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United States Team Tops Canada in International Match Fifteen States Now Chartered, 28 Others Organizing

Second Victory for Inter-Nation Trophy

Montreal, P. Q., Sept. 28: Before a capacity audience of 1,000 spectators at the National A.A.A. auditorium, by a score of 10-1, the United States won a second victory over Canada in the renewal of the series between the two countries for possession of the Gimbel International Trophy begun in 1933.

Canada presented a hard-driving team in William Travers (Provincial champion); Roland Longtin (tennis star and Montreal TT title holder); J. Paul Juneau (P. Q. TTA president and South Shore champion) and John Desjardins (co-holder of Montreal doubles cup). The team was captained by the veteran R. R. Roberts, former Montreal champion.

The American shield was worn by Harry Cook (Hollis, N. Y.), Samuel Silberman (Brooklyn, N. Y.), George Bacon (New Rochelle, N. Y.) and Charles Schmidt (New York, N. Y.), all of whom survived the hard fought try-outs held earlier in the week in New York to select the team. Sidney Biddell acted as non-playing captain and USTTA representative.

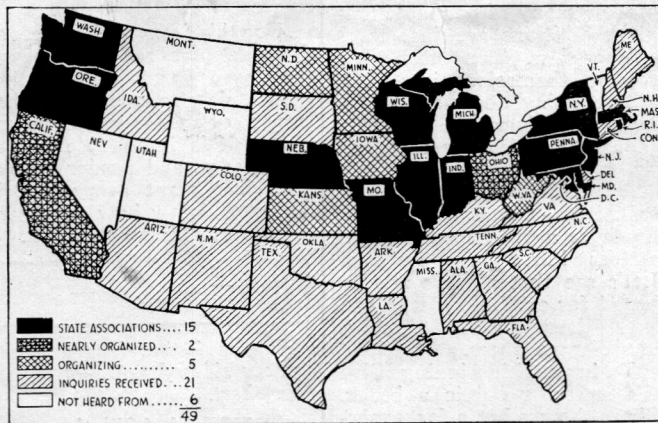
Punctuated with excited applause, the scoring announced in both French and English, with the green shirts of Canada bearing the red maple leaf contrasting splendidly with the powder blue ones of America and with each match bitterly contested, a truly international flavor obtained.

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GLANCZ SWEEPS QUINIELA

Provincetown, Mass., Aug. 3: Sandor Glancz, famous Hungarian ace, by special permission of the USTTA made his initial bow in the Silver Cod Quiniela and began a year's custody of the famous fish without the loss of a match. The smiling team mate of Viktor Barna in defeating Jimmy Jacobson (New Rochelle, N. Y.), Sam Silberman (Brooklyn, N. Y.), Jack Hartigan

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How the USTTA is growing, as of September 15th. It's like a crazy quilt now, but watch it turn black.

BOKSENBOM WINS GREAT LAKES

All Cleveland Final

Cleveland, Aug. 31: In the log cabin ball room at Euclid Beach, Jack Boksenbom, ranking city star, in all-Cleveland final annexed the 2nd Great Lakes open summer championship before 500 spectators. Tournament conditions were ideal but the postponed date reduced the size of the entry list. Nevertheless play in all divisions was fast and resulted in many thrilling matches.

Provincetown (Mass.) with Mrs. Paul Smith and Jane Stahl surprised in an all-Cape women's singles final while Courtney Bock and George Sturgiss, Ohio state and Cleveland doubles champions, took the men's doubles title.

Men's singles final: Jack Boksenbom (Cleveland) d Albert Findlay (Cleveland) 21-18, 21-19, 21-8. 1/2's: B d Dan Mabee (Chicago) 15, -20, 15, 8; F d Courtney Bock (Cleveland) 19, 17, -13, 27. 1/4's: B d George Abbott (Detroit) 15, -15, 10, -17, 13; M d Jerry Glanz (Cleveland) 17, 19, -10, 20; F d Charles Middleburg (Charleston, W. Va.) 13, 6,

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DRAPKIN TAKES ATLANTIC COAST

First Ranking Event

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 15: In this shore resort's beautiful Convention Hall, Arthur Drapkin (New York) defeated Melvin Rose (Brooklyn, N. Y.) national ranked eastern player, 3-0, to take the first Atlantic Coast championship. The ideal and attractive setting drew a large representative eastern field.

Mae Spannaus (Larchmont, N. Y.), metropolitan champion, annexed the women's singles title while George Bacon (New Rochelle, N. Y.) won the veterans' event.

So successful was the tournament that it promises to be a permanent fixture. Congratulations, New Jersey.

Men's singles finals: Drapkin d Rose 21-12, 21-12, 21-13. 1/2's: D d Charles Schmidt (New York) 21, -11, -20, 13, 14; R d John Bondier (Bayonne, N. J.) -18, 20, 18, -18, 12; 1/4's: D d Abe Krakauer (New York) 18, -17, 17, 16; S d Stanley Feitelson (New Rochelle, N. Y.) -19, 16, -18, 12, 11; R d George Bacon (New Rochelle, N. Y.) 21, 13, 2; B

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Huge New Membership Looms

Fifteen State associations and a score of scattered chartered clubs comprise the fast-growing USTTA as Topics goes to press. At least double its 2,320 membership is the goal.

In 2 States associations are virtually organized, in at least 5 others they will be formed soon, and in 21 others interest in the game leads to belief affiliated associations will be formed before the end of the season.

The 15 organized States (whose Presidents' names and addresses appear in the Board of Governors' list on page 2) are: District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, Wisconsin. Under the new Constitution adopted July 17, the President of a State association becomes a member of the USTTA Board of Governors.

The 2 states almost organized are California (under Melvin L. Chase, Recreation Dept., 395 E. Walnut St., Pasadena); Ohio (Harry S. Wahle, 9801 Euclid Ave., Cleveland), which has many chartered clubs.

Organization plans are under way in these 5, in which clubs were chartered last season: Iowa (A. E. Griffith, YMCA, Boone); Stanley N. Moffet, Chamber of Commerce, Sioux City; Kansas (Chester R. Shephard, 1515 Georgia Ave., Kansas City); Minnesota (George M. Binger, Midwest table ten-

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DRAPKIN REPEATS AT RUTHERFORD

Rutherford, N. J., Sept. 20: In a field containing three national title holders and almost every Eastern ranking player, Arthur Drapkin (New York) in a 2:30 A.M. final reminiscent of the national, stolidly chopped his way to another title in the 2nd Rutherford Invitation meet over Stanley Feitelson (New Rochelle, N. Y.) 3-0. Feitelson upset Na-

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EDITORIALS

The New Order

For two years, **Topics**, edited by President Zeisberg against odds that were at times staggering, by means of personal sacrifice, penny post-cards and midnight oil galore, has steadfastly served the friends of table tennis. Started as a 6 x 9 four-page pamphlet, it has been the bond between players and the USTTA, and its growth to its present size is indicative of the same increased interest in the game nationally—and both are still growing.

Others, too, put their shoulders to the wheel, with articles, news, tournament results and a devotion to America's fastest growing game that has made possible not only **Topics** as you now receive it, but with this new year ahead, a strongly knit national body with a fine constitution and by-laws, 15 organized states, and 22 hard-working national committee heads.

There is still much to be done with further expansion, though an enduring foundation has been laid, and because of this, to enable him to devote his time to these important issues, President Zeisberg has reluctantly relinquished the reins of **Topics** to your new editor.

We only hope that we may be able to do as good a job as did our predecessor.

Exhibitions Again

A Chicago sports reporter writes as follows concerning a professional tennis exhibition of Tilden's troupe:

"All in all, the fans got what they came to see—an honest exhibition of first class tennis—and none of the spectators cared particularly who won."

How many of our table tennis exhibitions are just this?

Very few. Too often they resolve themselves into dull, uninteresting do-or-die struggles for victory with little thought of pleasing the public.

An exhibition should be an exhibition—not a battle unto death or a tournament where a loss hurts your ranking. Let's see that players are selected for exhibitions who can "sell" the game to the public, not disgust them.

To heck with winning. Give the suffering public a break. Show them what a fast, spectacular game it can be. Demonstrate the variety of strokes that are required and give them a live conception of the art of attack and defense.

