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THE COVER

Marsha Hunt, the Paramount actress, had a little celebration for Johnny Downs on his birthday and this is how the photographer found the party progressing. The guests as shown in the picture from left to right were, John Howard, Louis DaPron, Mrs. DaPron, Johnny Downs, Anna Erskine, Marten Lamont and Marsha Hunt, the hostess.

Celluloid seems to have become the avocation as well as the vocation for a great number of celebrities around the film colony. At the Paramount when the stars, extras and the crew aren't reeling cellulose film, they generally head for the gymnasium, where there are two tables and plenty of bats. Even a few directors and writers are apt to drop in for a few games.

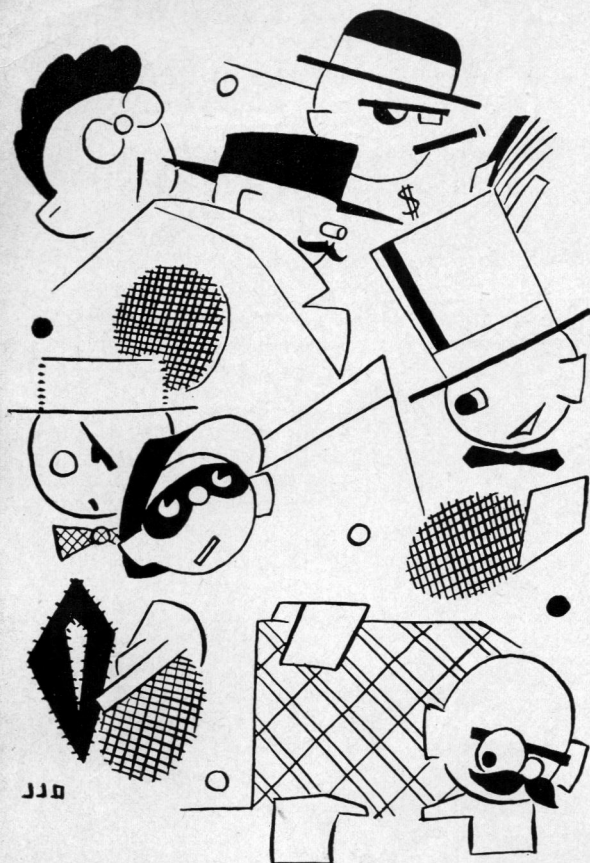
At the Paramount studio those who excel at table tennis, include Johnny Downs, Georges Rigaud, who played with George Raft and Dorothy Lamour

in "Spawn of the North," Larry Crabbe, Tito Guizar, John Payne, Archie Twitchell, Robert Cummings, Richard Denning, Bob Hope and Anthony Quinn.

Marsha Hunt found the limit of four players at once not enough to take care of her guests, so she devised a game in which all the people that can surround the table can participate. They take turns at the bat, changing with each shot. It demands some speedy footwork and rivals a swing contest.

Another game, which is a stunt of Bellak, Glancz and many of the exhibitionists, is played. They blow the ball across the net. You have to be an ex-boy scout bugler or a saxophone player to last a 21 point game. When the ball hits the floor a point is scored.

They're still talking about the time between scenes of "Doctor Rhythm" when Bing Crosby blew the ball across the net and it popped into Martha Raye's mouth and she was awarded the point because the ball did not hit the floor.



Beware! Table Tennis Hustlers

By E. ESSARE

WHENEVER a sport attains "its majority"—gains active players numbering hundreds of thousands and just as many avid spectators—it becomes infested with its most under-publicized, yet most serious pest, the sport hustler.

People who play any form of cards, for sport's sake, have learned, after one or two bitter lessons, to heed signs in hotels, ocean liners and clubrooms, reading, "Beware of Card Sharks: Do not play with strangers." Billiard players have definitely caught up with the "pool-shark"—the kind you meet in billiard parlors—and, consequently, very rarely get touched anymore. Recently, the sport hustlers of Golf, Tennis and Swimming were disrobed and left bare by an article in a nationally circulated magazine—but Table Tennis is more infested than ever. Why the casual follower of this fascinating indoor sport hears nothing of the hustler can best be explained by the age-old adage that no one likes to admit he has been taken for a ride.

I met my first table tennis hustler in a

pool room in the Times Square district of New York—and did he take me! (Yes, I know, I shouldn't be in a pool room in the first place. But this isn't a saga of how I missed becoming President of the United States.)

—It was November, 1932 — Mark Schusheim was the paragon of the American game . . . Novices tried to mimic his tennis-like forehand . . . Club players spent hours trying to perfect a variety of finger-serves . . . You couldn't, at that time, go to a telephone book or walk down the main street in a strange town and find a club to play table tennis . . . And, if you did happen to know where a table could be found—other than some friend's basement—you had to have some pal afflicted with the same celluloid-bat-bug as you, in order to be sure of action.

—It was snowing—and I ducked into the pool room. I was surprised to see a green table, over in a corner near the cigar counter, with a net strung across it. It was merely an old billiard table converted into a table tennis court by the simple process of stripping the cushions and pockets and painting a white line over the

green cloth. Although the room was crowded, only one man was near the table. He was a tall, lanky fellow sprawled on a straight-back chair that was tilted at a precarious angle against the wall. His clothes were shabby—in the Broadway sense of the word—his shoes were in dire need of a shine, and his gray felt hat had seen better days. Our eyes met and he grinned.

“Snowing bad?” he asked pleasantly.

I nodded in confirmation of the obvious—for my coat was covered with wet flakes.

“Ja’ever see a table like this?”

I admitted I hadn’t—and took the bait by remarking that the ball must bounce poorly on cloth.

“Not too bad,” he said, “but I don’t know too much about the game. I just bat ’em around. Want to hit a few?”

And that’s how it started.

We warmed up for about ten minutes, during which my loneliness, coupled with the weather, convinced me that the bounce wasn’t too bad, and I began to feel like a champion. You see, the lanky Irish chap (he said his name was Jimmy Flaherty) appeared to be a complete beginner. He hit the ball with a back hand push. His entire ability seemed to be confined to getting the ball back—but annoyingly low, I remember now, too late.

If you’ve ever been “hustled,” I presume you know the rest. We began by playing “sociable”—the loser pays for the time.” Then, we played for Coca-Colas, and I won a close one, 21-19. The fact that he had me 18-12 before I rallied to win didn’t occur to me until three hours later—and that was the last time I won. We played for a quarter. We played for a dollar. We played for five dollars. No score was worse than 21-18—but I was always on the short end. In all, I believe I dropped twenty-eight dollars to him.

Just to give you an idea how good “Flaherty” really was, two years later,—after I got to know him well,—he played me a game blind-folded and *got the ball back by its sound*. Three years later, I

saw him beat a ranking Chicago player, in a private home in Oak Park, for seventy dollars. (The wager was covered by three other suckers and me—all admirers of form.) But that’s getting ahead of my story.

—It was March, 1933—and I was in Cleveland . . . Came an evening when the newspaper theatrical page advertised nothing but films I had seen four months previous in New York . . . Like all city yokels, I cursed “these hick towns”—and ended by looking for a place to play table tennis . . . I finally found a “club”—a converted store—somewhere around 95th and Euclid Avenue, as I recall.

There were four tables in the room but only one was in use. Approximately fifteen men and women were gathered around the table, and the tension in the air, ever-present with an important match, was evident. One player was a clean cut, eager-appearing lad, with red cheeks and tousled hair. His opponent had that “pool room complexion” and that cool, unconcerned attitude that smacks of professionalism. Yes, of course, you guessed it: he was “Flaherty.”



The proprietor obviously wasn't too happy to see me. He came forward rapidly and whispered, "It's an important match, understand? (Winking). As soon as they've finished, I'll get a game for you . . . Sit down and watch, if you'd like."

A fat, perspiring individual, perched on a high stool, droned the score importantly. (There's always one around, isn't there?) "Flaherty" won the game, 21-18. An excited young lady informed me in an excited squeak, as the players changed courts, "Maxie won the first game, 21-14, and Mr. Dougherty won this one. (Dougherty?) and they're playing best two out of three for fifty dollars and isn't it too exciting!"

"Flaherty" or "Dougherty" or "Jimmy" (we'd better think of him as Mr. Hustler because he has at least twelve aliases that I know) took the third game, 21-19—and the fifty dollars. The club champ, Maxie, rallied magnificently (sound familiar?) from 12-20 'way up to 19-20 before losing. Mr. Hustler's well-placed trap shots suddenly lost their magic accuracy and began missing the table by a half-inch, but he just managed (?) to pull through with his victory. Maxie was a game loser and shook hands with the conventional smile and pat on his opponent's back. Mr. Proprietor, the stake-holder, payed off the bet (covered by seven club members, each with twenty dollars a week earning power). And arrangements were completed immediately for a return match the following evening, for fifty dollars!

