

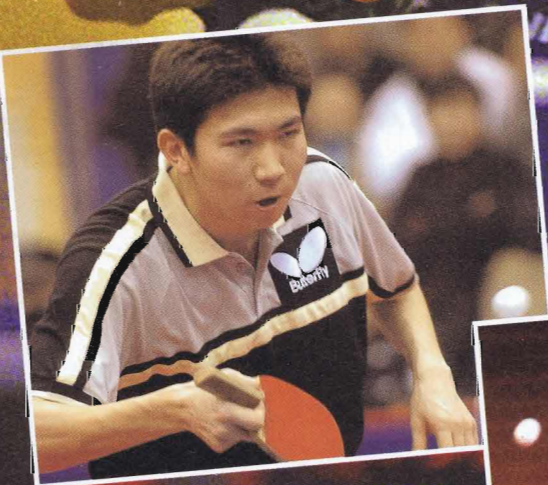
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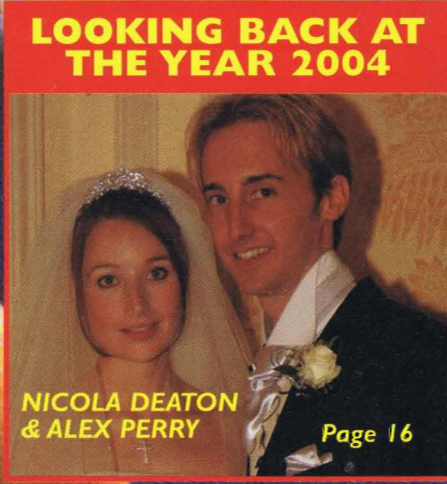
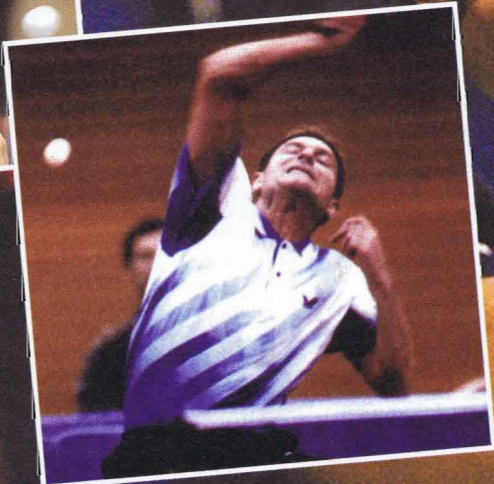
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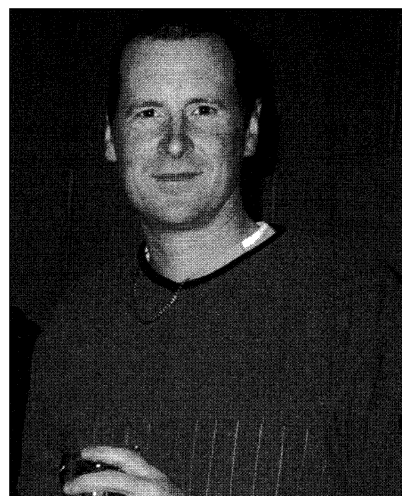
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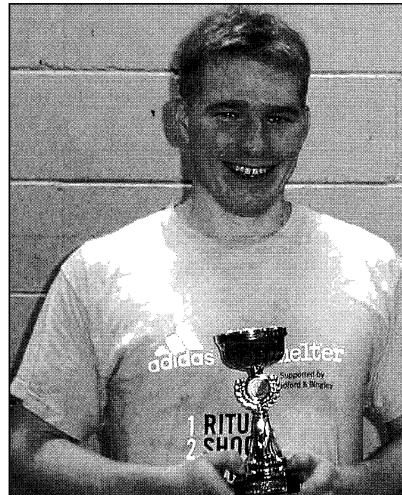
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TORCH TROPHY TRUST AWARD FOR DAVID LOMAS

DAVID LOMAS received the prestigious Torch Trophy Trust Award from HRH Prince Michael of Kent at an annual Presentation Ceremony at Queens Club, Kensington, London, on Thursday, 18th November 2004.

The trust recognises and rewards "unsung hero" volunteers from all sports for their outstanding contributions to sport in the United Kingdom.

David (60) has made a major contribution to school sport at local, area, regional and national levels, principally in an administrative capacity in table tennis, cricket and football.

During his first teaching post at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, he was instrumental in the decision to affiliate the local league to the ETTA. He went on to win the league's Singles and Doubles titles and represent the league in the Essex inter-league competitions.

Before moving to Croydon in 1970 he took on the post of Honorary Secretary of the Essex Schools' Table Tennis Association and soon became a member of the Executive Council of the English Schools' TTA, which was formed in 1968.

He held a number of posts within the ESTTA - twice being Honorary Secretary and as Press and Publicity Officer, contributing regularly to the columns of Table Tennis News, School Sport and Sports Teacher magazines, and edited the ESTTA Handbook for many years.

David also organised schools' table



Pictured (l. to r.) HRH PRINCE MICHAEL of KENT, DAVID LOMAS and SIR BOBBY CHARLTON CBE

tennis tournaments in East & West Sussex and Surrey and became founder Secretary/Treasurer of the Croydon Schools' TTA in 1978 - a post which he still holds.

In addition to his table tennis roles, he also served as Hon Secretary of the National Council for School Sport for six years, and Hon Secretary of Croydon Schools' Cricket Association, which celebrated its centenary in 1994, and Assistant Secretary of Croydon and Surrey Schools' Football Associations.

Sir Bobby Charlton CBE, presided over the Awards Ceremony, whilst the citations for the eighteen winners were read by TV soccer pundit, Jimmy Hill OBE.

• The Torch Trophy Trust was founded in 1962 by the late Commander Bill Collins, the organiser of the 1948 Olympic Torch Relay from Olympia in Greece to Wembley in London. The Torch

Trophy is awarded annually to nominees who show outstanding dedication and commitment to local community sport

AETTU formed ASSOCIATION OF ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS UMPIRES (AETTU)

At a meeting of umpires in Derby in October the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires (AETTU) was formed. In general its aim is to promote the interests and welfare of umpires. It is an independent association and should be seen as the official representative body authorised to discuss the welfare of umpires with all other relevant bodies.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Chairman: George Tyler I.U. Deputy Chairman: Derek Sherratt I.U. Secretary: Ken Armson MBE., I.U. Treasurer: Steve Welch I.U.

Elected committee members were: Stan Clarke, I.U., Barry Granger N.U., John Lawton I.U., and Geof Taylor I.U.

Membership is open to all qualified E.T.T.A. umpires and details concerning membership can be obtained from any of the above.

Maccabi GB

Success prompts a repeat performance for Maccabi GB Championships

After the outstanding success of last

WOODY'S World

THE new year has seen Lesley and myself on the move again, this time we have left Cornwall and travelled to Somerset, see details on this page. One of the reasons for moving to the beautiful county of Somerset is for easier access to motorways. Cornwall was just a bridge to far.

January heralded a step up from winning the National Championships last season when Alan Cooke reached the quarter-finals of the ITTF Pro Tour Slovenian Open, in so doing he beat two players ranked in the top 100 on the ITTF list, see page 26.

The biggest event of this season, which is featured on the front cover and centre-spread, is the \$175,000 BBC Super Circuit tournament, where battling for the top prize money will be former World and Olympic Champion Jan Ove Waldner and present Olympic Champion Ryu Seung Min.

A popular column 'Euro & World News' compiled by myself, returns this issue on page 26. This page will be shared with John Woodford's 'Matchpoint'.

As we get involved with 2005 why not take a look back at 2004, see page 16.

John Wood

year's tournament there will be another Maccabi GB Table Tennis Open Tournament. This year however there are even greater numbers expected including a number from abroad and therefore a larger venue in Hertfordshire has been secured sporting up to 18 tables. The event will take on Sunday 20th February 2005 and is held in association with Bribar Table Tennis. This premier Jewish championships will showcase players picked to represent Great Britain at the Maccabiah Games in Israel next year. Last year some regular tournament players let it be known that this was one of the best tournaments they have played and it is expected that this years will be at as professional and exciting if not more so.

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SPORT ENGLAND FUND STAFF APPOINTMENTS WITH £200K AWARD

I HOPE you all had a good Christmas and I wish you all a happy and successful 2005.

I wish to update you on a number of issues, which have happened in the last couple of months or are ongoing.

FUNDING

The staff appointments at the ETTA have been completed with full time posts being filled covering Communications Officer, Deputy Events Manager, Schools/Club Links Manager, Coaching Officer and Two additional Regional Development Officers. These appointments were made from the £200K Interim Funding awarded to us from Sport England as part of the programme in support of increasing participation in our sport.

In addition this funding was also used to update and improve the office IT Hardware/Software, modernise the ETTA in-house distribution facilities and an investment made in our Youth Development Programme to support training for potential young players who are not part of the Performance Group. An appointment was made for the UK Coaching Certificate Manager from funding received to cover this project from the Government. This appointment covers all of the UK National Governing Bodies for Table Tennis.

A decision will be made by Sport England in the next two months regarding the 4-year Whole Sports Plan submitted to them in the last quarter of 2004.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

This subject is still ongoing and will be debated at National Council in the coming weeks. The principle of the ETTA having a register of all persons who are affiliated to the Association is critical to the development and long term strategies and interest of our sport. Further details will be circulated in the coming months to move this important project forward and support/ideas from the grass roots is needed during the debate.

ENGLAND PLAYERS

Some significant progress has been made in the last few months with excellent performances by our players both at home and abroad, details will be covered in this issue.

We shall be sending Teams to the European Championships in Denmark and players to the World Championships in China.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A number of very important issues for debate and voting will come up at this years AGM. I hope that the membership will attend the meeting or at least be involved in the voting procedures. You are the ETTA it is your sport and your participation in the decision making process is a key element for the future of table tennis.

ITTF WEBSITE

It is very worthwhile your looking at the website www.ittf.com A number of news articles have appeared in the last few months about England players which confirms we are being recognised at the International Level.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCES

Two Volunteer Conferences have been organised for Premier Clubs and Leagues who have been circulated with application forms, they are to be held at Lilleshall in February and March. Details are also available from the office.

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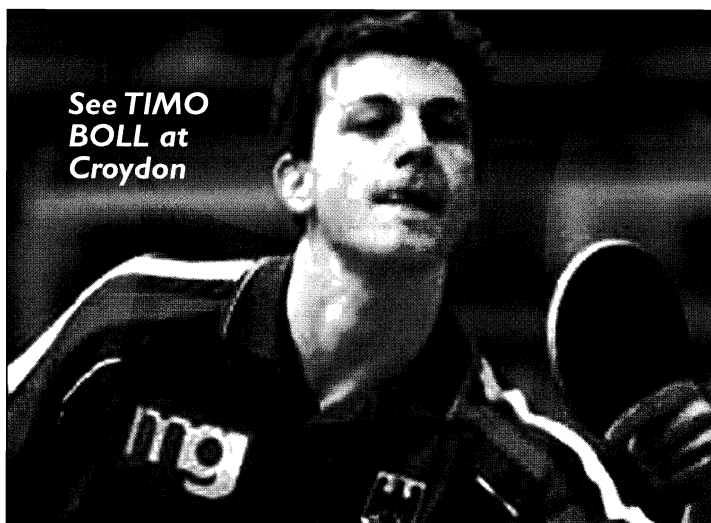
A DVD is being released in early February called "PING PONG", it has been described by the Daily Telegraph as "Rocky with table tennis". Contact the office for details on where to purchase a copy. Also being released in February is a game for Play Station 2 called SPIN DRIVE PING PONG, further details will be advised when available.

TV EVENT

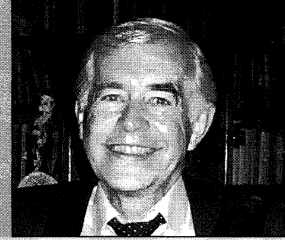
Another BBC TV event will take place on the 23rd July at Fairfield Hall please put the date in your diary. Further details are included in this issue.

I hope this gives you an update and hope the rest of the season goes well for you.

Alex Murdoch, ETTA Chairman



VETERANS' DIARY



HERBERT LOSES TO BRIAN & RAY **by Jim Beckley**

OUR friend from Switzerland Herbert Neubauer is not unbeatable. - despite winning two singles title at the recent Veterans Masters tournament in Norwich

The 60 year old whose fondness for odd rubbers has caused many a problem for our home grown players, won the over 40s singles beating Nigel Eckersley and then accounted for Fred Dove in the over 50s final.

But before reaching those heady heights, Herbert had lost in his earlier over 50s group matches to Brian Adams and earlier to Ray Dixon.

Herbert, who won the world over 60s singles title in Yokohama last summer and must have been expecting an easier passage in the over 60s at the University sports centre in Norwich, found what many of us have already found out that the older players get, the more difficult they are to beat.

BRIAN & JAN ARE WED IN CRICKET ST. THOMAS

WHEN Brian and Jan Johns decided to get hitched they did it in style.

They chose the Cricket St Thomas Hotel in Somerset, the epitome of the English Country Manor, to tie the knot.