For heaven's sake don't stoop to a push game, on the other hand don't hit every ball off the table. Put on a show and in this way do your bit for the game that has given you so much. Barna and Glancz are firm believers in the right kind of exhibitions and do they know the fine art of staging them to the queen's taste? Let's all firmly resolve to make exhibitions really worth watching.

Fighting Fund

No matter is of greater importance to all members of the USTTA than the Fighting Fund, which is to be used to send a team to Zagreb in March 1936. It was started after the last Nationals and MUST contain \$1,250 before our representatives sail. The present plan is to send a men's team and if possible two women players, and this costs a great deal.

America can WIN the Corbillon cup for women players. Miss Aarons might well WIN Miss Kettnerova's world title, and in the Swathing cup matches and World championships we should improve our showing in London.

The national and state bodies will do their share, but it is to the individual the Fund looks for its major support. If every member will forward but 50c to Chas. B. Dahmen, 919 Willow Ave., Hoboken, N. J., Chairman of the Fund,

our problems will be solved.

We know you want the team to go. We are sure that could we but see you personally the job would be easy. Unfortunately, we can not do this. Won't YOU help by sending along your contribution NOW. **Topics** will, beginning next issue, print the total, the contributors and the state leading in this most important support to the game in this country—DO IT NOW!

Thanks

For this issue and for every issue **Topics** receives correspondence and information which despite our desire, because of sheer pressure of work, it is impossible to acknowledge and render thanks for. We want every contributor to know how much we appreciate his cooperation.

Players' Voices

Topics invites letters. Write on one side of paper—and keep 'em short.

USTTA Affiliation

"Can I join my state association without joining the USTTA?"—Chas. Alling, New York.

Article 4-D-3 of the USTTA Constitution enumerating the duties of a USTTA affiliate (the state) says: "all its members shall be USTTA members." With the amount of work required to keep the USTTA going, any person interested in the game should be more than anxious to include in his state membership, affiliation with the national body.

USTTA Membership Cards

"When will I receive my USTTA card? I have already received my state association's card."—Wm. Campbell, Larchmont, N. Y.

Membership cards in the USTTA are being mailed at the present time as rapidly as the various state bodies are forwarding the lists of their members to E. L. Barna, national membership chairman.

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"To whom shall I write about my failure to receive copies of **Topics**?"—James B. Arnold, Freeport, N. Y.

If copies of **Topics** do not reach a subscriber, he should send a post card so stating to Chas. Schneider, 1574 Leland Ave., New York City.

Perhaps an Omen

In the *Illustrated London News* of February 23 on page 304 a photo shows Barna receiving the championship trophy and behind the chairman's head presenting the prize is—guess who? Jimmy McClure.

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WHY HUNGARY IS SUPREME IN WORLD TABLE TENNIS

BY ANDOR WILCSEK

CAPTAIN, HUNGARIAN WORLD-CHAMPION TEAM

RANKING COMMITTEE TO PICK U. S. TEAM

The USTTA Executive Committee voted Sept. 10 to approve a resolution by Francis J. MacCoy, Jr., that the Ranking Committee nominate the U. S. team for the Swaythling Cup matches in the World Championships.

If finances permit, expenses will be paid for a 4-man team and an official representative at the ITTF Annual General Meeting. It is also hoped a 2-player women's team can go to Zagreb to enter the Corbillon Cup matches. These, with Americans who pay their own way, plus U. S. players resident in Europe, will form a sizeable U. S. contingent.

New York Signs Two

The Hudson Valley TTA, 1086 No. Broadway, Yonkers, enjoyed the distinction of being the first district association to affiliate with the newly formed NYSTTA. The officers are Philip J. Arnold, pres., Wells Ave., Yonkers, Wm. H. Peters, vice-pres., S. E.A. McCallan, secy., Herbert Vermilya, treas. Membership 21.

The Metropolitan TTA formed with jurisdiction over the territory of the old NYTTA has affiliated with the NYSTTA with the following officers, Chas. Schneider, pres., Bell Tel. Laboratories, 463 West St., J. E. Smith, 1st vice-pres., Charles Funk, 2nd vice-pres., A. L. Ayres, treas., J. E. Hurley, corresponding secy., Herbert Hartmann, record. secy.

New York is out to obtain the largest state membership of any association affiliated with the USTTA and seems well on the way to success.

Playing Season Fixed

The playing season for ranking purposes will begin Sept. 15 and end with the National Championships. This was decided Sept. 10 by the USTTA Executive Committee, approving a resolution to that effect by Reginald G. Hammond, USTTA Ranking Chairman to amend By-Law 21. One purpose is to permit players to "cut loose" in summer tournaments with no thought of effect on their ranking.

Movie Actress Rivals

Arch Ward says in his "Talking It Over" column in the Chicago Tribune: "Molly Lamont, South African actress, and Ginger Rogers are the acknowledged women table tennis stars of Hollywood's screen colony, but the girls have never played each other."

Nine World Championships and nearly 200 international-match victories of the Hungarian team show Hungary has won almost 90% of all the World Championships and that its team has lost only five times in international matches. Moreover, Hungarian players have triumphed in all events of foreign international matches and tournaments where they competed. Such supremacy has never existed in any other game in any country in the history of sport. Thus the natural question: what is the cause of this great Hungarian superiority?

In trying to give an explanation, I do not deceive myself by thinking my reasoning gives every factor, but if I can throw light on the merits and existing faults of Hungarian table tennis, I think I will do some service to table tennis internationally.

1

They Got the Jump

In my opinion the most natural cause of Hungarian supremacy lies in our 30 years' experience. British leadership in soccer is due largely to the fact they began to play a lot earlier than other countries. This cannot, however, insure constant success. In the last decade many countries have so enormously developed soccer that they offer real competition to the English. In Hungarian table tennis started about 30 years ago and about 25 years ago the first championship was held. Thus we enjoy an advantage of 15 to 20 years over other countries.

There were in Hungary then such excellent players as Zoltan Mechlovits, Roland Jakobi and Dani Pecs. Seven or eight years ago these three were our very best. The starting point of Hungarian table tennis is due to their marvelous qualities and fanatical love of this game. They were the first sportsmen to devote all their abilities to this game and they developed the "pit-pat" pastime into a highly interesting, always exciting sport.

2

Intelligent Schoolboys

In 1923 some courts opened in Budapest and made possible faster play of the game. Youngsters from the intermediate schools began to participate with great energy, soon discovering the sport to be amusing, not too expensive and possible of great development. The coaches, at first not delighted by their invasion, were anxious about the game's exclusiveness. But their antagonistic feeling lasted for only a year. Love for the game put jealousy in the background and a few clubs founded youngsters' teams with the view of teaching the rising generation, so essential to the development of a wide spread of interest.

From that time the youngsters have had regular practice play, training that greatly differed from the reckless pastime so usual in other games. They acquired sureness in handling the ball and developed stamina by several hours' serious play almost every day. Naturally, those talented forged ahead in the shortest time; but talent alone has not been enough, for there are a many examples in Hungary that justify the old saying that "even the greatest talents disappear lacking the necessary perseverance and diligence."

The existing few clubs annually held their competitions, as did the Hungarian Table Tennis Association (established in 1924) though interest manifested by the public was still at its bottom.

3

Pride and Exclusiveness

In Hungary table tennis even in its greatest bloom could not be called a mass sport. A certain exclusiveness, later, the increasing decay of trade, prevented this comparatively inexpensive sport from becoming a game for the masses. Affiliated clubs of the Hungarian TTA have slowly mounted to 63, with about 1200 registered players, a trifling number if compared with the thousands of affiliated clubs and 50,000 registered players usual in many nations.

In Hungary there are at least 200 clubs outside the association, and to affiliate them is our most important program now. Up to the present time, first-class players have come only from Budapest, since those in the country rarely have occasion to play them. Not only are the clubs to blame, but also the provincial players, who prefer a weaker provincial tournament to a big international competition where they can improve their game. Lack of large numbers is disadvantageous to Hungarian table tennis. On the other hand, clubs pay more attention to their few players, who are always competing and receiving diligent coaching and in this respect Hungarian players have considerable advantage over those of foreign countries.

The second instalment of Mr. Wilcsek's article next month will discuss Bellak and Glancz, Correct Training and a Program for Competition.