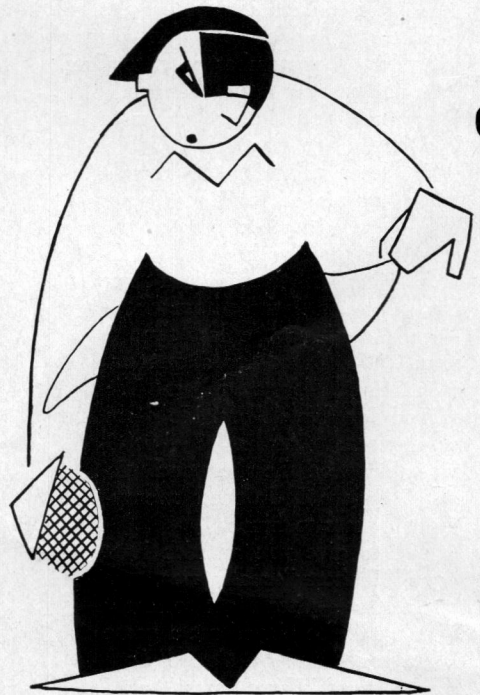
I expected the hustler to be overcome with embarrassment when he saw me—but, instead, he ambled over with his arm outstretched and his winning Irish grin.

He introduced me to the proprietor and Maxie as his "good friend from New York," kept up a constant chatter about how nice it is to run into old friends in a strange city, while washing up—and had me in a taxi before I could catch my breath.

Sparing you the almost unbelievable details that Jimmy revealed over a dinner table and only touching the highlights of his "career"—he had "hustled" about \$3,000 in 1932. He patiently ex-

plained his shabby attire in New York as compared with his affluent appearance in Cleveland by saying that he always dressed according to "the spot you're workin' in." He steered shy of well-known clubs that were meccas for top-notch American stars. No bet was too small or too large for him: he had played for twenty-five cents in South Brooklyn and for twenty-five dollars at a beach club in Southern California. He never entered a tournament but admitted sheepishly, "I'll bet I could win a lot of 'em—but I don't want glory, I want dough." (At that time, there was no "pushing" law in effect.) He believed his success was entirely due to the fact that he played like a sucker, with no semblance of form—and the country was "form-crazy." He modestly admitted that by simply tilting his bat one inch in any direction and changing his wrist movement, his returns would miss the white lines, causing the sucker to believe that his top-spins and chops were too much for Jimmy—and that when he needed a point, he could keep pushing the ball back until his opponent missed. He elaborated by

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Meet The Champ

By GRANT WHITNEY

IT took Herr Hitler and his armed hordes to erase a slim, little table tennis player off the front pages of the Czechoslovakian newspapers.

And believe it or not, table tennis, or to be more specific, Bohumil (Bo) Vana, was big news in Prague until Der Fruher sliced himself off a big piece of the country and turned the minds of the people to more pressing things.

Until then, every Czech, and his sister, was sports minded and to be sports minded in Czechoslovakia meant to be a table tennis follower. And to be a table tennis follower meant to be a Bo Vana fan.

Who is Bo Vana? Well, he's an 18-year-old youngster who is the Babe Ruth, the Man O' War and the Bobby Jones of table tennis, all rolled into one. He is the world's champion who won his title by defeating Viktor Barna, heretofore regarded as invincible, and before that he swept all the titles there are in Europe.

Over in Europe and that went especially for Czechoslovakia before the country

was cut up like a wedding cake, they take their table tennis seriously. It's nothing at all to see the arenas in the bigger cities packed for minor championships.

But to get back to young Mr. Vana. As was mentioned higher up in this thesis, he had walked off with all the European titles. And then came the decisive meeting with Victor Barna, who had held the world's championship for five years and frequently had won it with little or no opposition.

Well, to make the story as short as possible both entered the world's championship at Wembley, London, last January. As expected, the great Barna moved steadily through, but so did young Bo. They were in the same bracket and this, as it turned out, was awfully bad news for the champion. They met in the semi-final, and for the first time in many years Barna was not to acknowledge the plaudits of an audience viewing the finals.

Because, Bo, who was truly at the peak of his game slashed his way to a straight set victory, 16, 19, 17. And then Berg-

mann, the Austrian, was conquered in the finals.

That established the young Czech as the world's greatest and he returned to his homeland.

Months went by, and finally word was received of him when Sandor Glancz, advisory chairman of the United States Table Tennis Association and a former European champion announced that Vana not only was safe and sound, but on his way to the United States, where he would be the star of the annual tour which includes Jimmy McClure, Bernie Grimes, Jimmy O'Connor and Sandor Glancz.

Young Bo is here now. He arrived November 10 in New York and right at the minute he is touring the table tennis centers and astounding fans with his superb offense and the most perfect drop shot the game has ever seen.

The drop shot is really something to see. Vana drives his opponent away from the table and then uses the tantalizing little stroke that barely drops over the net. The opponent, meanwhile, is so far back that he has no hope of making a return.

On the current tour it will be particularly interesting to see how Vana manages his drop shot against Glancz, with whom he will play in many matches. Glancz has been known for years as the best "drop-shotter" in the game, and it will be a case of Vana, the modern world's champion, against Glancz, the master technician, who has acquired unusual grace and skill with his many years of playing.

The astonishing part of Vana's game is that he has been able to conquer the best players in the world without having a particularly fine backhand drive. Other champions have always excelled in backhand and forehand strokes, but Vana is different and has overcome this with his footwork. He moves so much faster—against even the fastest—that he always gets in position to hit with his forehand. He has developed this to such a degree that he is now one of the few players in the world who has been able to take the offense away from Laszlo Bellak, of Hungary, who has annexed the U. S. title the past several years and also been runner-up for world honors on three occasions.

The new champion is learning to speak English and he has mastered the language fairly well. His ambition now is to write a book on table tennis, which he has already started and expects to complete by the time he has finished his tour of the United States. During his visit he is acting as a special correspondent for a Czechoslovakian daily newspaper.

The war scare is over for the Czechs and Vana is big news again in all the country's papers. Champion at what is fast becoming known as the world's fastest game, he is still just an 18-year-old boy. He worships hockey stars, and has an autograph book that he hopes will be filled with the names of movie and sports stars before he leaves for home. He doesn't understand why they go wild over him, which is unusual for a champion, but not for Bo Vana.

Following are the dates and scenes of his matches during his current tour, which started November 13th.

Nov. 13, Indianapolis, Ind.; Nov. 14, Elkhart, Ind.; Nov. 15, Royal Oak, Mich.; Nov. 17, Dayton, O.; Nov. 18 and 19, St. Louis, Mo.; Nov. 20, Topeka, Kan.; Nov. 21, Des Moines, Ia.; Nov. 22, Minneapolis, Minn.; Nov. 27, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Nov. 28, Riveredge, N. J.; Nov. 29, Pittsfield, Mass.; Nov. 30, Ithaca, N. Y.; Dec. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dec. 2, York, Pa.; Dec. 3, New York, N. Y. (tentative); Dec. 5, Springfield, Mass.; Dec. 6, Worcester, Mass.; Dec. 9, Providence, R. I. and Dec. 12, Boston, Mass.

REPORT FROM THE GLANCZ TOUR

First reports from Sandor Glancz from the mid-west indicate that the current tour would surpass all former endeavors, particularly in Boston where last year's event broke the attendance record for the United States.

Lloyd Shepardson of the Newton Table Tennis Club, who sponsored the tour last year, has again booked the show for the Boston Arena, and expects to establish new attendance figures, if the weather gives him a better break than last year.

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The correct position for the forehand drive just previous to the movement of contact.



Table Tennis Technique

By SANDOR GLANCZ

LAST month in the preliminary lecture,

I discussed the proper grip and the three fundamental block shots which are the foundation of this game of table tennis. I think it would be for the best if we added another preliminary lecture and considered a few more essentials before going into the more intricate points. Rome wasn't built in a day and although these little things, like footwork and service, may seem unimportant, they usually make the difference between a smooth and a clumsy player.

I don't know any of the better table tennis players who could be described as awkward. Try to be graceful above everything else when you are beginning to play. Keep your poise and don't get flustered even though it might lose you an occasional point. You can't be graceful and poised unless you learn to stand properly.