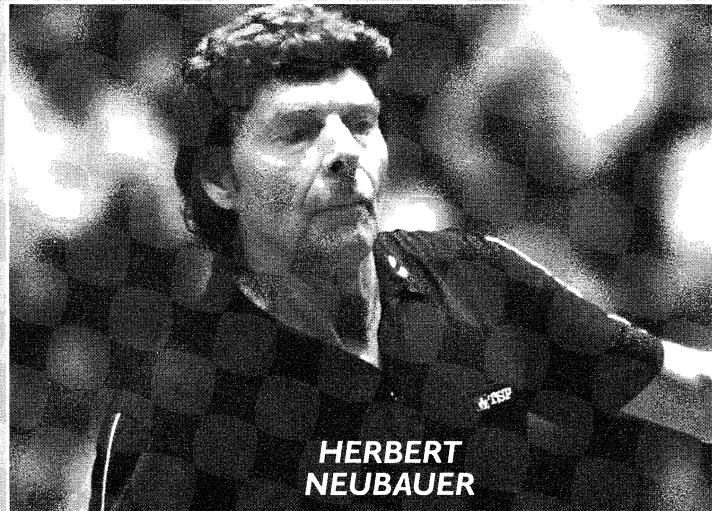
For two days the happy pair along with guests, a number of which were from the table tennis fraternity, lorded it up at the 18th century, Grade 2 listed building that hosted the 70s TV series 'To the Manor Born' starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles.

But from what I gather the happy couple didn't get much opportunity to spend some time together with many of the guests deciding to stay the entire weekend.

I'm also reliably informed that the couple even took their table tennis bats along but didn't get a chance to hit a ball, despite the hotel having a table on tap.

MBE FOR EDNA FLETCHER

WELL done, Edna Fletcher. The evergreen vet received an MBE for services to table tennis in the New Years Honours List. Edna has played a prominent role in table tennis for years as a coach and administrator. And she wasn't (is) not a bad player as well. She won the over 75 European Veteran title in Aarhus and



HERBERT NEUBAUER

then in Lucerne and has been secretary of the Great Yarmouth League for years. A great lady who is always welcome to our Masters tournaments.

ENGLAND vs GERMANY

THE match hasn't even been played yet but my informers tell me it has already been voted a success and others are already being planned.

The Southern Masters next April will be the place to be when a large contingent of German players will be arriving and not just for the tournament.

For on the Friday night before the main event, a challenge match between England and German will get under way and it could be the first of many such events.

It promises to be a real cracker with several past and present world champions among the German team.

Working closely on this one are Roy Norton and Peter Bradley. "This

could be the first of many such challenge matches." says Roy. "Both teams are treating the match very seriously and it should be a great night."

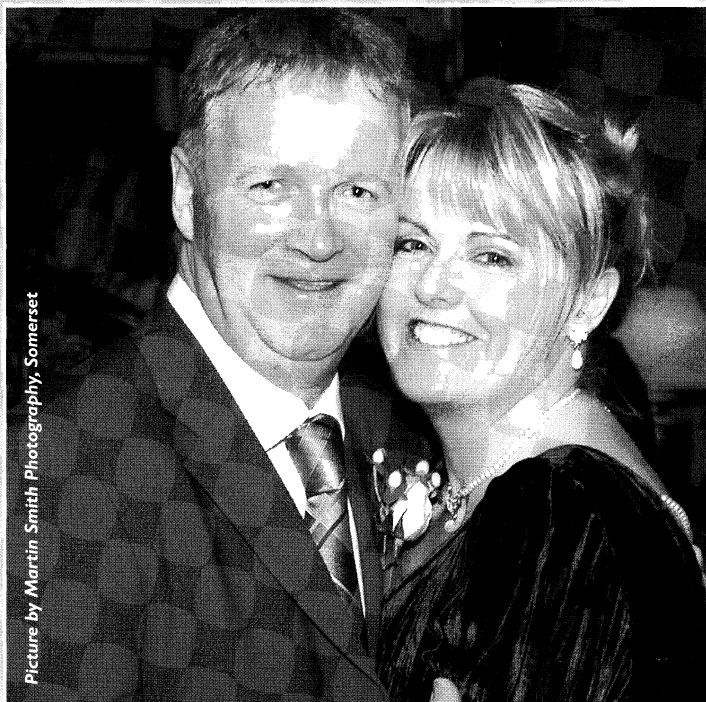
After the match they will be staying to play in the main tournament

Local man Peter has also arranged for the local newspaper to sponsor the match with local coverage and a trophy.

RETURN OF THE SUPER CHOPPER

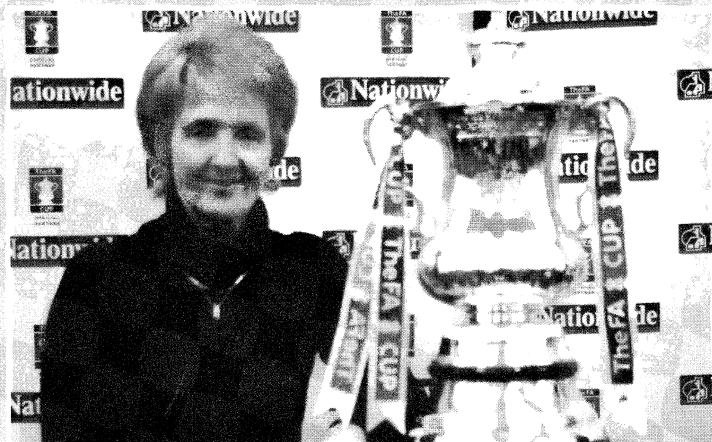
GOOD to see my old colleague Brian Halliday back in action. The Berkshire player and long serving editor of the veterans newsletter made the journey from his home in Reading to the Hereford Masters and seemed to enjoy every minute.

It was pretty obvious that, with a bit more practice, the skills that once terrorised the '60 somethings' could soon be back on track. I, for one, look forward to a head to head.



Picture by Martin Smith Photography, Somerset

BRIAN JOHNS & JAN (DUNNING) JOHNS who were married in December, at Cricket St. Thomas in Somerset and honeymooned in Lanzarote in January.



Pictured above: EILEEN SHALER proudly shows off the FA CUP. The trophy was on a whistle stop tour of Hinckley and was briefly on show at Eileen's school Mount Grace High School.

POSTBAG

TTN and the ETTA, whilst recognising the right of free speech, reserve the right not to publish letters that may prove to be libellous. Also if letters are more than 250 words may be edited

Postbag - response to Alan Blears' letter entitled 'Whinging' (Sept/Oct edition)

I DREW the attention of my Committee to Mr. Blears' letter at our last meeting and the members took exception to his comments. It isn't clear whether Mr. Blears is aware of the background to the choice between playing to 21 or 11 points being removed at the 2003 AGM. When the Incorporation Rules were approved at the 2001 AGM, I am quite sure that the majority of League representatives believed that they referred to the running of the ETTA as an organisation and did not impinge on the Rules of the Game. Hence, little heed was paid to the changes in the voting procedures in this respect. Many representatives at the 2003 AGM were therefore taken aback that the voting proportion to change the Rules of the Game was different from that which voted in the choice of 21-or 11 points. This related to the subtle difference between ordinary and special motions which reduced the required majority from 'at least two thirds' to a simple majority for this particular rule change. In fact, the motion to remove the choice only had a majority of approximately 63.5% and would have been lost under the former pre-incorporation rules. It is not surprising that those defeated and lost the option to continue to play their choice of 21 points felt disillusioned.

The voting system had also been weighted towards the County representatives giving, in our Leagues view, a severely skewed result. It was for these reasons that the Hereford League submitted a relevant motion to the 2004 AGM to achieve a more balanced voting policy. This was only withdrawn at the request of the Chairman on an undertaking by him that, within 3 months, the ETTA would produce a more equitable voting system, possibly on the lines of the electoral procedure for the senior ETTA officers. This is still ongoing and my Committee await the outcome with interest.

Our League players have no desire to take up alternative activities instead of table tennis, they simply wish to be able to play the traditional

game without being ostracised. This is the view not only of the veterans but also some juniors introduced to the shorter game at school. We have yet to see evidence that the 11 point game is the saviour of table tennis in the UK.

Gordon Stables

Hon. Sec. Hereford TTL

RESPONSE BY ETTA CHAIRMAN ALEX MURDOCK: I do not want to go into the issue of 11 v 21 again but consider it appropriate to comment on the specific references to me.

I did agree at the AGM to look at options in conjunction with the Rules Committee regarding the voting procedure at an AGM and get them presented at the National Council Meeting in January. This is the policy making procedures of the ETTA and all motions/propositions which come from Council need to be debated by them at the January meeting so they can be part of the Agenda for the next ETTA AGM.

A decision to change the AGM voting procedures was agreed at National Council following an amendment to the original motion and it will be voted on at this years AGM.

I have communicated this by a phone call to Gordon and hope that all Leagues and Counties will support the changes proposed.

GUERNSEY

MASTER CLASS

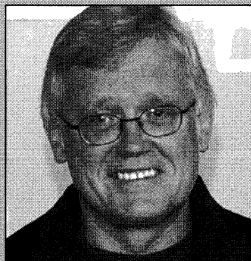
COACHING? For me? You must be joking! Oh well OK then if it's in Guernsey I suppose I can sign in on the first day and then blag off for the rest of the time. This was my first instinct with regard to the Sportsbreak coaching week in Guernsey that we attended from Monday to Thursday of the week of 23rd November. We duly arrived at the beautiful hotel that Mike Johns had arranged a superb deal with and prepared to laugh my way through the week. I little realised how seriously they regarded my improvement!

When we got to the venue, a purpose built hall within walking distance with excellent conditions and facilities we were greeted by Mike and his team (Paul Ingham and John Hilton) who outlined the course for us. We met the other participants: a motley crew if ever I

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COACHING TIPS

by STEEN KYST HANSEN



Each month Steen Kyst Hansen will answer your questions. If you have a problem you think Steen can answer send in your questions (keep them short please) to: John Wood, Editor TTN, 16 Standerwick Orchard, Goose Lane, Broadway, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 9SL. Email: johnwood@macace.net

Question: Many players put a lot of emphasis on their rubber as if all it takes is for you to find the right one and you win. I was brought up to believe that raw talent was the most important part of your game. What are your thoughts on this?

Answer: Raw talent is still very important, but without the correct rubbers difficult to get results. Many players are definitely not looking after their rubbers.

In Denmark we had a rule saying: "Look after your rubbers like you look after your toothbrush!" – meaning keep them clean and well protected all the time.

Question: My coach has always told me to play any deuce points with the same conviction as any other point. But that's easier said than done when the pressure is on. Have you any views on this?

Answer: Important is to play to win and not play not to lose. If you are afraid of losing you will never win something big. Pressure is part of our game, but can be used in a positive way as well.

Try to read 'Winning Ugly' by Brad Gilbert former coach for Agassi and Roddick.

Question: How many serious games a week do you recommend to keep improving. Some players get as many as they can but I can only play one match a week, is that enough?

Answer: Match play is the best training you can get if both players play maximum. Table tennis is now a bit like golf, where you train details and then try to implement these details in your game.

It goes something like this: Learn-train-compete-evaluate and then we start all over again.

Question: How important is it to receive advice at the end of each game. My team mates all want to give me advice but then I go back on court with too much on my mind. What do you recommend?

Answer: The rule is: Keep it simple and practical. Not too many inputs and it is best if only one person is coaching.

Question: What age do you think is the best to start playing. I have a daughter who seems to have talent and really wants to play after seeing some table tennis on TV - but she's still only eight! I'm not sure whether that's too young.

Answer: 8 years old is not a problem, but let her play on her conditions and remember that she has to enjoy what she is doing. No pressure but positive support are key words for parent with young kids who wants to play table tennis.

Question: I would like to take some of our players to watch a top match to get experience of what standard is needed to reach the top. Where do our top players play so that we can go along and watch them.

Answer: That is a problem because very little international table tennis is played in this country.

You are more than welcome to visit one of our training camps at Lilleshall. Information will be available on the ETTA website.

Question: Our club is thinking of purchasing a robot machine. What do you think of these machines?

Answer: A robot machine is very good especially for beginners. When the players start to improve I personally prefer the use of multi balls, which gives you more relevant choices. But a robot is a positive thing for a club.

saw one! Fortunately, I wasn't the only woman, neither was I the oldest which was one of my expectations.

On the first day we were put through a physical training exercise by John Hilton which was reminiscent of an aerobics video! I was surprised how easily I adapted to this and this was the routine followed throughout the course; warm up first and then coaching.

I must mention the hospitality of the Guernsey people – especially the oldest person on the course, Val Le Messurier from Guernsey. With the open handedness that I soon recognised as Islander, she took two complete strangers on a tour of the Island on the first day! Magic!. The other Islanders involved were Keith Ives (Alderney), Tony Haywood (Guernsey) Neil Hastie (Guernsey) and Juliette (Guernsey)

From the start I was caught up in the enthusiasm shown by the team and by the other participants in the course, especially Helmut Osborne (who I know from tournaments), and from day one we were worked very hard indeed. I am going to name all the participants as I feel that they are all worthy of mention: I have never seen so much work and practice (by the way the oldest participant also had two league matches during the master class – she was playing during the day and at night).

We had an extremely good rapport within the team and there was no sense of "us and them" after the classes. The coaching team ate and socialised with the poor suffering players and were happy to discuss any concerns that the players had. One of the highlights was a medieval night put on by the hotel, which Sportsbreak gained tickets for – a pleasing diversion.

Back to the coaching, I was surprised at the level of professionalism shown and the dedication with which the team pushed and prodded us through the week and soon I was thinking about my shots and trying to place the ball so that it came back where I wanted it!

