as this is rewarded by rapid improvement and perfection of weak strokes.

## Listen, Ladies! Play T.T.

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"Table Tennis for health and beauty" is the verdict of a woman correspondent in the London Mail, after interviewing Helen Ovenden, described as the "flaxen-haired, slim and lithe American champion." She quotes Miss Ovenden:

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"The legs, hips, and waist are constantly being moved and bent about, so that surplus fat melts away.

"I know of a man who, playing in hot weather, lost 21 pounds in six weeks."

Frau Mednyanszky, the Hungarian who has many times held the women's world championship, does not speak much English, but the little she says consists almost entirely of superlatives in favor of table tennis. She said she has played for 10 years, and during that time her health has been perfect.

## Schiff Fund

Additional contributions received by Leo Schein for fund that sent U. S. Champion Sol Schiff to World championships in London: \$3, Henry C. Randow (Baldwin, N.Y.): \$1 each, Mrs. Fan Pockrose (Brooklyn), J. Feinberg (N.Y.), R.L. Geiger (N.Y.)—Total, \$6. Previously acknowledged, \$145.25. Total, \$151.25.

## Fuhrman Wins Cincy Open

Cincinnati, Mar. 24: Calvin Fuhrman (Hamilton, Ohio) won Cincinnati open title at Deer Creek Field House by beating his fellow-townsmen, Herman Lykins, in final 17,12,-17,19. Semis: F d Clyde Preston (Huntingdon, W.Va.) 3-1, L upset Merle Arens (Dayton) 3-2. Joe Carter, 15-year-old Hamilton boy, yielded to Arens in a hard-fought 3-2 match. Entries, 104 from 9 cities in Ohio, W.V., Ind., Ky. Other finals: men's doubles (29 teams), Fuhrman & Arens d Lykins & Farr; women's singles (22 entries), Miss Harrison d Miss E. J. Cordes. Committee: Wm. Osterlein (chairman), Beach McClung, Norb Kohl, Ed Bolh.

## New Jersey Leagues

Newark, Mar. 16: Essex TTC won League of the Oranges title; Maplewood 2d. Bayonne YMCA won Hudson County race.

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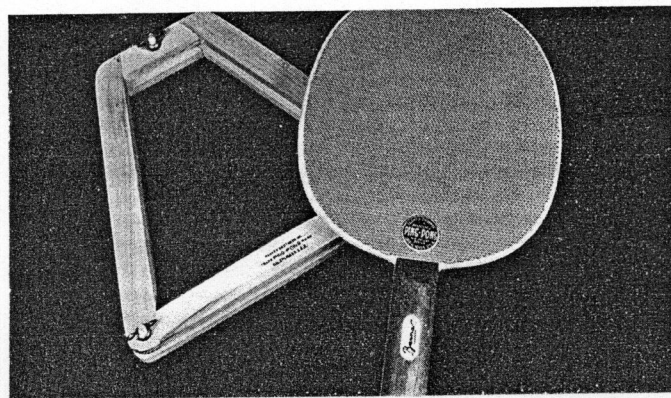
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### Berenbaum Wins N. Y.,

#### Pagliaro Beats Schiff

New York, Mar. 31: Little Lou Pagliaro proved a hero in the N. Y. Metropolitan tourney, at the Boys' Club, but was stopped in the final by Abe Berenbaum, 21-18, 9-21, 21-11, 19-21, 21-17. Semis: Berenbaum d Jimmy Jacobson, Pagliaro d Sam Silberman. Quarters: Berenbaum d Cook, Jacobson d Chas. Schmidt, Silberman d Abe Krakauer, Pagliaro blasted a victory over U. S. Champion Sol Schiff 23,15,-11,26. Doubles final: Pagliaro & Stan Feitelson d Berenbaum & Krakauer 17,-17,17, 18. Semis: P & F d Cook & Rose, B & K d Hartigan & Jacobson. Women's singles: Mrs. Mae Spannaus (Westchester) d Mrs. Anne Winters (Yonkers).

### N. Y. Boys' Club Wins

New York, Mar. 24: Boys' Club (Lou Pagliaro, Stan Feitelson, Abe Krakauer, Al Goldman) surprisingly defeated 92d St. YMHA (Sol Schiff, Abe Berenbaum, Art Drapkin, Babe Graetz) 6-4 to win AA Division title playoff. Hard-hitting Pagliaro beat Schiff and Berenbaum.

### Muchow Wins Highwood

Highwood, Ill., March 23: Ralph Muchow (Northwestern University) won Highwood title at St. James Hall, defeating Geo. Thelen (Wilmette), and teamed with Ed Menke to take doubles final.

### Secord Wins at Pontiac

Pontiac, Mich., Mar. 29: P. A. Secord won Oakland County title, sponsored by Pontiac TTA and Daily Press, at Pontiac Athletic Club by defeating Ted Powers 3-1. Men's doubles: Powers & Secord d Karl Warrener & V. R. Perrett 3-2. Women's singles: Elcanor Wilkins (Orchard Lake) d Margaret Harrington 3-0. Entries: 161.