You won't get far if you set yourself for an opponent's serve, with your feet spread widely and your body crouched grimly like a lineman on a football team. Take it easily. Stand erect and relaxed, but not careless, about a short step behind the baseline, near the center of the table. Don't have your feet close together and don't let them be too far apart. Strike a medium and let your legs

bend slightly at the knees.

In this stance, you will be able to move quickly and smoothly. It is important to remember the position, a pace behind the table. If you are too close to the baseline it will be difficult to take deep shots and if you are too far back, you won't be able to reach chops and drop shots near the net.

I mentioned the service last month briefly, explaining the simple way of putting the ball in play. Since then I have received a few letters from readers who think that there should be more to a service than a mere natural forehand stroke. They inquire about "trick" services and seem anxious to learn some sort of an unorthodox slice or chop that will baffle their opponent at the start of the game.

Of course, there are many top-notch table tennis players who employ a freak service effectively, but I wouldn't advise a beginner to waste his time concentrating on that phase of the game when there are so many other and more important things for him to practice. If you have developed some sort of a puzzling serve, go ahead and use it. If you haven't, don't try to imitate somebody else's individual mannerism. The chances are you won't be able to master it with his success. Some others hold different opinions, but I don't think you can study and master a trick service. You might

acquire one naturally but you won't pick one up second-hand.

At this point, then, it would be better for you to work on the service return, rather than the service itself. You will find the block shot essential in returning service, because a hard forehand drive or chop or any other attacking stroke is rather dangerous to use at such an early stage of a rally. The block shot (for the benefit of the readers who missed the last issue) is made with the backhand surface of the bat, getting the ball on the pick-up as soon as it leaves the table. If the ball has top spin, tilt the surface of the bat slightly forward at an angle. If it is chopped, with back spin, tilt the bat backward. If the serve has no English on it, merely hold the bat straight, parallel with the net. There is one more detail about service return that you should remember carefully. If the server slices the ball very heavily so that it floats across the net with a great deal of cut on it, don't return with a block shot. Let the ball bounce to its highest point and cut underneath it with the surface of your bat held flat.

When you return the service and perhaps one or two more shots, you may be in a position to use the forehand drive, which is the next stroke we will consider this month. Notice that I said "you may be in a position to use the forehand drive." In other words, don't ever use it unless you are in position, because position is everything in this stroke, which can be very effective if it is employed correctly and very ineffective if it is done incorrectly.

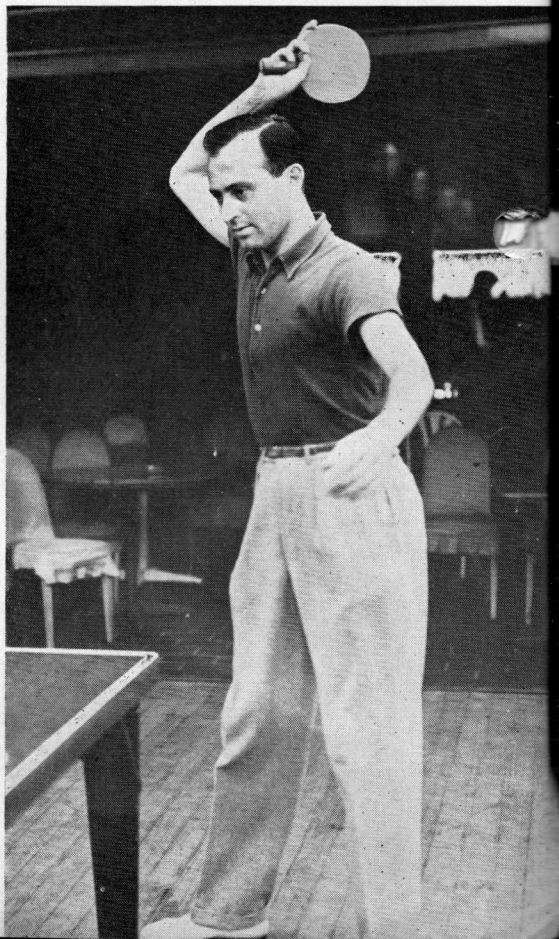
You must plan a forehand drive and get ready for it. Stand about one foot behind the center of the table with your body turned halfway to the right and your right foot behind your left foot, so that your shoulders are about in a line with the upright on the left of the net. Start the stroke high at your shoulder and swing the bat in a generous arch. At the moment of contact with the ball, snap the elbow, bringing the bat forward and upward simultaneously and finishing the stroke over your right shoulder.

The stroke begins with your weight on your right, or rear, foot and at the moment of impact the weight shifts over to

the left foot, turning the body slightly to the left as you follow through up and over your right shoulder. The ball should be hit at the highest point of its bounce and the surface of the bat should be tilted slightly backward. The wrist is firm but not locked during the execution.

The position of the body, the shifting of the weight from the right to left foot at the moment of impact and the upward and forward follow-through to the vicinity of the right ear are essential in the execution of the forehand drive. Don't ever try it if you are not in the proper position unless you want to lose.

Practice the forehand drive and perhaps there will be another lesson in the next issue, if I manage to survive this tour with Bohumil Vana, the world's champion, through the Mid-West, the East and New England. After competing against Vana, I ought to be able to tell you about defensive table tennis, at least.



The finish of the forehand drive

The Feminine Angle

By REBA KIRSON

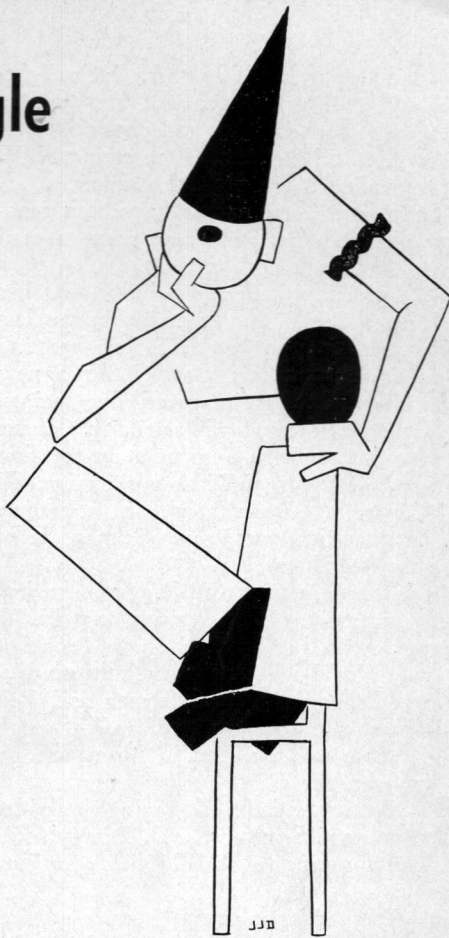
AN eminent neurologist asserted (in the New York Post) that the instant reflex action of an expert ping-pong player by no means signifies a quick brain—in fact, a moron might by practice develop into a *champion at table tennis*. Nathan Meyer called Sol Schiff's attention to this statement. Seemingly, upon its third perusal, Sol's puzzled expression shifted to cognizance, then he said, "Yes, you know when I used to go to gym I also had a cardiac condition."

For the last three years the Nationals were held in the East—now that the Nationals have been awarded to Toledo, the West is kicking that they are not "getting enough"—somebody's clock is slow—these complaints were due three years ago. The hullabaloo in re to deciding where the Nationals will be held annually should cease. One Eastern city ought to be the permanent host. (See United States Lawn Tennis Association about it.)

The Mid-West boasts of its copious playing centers, abundant activity and inexpensive rates: 10 cents per hour (Y. M. C. A.'s 5c per). Cleveland's organization consist of two women: Clara Harrison and Anna Everling . . . tsK . . . tsK. Betty Hendry designs and sews all of her own table tennis clothes. . . . When the twain (west vs. east) meet this season—Sally Green'll give Emily Fuller plenty o' trouble. . . . Hollywood's Judy Garland is an honorary USTTA member.

"Ruthe Brewer will be the next national chmapion," quoth Papa Brewer. Maybe she will be in the next few years (if at all) . . . not because of her talent but because of her enthusiasm.

The USTTA constitution is being rewritten and revised via mail. (Ain't the females ever consulted?) The newly-installed national president Morris Bassford is exulting triumphant about the headquarters' new installation: A CEILING. . . . Ruth "Sody-Pop" Wilson has entered Mt. Holyoke College. Hammie Canning vows she's majoring in correspondence. . . . Mae Clouther has re-



signed from the women's committee. The team of Harry Cook and Stanley Fields is the best of all the exhibitionists. Cookie's back in competitive circulation with a grand offense and Stanley's back in circulation with a blonde.