Nevertheless, we were there to work (now that's a departure for me!). We were taught by John Hilton everything, from attitude and how to hold a bat to when to attack and defend. By the way, FOOTWORK IS EVERYTHING!

I have never worked so hard in my life at table tennis and, during the course, I never felt that I was being patronised for my lack of ability or my attitude towards the game. This, comment from a person who regards her ability as something akin to a chimp! Paul Coleman was one whose attitude became more positive

throughout the week and he really became a more aggressive (in the nicest way) player.

There was a mix of people on the course, with age ranges from young dudes, like Neil Massa, Tony Whelan, Juliette, and Paul Coleman, to us oldies like Brian Allison, Me, and Val. There was not one person on the course who I talked to that thought that it was not for them or that it was a waste of time.

Ken Southwell, Dave Gough, Dave Grounsell and Mark Fallaize were the other participants who had decided that a trip to Guernsey from the mainland would be beneficial to them and so it proved.

As with most of these courses there was a tournament to highlight how people had progressed, this tournament was the final time that players were observed and analysed by the team. The result of the tournament was that Tony Whelan came out the winner and that Brian Allison was the runner up. Of course I didn't get very far, but then, never mind. There was another award, that of "most improved player of the week", well.....

Modesty prevents me stating the name of that person! - Oh, OK then, it was ME!

*Eileen Allison
A participant*

HISTORY

FIRST I like to thank you for receiving the last issue of Table Tennis News. I like to read your magazine, always finding some interesting articles, comments and debates.

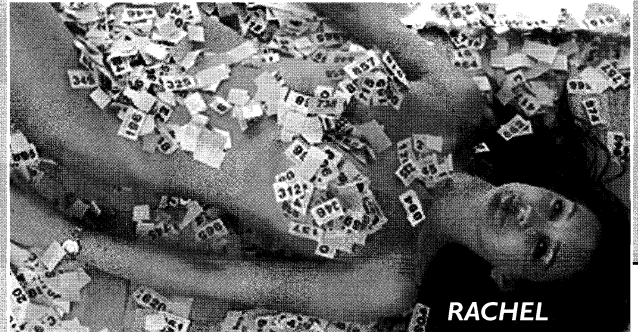
The English magazine is, I am sure, the oldest magazine which continuously has been published for so many years, so it will be good and useful in a way, that you put the year of foundation of your magazine - just so that the youngsters, who loves the sport of table tennis, can see the valuable history they have in their hands.

Wishing, you all the best, more readers of your magazine, and hoping to shake your hand in Shanghai this year!

*Zdenko Uzorinac
Zargreb*

Editor's reply: Thankyou for your very kind comments. With regard to your request for the foundation date of the magazine which was October 1966, I have positioned this information at the top of the first column of page 3, 'Table Tennis News' replaced the previous official magazine of the ETTA entitled 'Table Tennis', which was first published in November 1935.

CALENDAR GIRLS



RACHEL

The Pengelly's bare all in aid of Charity



SARAH

If you have ever entered the Clare Pengelly Memorial Table Tennis Tournament held in Paignton every October you will have come across the Pengelly family who with their trusted crew organise this wonderful Tournament in memory of Clare who was tragically killed in October 1994. This year you will have a unique chance to see a little bit more of Rachel, Sarah & Brian than is normally on show!

Rachel, Tournament Organiser & Company Director said, "We decided to do this calendar as over the past 10 years we have sadly lost many members of our Club and most recently two family members to cancer. We also know of many people bravely battling this dreadful disease therefore all proceeds from this calendar will go to Cancer Research UK. We would like to thank all our staff for being such fantastic sports & we hope that people will dig deep as £5.95 for a 2-year calendar is a small price to pay for a good laugh & to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Sarah, Brian & I will also personally sign them if you attend our Tournament on Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd October 2005 but we will draw the line at stripping again!!"

The Shoot Out Club is hoping to raise loads of money for Cancer Research UK with the sale of their calendars. If you would like to support them and purchase a calendar call The Shoot Out Club Ltd on 01803 883500 or visit the web site www.shootoutclub.co.uk. They will also be on sale at The Clare Pengelly Tournament in October 2005.

The 2004 Clare Pengelly Memorial Table Tennis Tournament raised the impressive total of £1,150.00. The overall total raised so far is a fantastic £11,085.00. All proceeds from this Tournament go to The Children's Hospice South West.

HALL & MYSKOVA WIN THE NEW CORNISH OPEN

LAST November saw Steve Hall from Wales and Marketa Myskova of Devon win their respective Singles titles, in the Cornwall Open Grand Prix table tennis tournament held at the Tregorrick Park Table Tennis Centre, St.Austell, writes John Wood.

Hall, who travels the length and breadth of the UK competing on the Grand Prix circuit, was a worthy winner beating Cornwall's No.1 player Jeremy Williams in the final of the Mens Singles, 11-4, 11-5, 11-5. Hall's combination of tricky long pimples and his forehand spin attack saw him take the title in style.

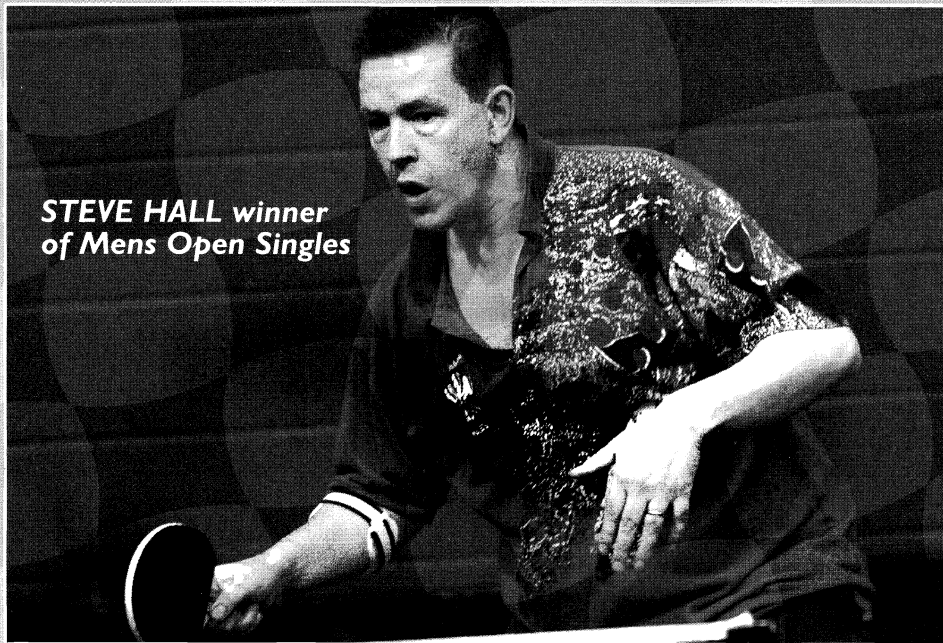
The Welshman had a massive battle in the semi-finals, where he trailed 8-11, 9-11, to Devon's Chris Brown, before he went up a gear to win 11-9, 11-8 and 11-5. Afterwards Hall, who was recently settled in Somerset, exclaimed, "I'm not a great player, but I'm mentally strong".

Williams also had a massive battle in the semis where he faced almost certain defeat, being 2-1 down in games and 9-10 down in 4th game to the explosive hitting of Darek Zurowski, but the Cornishman summoned up the energy and will power to take the 4th 12-10 and then go on to win his way into the final 11-9 in the 5th.

In the quarter-finals Steve Hall met his young son Shaun, who with all action fast attack saw him take two game lead over his father who had to pull out all the stops to beat his son 3-2. Steve said, "It won't be long before Shaun starts winning against dad".

Shaun also had a gigantic battle with Cornwall's Darren Reed in the semi-finals of the Mens Under 21 event, where he was narrowly beaten 11-9, 11-6, 5-11, 10-12, 11-8.

Devon's super defender Marketa Myskova from Czechoslovakia, was in no mood to take prisoners as she won all her matches 3-0, including the final where she defeated Somerset attacker Naomi Wilson 11-4, 11-6, 11-7.



STEVE HALL winner of Mens Open Singles

In the semis Myskova faced Cornwall's rising star 11 year old Martha Travis, but the youngster found the Devon woman's defence impregnable and lost 6-11, 5-11, 3-11.

UNDER 21 FINALS

The Under 21 finals was a real battle of the region's youngsters with Devon's Chris Brown defeating Cornwall's up and coming Darren Reed 6-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-8, in the mens, whilst Somerset's Sarah Hall, daughter of the aforementioned Steve, won a five set thriller against Devon's Sally Smith 11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 4-11, 11-5.

VETERANS

This tournament saw the rise in statue of Surrey's Chris Beckley when in the Mens Veteran final, he defeated Steve Hall for the very first time 11-8, 11-5, 12-10.

BANDED EVENTS

Middlesex based Darek Zurowski, who is ranked at No 56 on the English list powered his way to victory in the Mens Band 1, beating Devon's Chris Brown in the final. Whilst the Womens Band 1 saw Somerset's Naomi Wilson attack her way to success against Devon's Lisa Radford.

Chris Beckley was once again on the winners rostrum when he defeated Jeremy Williams in final of the Mens Band 2, whilst Cornwall's Kate Alken beat Devon's Sally Smith in the Womens Band 2 final. Sally Smith bounced back to take the the Womens Band 3 title beating Devon's Helen Parton.

Words & Pictures
by
JOHN WOOD



MARKETA MYSKOVA winner of Womens Open Singles



Cornwall's youngsters did the county proud by beating allcomers from around the UK. Darren Reed won the Mens Band 3 Singles beating, Mike Hugh won the Mens Band 4, Adam Tatlow won the Mens Band 5, whilst Matthew Trevorrow took the Mens band 6 title.

This tournament was the launch of a new era in Cornish table tennis, which opened with this highly successful Satellite Grand Prix and will be followed by a Cadet/Junior Open tournament on Sunday the 8th May 2005.

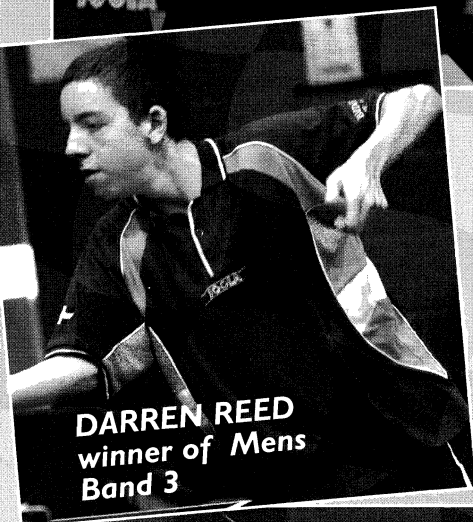
The allure of Cornwall brought Paul Dykes all the way down from Leeds to play in this inaugural tournament.



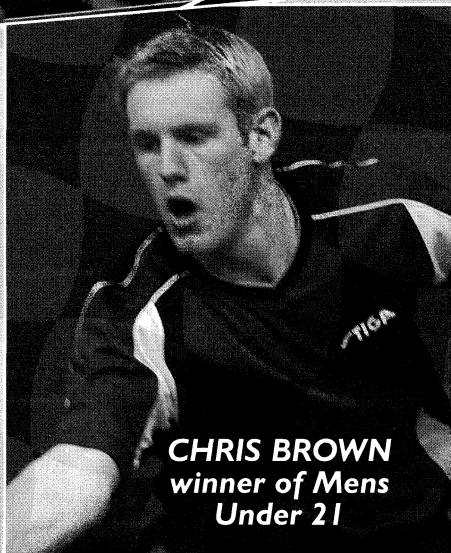
CORNWALL TRIUMPHANT TRIO: (l.to r.) KATE ALKEN winner of Womens Band 2, **ADAM TATLOW** winner of Mens Band 5 and **MATTHEW TREVORROW** winner of Mens Band 6.



MARTHA TRAVIS
losing
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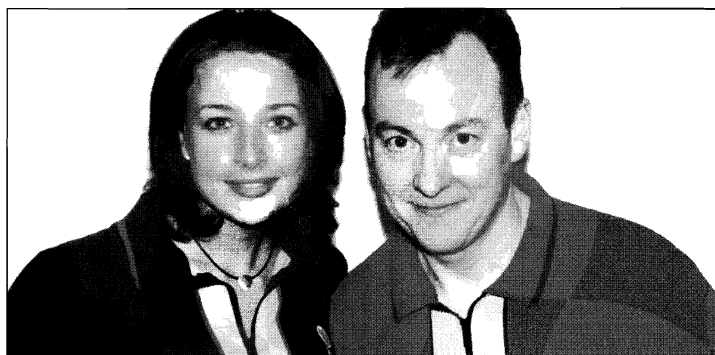


DARREN REED
winner of Mens
Band 3



CHRIS BROWN
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Under 21

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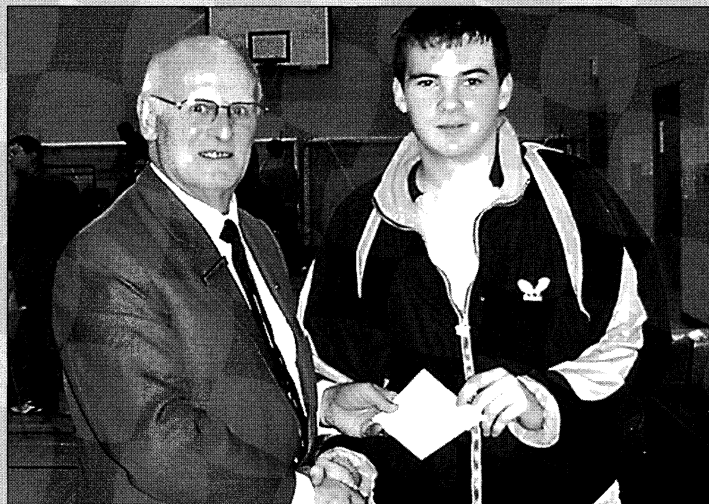
Stiga City of Liverpool 4 Star Junior
8th/9th January 2005 By Dave
Cochrane

IT was another successful weekend for the team of officials at the European Capital of Culture where the rain never falls and the sun always shines, writes Dave Cochrane.