MICHIGAN MARCHES MERRILY ONWARD

Detroit, Sept. 18: MTTA was organized with the following slate of officers: C. L. Laude, pres.; George Abbott, executive vice-pres.; A. W. De Boves, treas.; Fred Leach, executive secy.; Harold Sillman, membership chairman.

During the summer Dr. A. W. George, DTTA veteran, has been holding summer sessions for younger players under the tutelage of himself and Larry Fitch, Detroit champion. It is hoped that some new championship material will be produced.

New association playing headquarters are expected to be ready early in October.

A Real Democracy

Any member of the USTTA can require the Executive Committee to vote on his pet idea.

Or, if he can persuade a Governor to submit a resolution, he can get a national mail vote of all State groups.

He has this power even if he's only the 18th substitute or the waterboy of a team.

Omaha Leagues Big

Omaha, Sept. 17: With three 10 team men leagues, a veterans' league and a ladies' league, several inter-city matches and tournaments, Omaha is boiling with activity. A. M. Martin heads the state association, 500 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., with Don Nelson, vice-pres., Fred Haye, treas., Vernon Wood, secy., and an executive committee consisting of Anita Currey, M. J. Skomal, P. Campbell, Don R. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Van Dusen, Kenneth Hunt and the above officers.

Oregon Organizes

Under the leadership of Verne Garrett as president, the OTTA has been formed with Dick Jordon executive secy. Headquarters are at 4 Holliday Ave., Portland.

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ARTICLE 1—NAME: The name of this organization shall be the United States Table Tennis Association (Incorporated), herein called the USTTA.

ARTICLE 2—POLICIES: *Section A—Nature:* (1) The USTTA shall be representative in its government, non-commercial and not conducted for profit. (2) It shall have continuous existence. (3) All its official decisions shall be reached by mail or other correspondence. *B—Aims:* (1) The object of the USTTA shall be to foster the play of table tennis in sportsmanlike manner as an athletic sport, to award and sanction championship matches and tournaments, to interpret and enforce the laws of table tennis and to govern the sport, in the United States of America. (2) It shall endeavor to maintain affiliation with the International Table Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 3—LIABILITIES: *A—Incorporation:* The USTTA shall be incorporated. *B—Immunity:* No officer, member or affiliate shall be financially or otherwise liable for any unauthorized act of any other officer, member or affiliate.

ARTICLE 4—MEMBERSHIP: *A—Honorary:* (1) Honorary membership shall be available for distinguished persons. (2) They shall be elected by the Executive Committee. (3) They shall have no power to vote. *B—Active:* (1) There shall be active affiliation for State table tennis associations (herein called State associations). (2) One State association in each State, and only one, shall be eligible for active affiliation. (3) The District of Columbia and Territories of the United States shall be classed as States. (4) Each affiliated State association shall consist of at least 25 individual USTTA members; shall have officers, chairmen and members in at least two cities or towns within the State; shall be governed by majority vote; shall provide for voting by mail within the State; shall incorporate in its By-Laws a statement that it will observe and enforce the USTTA Constitution and By-Laws; and shall, upon request of the USTTA Executive Committee, submit a true copy of its Constitution and By-Laws in effect, and a true copy of its Treasurer's report, and shall otherwise present evidence that it is a bona fide State-wide organization. (5) It shall have jurisdiction in its own State in all matters not specifically delegated by this Constitution or the By-Laws. (6) It shall have the power to participate in USTTA national mail voting. (7) A State in which there is an affiliated State association herein is called an affiliated state. *C—Provisional:* (1) There shall be provisional affiliation for clubs, associations, leagues and other local organizations (herein called provisional groups) in any State in which there is no affiliated State association. (2) Such States herein are called unorganized States. (3) One or more provisional groups in each unorganized State shall be eligible for provisional affiliation. (4) Each affiliated provisional group shall consist of at least 5 individual USTTA members. (5) It shall not have the power to participate in USTTA national mail voting until it combines with at least one other provisional group in its State to form an affiliated State association. (6) Should an affiliated provisional group refuse to affiliate with its State association when the latter is formed by two or more other provisional groups, it shall be dropped from membership in the USTTA. (7) No organization in an affiliated State shall be permitted to affiliate with the USTTA except by joining its own State association. *D—Affiliates:* (1) When considered together, affiliated State associations and affiliated provisional groups herein are called affiliates. (2) Each affiliate shall furnish the USTTA with the name and address of each one of its individual members in the manner provided in the By-Laws (Law 16, Membership). (3) All its members shall be USTTA members. (4) It shall promptly answer all official communications. (5) It shall be governed by majority vote of its members. (6) It shall receive a USTTA charter, and from time to time bulletins, notices and other information. (7) It may admit to membership a person whose address is outside its State; but such member's national vote shall be credited to the State given as his address if it is an affiliated State, and such member shall have no national vote if his address is an unorganized State or foreign country. *E—Individuals:* (1) A person of either sex or any age shall be eligible to become a member of an affiliate. (2) Each member of an affiliate shall receive an annual or seasonal certificate of USTTA membership, and an annual or seasonal subscription to the official USTTA publication, depending upon whether his affiliate selects the annual or seasonal plan of membership dues (see Article 11).

ARTICLE 5—OFFICERS: *A—Honorary:* Honorary officers may be elected by the Executive Committee. (2) They shall have

no vote. *B—Active:* (1) There shall be seven active officers: a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Secretary. (2) They shall be USTTA members and resident in at least five different States. (3) No one shall hold more than one office. (4) They shall serve for one fiscal year and shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment. *C—How Chosen:* (1) The officers excepting the Executive Secretary shall be elected annually by a plurality of the votes cast by the Governors in national mail voting (see Article 13 and the By-Laws, Nominations). (2) The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the President. (3) Any vacancy among the officers, other than the President, shall be filled by appointment by the President. *D—General Duties:* (1) Each officer in general shall perform the duties incident to his office, besides those specifically described herein and in the By-Laws. (2) Each officer shall sign a pledge that he will uphold the Constitution and By-Laws, will answer all official communications promptly, and (Executive Secretary excepted) is not and will not be during his term of office a commercial or professional (see Article 10-B). *E—Special Duties:* (1) The President shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and ex-officio member of all committees. He shall conduct the USTTA's foreign correspondence. He shall submit an annual report to the Governors. He shall appoint the chairmen of committees. (2) The First Vice-President shall be chairman of a committee. He, should the President become incapacitated, shall serve as President for the remainder of the term. (3) The Second Vice-President shall be chairman of a committee and second in succession to the presidency. (4) The Third Vice-President shall be chairman of a committee and third in succession to the presidency. (5) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all USTTA monies and keep an accurate and true account thereof. He shall deposit all USTTA monies in a bank and make all payments by check or money order. At the beginning of a fiscal year he shall prepare a budget of estimated expense and revenue for that year, itemized and divided into months, and shall so keep his accounts that monthly revenue and expense, itemized, may be compared with the budget. On request of any officer or Governor he shall furnish a monthly statement. He shall pay no bill unless it is on a separate itemized invoice or statement of expense. He shall pay no bill in excess of \$25, or in excess of the budget allowance, unless payment is approved by the Executive Committee. At the end of the fiscal year he shall prepare an itemized revenue-and-expenditure statement, with balance sheet, and shall have his accounts audited as provided in the By-Laws. (6) The Recording Secretary shall be custodian of all minutes, books, and valuable papers of the USTTA except those kept by the Treasurer. He shall keep a true copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall note thereon the changes made from time to time. He shall conduct the national mail voting (see Article 13). (7) The Executive Secretary shall issue USTTA charters to affiliates. He shall keep a record of chartered affiliates, and shall notify the other officers of any changes in the record. He shall maintain a record of Executive Committee decisions. He shall perform other duties assigned to him by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: *A—Composition:* The seven officers shall compose the Executive Committee. *B—Powers:* (1) The Executive Committee shall direct the affairs of the USTTA. (2) It shall have the power to revise, suspend or revoke the By-Laws. (3) It shall fix the Executive Secretary's compensation, if any. (4) It shall have all other powers not expressly delegated elsewhere by the Constitution and the By-Laws. (5) It shall reach its decisions by majority vote by correspondence. (6) The President shall have the power to declare an Executive Committee balloting ended within 10 days after the postmark date on his letter requesting a vote on a resolution. (7) The Committee shall vote on request of any USTTA member.