A league has been formed at Woodbourne Institute, N. Y. The institute is a medium security prison for good boys from Sing Sing. George Perryman is furnishing the equipment. 'Tis not a one man job . . . other manufacturers throughout the country should contribute to this cause.

Helen Germaine has one of the hardest-hitting forehands. Helen should devote more time to this game. Abe Berenbaum is losing enthusiasm, when asked what there is to be more eager about than table tennis, he replied, "Music." Abe is now taking piano lessons and visualizes a musical Utopia. Seventeen-year-old Si Sussman, former national junior champ—

is winning over all the stars. He's slightly off top-rating because of inexperience . . . his form (strokes and physically) resembles Bud Blattner. A charming N. Y. personality is Herwald Lawrence. . . . The Metropolitan courts have been renovated—fresh red and green paint, a card room and a ladies' lounge.

Gossipers pick Bernie Grimes (who has defeated Schiff four times within the last two months) to be U. S. number one ranking player this year. With a new backhand he has improved five points. Bernie hits through Sol regularly. Grimes should never have been upset in the first round of the 1938 Nationals by Donald McCrossen. Don's good, but a beating like that indicates that Grimes lacks championship caliber.

A speedy recovery to Pagliaro—he lost his appendix. It's surprising that N. Y. state event has been given to Brooklyn instead of Bronx courts. Both proprietors, Leonard Witt of former and Ben Bogden run tourneys very well—though the space and facilities in Bronx are on par with the finest parlors in this land. . . . Pittsburgh is fast becoming the leader as an active center. . . . Pennsylvania championships to be held there for first time.

What's this about Joe Berna's owning part of a horse? a tale (or tail)? . . . Joe Lebow, Camden resident, has been table tennis and ranked in Philadelphia for ten years. The inter-city team league refused his trying out for the team. Joe Berna's holding a test tourney . . . if successful, will be used in all nationals; every match timed twenty minutes . . . each participant will know exact time matches will take place. . . . Negotiations are being made for girls' inter-city team matches. . . .

George Schein has a 1902 rule book. It suggests tricky costumes for the ladies; special gadgets for freedom of movement, and ball picker-uppers . . . (good idea).

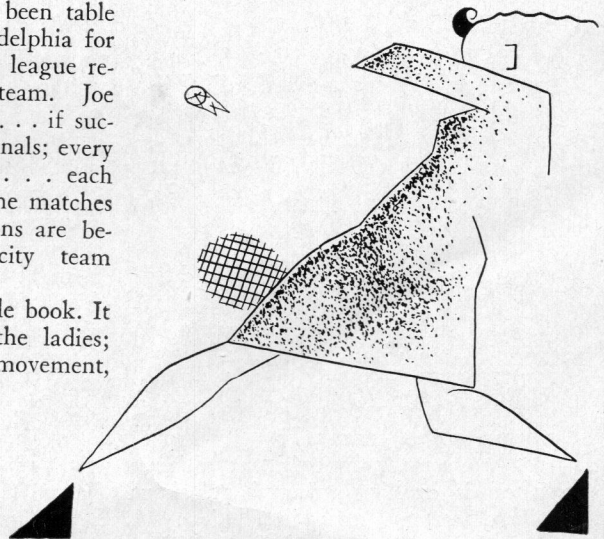
After your game is perfected with two or three forehand strokes — you throw your game off with

any attempt to develop similar backhands.

Table tennis is the only form of recreation in Yen-an, the headquarters of the Communists in Northwest China. . . . (Or should we keep politics out of this discussion?) . . . Frank Yetter is the chairman of the newly formed U. S. Table Tennis Association Referees and Umpires Committee, which will be the sole judges of every sanctioned tournament throughout the country. . . . If the rules committee had changed the regulation game to 17 points, I would have won my last 15 matches.

Resolution for the month: What with Grover Whalen playing host to tea from China, goulash from Hungary, honeymoons from Bermuda, postcards and premiers from France, toredors from Spain and fogs from England, I think that a series of international table tennis exhibitions should be displayed at the New York World's Fair. What do you think? After all, the stroke could be easily promoted.

*And then there's the gal who says,
"The ball isn't so lively since they started
wrapping them up in cellophane."*



Membership Race

As announced in last month's TOPICS the 1938-39 membership race is under way. This race will be based on the ratio of USTTA members to the population. Each month the State Association making the largest gain will be given a gold membership paddle and the State Association making the greatest gain for the season will win the Topics Cup.

The gold paddle for October was won by Rhode Island and this state also leads for the cup. Complete figures are given below.

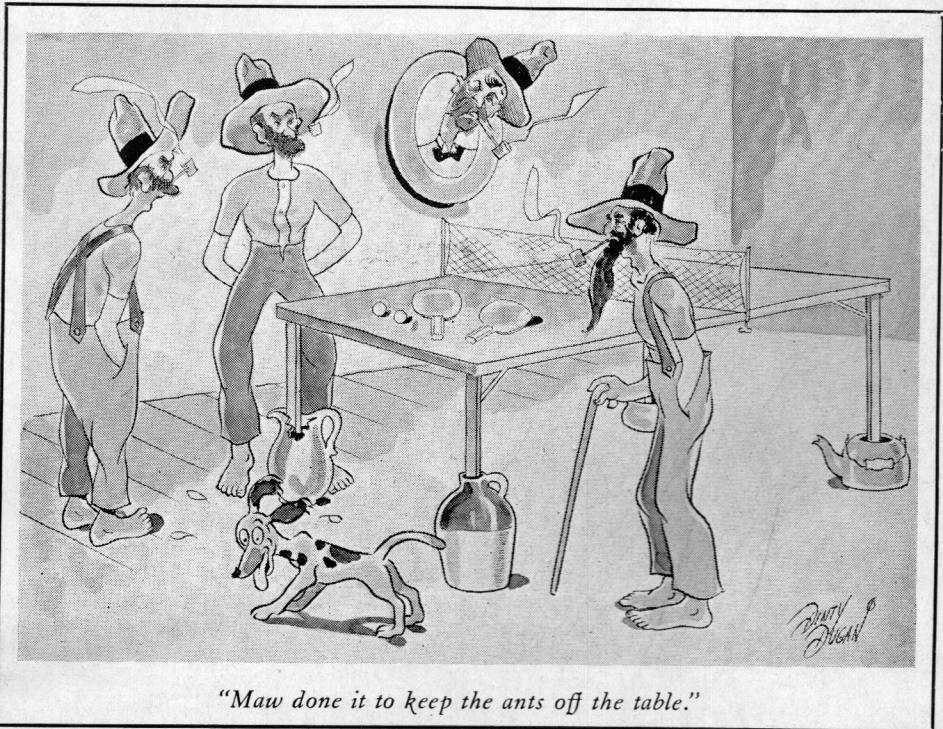
Due to the large number of memberships expiring during December and January, a Bonus will be granted for renewals. Each renewal sent to Membership Chairman Jim Berna during December and January will count double in the membership race.

The last call for memberships at the old dues rate expires the first of Decem-

ber. Any membership received after that date are acceptable only at the new, higher dues.

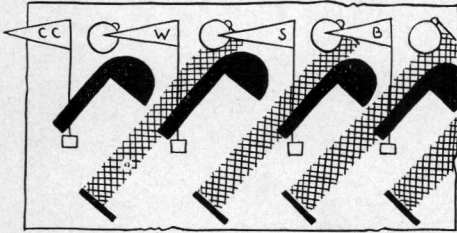
Here is how the race stood on November 1:

	% per M of popl. June 1	% per M of popl. Nov. 1	% Gain 6/1 to 11/1
State Assn.			
Rhode Island	.167	.193	.026
Texas	.007	.018	.011
Nebraska	.156	.166	.010
Minnesota	.037	.046	.009
Maryland	.140	.148	.008
District of Co.	.181	.187	.006
Oregon	.061	.065	.004
Massachusetts	.043	.043	.000
Michigan	.033	.033	.000
Indiana	.046	.046	.000
Ohio	.021	.018	-.003
Pennsylvania	.051	.047	-.004
Illinois	.021	.016	-.005
Washington	.057	.041	-.016



Across The Country

• **MASSACHUSETTS:** The MTTA plans to dissolve into four smaller groups, the Boston Association, Cape Cod Asso-



ciation, Worcester Association and Springfield Association. The reason for this is that the MTTA officials feel that interest in the game will increase rapidly if each group carries on its own organization and expansion work. . . . Lloyd Shephardson of the Newton Table Tennis Club will conduct the Glancz tour.