With Ken Armson MBE, Steve and Margaret Welch and Stan Clarke at the helm and a committed team of officials the 6th Stiga City of Liverpool Junior 4 Star Open table tennis championships with the second biggest prize fund out of all the junior 4 star tournaments (£1010) held at the Greenbank Sports Academy was always onto a winner.

There were many talented youngsters from all over the country present including Junior No.1 Paul Drinkhall and Junior No.2 Kelly Sibley who both represent England at senior level.

Paul Drinkhall from Cleveland headed the boys list and not surprisingly reached both the junior and cadet boys finals but it was an interesting journey in the junior event to see him get there, disposing of Craig Howieson and team mate Damien Nicholls to get to the junior semi finals he had to play David Meads who without a doubt rose to the challenge, David Meads went 2 games down and pulled back to 2-all and was leading 10-8 in the 5th Paul Drinkhall winning the point to level it at 10-all by lobbing back from the back of the court a number of



STAN CLARKE presents winners prizes to PAUL DRINKHALL (top) and (above) to KELLY SIBLEY, he then joins the umpires (below) for a team photograph

forehand drives and this culminated in David finally hitting one off. Paul then took the next two points to clinch the match. In the other half of the draw Scotland's Kenny Lindsay

was on a mission and disposed of Tom Bray and Andrew Leighton to get to the semi-final to face No.2 seed Darius Knight. It would seem Kenny had a double dose of

Weetabix that morning and a shock result was about to surface.

Kenny was 8-4 up in the final game and then went 10-6 up only for Darius to pull back to 10 all. But at 10-9 with Darius serving Kenny won the point but conceded a net that the umpire may have missed, Kenny then took the next two points to win 12-10.

In the final Kenny Lindsay held a comfortable lead in the first game against Paul Drinkhall and then the ball was changed for some reason and from that point on Paul Drinkhall never looked back and took all 3 games to win 9, 8, 6.

Kelly Sibley seeded No.1 had an easier journey than the boys to gain the title of Junior Girls winner with the absence of the no.2 seed. Kelly disposed of Stephanie Donnelly and No.3 seed Sarah Perks to get to the final where No.9 seed Rebecca Russell just couldn't cope with Kelly's experience and lost 7, -9, 3, 5.

Local girl Rachel Baker of St. Helens Junior Table Tennis Club triumphed showing true determination taking the under 13 title, beating Martha Travis in the final 10,6,7. A good result for Rachel who is now regularly attending junior open tournaments.

A big thank you goes to Stiga for sponsoring this event with the support of Thornton's Sport & Leisure and the City of Liverpool Sport Development Unit.

The finals results are as follows:
Under 13 Boys: David McBeath beat Kim Daybell 4, 9, 4; Cadet Boys Band 1: Stewart Mudie beat Damien Piper 8, 5, 10; Cadet Boys Open: Paul Drinkhall beat Craig Howieson 4, 10, 10; Junior Boys Band 1: Wing-Yung Chan beat Stewart Mudie 8, 6, 6; Junior Boys Open: Paul Drinkhall beat Kenny Lindsay 9, 8, 6; Under 13 Girls: Rachel Baker beat Martha Travis 10, 6, 7; Cadet Girls Band 1: Rachel Pilgrim beat Reena Ardeshtana -7, 9, 6, 6; Cadet Girls Singles: Emma Vickers beat Caroline Hallows 5, -10, 7, 5; Junior Girls Band 1: Caroline Hallows beat Corinna Whittaker 14, 7, 8; Junior Girls Open: Kelly Sibley beat Rebecca Russell 7, -9, 3, 5.



BOULT & HALL WIN at CIPPENHAM

Cippenham 2-Star Open Championships (5.12.04)

JACK BOULT from Sussex, who retained his Men's Singles title at the Cippenham 2-Star Open Championships on 5th December, the second seed, dropped only one game all day, to Evan Sharp in his semi-final, after having won his preliminary round group and then beat off the challenge of David McBeath in the second round and Matt Ware in the quarter-finals. Boults opponent in the final, on a day when younger players made a big impact, was 18 year old Robert Lemon. Boults eventually won the final 3-0 with scores of 11-6, 11-9, 11-9 but suffered a scare in the second game having to come back from 2-8 down against his younger opponent, a product of the Cippenham coaching scheme, writes Graham Trimming.

The main action happened before the final. The top semi-final was classic display of Lemon's fierce attack against the veteran top seed Steve Hall from Somerset. This went to the wire with Lemon saving match points before eventually winning 8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 9-11, 14-12 in one of the most exciting encounters seen at the club this season. Lemon's previous quarter-final victory against Barrie Gilbert had been nearly as eventful with the home player saving match points in the fourth game before booking his place in the final.

Evan Sharp's quarter-final win against Peter Ives was also a topsy-turvy affair with games being won alternately. The third seed from Surrey won the fifth and deciding game in turn. Also in the quarters, top seed Steve Hall was taken to a fourth game by a German player, Philipp Harneid, who had looked impressive in his win over Rory Scott and Boults ended the even more impressive run of Matt Ware. Ware, the winner of the Cippenham Cadet Open in October, will make massive strides up the national ranking list after banking four maximum points wins on the day. In the groups he beat Dave Kellard and Ken Lewis and then followed up with wins over Matt Squires and David Randall in the main event.

Other results to catch the eye in the groups were Jeff Rigby's win over the quarter-finalist Barrie Gilbert and Oliver Shaw's over seventh seed Evan Sharp. In the main event



JACK BOULT & SARAH HALL singles winners at Cippenham

Maidenhead's Mark Banks beat Norman Swift in the first round while Suffolk veteran Ian Brown had a storming result to knock-out Norfolk's third seed Adam Brewer to wrest East Anglian pride southwards. Another youngster to record a maximum points win was David McBeath for his defeat of Maurice Isaacs.

Oliver Shaw, despite beating Sharp, could not make in into the main event, relegated to third place in a three-way tie at the top of his group. The 17-year old Cippenham resident certainly then made the best of it and had a series of good wins in his run to the final of the consolation event at which stage he defeated Michael Robinson 3-1.

The Women's Singles final was won by second seed Sarah Hall over top seed Gemma Chapman by a convincing 3-0 margin. All four semi-

finalists were members of the Cippenham club as Hall, despite her Somerset residence, represents Cippenham in the Junior British League. The beaten semi-finalists were Sue Hayes and Jan Chapman, the latter having made it into that stage with an excellent win over the higher ranked Sarah Hudson.

The event attracted 84 entries, was organised by Terry Boxall, refereed by Graham Trimming and finished ahead of schedule.

Results:

MS: Jack Boults (Sx) bt Robert Lemon (Sy) 6,9,9
 WS: Sarah Hall (So) bt Gemma Chapman (Bu) 7,7,6
 MCons: Oliver Shaw (Bu) by Michael Robinson (Sx) 7,10,-5,7
 WCons: Sarah Hudson (Bd) bt Flavia Wade (Mi) 3,-10,6,4.

Sanctions for Persistent Misbehaviour – Update

IT has become clear that some misbehaviour is currently escaping unpunished if it occurs at events with few qualified umpires, or if it happens away from the playing area.

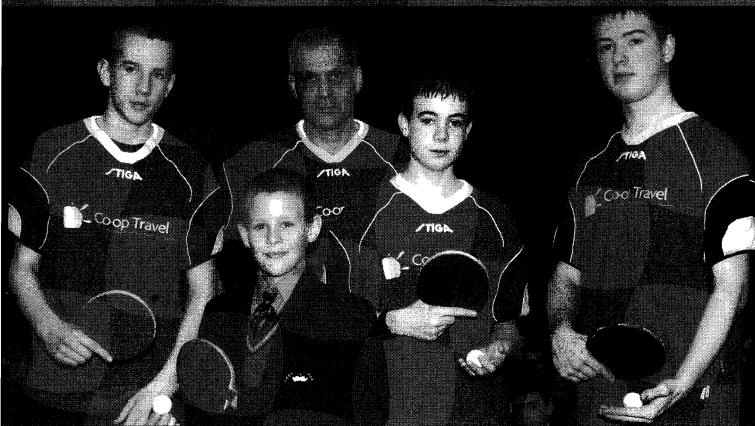
We have therefore decided to permit the Referee or Deputy Referee at domestic events to show a yellow card to the offending player to indicate that an offence has been recorded and will count towards the player's total under the sanctions procedures. This may occur in matches that are not under the control of a qualified umpire or where the misbehaviour happens away from the court.

The Referee's yellow card is different from an umpire's yellow card in that it will NOT lead on to the award of penalty points in a match, and (unlike football) a second Referee's yellow card will NOT necessarily become a red card and lead to disqualification.

The sorts of misbehaviour covered by this amendment would include kicking surrounds or swearing as a player returns from the court, or gluing in a prohibited area – as well as any on-court misbehaviour that would have been penalised by a qualified umpire.

This amendment became effective from 1st January 2005.
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TAMESIDE TABLE TOPPERS



St.Damian's RC Science College Year Seven pupil JAMIE DOYLE (front) picks up table tennis tips from, (l. to r) ADAM TOOLE, JOE BEADLE, JOE NIELD & TOM McCANN

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A VARIETY show with a difference bounced into schools across Tameside this week.

The Top Table Variety Show introduced pupils to the world's most popular mass-participation sport.

Although in the UK table tennis has not quite spawned the fever that grips China and other Asian nations, the sport has become increasingly popular in Tameside.

The borough's junior team won the gold medal at the Greater Manchester Youth Games and is keen to get others on board to make sure Tameside stays on top.

Coach Joe Beadle and top junior players Adam Toole, 15, from Droylsden, Tom McCann, 15, from Ashton, and Joe Nield, 14, from Audenshaw, took a touring show to eight schools.

Mr Beadle said: "I called it the Stay and Play tour because it's geared to get young people interested in staying after school to practise.

"Table tennis is played by eight out of ten people in the world. It's a great sport because it can be played by people aged: 8 to 80 and it can be played for fun or can be highly

competitive."

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On the second day of the tour, for which Stella Kenyan at Co-op Travel in Droylsden organised sponsorship, players were joined by one of the UK's top junior girls, Caroline Hallows of Stockport, and national champion Andrea Holt.

Youngsters watched a challenge match between the players and had a bat themselves in a knockout scramble around the table.

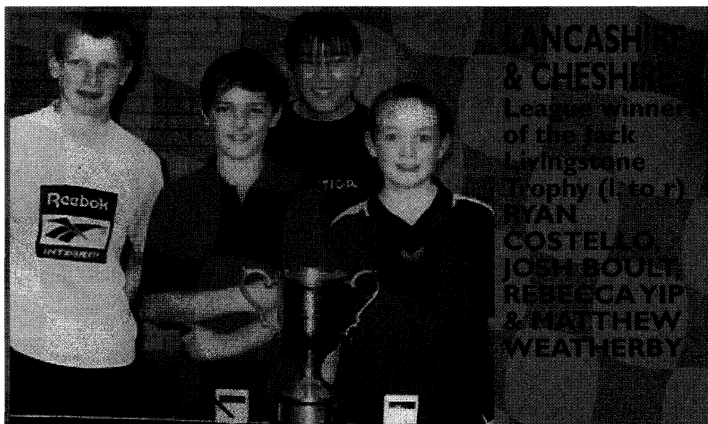
Then Mr Beadle got out his "bag of tricks" for a comedy routine using exploding ping-pong balls and frying pans as bats.

The borough's junior table tennis team meets at the Medlock Sports Centre, Droylsden, at 7pm every Wednesday.

At the start of April they will be moving to a new £2 million sports hall at Astley Sports College in Dukinfield.

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2004 - A YEAR OF SUCCESS

JANUARY

IN the January/February edition of Table Tennis News we published the exciting news that Joanna Parker had won the Junior Girls Trophy, in a career best performance, at the 11th Portuguese International Youth Championships, in Tavira.

FEBRUARY

THIS month saw the Grand Prix circuit's greatest rivals Alan Cooke and Ryan Jenkins provide a stunning battle in the Mens Singles final at the Butterfly Bournemouth Open.

Jenkins with probably the most lethal backhand attack in Britain, took the honours on this occasion.

Tong Feiming won the Womens Singles final.

MARCH

ENGLAND's Women's team won five out of six matches at the 2004 Liebherr World Team Championships at Doha, Qatar.

The team that flew the flag for England was Helen Lower, Georgina Walker, Joanna Parker and Kelly Sibley. During these championships Kelly, then only 15 years old, made her full England senior debut against Ireland, where she beat Michelle McGreevy 11-6 in the fifth.

Also this month Alan Cooke and Andrea Holt made the headlines, when they won both clinched their fifth National singles title, at the Senior National Championships, held at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield.

