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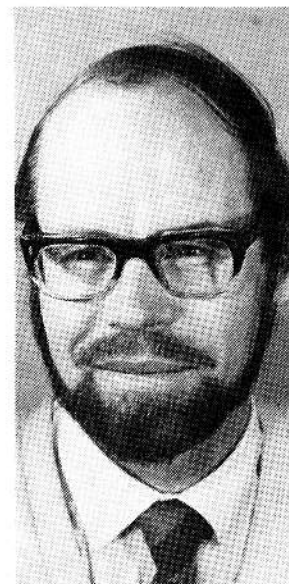
## President's

## Welcome

It is my privilege as President of the Otago Association to welcome to Dunedin the Czechoslovakian Table Tennis Team.

We are delighted in being host to one of the strongest teams to tour our country and are indeed fortunate in having the opportunity to witness table tennis of such a high calibre.

May your brief stay produce memorable moments and promote a warm friendship between our two peoples.



BARRIE KENDALL

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## A MIGHTY TOUR

By Yvonne Fogarty

Commenting on a tour of China is not for me a simple task to complete in a few words for this remarkable country left a deep impression which is not quickly or easily explained.

All the people seem to be totally absorbed in a huge crusade to raise the standard of living of their country. They are well aware that their living conditions don't compare with ours in New Zealand, but compared with the state of China 25 years ago, before the liberation, staggering progress has been made. Now 9/10ths of the people are literate where as in 1949 only 1/10th could read and write. All have security of a home and regular work and they consider they have a real purpose in life.

Our itinerary was 1 day of table tennis and 1 day sightseeing, which was rather good. We practised in the morning with our opponents for that evening. They took us through their routines and training which was of great value. We rested in the afternoon and the match was in the evening. Playing in the Capital Stadium was something to be remembered with 18,000 spectators watching our every shot. The N.Z. National Anthem played by the Chinese National Orchestra sounded the most impressive I've ever heard.

We met up with about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the players who toured N.Z. in 1972 and it was mighty to meet these players in their own environment.

Our sightseeing included; a tour of No 15 school, an ivory factory, a deaf and dumb school, a commune, the Ming Tombs, the Great Wall, Forbidden Palace and several other places of interest. We had the pleasure of the company of Rewi Alley (a famous N.Z. writer) for a morning in Peking.

"Play Table Tennis to help the Revolution" was the theme of a song some kindergarten children sang to us and this helps us understand why so much emphasis is placed on sport and fitness in China. Sport helps to make a fit nation which is essential if people are to reach their full potential. There are special schools which are attended daily by pupils from 9 to 16 years for those who show promise in sport and also literature. Generally they are good citizens.

The warmth and hospitality of the Chinese will be indelible on my mind- so too will the generosity and friendliness in Japan. The theme of the Asian Championships was "Uni Asia through Table Tennis," and for the two weeks of the tournaments unity became a reality.

Needless to say the N.Z. women were thrilled to come 4th out of 24 competing countries and the men had some exciting wins to finish 17th out of 30. I felt very honoured and humbled with all the attention that focussed on us. The advice and opportunities provided for learning new techniques were more than I've ever experienced. e.g. Top Japanese players were allocated to practise with each team whenever required.

The North Korean team who arrived just in time for the Women's singles events created a scene by crying out "Ulsar" (meaning hurrah) after every point they won. Actually it was rather distracting when playing nearby or at the other end of the table. However all the Korean and the Chinese Women were eliminated by the Japanese who had their 4 women play each other in the semi-finals.

An exciting moment for James Morris and I came when we took a set off the top Japanese pair Edano and Konno. They then elected a five minute break. The Chinese team and several others sensing an upset crowded around, but our moment of glory was short-lived as we went down in the fourth 21-13.

It's always good to conclude on a hopeful note which was indeed the tune to which we departed Japan. Several dignitaries commented on how well our teams had done for the small amount of effort we put into our preparation and they see our potential as unlimited if we became more dedicated. (Take note players, it's up to us to prove New Zealanders have what it takes to reach the top in table tennis).



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# Meet Our Visitors

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ALICE GROFOVA, aged 22, single. Undergraduate at the Faculty of Physical Training and Sport. Relies on a smashing forehand drive, came into prominence in 1973 after putting "anti loop" rubber on the backhand side of her bat. Success then came her way with a win in the International Championship of Czechoslovak in a complete European competition, then gained the title of Academic World Champion by defeating a Russian. Alice acquired a silver medal at Saraiyevo and the bronze with Dvoracek in the mixed doubles. Ranked 3rd in the world she was proclaimed Best Sportswoman of Slovakia for 1973.

JOSEF DVORACEK, aged 22, single, a mining locksmith. Was twice a member of the winning Czechoslovak Socialist Republican junior team of the European Championships in 1968 and 1969. Dvoracek secured 1st place for the team in 1969 at Obertraun, when in the decisive match defeated Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson who was later to become world champion. He prefers to play from medium to long distance but lacks a smashing finishing stroke that has prevented him gaining greater success. Partnered by Alice Grofova he won a bronze medal in mixed doubles at the world championships at Saraiyevo in 1973.