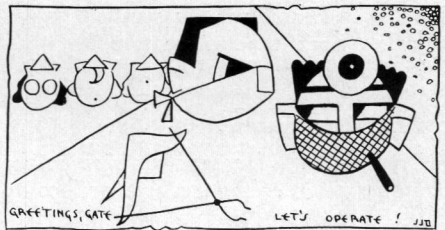
• **MINNESOTA:** The MTTA has completed work on the new constitution and by-laws which will go into effect shortly. . . . The first annual meeting of this association was held on October 25th.

• **NORTH DAKOTA:** Frank Baumstark will serve as president of the newly affiliated Glen Ullin TTC. Other officers are: Joe Hartinger, vice pres., Charles Schnieder, secty., John Engen, treas.

• **NEW JERSEY:** The Trenton Table Tennis League has recently affiliated with the USTTA. Theodor W. Kain is serving as president and is attempting to organize the high schools. . . . Newly elected officers of the Mercer County TTA are: Harry Schroeder, pres., Robert Ford, vice pres., James Quick, secty., Earl Ballard treas. This association has just opened a new place to play. . . Essex County TTA officers: Harold Moskowitz, chairman, H. R. Peery, vice chr., Alice O'Connor, chairlady, Sidney Semp-liner, treas., Harry B. Weiss, consul, William W. Myen, secty. . . . George H. Perryman has just returned from a brief trip to central Europe.

• **ILLINOIS:** Disagreeing with the DCTTA proposed amendments to the constitution, the ITTA introduced a new amendment to permit state associations to set their own group membership dues. Incomplete results indicate the defeat of the ITTA amendment and passing of the DCTTA amendments by an overwhelming majority.

• **MICHIGAN:** The game of table tennis was taken apart last month at the East Side Table Tennis Center in Detroit. Several hundred people attended a clinic at the above club to find out what made



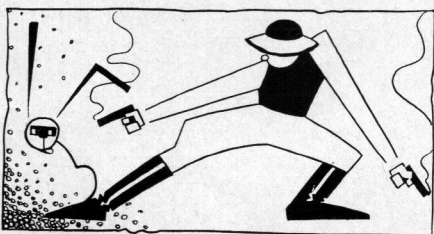
the game so fascinating. The experiment which was well publicized by the alert Detroit press, introduced many well-known players to an audience composed mostly of newcomers to the organized game. Lee Webb, Michigan closed and Canadian National singles champion, was the leading diagnostician. Assisting Webb in the demonstration of the finer points of the game were Harry Davis, Marie Van Loon, Gar Gomon, and Al Marshall, players who hold many titles in Michigan and Illinois.

The event was very successful and is recommended to other cities, where interest is below par.

• **OREGON:** USTTA recording secretary Don Vaughan reports a Northwest table tennis officials' meeting. Representatives from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia were present. Plans were made for the following tournaments: Pacific Northwest, Northwest Intercity, Western Canada, and Pacific Coast. Other plans were made for the further development of table tennis on the West Coast.

- **KANSAS:** Cecil Woodworth is working to place a Topeka team in the National Intercity Championships.

- **PENNSYLVANIA:** Jim Berna has succeeded Pat Lavelle as recording secretary of the PTTA. (Where there's table tennis there is a Berna). . . Joe Hart of Pittsburgh flew to Philly to turn in 35 memberships. . . Reading's Ivan Marks coaxed in over 30. He reports that they are still in the midst of a large membership drive. . . Past national President Zeisberg is conspicuously absent from active league play this season . . . Gene Smolens will head the committee in charge of the Glancz tour, but before she let him take the job, his wife, Violet, had to be promised that Gene wouldn't be asked to take any other job this season. Vi should talk when she is as deeply involved in her women's division work as Gene ever was in tournaments. . . Urb Lamay will run the Intercollegiates while Joe Berna will struggle with the Intercity. . . Membership chairman Frank Kohler is getting into practice for bagging memberships by picking off rabbits in Doylestown fields.



He merely takes one look at a rabbit—says, "Ha, a prospective member," and bang! Another bunny bites the dust. . . Ben Glickman begins his annual worrying over the Bradley Cup as the Intercollegiates draw near. . . Claude Archer is getting his crop of gray hair planning the annual General Electric table tennis banquet. . . Corresponding secretary John Collins has an active group from Midvale Steel Co. playing in the Financial and Industrial League. . . After two year's of successfully balancing the PTTA'S budget, treasurer Bob Forman worked up enough confidence to take unto himself a wife and see what he could do with his own.

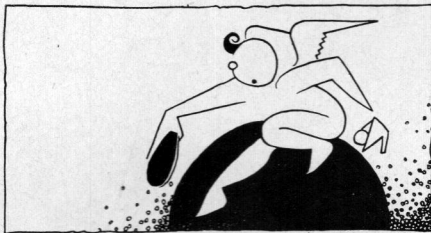
- **MISSOURI:** The Heart of America TTA was forced to dissolve because of financial difficulties. . . The disbanded HATTA is trying to reform as a commercial table tennis club by the sale of stock (\$10.00 a share). . . The Kansas City Table Tennis League will supplant the HATTA as the local organization.

George Hendry had a very successful tennis season. He captured the municipal junior singles championship for the second time, won the Missouri State high school championship and was a member of the Beaumont team, which lead the public high school league with 53 consecutive victories.

- **MARYLAND:** Sol Schiff and Douglas Cartland appeared at the Penthouse Club, Baltimore. . . Max Graf and Manny Moskowitz are working hard to put over a successful Easterns.

- **WASHINGTON:** Another conquest was made recently by the Cupid, who prefers the table tennis paddle to the bow and arrow. Rudy Ursic, president of the WTTA, and Marian Hoffman, number two ranking player of the Northwest were married in the same Seattle hotel and on the same glass-enclosed top floor, where Berna and Bellak gave their successful exhibition a month previously.

This marriage may have a lot to do with the future success of the WTTA. Rudy and George Fossas have been the sparkplugs of the state association. If Rudy retires to domesticity and Georgiana



Fossas retires from competition leading George from active work, the association would be weakened considerably.

Another factor is the new ownership of the playing club in Seattle which has been the center of most activities.

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Tournament Results

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

On October 22 at Providence, R. I., in a hard fought five game match, Johnny Abrahams of Hartford, Conn., captured the men's singles event by defeating Swaythling Cupper Bernie Grimes, -10, 12, 10, -17, 16. The semis featured some excellent play with Abrahams taking former national champion Jimmy Jacobson into camp by scores of 12, 16, -17, -15, 17, and Grimes defeating Sammy Silberman of New York, 4, 8 and 11.

National champion Emily Fuller captured the women's singles event from Ruthe Brewer of New York City by scores of 9, 15, 17. In the semis Emily

dropped a game to Lucia Farrington of Smith College while Mae Clouther of Arlington, Mass., was upset by the greatly improved playing of Miss Brewer in a fast, hard fought five game match.

Grimes and Silberman paired in the men's doubles to defeat Les Lowry of Newton, Mass. and Jimmy Jacobson of Harvard University by scores of 15, -16, 18, 19.

In one of the most interesting matches of the tournament Mae Clouther and Frank Dwelley, youthful Cambridge, Mass. player combined to defeat Ruthe Brewer and Melvin Rose of New York only to lose the mixed doubles title to the Johnny Abrahams-Lucia Farrington team by scores of 22, 16.

MEN'S SINGLES

Finals—John Abrahams, Hartford, Conn., defeated Bernard Grimes, New York, -10, 12, 10, -17, 16.

Semi-Finals—John Abrahams defeated Jimmy Jacobson Harvard University, 12, 16, -17, -15, 17. Bernard Grimes defeated Sam Silberman, New York, 4, 8, 11.