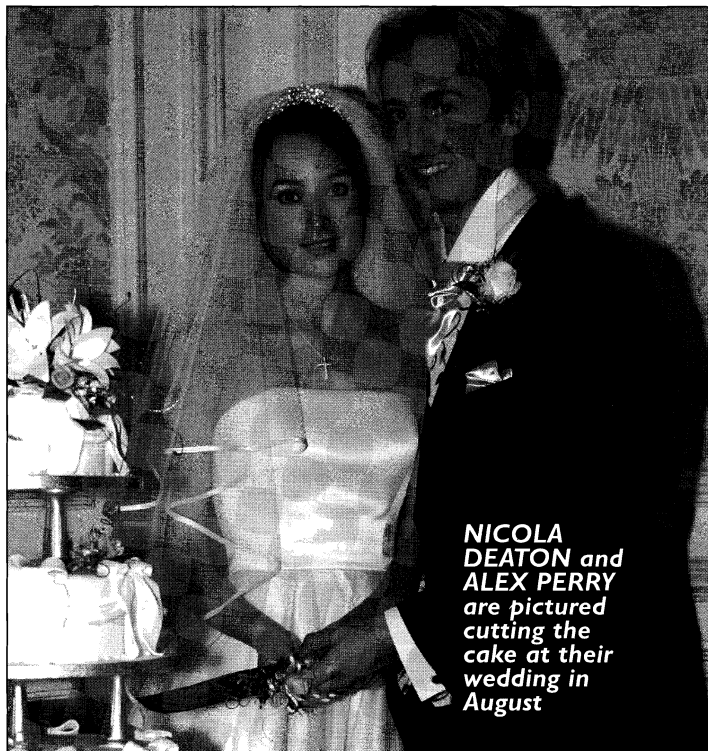
APRIL

PAUL Drinkhall from Cleveland and a member of the High Performance Group reached a milestone in English Table Tennis, in April, by winning both the National Cadets and Junior Singles titles, and with his partner Darius Knight won both doubles events as well. Paul's win in the Cadet Singles made it the second in a row.

MAY

MATTHEW Syed and Helen lower won their respective singles titles at the Bribar English Top Twelve tournament, held in Liverpool.

Also this month Alan Cooke and Tong Feiming were confirmed as the mens and womens singles winners of the 2003/4 Butterfly Grand Prix, following both the Cheltenham and Derby Grand Prix.



NICOLA DEATON and ALEX PERRY are pictured cutting the cake at their wedding in August

JUNE

THE National Under 10/11/12/13 Championships, which were held at Kings Lynn, became the Gavin Evans weekend when he won Under 11, 12 and 13 boys singles, plus the Under 12 and 13 boys doubles. This meant he had now won 12 titles in these championships since 2000/2001.

JULY

YOUNG England took another step in the right direction at the 47th European Championships in Budapest during July. The Cadet Boys' team of Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight, Gavin and Bradley Evans, took pride of place when they won the silver medal spot on the podium.

AUGUST

SUNDAY the 29th August saw the 'Who's who' of table tennis attend the wedding of two former English National Champions, Nicola Deaton and Alex Perry, at St. James Church, Barlborough, Chesterfield. The reception followed at Ringwood Hall in Brimington, Chesterfield.

The next day, Bank Holiday Monday, following a 'Celebratory Luncheon', the 'newly weds' Nicola and Alex departed for their honeymoon by helicopter.

SEPTEMBER

The Paralympics Games in Athens

saw Cathy Mitton win a Bronze medal in the Womens Singles Class 1-2, for Great Britain.

September was also the month that the ETTA Conference was held at Lilleshall, where the Annual Awards took place.

Grant Solder was the 'Male Coach of the Year' for his excellent work in schools particularly Morpeth school in London.

Carole Moore was the 'Female Coach of the Year'. Her work at the Ormesby club in Middlesbrough where she coaches from beginner level to international stars, Paul Drinkhall and Daniel Reed being but two.

The 'Young Coach of the Year' was awarded to Gareth Herbert who although only 23, and still maybe regarded as a top international player, has shown huge motivation to be involved in the coaching of youngsters.

Ken Marchant was given an award for his contribution to coaching over many, many years. At the last count he was involved in the national coaching committee in 1966 and maybe further back than that.

Jacque Lovell won the 'Volunteer of the Year' award for her contribution to Cippenham table tennis Club. Within the club she works tirelessly and for those who visit Cippenham she is the smiling and welcoming face of that most excellent venue.

And finally Jose Ransome was given a special award for her fine work over many years for women and girls in table tennis.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER saw the inaugural Satellite Grand Prix in Guernsey, where the Mens Singles was won by John Hilton, beating Nigel Eckersley in the final.

NOVEMBER

IT was a dream European debut for Paul Drinkhall as England beat Holland 3-2 in Barrow-in-Furness.

DECEMBER

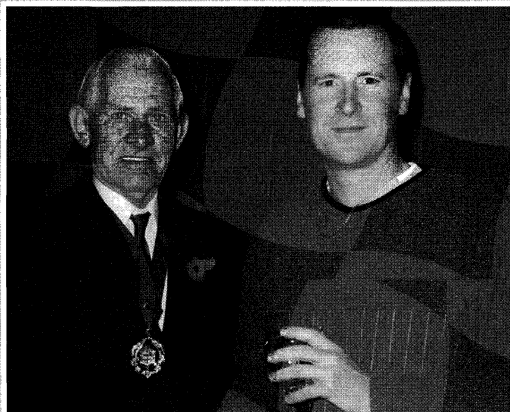
AS the year drew to a close four teams successfully gained their places in the National Team Finals in Derby on 21st/22nd May 2005, for the Bromfield Trophy competition, they were Darlington, North Middlesex, Plymouth and Wirral.



ETTA Chairman ALEX MURDOCH is pictured presenting the 'Volunteer of the Year' award to JACQUE LOVELL in September

THOMPSON & POTTERS on TOP

DAVE ROBSON of Thornton Sports is presented with the 'Mens Player of the Weekend' award by the Deputy Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent, Councillor MAURICE LEWIS JP



VETERANS BRITISH LEAGUE - First weekend at Stoke-on-Trent

WHAT a difference a year can make. Twelve months ago Tameside were on top of the world and heading for their first Championship win. But after the first defence of their crown they find themselves at the foot of the table and fighting for their premier division lives, writes Jim Beckley.

In the first weekend at Fenton Manor they managed only a draw against PAA. After that it was a row of disappointing results with even John Hilton, who had such a good set of results last time around, this time only winning half his matches.

Riding high are Potters Leisure Resort and Thompson Insurance both on eight points and it's likely the title will go to one of these teams. Ian Girdler leads the averages at the half way stage with 87.5% with Joe Kennedy and David Godbold both with Thompson Insurance close on their heels.

But spare a thought for former Scottish No 1 Richard Yule who finished on 80 per cent having lost only two matches but seeing his team Lyncrest collect only three points and now needing a small miracle to survive in the premier.

The top of the ladies premier division looks just as close as does the men. Batts PPP are leading the division by one point from champions Colebridge. No new signings for Batts but clearly a more positive start to their campaign. Sandra Harper, Helen Shields and Sheila King all in the top 5 places.

It's still early days of course, but Colebridge, although only one point behind could be without Elaine Short next time round and that could make a big difference to their championship hopes.

Jill Harris leads the averages on 90 per cent but her team Worcester are still not safe from relegation.

First division side Irish Colleens have made a good start finishing the first half unbeaten with a three point lead and with that powerhouse of a player Teresa Devaney topping the averages on 90%. Three teams are closing in for that second place including Combined Counties, Ellenborough and the 4Js.

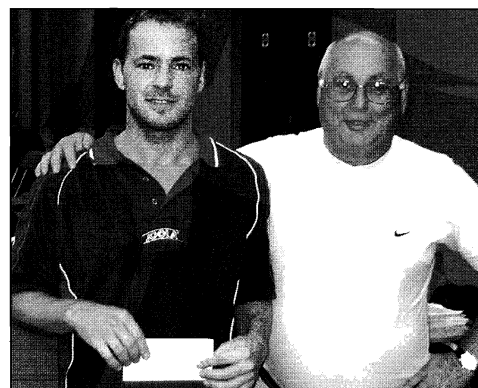
DML Woolwell take a two point lead to Doncaster with Paul Whiting and Paul Giles both unbeaten with Batts the team likely to follow them into the premier next season.

Its very close in the men's division two with South Essex, Jarvis Nomads and Graham Spicer all within two points of each other with a similar situation developing in the ladies division two. MK Girls, Ashford and Billwood all in with a chance.

PSP Westinsure seem to already have Division Four wrapped up. They won all their five matches dropping only 6 games all weekend with Trevor Lloyd, Terry Perkins and Ray Hughes leading the divisional averages.

A similar one way story in division five with NetManage St Neots leading with ten points and with their top three players Stuart Palmer, Chris Rogers and Keith Richardson all unbeaten.

Ashford and Colebridge lead division 6 with Wolves Vets moving into the second half of the event one point ahead of Twymark.



ETTA Chairman ALEX MURDOCH is pictured presenting the prize money to the mystery player

BATTS SUPER LEAGUE GOES INTERNATIONAL

FURTHER evidence that the BATTS Super League grows visibly stronger came with the topping of Ryan Jenkins for the second time in 4 sessions at the December event. In October, it was Terry Young who came out top in a close final to earn a total of £300. This time, incredibly, no one knew the player who beat Ryan 3-1 in a pulsating final, writes Neil Brierley.

The night began with a slight, unassuming guy, aged around 30 sitting patiently in a corner waiting to be called on. Just to explain, our monthly Super League allows wild card entries in order to ensure we have a full quota of 32. Even with £600 prize money per month, getting 32 players along for a prompt 7.30pm start is quite testing.

Our new friend was called Robert and from his demeanour and lack of familiarity, most would have assumed he was local league standard but probably not top division. In view of that, anyone noticing his first round victory over Colin Carslake would have been fairly surprised. However, with 80 matches on the night (everyone plays 5 times and finishes with a rating from 1 to 32) things are pretty hectic and this mild sensation went largely unnoticed.

On to the second round when the best 16 players clash and there is nowhere to hide. Witness for example the defeat of England No.13 Tim Yarnall at this stage to an inspired Clive Carthy. Gary Tendler, a distinguished Essex No.1 at the County Premier Weekend, had the task of halting Robert. The omens were not good when Gary began with a tricky long serve which was whipped back past him before he could move. A barrage of loops on both wings completed the victory.

Down to the last 8, of whom 5 would be ranked or dummy ranked in England's top 12. Truly the matches compared favourably with anything the last 8 of an English Closed could throw at us. In the top half, Ryan Jenkins beat Abdul Wuraola and Gergely Urban beat a plucky Neil Charles. In the bottom half, Clive followed his win over Tim Yarnall with a victory over a gallant Terry Young who was struggling with a virus. That left newcomer Robert with a real test against England No.11 John Holland. Staying close to the table, Robert was too quick and too powerful and won in straight games.

The semi-finals set up Ryan against Gergely resulting in a victory to the Welsh No.1 in 4 games. Clive's wonderful run was ended by Robert in straight games. Clive went on to enjoy one of his finest tournaments by beating Gergely in the 3rd place play off to win £60.

So to the final, when Robert's fierce attacking style on both flanks gave him a 3-1 victory over Ryan in a truly momentous final. Ryan is ranked inside the World's top 200 and is the most successful Grand Prix player of recent seasons. A clue to Robert's identity might have been his fierce, close to the table, backhand loop. Reminiscent of former World Champions Jonyer and Gergely, our mystery man was the former Hungarian champion, Robert Pagonyi. He had been holidaying in England with his friend Gergely Urban and had extended his stay to take in a round of Super League. The stage is set for another titanic clash as Ryan is thirsting for revenge and Robert plans to win a further £300 prize to finance another trip. If you're worried about meeting him at a tournament and taking him too lightly, his picture, along with Ryan, Gergely and Clive, can be seen on the BATTS website.

So the most enthralling event ever witnessed at BATTS was over. Fittingly, ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch presented the prize money. Mike Levine, generous sponsor of our runners-up team in the North American Team Championships, told us he was hugely impressed.

The excitement continues every month and players of quality are always welcome.

DREAM LINE-UP CONTESTING \$175,000 SPECTACULAR AT FAIRFIELD CONCERT HALL

JAN OVE WALDNER has secured an almost mythical status within the sport following his heroics at the Olympic Games in Athens last August. The English Table Tennis Association is delighted to announce that this living legend will be competing on these shores, for probably the last time, on Saturday July 23rd 2005.

After the remarkable success of last year's BBC televised competition at the magnificent Fairfield Concert Hall in Croydon, the Super Circuit returns to South London in the form of the Table Tennis Masters. The prize money for the one-day event is a staggering \$175,000, with the winner pocketing a cheque for \$70,000 (about £40,000). In addition to the prize money already mentioned players secure points towards the \$1,000,000 first prize for the overall tour.

The presence of the Swede will doubtless ensure a packed house at Fairfield but it is the quality and diversity of the entire line-up that will enthuse table tennis enthusiasts from around the world. Kalinikos Kreanga, the spectacular Greece international, will be firing his outrageous long-range loops whilst Timo Boll will be hoping to build upon the remarkable run of form that has catapulted him to three Pro Tour titles already this season.