ARTICLE 7—BOARD OF GOVERNORS: *A—Composition:* The President of each affiliated State association shall be a member of the USTTA Board of Governors. *B—Powers:* Only a Governor shall have the power to nominate USTTA officers, to submit resolutions for national mail vote, and to cast his State's vote for or against such resolutions. (2) The Board of Governors shall have the sole power, by a plurality of votes cast in national mail voting, to elect USTTA officers (except Executive Secretary). (3) It shall have the power by 2/3 majority of votes cast in national mail voting, to remove any USTTA officer, or to overrule an Executive Committee decision, or to amend this Constitu-

tion. *C—Governor's Address:* Immediately upon his election, a Governor shall cause his address for mail to be sent to all USTTA officers and the other Governors.

ARTICLE 8—COMMITTEES: *A—Nature:* (1) A number of USTTA committees shall be created for specialized functions. (2) The Chairman of each USTTA committee shall be appointed by the President. (3) Each USTTA Chairman shall select the members of his own committee and he shall invite State chairmen of the corresponding committee to co-operate by organizing the specialized work in each State. *B—Powers:* Each USTTA committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the Executive Committee; and in the absence of specific delegation the USTTA Chairman of a committee shall have the power to issue temporary rulings to cover emergencies in the specialized subject under his jurisdiction, and such rulings shall be binding unless and until revoked by the Executive Committee. *C—General Duties:* (1) Each committee shall, by means of questionnaires, surveys and reports, collect and distribute information and maintain records pertaining to its specialized subject. (2) In each State it shall seek to organize routine practices and use of printed forms; to obtain distribution of work and responsibility under written instructions; and to inaugurate and maintain high standards. (3) It shall seek to obtain enforcement of the Constitution and By-Laws in its specialized field, and it shall recommend to the Executive Committee whatever amendment it deems needful in the Constitution and By-Laws. (4) Each USTTA chairman shall submit an annual report to the President. *D—Special Duties:* Each committee's specialized duties are provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 9—ANNUAL MEETING: *A—Time and Place:* (1) An Annual Meeting, open to all USTTA members, shall be held at and during the National Championship Tournament. (2) The President or other officer designated by him shall preside. (3) Copies of the minutes shall be sent to the Governors and members of the Executive Committee by the Recording Secretary within 10 days. *B—Limited Power:* The authority of this meeting shall be restricted to reading of reports, exchange of ideas, hearing of proposals, discussion of tournaments and other plans for the coming season, and adoption of recommendations by a show of hands; but the meeting shall have no powers conflicting with those delegated to the Executive Committee, Board of Governors and elsewhere by this Constitution and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 10—AMATEUR NATURE: *A—Amateur Control:* (1) The USTTA and each of its affiliates shall be governed in a manner that insures control by a majority of amateur players. (2) No method of financing the USTTA or any of its affiliates shall involve control by any commercial interest or organization. *B—Commercials and Professionals:* (1) Persons who make or sell or who direct the making or selling of table tennis equipment herein are called commercials. (2) Persons who play table tennis for money are called professionals. (3) Determination of whether or not a person is a commercial or professional shall be based on his present status, and it shall not be affected by the fact he once was a commercial or professional. (4) Commercials and professionals shall be eligible for membership in the USTTA, and they may vote, and they may compete in official organized play, but they shall not be officers of the USTTA or of USTTA affiliates; excepting however, that the USTTA and each of its affiliates may elect or appoint a commercial or a professional as its Executive Secretary, or it may pay a salary or commission to its Executive Secretary. (5) Honorary officers and members, committee chairmen and directors may be commercials or professionals. *C—Brand Names:* The USTTA, its affiliates and members thereof shall not use or promote any proprietary or brand name of equipment as the name of the sport of table tennis and shall discourage such use or promotion by others.

ARTICLE 11—DUES: *A—50 Cents:* Each affiliate shall pay, in advance, by check or money order only, as provided in the By-Laws, USTTA membership dues of 50 cents for each one of its individual members. (2) Of this sum, 25 cents shall be a subscription to the USTTA official publication. (3) Each affiliate may fix its own dues required of its members in addition to their USTTA dues. *B—Two Plans:* (1) Each affiliate may choose one of two plans for its dues; annual, in which dues shall pay for membership and subscription expiring in 12 months, on the last day of the month, or seasonal, in which dues for membership and subscription expire May 31.

ARTICLE 12—FINANCES: *A—Budget:* The USTTA shall operate under a budget. *B—Fiscal Year:* The fiscal year shall begin on June 1 and end May 31. *C—Royalties:* (1) No USTTA affiliate or member shall receive royalties from firms without approval in writing from the Executive Committee. (2) The sole power to arrange for and receive royalties shall rest in the USTTA Executive Committee. *D—Expenses:* (1) Officers and chairmen, in order to be reimbursed for expenses of postage and like small sums, shall submit to the Treasurer, promptly at the end of each

month, an itemized statement of expenses accrued during that month. (2) No officer or member shall obligate the USTTA to pay more than \$25 without obtaining written approval from the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 13—NATIONAL MAIL VOTING: *A—Method:* (1) National mail voting shall mean members of the Board of Governors mailing their votes to the Recording Secretary in response to a resolution submitted for that purpose. (2) No one but a Governor shall have the power to submit a resolution for national mail vote. (3) In order to obtain a national mail vote, the following dated copies of the resolution (which shall bear the sender's title) shall be mailed simultaneously; one copy to each USTTA officer, one copy to the editor of the official USTTA publication, one copy to the chairman of the USTTA Organization Committee, one copy to the chairman of any committee affected by the resolution, and two copies to each Governor. (4) An appended or accompanying letter shall state the resolution is submitted pursuant to this article; shall request recipient to read this article carefully; shall state the reasons for submitting the resolution; shall give the names and addresses of all to whom the resolution was sent; and shall request the Governors to mail their votes to the Recording Secretary within the time limit specified in Section B of this article. (5) Each Governor shall cast, in a unit, all his State's votes in favor of or against the resolution by writing "yes" or "no" and signing his name and title on one copy of the resolution and mailing it to the Recording Secretary. (6) The number of votes a Governor casts shall be the number of individual USTTA members in his State on the last day of the month preceding the date of the resolution, as certified to the Recording Secretary by the USTTA Membership Chairman's record. (7) If the resolution is dated between May 31 and November 1, the number of votes cast by a Governor of a State that selected the seasonal membership plan (see Article 10-B) shall be the number of individual USTTA members credited to his State by USTTA membership records as of May 31. (8) Each Governor shall have the power to cast his State's votes in the manner of a U. S. Senator voting for his State, unless his State's Constitution or By-Laws require him to vote "yes" or "no" as instructed by the State association. (9) A Governor may vote by signed and written proxy. *B—Time Limits:* (1) Within a hereinafter stated period, depending upon the type of resolution, the Recording Secretary shall declare the balloting ended and shall send a copy of the results to each one who received a copy of the resolution; and the results shall include the name of each State association that voted, who cast its votes, whether it voted "yes" or "no" and the number of votes credited to it; but in lieu of mailing the results, he may cause them to be published in full in the next issue of the official USTTA publication. (2) For a resolution to amend the Constitution, the balloting shall end at noon on the 60th day after the Recording Secretary received his copy of the resolution; for other resolutions (except nomination of officers), at noon on the 30th day; and balloting for officers ends at noon on April 30. *C—Votes Required:* (1) To amend the Constitution, to remove officers or to overrule Executive Committee decisions, 2/3 majority of votes cast within the prescribed time limit is required; to elect officers, a plurality; to carry other resolutions, a majority. *D—Validity:* (1) The Recording Secretary shall have the power to declare a resolution invalid and to order its resubmission in valid form or manner. (2) Should mail-delivery delays or similar errors interfere with an election, he shall, at his discretion, extend the time limit; but no time limit shall be extended to accommodate a tardy Governor. (3) He may make other rulings to insure a fair vote, or he may declare the voting void and order a new vote. (4) All his rulings shall be subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 14—EQUIPMENT AND RULES: All USTTA affiliates shall adopt the same uniform laws, rules and regulations governing play and equipment, as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 15—AMENDMENTS: These articles shall be amended only by 2/3 majority of votes cast in national mail voting as provided in Article 13.