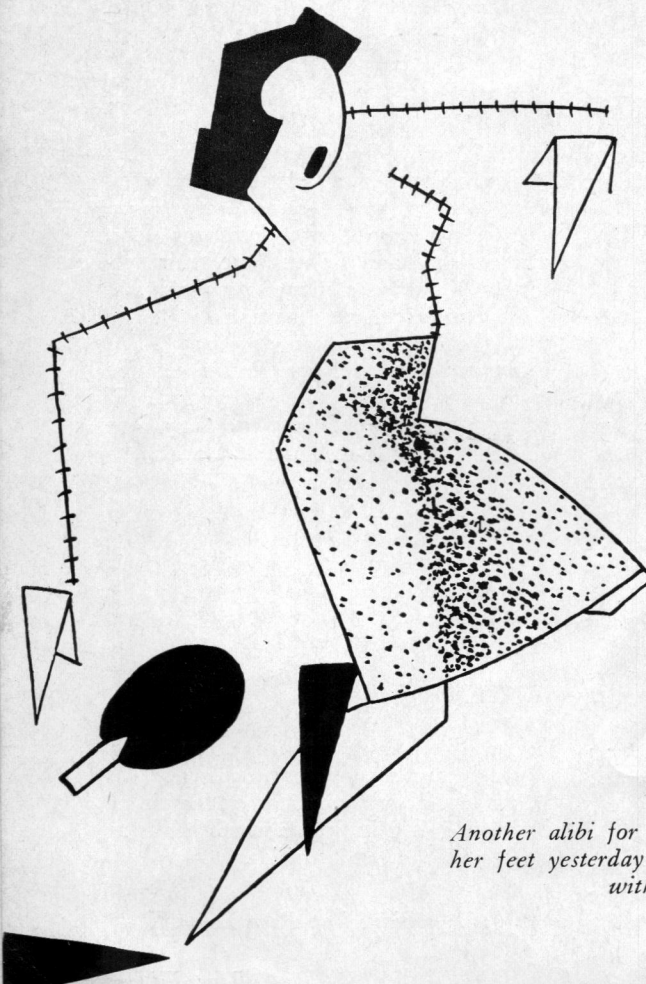
WOMEN'S SINGLES

Finals—Emily Fuller, New York, defeated Ruthe Brewer, New York, 9, 15, 17.

Semi-Finals—Emily Fuller defeated Lucia Farrington, Smith College, 12, 12, -20, 15. Ruthe Brewer defeated Mae Clouther, Boston, 16, -17, -17, 17, 16.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Finals—Bernard Grimes, New York, and Sam Silberman, New York, defeated Lesley Lowey, Newton, Mass., and Jimmy Jacobson, Harvard University 15, -16, 18, 19.



Another alibi for the gals. "She washed her feet yesterday and can't do a thing with them."

Semi-Finals—Bernard Grimes and Sam Silberman defeated John Abrahams, Hartford, Conn., and Melvin Rose, New York, 15, 20. Lesley Lowry and Jimmy Jacobson defeated Jack Hartigan Westchester, and Bill Gunn, Mamaroneck, N. Y., 13, 15.

MIXED DOUBLES

Finals—Lucia Farrington Newton, Mass., and John Abrahams, Hartford, Conn., defeated Mae Clouthier, Boston, Mass. and Frank Dwelly, Cambridge, Mass., 22-20; 21-16.

Semi-Finals—Lucia Farrington and John Abrahams defeated Emily Fuller, New York, and Bernard Grimes, New York, 19-21; 21-18; 21-19. Mae Clouthier and F. Dwelly defeated Ruthe Brewer, New York, and Melvin Rose, New York, 7-21; 21-16; 22-20.

(Abbreviations used for the following tournament results: MS, Men's Singles; WS, Women's Singles; MD, Men's Doubles; MXD, Mixed Doubles.)

MIAMI VALLEY OPEN

Amid startling upsets (9) Roger Downs (Indianapolis) emerged victorious in the Fifth Annual Miami Valley Open at Hamilton, O., October 22-23. And this was only after a hard fought five game match with Harvey Davis (Detroit) in the finals. In the semis Downs defeated (7) Garner Gomon (Detroit) and Davis was victor over (12) Harry Sage (Columbus). (1) Calvin Fuhrman (Hamilton) was ousted in the quarters by Gomon 15, 16, -14, -15, 19. Other quarterfinalists were Al Marshall (Detroit), (8) Howard Thomas (Dayton) and (6) Joe Carter (Hamilton). (2) Lee Webb (Detroit) was defeated in the eights by Sage after five games.

Sally Green (Indianapolis) running true to form won the women's event when she defeated Norma Hieronymous (Columbus) 15, 11, -22, 13.

Webb and Marshall won the doubles, Fuhrman and Green the mixed and Charles Tichenor (Indianapolis) the boys'.

MIDDLE STATES

Middle States at Gary, Ind., Nov. 5-6: MS: Alvin Nordhem d Gordon Muchow

8, 9, 18. Semis: Nordhem d Wilkins; G. Muchow d Ralph Muchow. MD: Norden and R. Muchow d Serbu and Farmer. WS: Mildred Wilkinson d Margaret Koolery. MXD: Nordhem and Wilkinson d Condly and Koolery.

INDIANA OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Indiana Open Membership at Hammond, October 8-9: MS: Alvin Nordhem d Bob Anderson. MD: Nordhem and Poppo d Anderson and Westfall. WS: Mildred Wilkinson d Betty Henry 14, 9, 16. MXD: Nordhem and Wilkinson d Anderson and Henry.

ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP

Illinois Membership at Chicago, November 11: MS: Bob Anderson d Ralph Muchow. MD: Bob Anderson and Herman Leavitt d Alvin Nordhem and Paul Poppo. Novice MS: Ed Ray. WS: Mildred Wilkinson d Willis Gant. MXD: Alvin Nordham and Mildred Wilkinson d William Condly and Willa Grant.

KANSAS CITY LEAGUE

The Kansas City Table Tennis League with headquarters in the Nelly Don Auditorium, 1228 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri, announced the election of the following officers; Harry J. Walters, pres.; W. C. Vogt and Ben James, vice pres.; John F. Snyder, treas. and Clarence Dechant, secty. The advisory board has three members, Dr. F. Stanley Morset, Alex Alberg and C. A. Schildeknecht.

The league has 24 teams, which compete by the Davis Cup method. At present there are 100 persons playing.

A portion of each team's entrance fee is set aside and automatically every league member becomes affiliated with the USTTA.

The objectives of the KCTTL include the sponsoring and conducting of sanctioned tournaments, staging exhibitions, fostering the play of organized table tennis in Kansas City and other functions of a regularly chartered body, club or association.

The league is sponsoring the Missouri Open at Kansas City, Dec. 10 and 11.

Knocking The Lid Off

By WES BISHOP

I HAVE heard of a few amusing novelty games that can be played with table tennis equipment but we have discovered something really unique along that line in Chicago. Stop me if you have heard the story, but it concerns the covers of mayonnaise jars.

There is no set rule which requires you to use covers from mayonnaise jars and I suppose the lid of a cold cream pot or a pickle bottle could do just as well in a pinch. Anyway, mayonnaise, cold cream or pickles, here is the way the game goes.

Take a broom stick and saw it into pieces about two inches high and balance a mayonnaise jar cover, two and a half inches in diameter, on the top of this piece of wood. We call these balanced covers "lids" and place three of them on each half section of a table. Two are placed 27 inches from the net and 27 inches from the player's edge of the table and 12 inches from the side of the table. The other is set on the service line in the middle of the table, 12 inches from the player's edge of the table.

The scoring and rules are as follows:

Primarily, the object is to knock the lid off the other fellow's man and by so doing, you receive one point. If you prefer, you can make it a 21 point game but

since the thing is mainly for practice, we have found that a five point game is usually sufficient.

The player who accidentally knocks off one of his own lids automatically loses one point, regardless of whether he upsets the lid with the ball or with his paddle.

Serves can be exchanged at every point but, as we play it, whoever happens to have the ball serves it. You can protect your lids by using your paddle, if you are quick and skillful enough to do it. But protecting usually knocks off more lids than it saves.

It is a grand "goofy" game for a party where everyone wants to play regulation table tennis but are not, unfortunately, regulation table tennis players. There is a good bit of satisfaction in knocking the other player's "lid off" and even more pleasure in cracking his entire man from the table.

We used rubber bands originally to soften the clattering sound of the mayonnaise covers on the table but after using them we found that they added new interest to the game. The lid remains balanced delicately on the crossed rubber bands and it takes a direct and sure hit to knock it off. Many a shot will just teeter the lid and bring howls of despair and delight from the audience. (There are natural grooves in most mayonnaise jars in which rubber bands fit neatly.)

The whole thing is a lot of fun and I advise you to give it a try.

SOCIAL TOURNAMENT

The Cottage Park Yacht Club Tournament, an annual invitation event was scheduled to be held on Nov. 26, at Winthrop, Mass. Plans were made under the supervision of I. Rodensky of the Towne Table Tennis Club, Boston. Local club interest is growing rapidly and the above event is only a forerunner of many tournaments to be held, according to Rodensky, who supplied the technical advice at the big tournament held at the Hotel Puritan, Boston, last August, for the international tennis stars.