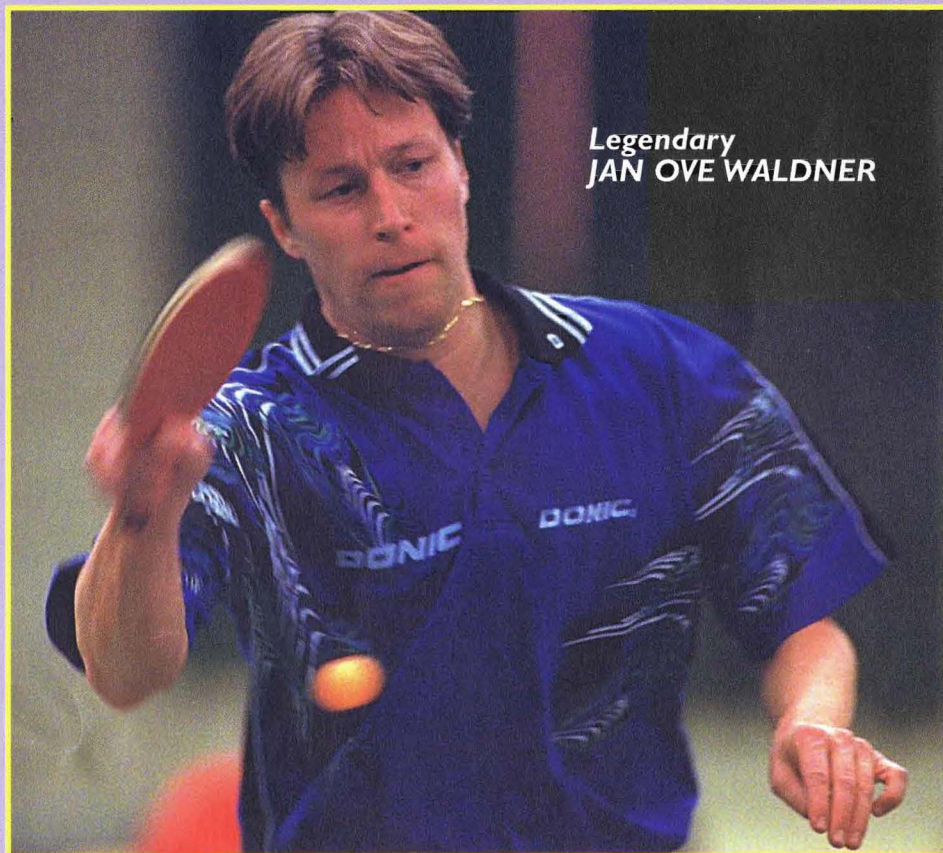
An even bigger talking point will be the magisterial presence of Ryu Seung Min, the Olympic Champion from South Korea, whose footwork has left spectators around the world gasping for breath. His lightning speed and rocket forehand has to be seen to be believed.

Other stars include Vladimir Samsonov, the defending champion from Belarus, Chiang Peng Lung, the brilliant penholder from Taiwan, Chen Weixing, the defensive crowd-pleaser from Austria and Petr Korbel from the Czech Republic. A further wild card will be announced in May. Matthew Syed, the three times Commonwealth Champion, will carry home hopes as the only English member of the Super Circuit.

Fairfield Concert Hall, which was a tremendous success for last year's event, will provide a magnificent setting for The Masters. The south London venue is brilliantly configured for televised table tennis. The court fits perfectly on to the stage so that the action is side-on to the audience, and the seats flow back in a steep bank, with a balcony arching out over the upper stalls.

Choir seats curl around the back of the stage so that the court is surrounded like a Roman Amphitheatre. The atmosphere will be electric. Seat prices have been determined by proximity to the court (see table of prices below). A specially installed big screen, featuring action replays and interviews with the players as they happen on court, will add to the sense of occasion.

The Masters will be a straight knockout event over two sessions comprising two last sixteen



Legendary
JAN OVE WALDNER

matches, four quarterfinals, two semi-finals and a final. The afternoon session will commence at 2.00pm and will feature all the big names battling it out in the early rounds. The evening session will commence at 7.00pm.

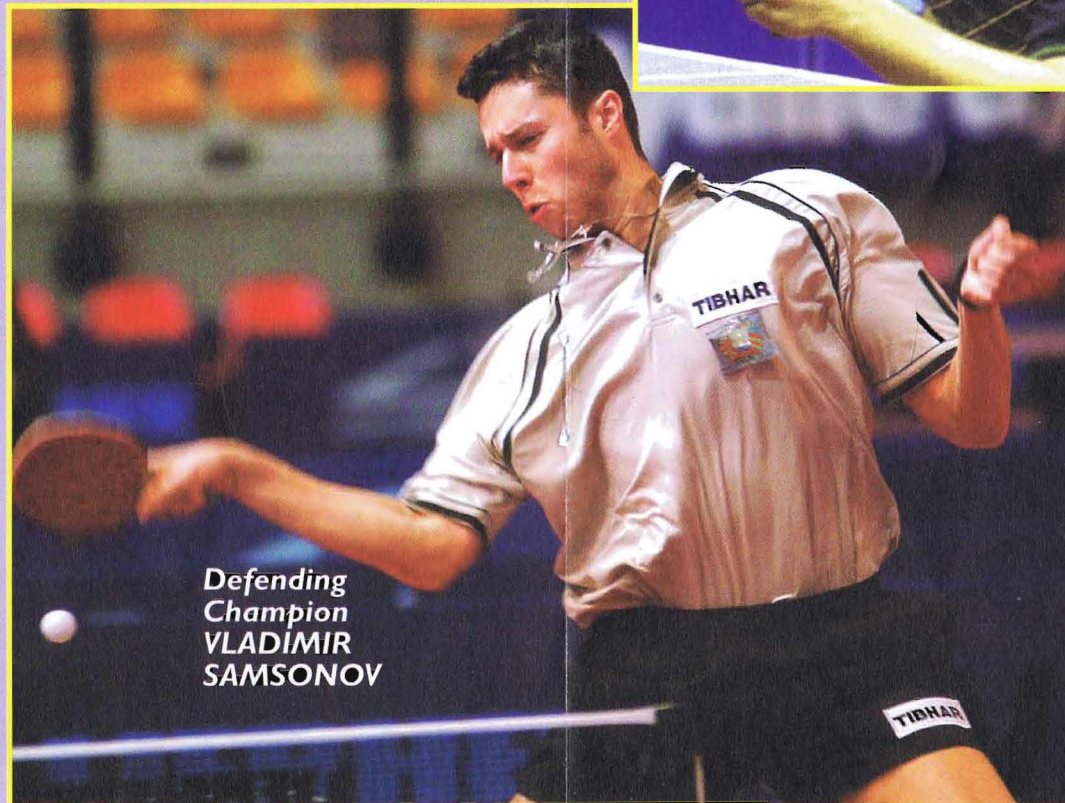
Once again the ETTA's "Dream Team" of Alex Murdoch, Richard Yule, Harvey Webb and Matthew Syed will form the organising committee. Mr Yule, the ETTA's multi-talented CEO, who anchored the evening to considerable acclaim last year, will once again be the man with the microphone.

Croydon offers excellent transport links by road and by rail (it is situated just off the M25 and East Croydon station, which is just fifteen minutes from London Victoria, is a two minute walk from Fairfield Concert Hall).

Jury's Inn, Croydon is the Official Hotel Partner. The ETTA is delighted to announce that a special rate has been negotiated with the Jury's Inn, Croydon. The price is £58 per night per room (rooms can accommodate up to 2 adults and 2 children, 3 adults sharing, or one person in complete comfort).

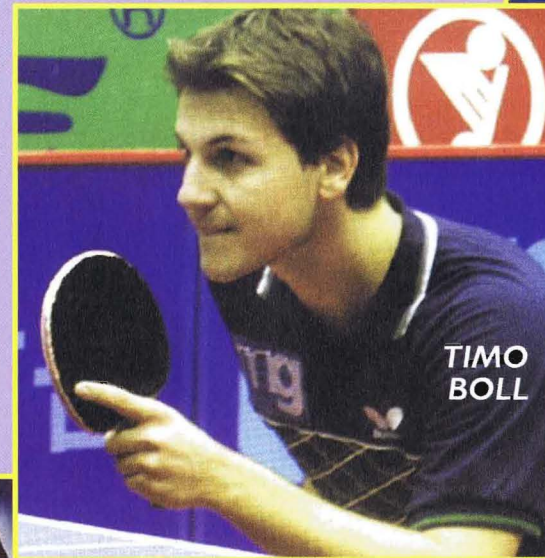
The comfortable and professionally run hotel is just a two-minute walk from Fairfield Concert Hall. All the star players will be staying at the hotel.

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	Afternoon Session		Evening Session	
	Adults	Child/OAP	Adults	Child/OAP
A (Front stalls and Choir)	£10.00	£6.50	£15.00	£10.00
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C (Rear Balcony)	£4.00	£2.50	£6.50	£4.00

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The Afternoon Session commences at 2.00pm and features the two last sixteen matches and the first three quarter-finals.

The Evening Session commences at 7.00pm and features the last quarter-final, two semi-finals and the final.

The Old Master and the Young Pretender

Jim Beckley looks at two superstars who will be battling it out for the big bucks in Croydon.

Not many of us would have put our money on a young South Korean winning an Olympic Gold. But just 18 days after his 21st birthday and Ryu Seung Min was celebrating the highest honour that the Olympic Games could bestow on him.

Despite his age he proved without doubt that during those nine days in Athens he was king. Close observers will have noted that in the run-up to Athens he had won the US Open, the Egypt Open and Croatia Open. He was running into form just at the right time.

Maybe it was a surprise but the way in which he scorched through his opponents proved that it was no fluke. Famous names seemed to melt in the Athens heat including Matsushita, Chiang Peng Lung, Leung Chu and that old warhorse Waldner all bowed to his flashing pen holder style. Even Wang Hao, although lasting 45 mins was unable to stop this all action hero.

Jan Ove Waldner is a legend in his own time. He's almost old enough to be joining the veteran's ranks, yet as he showed us at Athens he's now almost as good as he was when he won that gold medal in 1992.

Eight years on and at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 he was still good enough to reach the final. At the Athens Olympics he was there again, the only European survivor to reach the last four after beating former world No.1 Timo Boll and Ma Lin.

What does that say about this incredible Swede reputed to be the sports first multi-millionaire and known by his adoring Chinese fans as 'evergreen'?

Well, if there is anyone who seems to go on forever then Jan is that man. The skills he possesses are numerous. His change of tactics, spin and service are hard to match. He was once described as the Mozart of table tennis, because of his ability to play so many different compositions.

But age has a habit of catching up and he is injury prone, one reason why he recently announced that he will not be playing another Olympics. To have both these superstars on the same programme makes it a night to remember.

ELGRE on TOP

Division One North - Darlington, members of the British League Premier division since 1992, had been hopeful of winning this division as a safe-guard in case their current Premier division side get relegated. In a determined effort to retain their Premier division status they have made three major signings - Carl Prean, Ewan Walker and Roman Doryn, who will join forces with Fabio Mantegazza (who played three seasons ago) and outstanding Juniors Bradley Evans and David Meads who have made up the back-bone of their side this season, writes Steve Kerns.

Although the Darlington II team stayed undefeated taking six points from a possible eight it doesn't look like it will be enough to achieve promotion. A very strong all-round ELGRE side of Chris Rogers, George Pittas, Lee Neil and Mark Green won all four of their matches and they now have a two point lead over Darlington with Norwich Todd Foxwood a further two points adrift. All four ELGRE players impressed - Chris Rogers winning seven singles out of eight, big-hitting George Pittas doing even better taking all eight of his games, Lee Neil proving to be a reliable No.3 recording six wins and Mark Green winning five times out of eight. Derwent, joint top after the first round of matches felt the full force of the ELGRE challenge, losing heavily 6-2. Pittas's 15-13 in the deciding set win over Andrew

Horsfield set the ELGRE wheels in motion and they rarely looked back. Derwent had to fight hard for the two wins they did achieve with Stephen Horsfield and the improving Richard Moss both getting the better of Mark Green 11-9 in the fifth end.

Division One South - With OLOP Impact I only able to field two players on the Saturday at the excellent Okehampton venue, things didn't go to plan for the previous joint leaders.

After some first class Table Tennis Horsham I find themselves sharing pole position with London Progress II on 12 points with local side DML Woolwell two points further back.

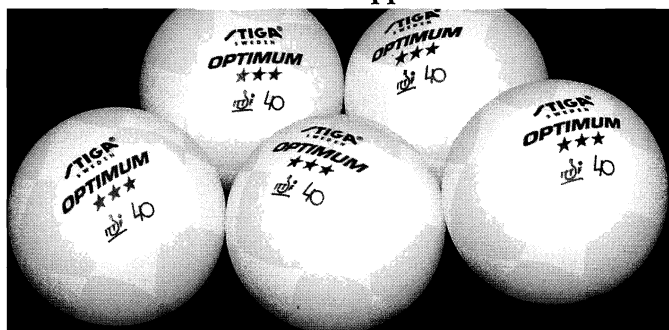
A NAME TO REMEMBER

With just one point covering the top three sides this year's **Premier Division** could hardly be closer. Although London Progress I top the table only the staunchest of their supporters would stick their neck out and say that they are definitely on course to win their seventh successive title. Even more interestingly the top three sides are all yet to taste defeat and to add further spice to the mix second-placed Ormesby I and third placed Harvey Barnets have both been reinforced by the addition of new top-quality signings. In the case of stylish Hungarian defender Szabolcs Szentkiralyvolgyi (17 letters in case you are counting !) Barnet appear to have unearthed a real find.