Study this Constitution carefully. It explains the aims of the USTTA, its types of membership, what number of individuals are necessary to form a state body, the difference between an "organized" and an "unorganized" state, and defines the Officers, how they are chosen and their special duties.

The powers of the Executive Committee who direct the affairs of the USTTA should interest every one and also the privileges of the Board of Governors. Read carefully how national matters are handled by mail voting, and what authority rests and what restrictions are placed upon the annual meeting. Understand the difference between "commercials" and "professionals."

Next month Topics will publish the newly adopted USTTA By-Laws.

KRAKAUER TOPS NEW ROCHELLE

New Rochelle, N. Y., Aug. 10: Abe Krakauer, Boys' Club star, won the second New Rochelle open at the Y.M.C.A. defeating Arthur Drapkin (New York) in an exciting four-game final, from a fast summer's field.

Singles final: Krakauer d Drapkin 21-19, 19-21, 22-20, 21-19. $\frac{1}{2}$ s: K d Irving Wilensky 18, -17, 18, 20; D d Jack Hartigan 16, 18, 19. $\frac{1}{4}$ s: K d Richard Geiger 16, 13, -17, 20; W d Charles Schmidt 14, -16, 18, 24; D d Seymour Solomon 20, 18, 15, 15; H d Rudy Rubin -12, 11, 18, 10.

Doubles final: Schmidt & Drapkin d Krakauer & Solomon 18, 19, 22. $\frac{1}{2}$ s: S & D d Wilensky & Hartigan 16, -24, 13, -20, 19; K & S d Paul Cummings & Tom Sylvester 16, 15, -15, 19.

Entries: singles, 32; doubles, 16. Sponsor, New Rochelle Paddle Club.

It's not sporting to wear a white shirt or white trousers while playing table tennis. Your opponent needs a dark background for the white ball.

Deadline for news in **Topics** is the 15th of each month.

ADVICE TO ENGLISH PLAYERS APPLIES TO OUR OWN GAME

C. Corti Woodcock, English TTA Chairman, tells their short comings to the English, who he says are only second rankers among the world's table tennis nations. He might just as well address his advice to us. Glance at his sound words:

1. Insufficient command of stroke-making technique. The ball in a certain place has only one kind of reply.

2. No initiative, resource or real constructive thought. Little tactical sense.

3. Clumsy footwork. Not enough regard for requirements of physical fitness. Bad body balance, involving slow recovery. Poor anticipation.

4. Three speeds — chop, plain drive, and hit—are not enough. Grading of speed, through the air and off the table, must be mastered, both for attack and defense.

5. Too many service deliveries frittered away, or outed.

6. Too many high-ball sitters "foozles." Inexcusable.

7. Too much an "up and down" game. We must go for the sharp angles more boldly.

8. We cannot sustain a hard-driving attack. Our men seem to be overcome by astonishment if 3 or 4 consecutive fast shots go on. Fright-

ened and uncertain, fearful their "luck" can hold no longer, they try a drop shot, which as often as not lands meekly at the foot of the net.

9. Drop-shots played from the end line and "dead-bat" shots are particularly unknown in this country.

10. After a stern uphill fight the reaction of 20-all is too much for our men. They must school themselves to carry the effort right on to 22 and beyond, if necessary.

11. The typical Hungarian star, losing say 15-20, will continue to play every ball on its merits. He will continue to go out for his winners. Our people poke like beginners in similar circumstances.

12. Paris has taught us the lesson that long defense alone is inadequate. We have got to cultivate a short defense as well, half or quarter volley, provided that the reply is kept low and well-angled; this to be used as an alternative defense to any except the very fiercest shots.

In summary we need control, concentration and hard work to gain these ends.

Jersey Bodies United

Trenton, Sept. 18: Meeting the provisions of the new constitution which recognizes but a single state association, the NJTTA and the South Jersey TTA merged early in July.

The officers of the original NJTTA were retained for 1935-36 and consist of H. W. Fay, president; F. Sollows, 1st vice-pres.; C. Falkiewicz, 2nd vice-pres.; Charles B. Dahmen, treas.; Manny Moskowitz, secy., who with Francis J. MacCoy, Jr., Frank J. Price, Frank H. Trolle and J. J. Tomasula form the N.J. executive committee.

The state looks forward to its biggest year in membership and activities.

States Please Copy

Newark, N. J., Sept. 20: Plans are under way for an inter-state match between New York and New Jersey to be held in Newark early in November at the Prudential Life Insurance's beautiful quarters seating 750 spectators. Entire proceeds with 75c top will go to the Fighting Fund as the two state bodies' donation and it is expected at least \$250 will be netted the fund.

JACOBSON WINS CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua, N. Y., Aug. 31: In a small but extremely fast field James Jacobson (New York), former national title holder, won the 2nd annual Chautauqua open from George Hendry (St. Louis), national boys' champion, in straight sets.

Singles final: Jacobson d Hendry 21-16, 21-18, 21-14. $\frac{1}{2}$ s: J d Sanford Kockman (Cleveland) 16, 17, 20; H d George Sturgiss (Cleveland) 16, 8, 6. $\frac{1}{4}$ s: J d Richard Stone (Cleveland) -19, 15, 16, 18; K d Ernest Walker (Cleveland) 19, 14, -16, -14, 17; H d James O'Connor (New York) 10, 14, 12; S d Sidney Biddell (New York) 16, 15, 14.

Doubles final: Coleman Clark (Chicago) & Hendry d Jacobson & Biddell 14, 17, 20. $\frac{1}{2}$ s: C&H d Kockman & Walker 18, 16, 19; J&B d Sturgiss & Stone -18, 20, 21, 17.

Highlight: Little George Hendry's defeat of Sturgiss in which he showed promise of future national greatness.

Draw: singles, 32; doubles, 8. 400 spectators. Coleman Clark, sponsor.

When Barna Was a Baby

Karl Landesman, New York chemist, taught Barna how to play table tennis when the present World Champion was so little he had to climb on the table's cross braces to return a drop shot.

Virile

New York, Aug. 6: Table tennis has "taken on the virility of a jousting match," observed Robert Benchley, the funny man, recently. "At a recent table tennis tournament in England (he means the World Championship) at which 10,000 people moved their heads from side to side, the playing area was 66 by 33 feet and even then the players crashed into the backstop. We used to play in the alcove of a trunk room and still leave room for couples eating ice cream and cake to watch. There is a picture of the Wembley tournament showing the Hungarian champion (he means Barna) running after a shot like an outfielder after a long fly, while an Austrian is slashing down on a nasty return with that old sabre stroke that the Cosacks used to use on the peasantry. One rally went to the 1590th shot and lasted 20 minutes. I couldn't hand a ball to anyone 1590 times."

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GLANCZ SWEEPS QUINIELA

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(Mt. Vernon, N. Y.), and Stanley Feitelson (New Rochelle) in straight matches equalled the record set last year by Silberman and handed the Brooklyn star a decisive 2-0 defeat in the process. Glancz lost but one game in the finals, to Jacobson, but was extended to 5 games in his bracket final by Joseph Filipek (New Bedford, Mass.) Competition was the stiffest in the history of the event.

In the finals of the women's Bronze Dolphin, played the previous weekend, Susan Whittemore (Santa Barbara), former Pan-Pacific and Southern California champion, called on a flashy backhand drive combined with a stubborn defense to defeat Helen Ovenden (Chicago), defending champion, 3-1.

Jack Hartigan and Joseph Blatt (Mt. Vernon) retained their doubles title.

Final Quiniela standing: Glancz, 5 points; Jacobson, 1; Feitelson, 1; Silberman, 0; Hartigan, 0.

Quiniela finals: Feitelson d Hartigan 10, 15; Jacobson d F 19, 19; Glancz d J 14, -12, 15; G d Silberman 13, 7; G d H 12, 13; G d F 17, 16; G d J 11, 10.

Bracket finals: Feitelson d Joseph Blatt (1933 winner) 19, -18, -13, 7, 19; Jacobson d John Holden (Somerville, Mass.) 11, 19, -18, 19; Glancz d Filipek 10, -19, -18, 11, 17; Silberman d George Sturgiss (Cleveland) 22, -14, 18, 19; Hartigan d Bacon -13, 19, 18, 19.