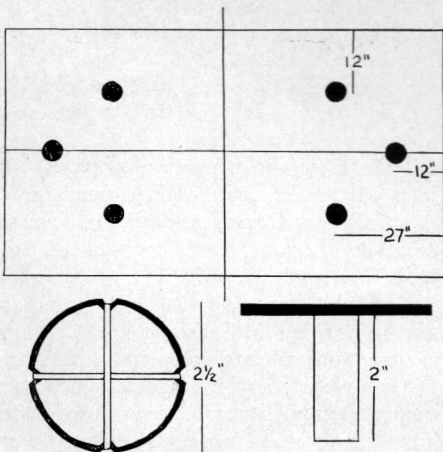


Diagram shows position of men, the lid and the man

BEWARE! HUSTLERS

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telling how he and a fellow hustler, a tall lad named Abe-something-or-other, who was working Seattle and Portland, practically virgin territory, had spent hours practising to keep the ball in play—and that both of them had become so accurate they were able to hit the white lines eight out of ten times on a bet! What's more, the next day Jimmie played with me and demonstrated conclusively that I couldn't score more than five points a game if he really wanted to "play fer each pernt."

—During the next three years, I "bumped" into Jimmy (he only bothered changing his last name) in the lobbies of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, the Statler in Detroit, the Phillips in Kansas City, the Hollywood Plaza in Hollywood and the Jung in New Orleans. Sometimes he was wearing a conservative oxford gray suit, other times a flashy green one, and still other times he looked like a fellow who had thumbed a ride into town and had come into the club to get warm.

I haven't seen Jimmy since March, 1935—but by constant prodding, questioning and morbid research, I've heard stories that convince me that there are many more "Jimmies"—the Hustlers of Table Tennis—"working" all over the country. As the game has grown miraculously, so has it become more and more infested with these pests and parasites.

Perhaps you've heard about the "Legitimate Hustler" out in Hollywood with thespianic aspirations who, after trying vainly to get an extra's job, boldly walked into a swank private club in Santa Barbara in his one remaining decent outfit. He played a top-ranking motion picture star a game of table tennis, defeating the crooning idol decisively—and this star is no slouch at the game. The story goes that the star and the hustler became constant playing companions and that the hustler got not one but many extra jobs in pictures. Even taking into consideration the fact that all rumors, like this one, should be subtracted from four and divided by two in order to get some semblance of the truth—it does give you a good idea of what unlimited possibilities there

are in that field.

Then, there's the one about the collegiate looking lad, with a big "M" on his sweater, who walked into the Inter-Fraternity Club in Chicago and calmly asked for The Former National Champion. The clerk said Mr. Champ wasn't expected for two hours—and that's all the "collegian" needed to know. He took the elevator up to the game room (one of the finest equipped table tennis rooms in the country) and, when a hospitable member came over to offer assistance, the visitor began a pleasant conversation. The story goes that the "collegian" was seventy-five dollars to the good—and still going strong—when an attendant came in to announce that Mr. Champ had arrived and "whom shall I say is calling?" The collegian made a hasty exit—with the money, of course—and has never returned to that well known club.

But the best one comes from Detroit where, they say, a young lady walked into a gentlemen's club on Woodward Avenue to sell some magazines—and left, taking the gang at table tennis for a cool 150 smackers!

—Am I telling you never to play with strangers? No. I'm not. As a matter of fact, some fine friendships, romances and business deals have blossomed forth from a casual game of table tennis with a total stranger.

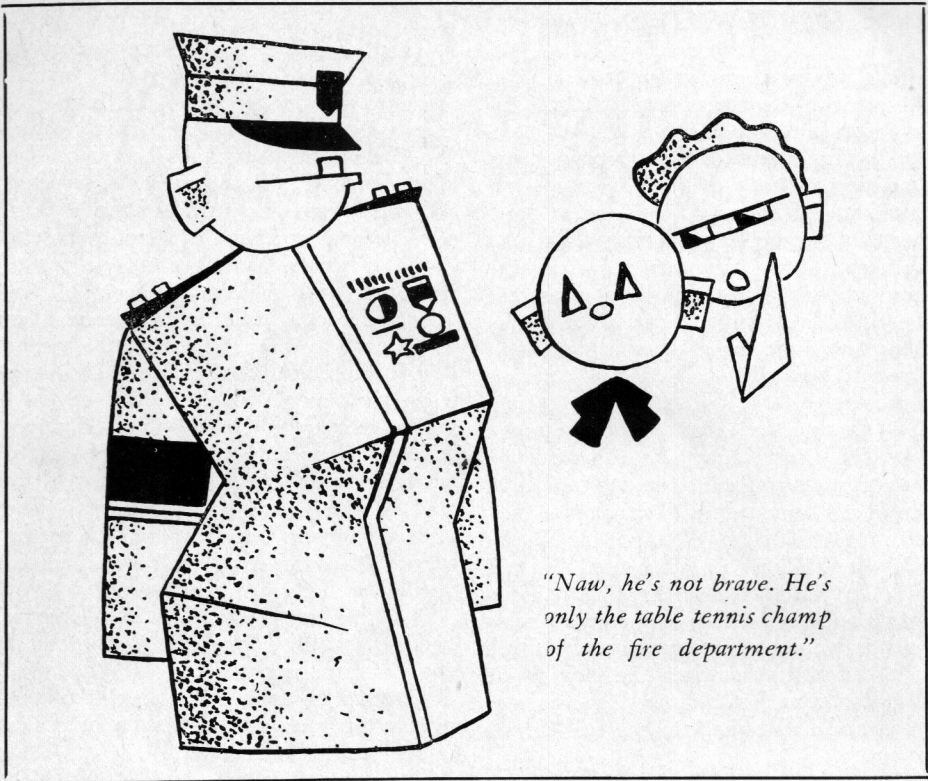
The thing to do is this: play games with strangers BUT when the stranger suggests a "sociable bet just to make it interesting"—then Beware!

ST. LOUIS LEAGUES

The St. Louis Table Tennis Club has 38 teams in four leagues in active competition, 13 of which are composed of women players.

In addition an eight team, six man, high school league is being organized to play afternoons.

Many names familiar to table tennis players throughout the country are included on the league rosters. Bud Blattner, Bill Price, George Hendry, Garrett Nash, Edward Woody, Bill Holzrichter, Don Hendry and John McCloskey head teams in their respective leagues.



WOMEN'S MATCHES

Mrs. Violet L. Smolens, chairman of the women's division of the USTTA national committee, has completed plans for a series of inter-city matches.

The first match scheduled for Nov. 20 was Philadelphia versus Baltimore. Henrietta Wright, Violet L. Smolens, Reba Kirson and Matilda Plaskow were named as representatives of the visiting team. Dorothy Halliday, Dorothy Benson, Virginia Stallings and Helen Stockbridge were the hosts.

The Philadelphia team has an official team outfit.

Mrs. Smolens was assisted in the arrangement of the matches by Ruthe Brewer, Emily Fuller and Manny Moskowitz.

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BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Boston Fire Commissioner, William A. Reilly, has ordered the city's firemen to take up table tennis, debating, spelling, horse shoe pitching and hand ball between alarms. He probably figures that the debating and handball will whip them into sound table tennis condition.

GREATER BOSTON LEAGUES

League play in Boston and suburbs is flourishing. The Greater Boston League with three divisions, nine teams in each division, plays at the three local clubs, Towne Club, Newton Club and the Colonial Club. A small part of one division plays at private residences.

The Boston Securities Traders Association has a 12 team league, which plays at the Towne Club on Monday nights.

A Boston Business League, with three divisions, is being formed by Izzy Rodensky of the Towne Club. It is expected that play will get under way during the next month.

INTER-CITY LEAGUES

Newark and Washington were tied for first place when initial results were tabulated after the very successful start of the new Eastern Inter-city Table Tennis League last month.

The league, the first of its kind since the formation of the USTTA, boasts 100 per cent association membership and has 54 players, representing Philadelphia, Pa., Newark, N. J., Harrisburg, Pa., Washington D. C., Reading Pa. and Baltimore, Md.

All teams have agreed to a standard uniform, which will be adopted before the end of next month.

In some instances teams will have to make a 400 mile round trip in the play-offs. Early interest was evidenced at Reading, when 500 spectators viewed the matches between Harrisburg and the home city.