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## Do You Want Something? Then Work For It

### Co-operation Urged to Rout Apathy, Criticism and Overburdening of Volunteers

BY STANLEY H. BORAK

At the risk of being called something, I wish to say a few words in defense of my sex, occasioned by Ruth Aarons' article in February TOPICS.

Miss Aarons labors under a misapprehension like so many other table tennis players. They complain about this and they criticize that, failing to realize that if anything at all is accomplished it is because of the constant labor and exertion of a very few self-sacrificing, unpaid individuals. For New York, put down the Schein brothers and one or two others and the list is complete.

These boys devote hours to exasperating but necessary details, hours which Miss Aarons devotes to perfecting her backhand drive or chop. They have to cope with apathy of members, lack of publicity, and many, many troubles which rich, established, smooth-running organizations like the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association are free from.

Expenses have to be figured closely, last-minute snags crop up constantly; the work behind a tournament is tremendous. Even men's doubles often have to be discarded because of lack of time, of tables, or of sufficient entries.

*If you want something in your players' organization, you must pitch in and work for it.*

In one important New York tournament recently, the number of women's entries received was two! What was the committee to do—have a dozen boys play in dresses?

Plans were made to have a women's round-robin league in New York. Over 100 names

were gotten. When the time came, only one team of 3 girls was formed.

Cooperation and dependable support are a rarity from the women. One girl, annoyed at defeats by a second, mercilessly trounced a third girl in an "exhibition match."

The experts naturally are slightly condescending towards poorer games, whether men's or women's, but they are always willing to practice with the women and to advise when asked.

This matter of coaching is also a difficult one. There are so many different types of games that no uniform style or form prevails. Even the best players hesitate to gratuitously offer advice. As the most coached player in the game, Miss Aarons certainly has little complaint on this score.

Miss Aarons urges us to make the women's game equal to the men's. As if any one but the women could do that. Every player, man or woman, improves by his own diligent observation and practice. The men cannot of themselves raise the women's game.

Finally, a standoffish, hypercritical attitude on the part of any player toward others and to the organization is a blow to the progress of the game. Let's get together!

### Lloyd Wins at Ithaca

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 24: Tex Lloyd (Rochester) won the open, Ted Reardon (Auburn) the invitation, and Auburn YMCA the team trophy.

### Word from Jimmy

Jimmy McCure, writing from London, just before a table tennis tour of Europe: "I sure have seen some wonderful table tennis. The main difference between our game and theirs, as I see it, is the Europeans use a short block shot much more than we do."

## Giant Killer

New York, March 31: Little Louis Pagliaro, of the Boys' Club, is the latest youthful "menace" in national table tennis. So small is he that he almost has to jump into the air to top the ball for a drive (and how he can drive!)—yet his specialty is beating U. S. Champion Sol Schiff and No. 2 Ranker Abe Berenbaum.

### Aycock Wins Tarheel Title

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 30: Aycock (Len Rubin, Gene Goodes, Eddy Fuller), dormitory champs, won University of North Carolina team title by downing Phi Kappa Sigma (Gene Odum, Coit Coker, Merl Carlson), fraternity champs, 3-0.

### Try a Mirror on This

You—we—all of us are trying to convince a skeptical public that table tennis is a real athletic sport, to be taken seriously.

How athletic do you think you look, cavorting around in a vest or pair of suspenders?

Your best friend may not tell you, but your editor will. You look ridiculous.

### Meyers Wins in Buffalo

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 22: Dave Meyers d Fred Smith to win Evening News-YMCA tournament.

### Orchids for Ruth

How good is Ruth Hughes Aarons, the blonde dynamo who rules women's table tennis in America? . . . Well, Sandor Glancz, who is acknowledged to be the greatest coach in the world, thinks Ruth could win the World's women's title.

### Do You Miss Trains?

Sorry, but getting news in TOPICS is like catching a train. If it gets here a minute too late, it misses the edition.

TOPICS goes to press on the 15th of the month. That doesn't mean every one can wait till the 15th and then dump the news in. It means that on the 15th the editor mails the page dummies to the printer.

After that nothing additional can be inserted except perhaps a line or two under "Late News."

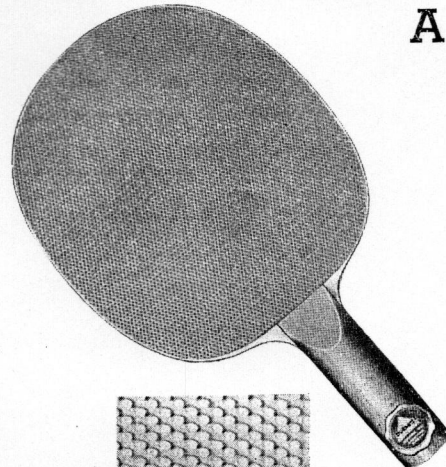
After the 15th, even if we received a photograph of Cleopatra playing table tennis with Jean Harlow, in bathing suits, it would not appear in that issue.

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