Bronze Dolphin finals: Whittemore d Ovenden 18, -16, 19, 17. 1/2's: W d Mrs. Clara Harrison (Cleveland) 19, -19, 10, 13; O d Jane Stahl (Provincetown) -17, -14, 15, 13.

Men's doubles finals: Hartigan & Blatt d Jacobson & George Bacon (New Rochelle, N. Y.) 19, -16, 20, 18.

Women's doubles finals: Whittemore & Ovenden d Harrison & Nancy Bray (Boston) 17, 15, 18.

Mixed doubles finals: Hartigan & Ovenden d Sturgiss & Harrison -18, -19, 20, 21, 19.

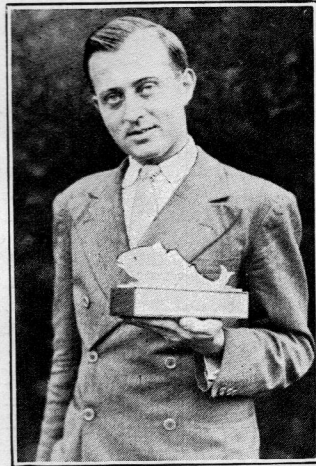
Junior finals: Bradley Harrison (Cleveland) d Herman Chase (Boston) 16, 10, 12.

Quiniela limited to 40 entries. Entries: women's singles, 30; men's doubles, 16; women's doubles, 16; mixed doubles, 8; sponsor, Provincetown TT Club; chairman, Paul Smith.

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BY SANDOR GLANCZ



Sandor Glancz, new Topics foreign editor, with Silver Cod Quiniela Trophy.

As a foreigner who has played abroad quite extensively and has observed American conditions during a nine-month visit here, I don't think I am immodest in saying I speak with some authority on the game and its future in the United States.

To my mind table tennis has a very bright future in this country, in fact, it is quite possible its popularity here will exceed that in European countries. Several factors contribute to this belief.

First, the United States has many homes where it is possible to have tennis tables. Homes with oil burners and large rooms make suitable playing quarters for the average person.

Second, the American people are apparently always in a hurry and no other sport takes so little time to play. The game seems ideally suited to the Americans. The United States is also a sport-loving country and table tennis will probably take its place with your other games, such as football and baseball.

Our first impression of the American game was received after seeing samples of your equipment. Comparatively it was very poor and our natural assumption was that your game couldn't possibly be of high caliber. Thus it was a most agreeable surprise to Barna and myself when we saw what splendid players there were in the United States.

Japan, which I understand has several thousand players, has very poor equipment and although never having been there, I would say that they couldn't have reached a high degree of efficiency with such poor equipment—wooden pad-

dles in the majority of cases.

As a guest of the United States it is my duty to flatter, but in saying this, I am speaking only the truth, that within two years the United States will be ranked with the very best table-tennis-playing nations. To show my natural patriotism, I must say with the possible exception of the Hungarians.

I had heard considerable about lack of organization in the United States, but I am convinced the game is in proper hands. You have many capable leaders who have only the interest of the game at heart.

In Europe most of the organization is through clubs and the control over members is much better, as an individual is always responsible to his club. I understand circumstances here have made such organization impossible up to now, but think perhaps in the near future more real clubs will be organized.

In his next article Mr. Glancz will comment on some of the players in this country and will say something about the very much discussed "chiseling." He will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

DRAPKIN TAKES ATLANTIC COAST

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d Morris Bernstein (Newark) 16, 14, -19, 19.

Women's singles finals: Mae Spannaus d Belle Macdonald (Arlington, N. J.) 21-12, 21-8, 21-11. 1/2's: S d Dorothy White (Montclair, N. J.) 5, 6, 11; M d Mrs. H. H. Isenberg (So. Orange, N. J.) 19, 16, 19. 1/4's: S d Mrs. H. C. Cox (W. Orange, N. J.) 5, 15; W d Helen Bruce (Red Bank, N. J.) 11, 6; I d Magdalene Cogan (Kearny, N. J.) 15, 13; M d Dorothy Byers (Bayonne, N. J.) 16, 13.

Veterans' singles finals: Bacon d Biddell -11, -18, 11, 9, 14. 1/2's: Bacon d R. Kennedy (Roselle Park, N. J.) 10, 11, 17; Biddell d Thomas C. Bradley (Phila.) 17, -18, 16, -20, 19. 1/4's: Bacon d Charles Funk (Brooklyn, N. Y.) 17, 8; K d Macdonald 19, 12; Biddell d J. B. Waddill (Cranford, N. J.) 16, 15; Bradley d John Morgan (Roselle Park) 16, 11.

Entries: men's singles, 128; women's singles, 16; veterans' singles, 16; sponsor, NJTTA; tournament director, E. B. Macdonald; 300 spectators.

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Inquiries about the USTTA have been received from these 21 States by Frank H. Trolle, USTTA Expansion Chairman:

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Only 6 States are not yet heard from: *Mississippi*, *Montana*, *Nevada*, *Utah*, *Vermont*, *Wyoming*.

Rhode Island Chartered

Providence, Sept. 4: With 25 initial members the RITTA was chartered by the national body with Dean K. Williams, pres., 689 Fruit Hill Ave., Ernest L. Goodman, vice-pres., Lisle T. Ware, secy-treas.

League play starts late in Sept. with 8 teams tentatively, the Providence "Y", Town Criers, Wickford club, Pawtucket "Y", Auburn club, Barrington club and Pawtucket Telephone club.

The RITTA will hold its first tournament, the Southern New England open, at the Providence YMCA on October 26th.

Europe Arming

The field guns of every table tennis center in Europe are being trained on Zagreb and the world championship since word was received that Viktor Barna broke his playing arm early this summer while driving from Paris to an exhibition match. World ranking players believe it impossible for him to retain his form once the break is healed, but we suspect the shots fired at him when the event takes place will prove to be duds. Incidentally and important, Barna's arm was insured for \$10,000—a neat sum to receive in these days of depression.

Missouri Mobilizes

Fourteen hard-working officers headed by F. D. Wayman, 1017 Hi Pointe Place, St. Louis, as president; E. F. Cinnater, Herman Mercer, Dr. F. S. Mores, Carroll Chase, vice-presidents; J. H. Andersen, executive secy; H. C. Fitzroy, recording secy.; Arthur Davis, corresponding secy. and E. L. Lyons, treas., with headquarters at 1250 Merchants Exchange Bldg., are busy with state activities. Esther Guenther, L. M. Schlude, R. E. Halbruegger, Ben Winklemann and W. V. Tietjen with the above form the executive committee.

Activities include 5 leagues: Mon. eve., Women's league; Tues. eve., Industrial league; Wed. eve., Wed. Class A players; Thurs. eve., Down Town Class A players; Fri. eve., Met. championship league.

Answer that letter now.

BOKSENBOM WINS GREAT LAKES

(From page 1)

14; B d Bruce Cowley (Cleveland) 23, 13, -13, -16, 18.

Women's singles final: Jane Stahl (Provincetown) d Mrs. Paul Smith (Provincetown) 20, 9, 17. $\frac{1}{2}$'s: Stahl d Mildred Wilkinson (Chicago) 19, 16, 27; Smith d Mrs. Clara Harrison (Cleveland) -20, 21, 21, 12. $\frac{1}{4}$'s: Stahl d Mary Mason (Toledo) 13, 14, 10; W d Florence Sallinger 5, 15, 9; Smith d Mrs. Hazel Stambaugh (Cleveland) 10, -18, 19, 11; H d Mary Johnson (Cleveland) 5, 8, 5.

Men's doubles final: Bock & Sturgiss d Aaran and Jack Boksenbom 23, -18, -15, 16, 13. $\frac{1}{2}$'s: B&S d Sanford Kockman (Cleveland) & Reinhart Ruppe (Cleveland) 14, 16, -18, 14; B&B d Cowley & Mark Sawyer (Cleveland) 19, 8, 16. $\frac{1}{4}$'s: B&S d Ernest Walker (Cleveland) & Samuel Shannon (Cleveland) 15, -18, 17, 16; K & R d Billy Warner (Charleston) & Middleburg -18, 18, 19, 14; B&B d Marquis Neff (Toledo) & Merle Arens (Dayton) 17, 18, -15, 13; C&S d George Bacon (New Rochelle, N. Y.) & William Gunn (Mamaroneck, N. Y.) 13, -13, 17, 18.