Closely following the lead of the "Eastern" another inter-city league, the "Chesapeake," has been formed with teams from Frederick, Md., Washington, D. C., Catonsville, Md., Harrisburg, Pa. and Baltimore, Md., represented.

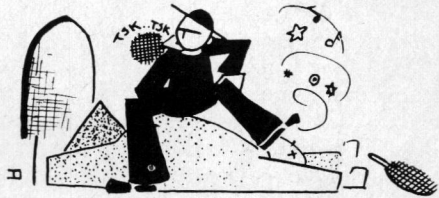
Officers elected for the "Chesapeake" league are: President, George W. Sweeney, Baltimore, Md.; Secretary, Roger Stockbridge, Baltimore, Md.; Treasurer, Nathan Jacobson, Frederick, Md.

The same playing rules as adopted by the "Eastern" league will be used. However, no player may participate in more

than one league.

Any persons interested in the formation of such a league can obtain full details from F. Stanley Morest, USTTA leagues chairman, 424 Professional Building, Kansas City, Mo., or Manny Moskowitz, Eastern League secretary, 4017 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

IT HAPPENED IN PHILLY



We've heard a lot of heated arguments over green tables, but the Associated Press came up with something new along that line the other day. It told about a minister in Philadelphia who was attacked by his sexton in dispute about permitting girls to play table tennis in parish house.

Police say they found the 63-year-old minister sitting on the sexton when they arrived.

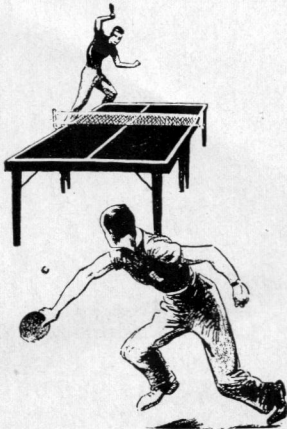
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Letter From Piccadilly

By GEORGE S. DRISCOLL

LONDON (by mail)—Viktor Barna's instructions on how to play table tennis appearing in *Table Tennis*, the official publication of the English Table Tennis Association, are being well received, and thousands of players are following them from first to last.

Men have made rapid strides in table tennis throughout Europe but the women players are not progressing as quickly. Indeed, it is said by experts that they are far behind the women stars of the United States. . . . And speaking of women players there is a "Rose Bowl" competition going on in England which was started primarily to give women a chance for more competitive play. . . .

Barna and Laszlo Bellak recently completed a tour of three weeks through New Zealand and report the game is catching on there so fast it threatens to displace other sports. . . . France recently beat England 4 to 3 in International

matches staged at the Casino de Foret, Le Touquet. . . . A three cornered International match among Germany, Sweden and Czechoslovakia at the tail end of last season ended most unusually with all teams tied in the point score. . . .

Kelen and Szabados, who have been touring South Africa recently played at Durban. Modern first-class table tennis was entirely new to the audiences who watched the exhibitions and matches played, and everyone was amazed by the display which the Hungarians gave.

The impetus given to the game cannot be calculated. Already many leading players have changed to the orthodox style and grip, and an all-round improvement in play has been noticeable.

The Durban and District Association has only recently been formed, but already the local enthusiasts look forward to the formation of a Natal Province Association.

The Hon. Ivor Montagu, English table tennis expert, recently printed a review of Jack Carrington's table tennis book, and recommends it to all players and followers of the sport. . . .

The old "pen-holder" grip, which was standard for so many years with table tennis players, recently was abandoned by league players in the Ulster district,

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who are now practising the various styles as used by the world's outstanding stars.

The recent war crisis did queer things to everybody and who are table tennis players to be exempt? At any rate they weren't, and in the inauspicious days which began the season many league programmes suffered from wholesale postponements.

One of the strangest experiences fell to members of the Barnet club, who arrived on the first night of their season to find that what they had fondly imagined was their clubroom was, instead, a gas mask fitting center!

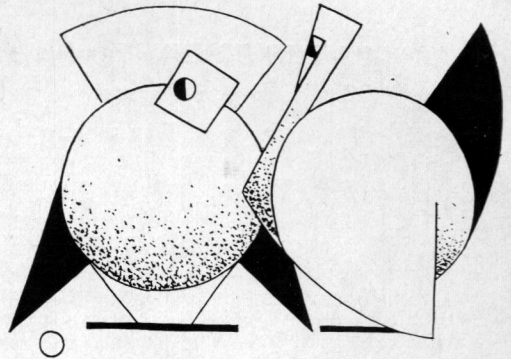
To London, which is the table tennis center of the world, came inquiries from all nations about the coming world's championship which is supposed to be played in Egypt.

So secretary Bill Pope of the English Table Tennis Association, who takes international complications in his stride, began writing letters to Cairo. Letter after letter . . . And never a word from Cairo.

Unofficially, manufacturers' agents and others in Egypt said they had evidence that the arrangements were being made. But Secretary Pope couldn't get the official low-down on anything.

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ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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- **IDAHO:** Anthony L. Fieger, formerly an official of the Oregon TTA, moved temporarily to Hailey where he attempted to set up an organization. Madeline Mercer will carry on his work now that Tony is returning to Portland. They expect their city tournament to be a great step forward.
- **ILLINOIS:** Coleman Clark, who has authored a new book, is serving a month's sentence of hard work at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. His recent exhibitions throughout the mid-west were so successful, that he was shunted off to the west to show the Barbary Coast what changes have come about since '49.
- **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** DCTTA President George Foster also heads the Eastern Intercity League. . . . Opening of the new table tennis courts has been delayed by the illness of Louis Pagliaro.
- **KENTUCKY:** The Louisville TTA has affiliated with 76 group members. They plan to conduct the Southern Open Championships and Kentucky State Open. William A. Moore of the Department of Public Recreation heads the organization.
- **CONNECTICUT:** A resolution for the dissolution of the CTTA is before the USTTA Executive Committee in order to permit that state to rebuild on a sounder basis. . . . Johnny Abrahams will attempt the formation of a strong local group in Hartford.
- **NEBRASKA:** President Jerry Woodruff and Virginia Perkins, supported by the entire membership of the NTTA, are sparing no efforts to put on a successful Westerns.
- **NEW YORK:** Through the efforts of R. D. Ackerman, a live wire organization has been formed in Ithaca. They affiliated with the USTTA with 14 members and are planning to conduct the Glancz tour which is an ambitious programme to initiate a new organization. The tentative date set is Dec. 3. . . . Tex B. Lloyd has resigned from the presidency of the Finger Lakes TTA of Geneva. As the local club is inactive for five months of the year and Tex has a large basement which is always available, he invites members of the USTTA to drop in to play a game if they are up around Geneva. . . . The NYCTTA is planning to locate its headquarters in the Radio City section. . . . Aided by Jimmy O'Connor, Sandor Glancz has completed arrangements and is now on tour with Bohumil Vana, world's champion, as his stella attraction.
- **INDIANA:** 1937-38 Rankings: Men: 1 James McClure (Indianapolis), 2 Earl Coulson (Indianapolis), 3 Ned Steele (Huntingdon), 4 Bill Snyder (Kokomo), 5 John Varga (South Bend), 6 Joe Kildady (East Chicago), 7 Sterling Metchell (Indianapolis), 8 Mike Serbu (East Chi-

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• OHIO: Election of state officers will take place in the very near future. Larry Minneker has been nominated for the office of President by Ed Cannon and Judge Winn of Toledo. . . . With the start of the season, plans are getting under way for the 8th Nationals. It will be held in the Athletic Center.

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Dec. 10-11: Missouri State Open at Kansas City, Mo. W. C. Hartman, 4338 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

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Dec. National Intercollegiate (Team) Championships, Philadelphia, Pa. Joseph D. Berna, 3424 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Jan. (Tenative) Tri States Open, Burlington, Ia. Donald J. Pierr, 520 Jefferson St., Burlington, Ia.

Jan. National Intercity (Team) Championships, Philadelphia, Pa. Joseph D. Berna, 3424 N. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Second Week in February: 13th World's (International Open) at Cairo, Egypt. W. J. Pope, Featherstone House, London, W. C. I, England.

Feb. 25-26: Kentucky State Open, Louisville, Ky. Wm. A. Moore, Department of Public Welfare, Louisville, Ky.

Feb. Western Open, Omaha, Neb. Jerrold M. Woodruff, 713 Telephone Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Feb.: Eastern Open at Baltimore, Md. Max Graf, 23 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.

March: Pacific Coast Open at Portland, Ore. Telore W. Abendroth, 4425 S. E. 17th Ave., Portland, Ore.

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