MILAN ORLOWSKI, aged 21, single, electrical engineering student, currently ranked No 6 in the world. Showed exceptional promise at soccer also but chose table tennis. Sent to the World championships first in 1969 to gain experience, and benefitted enough in 1971 to reach the last eight at the World Championships at Nagoya (Japan). Milan repeated this again at Saraiyevo in 1973, losing to the world champion Hsi En-ting. He is popular with spectators for his aggressive style of play and excellent forehand drives.

ING. JAROSLAV KUNZ, aged 28, married with 1 child. Automobile engineer, holds a Masters degree in transportation. His basic stroke is a backhand (making him an exception in Europe) and his backhand blocking is an effective foil with most players whose basic stroke is topspin. Current Czechoslovak doubles champion with Orlovski he has had notable wins over ex-world champion Kjell Johansson (Sweden) and Eberhard Scholer (Germany). At the latest seeding for the European list Jaroslav Kunz ranked on the eleventh place.



# MATCH PROGRAMME

EVENT		UMPIRE	CZECHOSLOVAKIA v OTAGO INVITATION		SCORES			RESULTS	
					1st GAME	2nd GAME	3rd GAME	C	O
1	MEN'S SINGLES	G.WILLIAMS	Kunz	v	Angus	21 7	21 10		2 -
2	MEN'S SINGLES	G.GALL	Dvoracek	v	Foster	21 18	21 19		2 -
3	MIXED DOUBLES	R.SONNTAG	Orlowski & Grofova	v	Stonestreet & Foster	13 21	21 9	27 25	2 1

INTERVAL (5 MINUTES)

4	MEN'S SINGLES	B.ELLIS	Dvoracek	v	Angus	21 37	21 9		2 -
5	MEN'S SINGLES	D.McDOUGAL	Kunz	v	Foster	21 11	21 14		2 -
6	WOMEN'S SINGLES	J.STEEDMAN	Grofova	v	Stonestreet	21 5	21 12		2 -
7	MEN'S DOUBLES	T.HALL	Orlowski & Dvoracek	v	Foster & Angus	21 15	17 24	21 18	1 2
8	EXHIBITION (2 games only)	J.DOUGAL.	Orlowski	v	Kunz	26 24	19 21		

Result : ..... beat ..... by ..... sets to .....

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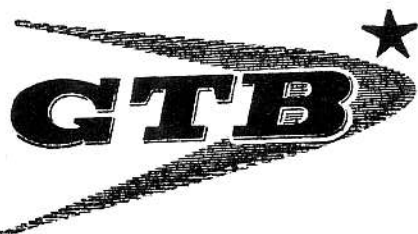
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At the 1974 N.Z. Annual General Meeting tributes were paid to this dedicated administrator. Telegrams (both overseas and local), coupled with enthusiastic responses from delegates and friends were golden testimonials of his devotion to table tennis.

Following the congratulations came a bonus presentation to Ken and his wife Phyllis, a cheque for \$250 (\$10 for each year of office). A standing ovation rounded off an electrifying moment.

A post office employee, Ken has built a remarkable record. Night after night his typewriter pounds out paper mountains of information, correspondence and reminders. (Phyllis declares that if Ken bought a long playing record of a clacking typewriter, set it playing and skipped out to paint the town red, she would be none the wiser).

Work isn't left if time will allow him to complete it. Associations, players, administrators and Countries have no cause for complaint.



KEN WILKINSON

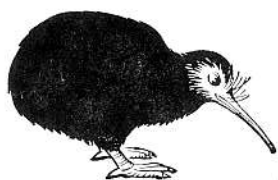
*Secretary of the New Zealand Association*

Sincerity, promptness and impartiality are hallmarks of his work which has created an image well known in N.Z. table tennis.

Overseas too, has benefited from the Wilkinson touch and in 1973 Ken was elected as Vice President of Oceania. (A position he holds for two years).

Both in New Zealand and abroad Ken Wilkinson is held in high regard, indeed an administrator and secretary extraordinary.





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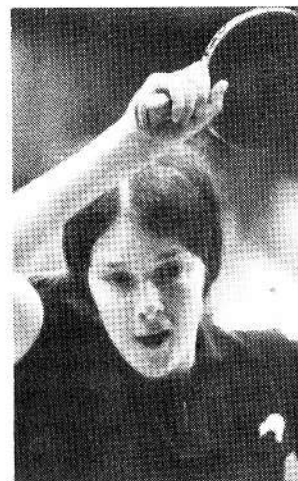
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## THE OTAGO TEAM

ANN STONESTREET, Current N.Z. Women's Singles Champion, appearing by invitation. From Auckland, aged 20, last year represented N.Z. at the Commonwealth Tournament in Cardiff and the World Championships in Yugoslavia. She has just returned from an Asian Tour which included China and Japan. Ann is representing N.Z. in the current series against Czechoslovakia in the Tests in Christchurch & Auckland.



BRYAN FOSTER, aged 34, appearing by invitation, as for him 1974 is not a season of serious dedication. Undoubtably the best player the South Island has ever had and one of New Zealand's foremost exponents, Bryan has won the N.Z. mens singles in 1966 and 1968. Foster is synonymous with Otago table tennis and this player needs no further introduction to local audiences.



JOHN ANGUS, aged 26, last year ranked number 2 in Otago. Rose rapidly into prominence in the 1972 season to force his way into the Otago team whereas in 1971 had not been ranked in Otago's top ten. A member of the Helensburgh club, John's titlwinning successes have mostly been won within the Otago and Southland Provinces in doubles events. Favours an attacking game.