Women's doubles finals: Stahl & Smith d Wilkinson & Marjory Hart (Toledo) 17, -18, 16, 18. $\frac{1}{2}$'s: S&S d Harrison & Sallinger 18, 17, 15; W & H d Mary Mason & Ruth Howard (Toledo) 21, 10, 20.

Mixed doubles finals: Sturgiss & Harrison d Bacon & Smith 14, -20, 17, -18, 19. $\frac{1}{2}$'s: S&H d Jack Denninger (Chicago) & Wilkinson -20, -18, 18, 14, 16; B&S d Bock & Stambaugh 15, 13, 13. $\frac{1}{4}$'s: S & H d Abbott & Ruth Howard (Toledo) 10, 9, 15; D&W d Findlay & Stahl 18, -19, 11, 18; B&S d Arens & Sallinger 14, -15, 17, 14; Bock & Stambaugh d John Cash (Detroit) & Mason -19, 18, -18, 17, 14.

Entries: men's singles, 64; men's doubles, 32; women's singles, 16; women's doubles, 8; mixed doubles, 16; chairman, Harry S. Wahle.

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29th Title for Bellis

Culver, Ind., Aug. 10: Izzy Bellis, Philadelphia's 15-year-old table tennis champion, won his 29th lawn tennis title in 3 years when he captured the boy's national singles championship at Culver Military Academy, Indiana. He has been playing table tennis less than a year, yet ranks number 2 in Pennsylvania's rankings.

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UNITED STATES SWEEPS CANADA IN MATCH AT MONTREAL

(From page 1)

When Longtin defeated Bacon 2-1 to score Canada's sole winning point in the last match of the afternoon, it could be told from the tumult the hold the game has gained in Canada's rich territory.

With a day that began with a Civic Welcome at Montreal's beautiful City Hall, followed by the match in the afternoon and a banquet to the victorious U. S. team in the evening, the Canadian TTA did itself proud as hosts under the able leadership of President James Cooke, who might well be styled "the Ivor Montagu of Canada" and who is responsible for the inauguration of these inter-nation matches.

The years to come may well give this annual event between the two neighboring countries an importance akin

NEW JERSEY

(From page 4)

8. John Bondier
9. Lyle Pritchard
10. George Szabad
11. Les Unkert
12. William Gross
13. Ernest Melofchik
14. Daniel Caskey
15. Francis J. MacCoy
16. Howard Grossman;
17. George J. Ritter;
18. Charles B. Dahmen;
19. Stuart E. Rote;
20. Morris Miller;
21. Leonard Thompson;
22. Harold Moskowitz;
23. Louis Vitale;
24. H. M. Yates;
25. Martin Moskowitz;
26. Robert Adler;
27. Noah Ball;
28. Morris Bernstein;
29. Frank J. Price;
30. David Longaker;
31. Harold Emerson;
32. Karl J. Jansky.

Women's Singles

1. Belle MacDonald
2. Mrs. H. W. Isenberg
3. Mrs. H. M. Cox
4. Mrs. C. C. Adams
5. Mildred Harper
6. Althea D. Soden
7. Edith Johnson
8. Ruth Applebaum
9. Alma Cox
10. Adele Bischoff
11. Evelyn Chester
12. Dorothy Byers

Men's Doubles

1. Edward Silverglade, Gilbert Sussman
 2. Edward J. Byers, Henry Winecker.
 3. Harold and Manny Moskowitz.
 4. Cross, Alfred Hedges.
 5. Adler, Block.
- Insufficient Data: Morris Bernstein, Leonard Thompson, Lyle Pritchard, George Schlissel, Stryker, Yates, Daniel Caskey, Charles B. Dahmen, Leiter, Lubetkin, Byers, Dietz.

to the Leslie Cup matches in golf.

U. S. 10—CANADA 1

Singles: (U. S. 8, Canada 1). Silberman d Juneau 22, -12, 22; Longtin, -17, 14, 14; Travers, 19, 15. Cook d Juneau 14, 18; Desjardins, 10, 15. Schmidt d Longtin 15, 16; Juneau, -15, 10, 14. Bacon d Travers 10, 14; lost to Longtin -19, 15, 22.

Doubles: (U. S. 2, Canada

PENNSYLVANIA

(From page 4)

glade, Robert Temple, James C. Weaver.

Women's Singles

1. Ruth Wilson
 2. Anne Caprove
 3. Violet Smolens
 4. Molly Liebman
 5. Mrs. M. M. Morisuye
- Honorable Mention: Emily Fuller, Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

SOUTH JERSEY

(From page 4)

Men's Doubles

1. Edward Silverglade, Gilbert Sussman.
2. Gilbert Sussman, Leon Sussman.
3. Edward Silverglade, Frank Trolle.
4. Leon Sussman, Joseph Micali.
5. Leon Durling, Russell Coleman.
6. Albert Rosenberg, Ben Robins.
7. Earl Ballard, Joseph Micali.
8. Lester Smith, John Yago.
9. Leon Durling, Harry Pfitzinger.
10. John Hobson, Frank Trolle.

0). Bacon & Silberman d Juneau & Desjardins 18, 20; Cook & Schmidt d same 18, -18, 17. Spectators, 1,000; referee, W. Frank Read; sponsor, Canadian TTA; director, James Cooke; held at the National A.A.A.

Samuel Hardy, honorary president USTTA, is former captain of the U. S. Davis Cup team. He taught George Lott his doubles game.

OHIO

(From page 4)

Waltz, James Freeman, Harris Rosedale, Ernest Travis.

Women's Singles

1. Mrs. Clara Harrison
 2. Mrs. Mary Mason
- Honorable Mention: Hazel Stambaugh, Gladys Carney, Emily Jean Cordes, Irene David, Gladys Morris, Pauline Voth, Irma O'Connor, Ethel Tucker.

Men's Doubles

1. Courtney Bock, George Sturgiss.
 2. Calvin Fuhrman, Merle Arens.
 3. Jack Boksenbom, Al Findlay.
 4. Aaron Boksenbom, Zolton Giszl.
 5. Marquis Neff, Albert Kravitz.
 6. Herman Lykins, Richard Farr.
 7. Howard Thomas, Alan McCullough.
 8. James Gahagen, J. W. Spain.
- Honorable Mention: George Sturgiss Al Findlay, Calvin Fuhrman, Alan McCullough, Merle Arens, Howard Crume, Howard Thomas, Albert Kravitz.

Connecticut Elects Haring

Bridgeport, Sept. 22: John R. Haring, 518 Noble Ave., was elected president today of the newly organized CSTTA. Fred Engel (New Britain) was chosen vice-pres.; R. Phaneuf (Waterbury) treas.; and J. Peterson (Bridgeport) secry. Other towns represented at the meeting were Hartford, Westport, Torrington and Rockville.

Illinois Plans

Chicago, Sept. 14: ITTA plans a busy season beginning October 3-4-5 with the 2nd Annual Membership tourney, a great success last year. Under the leadership of George H. Littell, pres., and a state body composed of Mason Rapp, vice-pres.; Carlton S. Drake, recording secry.; L. E. McDonald, executive secry. and W. F. Hinkle, treas., Illinois will sponsor the Chicago district, suburban, Illinois state and National inter-city team championships.

WASHINGTON

(From page 4)

Men's Doubles

1. Chris Speth, Leon Clevenger.
2. Stanley Atwood, Kenneth Leamy.
3. Art Koch, Max Canterbury.
4. Reginald Gearhardt, George Neylan.
5. George Sossas, Akira Hoshide.