The British League Official Ball



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PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Progress	8	6	2	0	45	19	14
Ormesby	8	6	2	0	44	20	14
Harvey Barnets	8	5	3	0	43	21	13
Batts Team Peniel	8	1	5	2	30	34	7
JAGS	8	1	3	4	26	38	5
Seasiders	8	2	1	5	23	42	5
Ellenborough	8	0	4	4	24	40	4
Darlington	8	0	2	6	21	43	2
Division 1 North							
ELGRE Nottingham	10	9	1	0	64	16	19
Darlington II	10	7	3	0	52	28	17
Derwent	10	5	3	2	47	33	13
Norwich Todd Foxwood	10	4	3	3	37	43	11
Sycamore	10	4	1	5	37	43	9
HaltonCroda	10	2	1	7	28	52	5
Grantham	10	1	2	7	30	50	4
B.D. Fastbats	10	1	0	9	25	55	2
Division 1 South							
Horsham	10	7	2	1	57	23	16
London Progress II	10	8	0	2	54	26	16
DML Woolwell	10	6	1	3	49	31	13
Cippenham	8	2	4	2	34	30	8
De Vere Netts	10	3	1	6	35	45	7
Olop Impact	9	3	1	5	25	47	7
B.F.I.T. Wiltshire	9	2	1	6	27	45	5
Byng Hall	10	2	0	8	23	57	4
Division 2 North							
Ormesby II	10	9	1	0	59	21	19
ELGRE Nottingham II	10	7	2	1	60	20	16
Rotherham Scorpions	10	6	2	2	47	33	14
Blackpool	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Uxbridge Burton	10	2	5	3	39	41	9
Wirral	10	1	3	6	30	50	5
B.D. Fastbats II	10	2	1	7	23	57	5
Halton Croda II	10	1	1	8	22	58	3
Division 2 South							
London Progress III	10	9	1	0	60	20	19
University of Brighton	10	6	2	2	50	30	14
York Gardens	10	5	3	2	42	38	13
EBS-Orange Northampton	10	6	0	4	46	34	12
Generation 2	10	3	2	5	36	44	8
Horsham II	10	2	3	5	33	47	7
JAGS II	10	2	2	6	33	47	6
Ashford	10	0	1	9	20	60	1
Division 2 South & Midlands							
Bedford Modern	10	9	1	0	60	20	19
Guildford	10	8	1	1	57	23	17
Cippenham II	10	6	1	3	50	30	13
Oxford Fireplace Centre	10	4	4	2	46	34	12
EBS-Orange Northampton II	10	4	1	5	42	38	9
Ajax Wolves	10	2	1	7	31	49	5
OLOP Impact II	10	2	1	7	28	52	5
Ashford II	10	0	0	10	6	74	0
Division 3 South & Midlands							
Kingshurst Briar	8	6	1	1	39	25	13
London Progress IV	8	5	1	2	37	27	11
Oxford Fireplace Centre II	8	4	2	2	34	30	10
Bedford Modern II	8	4	1	3	33	31	9
Sutton Sharks	8	2	4	2	33	31	8
Kingfisher Reading	8	3	1	4	34	30	7
Guildford II	8	1	1	6	24	40	3
Guinness Polska	8	0	3	5	22	42	3
<i>(Results from 16/11/05 not received)</i>							
Division 3 North							
McLymont National	10	9	1	0	67	13	19
Grimsby	10	9	0	1	62	18	18
Northfield	10	7	1	2	56	23	15
Seasiders II	10	5	0	5	38	42	10
Derwent II	10	4	1	5	39	41	9
ELGRE Nottingham III	10	3	1	6	32	48	7
Barrow	10	1	0	9	15	65	2
B.D. Fastbats III	10	0	0	10	69	0	0
Division 3 South							
Batts Team Peniel II	10	7	3	0	53	27	17
Harvey Barnets II	10	4	4	2	42	38	12
NWV	10	5	1	4	47	33	11
Horsham III	10	4	2	4	41	39	10
Hastings	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Guernsey	10	3	3	4	36	44	9
Waterside	10	2	4	4	37	43	8
ROK	10	1	2	7	24	56	4
Division 4 South & Midlands							
Ellenborough II	10	9	1	0	61	19	19
Club Cornwall	10	8	2	0	68	12	18
Cippenham III	10	6	0	4	49	31	12
East London Progress	10	4	2	4	44	36	10
ELGRE Nottingham IV	10	4	0	6	32	48	8
Britannialpswich	10	4	0	6	29	51	8
London Progress V	10	1	2	7	26	54	4
Guinness Polska II	10	0	1	9	11	69	1
Division 4 North							
Sheffield	10	10	0	0	56	24	20
Chesterfield	10	7	2	1	54	26	16
A.G.S. Phoenix	10	6	2	2	51	29	14
Darlington III	10	5	1	4	42	38	11
Cofton Hackett	10	4	0	6	37	43	8
Redlands Batts	10	2	1	7	35	45	5
Rotherham Scorpions II	10	2	1	7	27	53	5
Isle of Man	10	0	1	9	18	62	1
Division 4 South							
Mossford	9	9	0	0	61	11	18
JAGS III	8	6	0	2	39	25	12
University of Brighton II	9	4	1	4	40	37	9
York Gardens II	8	4	0	4	34	30	8
OIC Hollingbury	9	3	1	5	27	45	7
Byng Hall II	8	2	1	5	25	39	5
Guildford III	9	0	1	8	14	58	1

BRITISH LEAGUE TABLE

FULL of TOP CLASS PLAYERS

THERE can be little doubt that the division to watch this season is the Veterans Premier, with so many teams full of top class players, Devonshire have Paul Giles, Paul Whiting, Mike Short and Elaine Short, who only two seasons ago were playing in the Senior Premier Division, Cheshire have John Hilton, Brian Johns, Wayne Percival, Jan Dunning and Sue Burgess, little wonder then that these two teams are currently first and second in the division after the first round of three matches, level on points and separated by only one set, writes Stan Clarke.

The first round of matches was played at Halifax T.T.C. on 6/7th November, when all teams played three matches, Devonshire are the divisional leaders after this first weekend, clear of Cheshire by just one set, both teams level on five points. Perhaps the biggest disappointment is that the teams met in the first of their matches, how much more exciting would it have been if their clash had been in the final round of matches to decide the final outcome of the championship? Still it is easy to be clever after the event and we will just have to wait to see the final outcome. In the event the match between the two was a cracker, Devonshire shot into an early lead as Paul Whiting beat Brian Johns in five, Mike Short beat Wayne Percival in four games and Paul Giles beat John Hilton in five games, Devonshire leading 3/0, but Cheshire roared back in the next four games when Hilton and Jan Dunning beat

Giles and Elaine Short, Brian Johns beat Mike Short, Jan Dunning beat Elaine Short and Johns And Percival beat Whiting and Giles. Paul Giles levelled the match at 4/4 when he beat Wayne Percival but John Hilton put Cheshire in the driving seat when he Beat Paul Whiting 11/9, 11/9, 15/13, advantage Cheshire. The final set must have been a really tense affair as Sue Burgess partnered Brian Johns against Mike and Elaine Short, the team from the land of the "Cream tea" took the first game 11/8, but Sue and Brian took the next two games 11/6, 11/6, only for the Shorts to fight back and square the match as they won the final two games 11/7, 11/8.

In their second match Devonshire met Surrey, who on paper at least, looked a difficult side to beat, with Richard Yule, Ian Girdler, Dave Harding and Gail McCulloch, but in this case appearances proved to be deceptive as they were thrust aside 8/2 by a rampant Devonshire. The only success for Surrey being a win in five games for Richard Yule against Paul Giles and another win in five for Ian Girdler over Mike Short.

The third and last match of the weekend for Devonshire was against Kent and though six of the sets required all five games to provide a winner the result was never in doubt as Devonshire cruised to a 6/0 lead before Kent managed to win their first set, when Joe Kennedy and John Burleton overcame Paul Whiting and Paul Giles, their only other success coming when Joe Kennedy beat Paul Whiting in the ninth set, making the result 8/2 to Devonshire.

Cheshire were drawn against local rivals Lancashire in their second match and promptly battered the somewhat depleted Lancastrians into an 8/2 defeat, the only success for the "Red Rose" coming when Keith Williams and John Rankin beat Brian Johns and Wayne Percival and Brenda Buoeu and Dave Newton beat Brian Johns and Sue Burgess. On the Sunday Cheshire faced Northumberland, with Wayne Percival replaced by Phil Biggs, although that had little bearing on the outcome despite the fact that Phil lost his two singles against Ian "Benny" Robertson and Geoff Salter, the team from the North-East could muster only one other set when Dave Godbold and "Benny" beat Hilton and Johns, 7/3 Cheshire. Northumberland are in third place, despite their defeat by Cheshire, Their first match was against Lancashire which they won 6/4 in a tight finish in the final set of the match, although the outcome was perhaps decided when Northumberland took three successive sets to go from 2/2 to 5/2 put Lancashire in "Catch-up" mode, but despite wins for John Rankin over Ian Robertson and Keith Williams over Dave Godbold the task proved to much for the Lancastrians as they lost the final set and the match 6/4.

The second match paired Northumberland against Sussex and again the outcome of match was decided in the final set when Geoff Salter and Christine Robinson beat Sheila King and Peter Barton to seal the match 6/4.

Essex are in fourth place having won one, drawn one and lost one, their only defeat coming at the hands of Surrey.

There are three teams level on two points each, all with identical sets

difference, separated only by points difference Surrey and Lancashire have both won one and lost two and Kent have lost one and drawn two, it seems likely that one of these three will join Bottom place Sussex in the drop into the first divisions next season unless there is a mighty upset in the final round of matches.

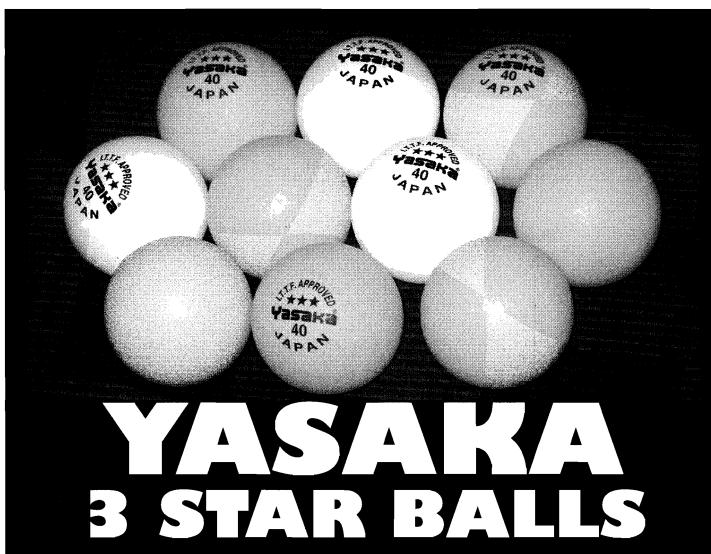
JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION

The opening round of matches played at Cippenham saw only one team emerge with a 100% record over the three matches played. Buckinghamshire with wins over Yorkshire 6/4, Durham 8/2 and Cheshire 6/4 are well set for the final round of matches, having beaten all of their nearest rivals, except Derbyshire who they play in the final weekend.

Three teams are currently contesting second place, each with four points, Cheshire, having the superior sets average are currently top of the pack in second place, ahead of Yorkshire and Derbyshire who are separated only by points difference.

Durham seem to be finding the step-up into the Premier division a little harder than they may have expected, but are fairly comfortable in fifth place with three points from one win, one draw and a defeat, I suspect they will add to that total quite significantly in the next round of matches.

If the top of the division is close then the bottom is even more so, three teams are level with one point apiece, Glamorgan, Devonshire and Kent, all have drawn one and lost two. Glamorgan are in sixth place by virtue of a one set advantage over Devonshire who hold a two set advantage over bottom place Kent, all very scary with not much room to manoeuvre in the final round of matches.