Mixed Doubles

1. Marion Hoffman, Stanley Atwood.
2. Maxine Kern, Harry Packard.
3. Betty Howe, Art Koch.
4. Dorothy Jones, Kenneth Leamy.
5. Helen Smith, Chris Speth

Veterans Singles

1. Pinky Miller
2. George Fossas
3. Rudy Ursic
4. R. L. Dodge
5. Les Smith

Junior Singles

1. James Holland
2. Edward Dalby
3. Monte Barnes
4. Elwood Martin
5. Arthur McCullough

Women's Doubles

1. Dorothy Jones, Marion Hoffman.
2. Georgianna Fossas, Betsy O'Neill.
3. Martha Eckert, Marie Johnson.
4. Helen Smith, Maxine Kern
5. Aurora Kitperberg, Marie Koutecky.



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DRAPKIN REPEATS AT RUTHERFORD

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tional Champion Abe Berenbaum 3-1 and Melvin Rose 3-1 while Drapkin eliminated Sol Schiff 3-0 and Charles Schmidt 3-1.

Ruth Aarons was severely pressed to defeat hard-driving Anne Sigman in the women's finals, as were Berenbaum and Silverglade to win from Rose and Silberman in the doubles event.

Men's singles finals: Drapkin d Feitelson 14, 17, 13. 1/2's: D d Sol Schiff (N. Y.) 18, 15, 21; F d Melvin Rose (Brooklyn) 15, -20, 18, 16. 1/4's: D d Schmidt (N. Y.) 11, -10, 13, 21; Schiff d Abe Krakauer (N. Y.) 16, 16, -16, 18; R d George Bacon (New Rochelle, N. Y.) -20, 17, 21, 16; F d Berenbaum 14, 7, -21, 20. Upsets: Edward Byers (Bayonne, N. J.) d Jack Hartigan, Bacon d Louis Pagliari (N. Y.), Rose d Silverglade, Schmidt d Silberman.

Men's doubles finals: Berenbaum & Silverglade d Rose & Silberman -19, 12, 20, -20, 18. 1/2's: B&S d Krakauer & Pagliari 18, 18, 20; R&S d Schmidt & Drapkin 21, -13, -18, 19, 16; 1/4's: B&S d Byers & John Bondier (Bayonne) by default; R&S d Feitelson & Sidney Biddell (Larchmont, N. Y.) -17, -17, 18, 19, 18; S&D d Schiff & Manny Moskowitz (Rutherford) 23, 16, -16, 17; K & P d Gilbert Sussman (Bayonne, N. J.) & Abe Hedges (N. J.) 15, 16, 18.

Women's singles finals: Aarons d Sigman -19, 23, 17, 16; 1/2's: A d Mrs. Mae Spannaus 7, 15; S d Belle Macdonald 6, 9.

Entries: men's singles, 64; men's doubles, 16; women's singles, 16; sponsor, Rutherford TTC; director, Manny Moskowitz; spectators, 300.

Greencastle, Ind., Sept. 25: De Pauw University lists among its undergraduates Jimmy McClure and Billy Condy. What a table tennis team the college will now have!

Washington Away

Seattle, Sept. 17: Washington State TTA will present 3 major tournaments during the coming season, Washington state, Pacific northwest, Western Pacific states (see tournament calender).

With Rudy Ursic, new US TTA governor, leading the activities, and Jay Eckert, 1st vice-pres., Dave Botting, 2nd vice-pres., L. Van Slyke, 3rd vice-pres., P. W. Wright, 4th vice-pres., Les Smith, secy-treas., Pearl Nelson, recording secry., and Marion Hoffman, secry. women's division to direct the body, Washington promises to be one of the most active newly organized states.

A state publication is being issued by Max Canterbury, Y.M.C.A., 4th & Madison Streets, assisted by Herb Baumgartner.

Kansas Forming

Chester R. Shepard, president of the Wyandotte County TTA, 1515 Georgia Ave., Kansas City, is busily engaged with the formation of the KT TA.

HELP YOURSELF BY BOOSTING USTTA

Indiana, Ink.

Indianapolis, Sept. 11: Interest is high in Indiana with the ITTA established with the following officers: pres., Geo. H. Cottrell; 1st vice-pres., Edward Dorey; 2nd vice-pres., C. R. Parker; 3rd vice-pres., Foster Fudge; secry., Robert Martin; treas., Harold Justus; executive secry., G. Schuyler Blue.

R. McDowell defeated Henry Spaulding in the finals of the mid-summer tournament 2-1, after Spaulding had eliminated Joel Inman and McDowell had beaten Earl Coulson in the 1/2's. The doubles title was captured by Jacobs & Rowe from Inman & Spaulding.

Winter league play has started and juvenile tournaments are being run every Sunday to develop young players.

West Virginia

Charleston, Sept. 19: Conrad E. Hardman, sports editor of the Daily Mail, is organizing West Va.

A physician prescribed table tennis for a patient with a sluggish liver, and now the liver is full of pep.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

(Symbols: * tentative date; m, men's singles; w women's singles; md, men's doubles; wd, women's doubles; mx, mixed doubles; v, veterans' singles; j, junior singles. Open means open to USTTA members everywhere).

October

26: SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND, open, at YMCA, Providence, R. I.; sponsor, RITTA; chairman, Lisle T. Ware, YMCA.

December

7-8: MISSOURI VALLEY SECTIONAL INTER-CITY, at Omaha.

12-13 or 13-14: MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES, open, at New York City; m, w, md; sponsor, Metropolitan TTA; chairman, Sidney M. Biddell, Room 2935, 11 W. 42nd St.

January

3-4-5: INDIANA STATE. 4-5: INTER-CITY at Chicago; sponsor, Illinois TTA; chairman, Dougall A. Kittermaster, 175 W. Jackson Blvd.

13 to 17: WASHINGTON State. *23-24-25: DETROIT METROPOLITAN, open.

31-Feb. 1: AMERICAN ZONE, open, in McKinley High School, Washington, D. C.; m, w; sponsor, District of Columbia TTA; Morris H. Bassford, 930 Washington Bldg.

February

14-15: MISSOURI VALLEY, open, at Omaha, Neb.; m, w, md, wd, mx; sponsor, Nebraska TTA; chairman, A. B. Martin, 412 So. 44th St.

28-29-Mar. 1: MICHIGAN STATE at Detroit, open.

March

1st week: WORLD, at Zagreb, Jugoslavia; Hon. Ivor Montagu, 29 Ranelagh Gardens, London, W, England.

6-7-8: WESTERN, open, at St. Louis, Mo.; m, w, md, wd, mx, j, v; sponsor, St. Louis TTA; Fred D. Wayman, 1017 Hi Pointe Place.

13-14: EASTERN, open, at Worcester, Mass.; m, w, md, mx; sponsor, Worcester TTA; John H. Weinheimer, 33 Elm St.

23 to 27: PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

April

2-3-4: NATIONAL, open, in Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.; m, w, md, wd, mx, j; sponsor Pennsylvania TTA; chairman, Raymond Nichols, Boyer Road, Cheltenham, Pa.



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IMPORTANT RULING No. 16 NOW BEING STRICTLY ENFORCED

Beginning with the Chautauqua tournament on August 30th, rule 16, paragraph 7 of the Laws of Table Tennis has begun to be enforced by all tournament committees and will be strictly adhered to during the coming playing season in this country.

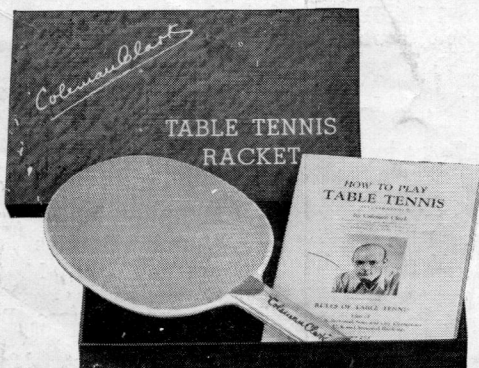
That it may be completely understood, Topics clarifies the rule again for all players: *After the ball has been put into play if a player strikes the ball with his racket on the fly, no matter where he, his racket or the ball may be, he loses the point. Even if the ball is clearly out and he stops the ball with his bat he loses the point. He may, however, catch the ball with his free hand or stop it with his body, provided of course it is*

not over the table.

Initially this rule will work a hardship on all players who habitually stop wild drives with their rackets to save chasing the ball. At both Chautauqua and Asbury Park tournaments once the players clearly understood the rule very few points were called. It enabled referees to determine more clearly points which under the old ruling could not be called when the ball, racket and table edge all met in the returning of a shot.

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