VETERANS OVER 60's TABLES

Over 60's Division 1A							
Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheshire 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheshire 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worcestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Over 60's Division 1B							
Kent	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Middlesex	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Berkshire 1st	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Sussex	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Surrey	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Berkshire 2nd	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

OVER 60's

SENIORS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier							
Sussex	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Devonshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Middlesex	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Essex	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Durham	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
Leicestershire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Surrey	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Nottinghamshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Derbyshire	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
South Yorkshire	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Yorkshire 2nd	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Cheshire	2	0	0	2	8	12	0
Lincolnshire	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucestershire	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Kent	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Glamorgan	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Wiltshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Berkshire	3	1	0	2	17	13	2
Buckinghamshire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Devonshire 2nd	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cleveland	5	5	0	0	43	7	10
Northumberland	5	4	0	1	39	11	8
Warwickshire 2nd	5	2	1	2	17	33	5
Cumbria	5	0	3	2	18	32	3
Leicestershire 2nd	5	0	2	3	18	32	2
Durham 2nd	5	0	2	3	15	35	2

Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cornwall 1st	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Somerset	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Avon	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Worcestershire	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Cornwall 2nd	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

Division 2C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridgeshire	5	4	1	0	32	18	9
Warwickshire	5	3	2	0	33	17	8
Hertfordshire	5	2	1	2	27	23	5
Bedfordshire	5	1	2	2	25	25	4
Suffolk	5	1	2	2	24	26	4
Northamptonshire	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

Division 2D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex 2nd	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Surrey 2nd	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Essex 2nd	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Sussex 2nd	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Kent 2nd	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
Berkshire 2nd	2	0	0	2	6	14	0

JUNIORS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division							
Buckinghamshire	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4(62-57)
Derbyshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4(58-55)
Durham	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Glamorgan	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Devonshire	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Kent	3	0	1	2	10	20	1

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincolnshire	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
South Yorkshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Northamptonshire	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Essex 2nd	4	2	0	2	16	24	4(69-81)
Nottinghamshire	4	2	0	2	16	24	4(59-80)
Lancashire	4	1	0	3	21	19	2
Yorkshire 2nd	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Cleveland	4	0	1	3	13	27	1

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Surrey	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Somerset	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Sussex	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Buckingham 2nd	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Middlesex	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Warwickshire	4	0	0	4	13	27	0
Gwent	4	0	0	4	10	30	0

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincolnshire 2nd	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Worcestershire	4	3	1	0	25	15	7
Cheshire 2nd	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Staffordshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Durham 2nd	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Northumberland	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Lancashire 2nd	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Shropshire	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Northampton 2nd	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cornwall 1st	5	5	0	0	45	5	10
Gloucestershire	7	4	1	2	34	36	9

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES

Result received up to 24th Dec. 04
compiled by Leslie Smith

Devonshire 2nd	6	4	0	2	31	29	8
Hampshire	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Dorset	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Devonshire 3rd	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Cornwall 2nd	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Avon	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
Devonshire 4th	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

Division 2C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norfolk 1st	5	4	1	0	44	6	9
Hertfordshire	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Essex 3rd	5	4	0	1	37	13	8
Suffolk	5	3	1	1	37	13	7
Norfolk 2nd	5	2	0	3	17	33	4
Norfolk 3rd	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Bedfordshire	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Cambridgeshire	4	0	1	3	8	32	1
Huntingdonshire	4	0	0	4	0	40	0

Division 2D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex 2nd	6	5	0	1	41	19	10
Sussex 2nd	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Kent 2nd	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Surrey 2nd	4	3	0	1	21	19	6
Buckingham 3rd	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Berkshire	6	2	0	4	26	34	4
Oxfordshire	6	2	0	4	24	36	4
Sussex 3rd	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Avon 2nd	6	0	1	5	20	40	1
Kent 3rd	4	0	1	3	9	31	1

CADETS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division							
Lincolnshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Somerset	4	2	0	2	20	20	4(78-73)
Lancashire	4	2	0	2	20	20	4(70-71)
Sussex	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Surrey 1st	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Durham	4	1	0	3	15	25	2

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Northampton 1st	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Cleveland	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Leicestershire	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Cheshire	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Northampton 2nd	2	0	0	2	2	18	0
Nottinghamshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gwent	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Warwickshire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Worcestershire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Sussex 2nd	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Surrey 2nd	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Glamorgan	3	0	0	3	3	27	0
Berkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devonshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Cheshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Northumberland	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Essex	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Kent	3	0	2	1	12	18	2(55-67)
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2(51-63)
Surrey	3	1	0	2	12	18	2(42-67)
Sussex	3	0	1	2	12	18	1

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire 1st	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Cheshire 2nd	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Worcestershire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4(63-50)
Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4(64-55)
Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Yorkshire 2nd	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
South Yorkshire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Norfolk	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dorset 1st	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Berkshire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Kent 2nd	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Surrey 2nd	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Middlesex	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Hampshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2

Avon	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Dorset 2nd	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Division 2A							
Leicestershire	4	2	2	0	25	15	6(95-64)
Cambridgeshire	4	3	0	1	25	15	6(89-62)
Lincolnshire	4	3	0	1	19	21	6
Nottinghamshire	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Essex 3rd	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Essex 2nd	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Bedfordshire	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Warwickshire	4	0	0	4	14	26	0

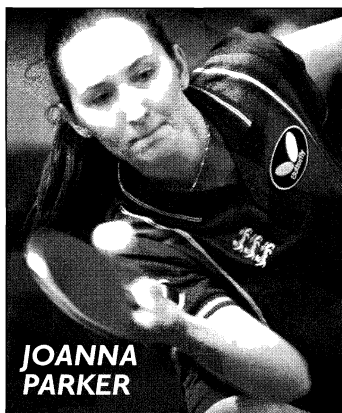
Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wiltshire	4	4	0	0	36	4	8
Kent 3rd	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Somerset	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Berkshire 2nd	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Hertfordshire 2nd	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Buckinghamshire	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Worcestershire 2nd	3	0	0				

MATCHPOINT

By JOHN WOODFORD



- **RED CARDS** are not often used in table tennis. At Dewsbury on Nov.21st in the British League Premier, a number were given out. I hear that the offences occurred (as always) as players lost points and were confined to kicking screens and throwing bats.
- **BEARING** in mind the behaviour of Wayne Rooney in Madrid against Spain let us hope that umpires and referees in our sport will step up on court discipline before we lose any promising talent through lack of temperamental control.
- **THE** question I am frequently asked is "when are we going to stage another English' Open ?" Difficult to answer except to say that it appears to rest with England finding a sponsor prepared to invest upwards of £50,000.
- **FOUR YEARS** ago at Chatham was the last English Open. Top players are shall we say getting out of the habit of coming to England, except for Matthew Syed's annual summer promotion which is almost taking the place of the Open.
- **JAN-OVE WALDNER** the most talented player of the modern era has been recruited to play at Fairfield Halls, Croydon on Saturday July 23 in the BBC Masters. And it's all down to Matthew's persuasive powers and the lure of cash rewards of the sponsors.
- **JOANNA PARKER**, in her last season as a junior has landed the twelfth spot in the European Junior Top12 in Italy, January 29-30. This



event has not been going for many years, so this qualification by Joanna could be the first for an England player.

- **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION:** The Chairman's newsletter tells us that it is hoped to bring this into operation for the 2006-2007 season. Everyone will be anxious to know about the benefits and the fees.

- **APPARENTLY**, I might need correction on this, every

chairman since the ETTA began has been in favour of the move; none have succeeded so Alex Murdoch will achieve something that all others have failed to do if he succeeds. Fees are of course the main problem.

- **SOME** people need reminding that table tennis is by far the cheapest racquet sport in which to take part.

- **STOP PRESS:** Timo Boll is also playing at the BBC Masters at Croydon.

EURO & WORLD NEWS

Compiled by JOHN WOOD

First ITTF Pro Tour Title For Russian Kuzmin

RUSSIA's Fedor Kuzmin won his first ever title on the ITTF Pro Tour when he captured the Men's Singles crown at the Liebherr Slovenian Open in Velenje on Saturday 15 January 2005 beating the second seed, Hong Kong's Ko Lai Chak, in five games at the final hurdle.

Meanwhile, in the Women's Singles success came the way of Singapore's Li Jia Wei who overcame Hong Kong's LIN Ling in the final. It is the second time that the Singapore player has won a Women's Singles title on the ITTF Pro Tour, her previous victory being in July 2004 when she emerged victorious at the United States Open in Chicago.

The major surprise on the second day of play at the Slovenian Open came in the Women's Singles with the defeat of the reigning European champion, Romania's Otilia Badescu, by eighteen year old Laurie Phai Pang of France.

Alan Cooke had an excellent Slovenian Open, where he reached the Mens Singles quarter-finals by beating Denmark's Allan Bentsen,



who is ranked No.44 in the world, with a 4-1 victory.

Rising England star 15 year old Darius Knight also proudly represented his country in Slovenia, where he recorded the best win of his career in the Mens Under 21 Singles, beating three opponents including the French No.3 senior Dany Lo, 4-2. Darius finally lost to the Russian Artur Grigoviev, 2-4.

Welsh host a Training Camp

THE Table Tennis Association of Wales played host to another joint training camp for English Youth Development players at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff in December.

A Wales v England match was played at the half way stage of the camp at under 13 level. England were

represented by David McBeath, Liam Pitchford, Mary Fuller and Melissa Wright. The Welsh quartet was Adam Draper, Daniel O'Connell, Rachel Godfrey and Charlotte Jenkins.

For the boys match, a nervous start by Liam saw him lose to the talented Adam. David steadied the ship for England with a close 11-8 in the fifth win over Daniel. The English pair took the doubles and completed a 4-1 match win with two close in the fifth reverse singles victories. Liam showed his powers of recovery with a hard fought win over Daniel. David remained unbeaten but was taken to the fifth both times.

In the girls match, Mary and Melissa were too consistent for their Welsh opposition in all four singles encounters. All were three straight wins, but the doubles was a different story; the Welsh girls running out

comfortable winners.

These events have real value for all the players involved for whom it is an early experience of playing in their national shirt. Alan Griffiths and the TTAW staged this match with just the right level of informality – enough to give the players a competitive feel to the occasion, without undue pressure.

England's Coach for the Camp was Louise Durrant.

Number One Spot Regained

CHINA's Wang Liqin has regained the number one position in the ITTF World Rankings, a position he held from June to December 2004, when his national team national team colleague, Wang Hao, replaced him at the top of the list.

However, Wang Hao's tenure of office has only lasted only month and in the World Rankings for January 2005 he is at number three, one place behind the man who occupied the top spot one year ago, his compatriot Ma Lin.

Meanwhile, on the women's list, Zhang Yining retains her number one position with Wang Nan moving one step up the ladder to number two..

BERKSHIRE

by Colin Dyke

BERKSHIRE Senior 1st team got their fixtures under way with a trip to Cirencester. The outcome was one win (9-1 v Devon 2) and two narrow defeats (4-6 v Gloucestershire and 4-6 v Wiltshire). The team badly missed Hari Gehlot who was away on business.

David Barr, Martin Adams, Mark Banks and Lisa Crick all scored maximums against Devon 2 with Susan Johnson suffering the only reverse against Sally Smith. Adams picked up two good wins (v Darren Griffin and Brian Norandahl) against Gloucestershire, with Barr and Johnson adding one each. Things could have been so different had Banks and Crick won fifth sets against Norandahl and Suzy Robinson respectively.

Barr, Johnson, Crick and Adams were the scorers against Wiltshire. Despite their poor start. Captain David Barr is confident that the team will avoid relegation.

The Senior 2nd team started their campaign at Ellenborough with two 3-7 defeats against Surrey 2 and Essex 2. Against Surrey two of the three wins were walkovers leaving Ramesh Gehlot the only winner with three straight win over Robert Lemon. The team didn't get started until 6-0 down to Essex when Lisa Bosley had a fine 3-1 win over Holly Stubbins. This then inspired Dave Hilbeck to beat Matt Spero 3-1 and Mary Allan to sensationally beat the experienced Marjorie Dawson at 9 in the fifth. No luck for Trevor Griffiths on the day despite some close sets.

The young junior team again performed creditably in their second group of matches at Cippenham. Narrow defeats against Sussex 2 (7-3) and Surrey 2 (4-6) were followed by an excellent 7-3 win v Kent 3. Richard Andrews, Abhay Gehlot and Kuldeep Gehlot each one a singles v Sussex whilst Abhay Gehlot and Ayonija Sundararajan scored against Surrey (the other two being walkovers). Two each from Abhay, Kuldeep and Ayonija supported by Ross Saxby's win over John Bispham saw them through against Kent. Emma Ashley had no luck on the day but never gave up, her best result being a -10, -4, -3 loss to Surrey's Georgina Doyle.

The Veterans 1st team continued their campaign with a 7-3 win v Avon, coming back from 2-0 down. Dave Reeves led the fightback with a 3-1 win over Neil Wigglesworth and then joined Sharon Mitchell in a mixed doubles success to make it 2-2. David and Sharon went on to remain unbeaten in the match to seal victory. Both Nick Heaps and Tim Heaps contributed with singles wins against Wigglesworth and Bob Murray respectively.

Vets 2 made up for their earlier disappointing start against Kent 3 by winning their next two matches v Herts 2 (7-3) and Devon 2 (6-4). Against Herts Dave Streak was unbeaten whilst Bob Davis and Derek Wood had a singles win apiece. Whilst Denise Rolfe lost her singles to Sue Felstead three straight, she excelled in the mixed with two good wins. The win v Devon was much closer and was achieved from being 3-4 down. Dave Streak again won two singles as did an inform Derek Wood, including coming back from two down in beating Phil Reeves. Bob Davis took one singles and combined with Denise Rolfe to take the all important 10th set mixed doubles.

Vets 3 have started well beating Cambridgeshire 2 (6-4) and Huntingdonshire (9-1) in their first two matches. However, against Cambs a 4-1 lead was allowed to slip to 4-4 before Tony Brown steadied the ship with a 6 in the fifth win over Barry Hagger and Denise Weller and Pete Bradley combined in the final mixed to beat Sandra Hayes and Howard

Morley 3-1. Earlier Denise had lost in five to Sandra in the women's singles but played a key role in two mixed doubles wins. Brown also beat Roger Fensom and was supported by good wins from Richard Rosinski and Pete Bradley over Howard Morley.

CHESHIRE

by Alan Blears

AS I have said before tournament organisers do not always receive the recognition they deserve, so it was good to read John Woodford's appreciation of Mike John's efforts at the Guernsey Open. A look at the diary reveals that Mike is involved in various tournaments around the country, as well as several in Cheshire, including the Christmas Grand Prix Satellite (no results available). Rumour has it that he is organising the Ulan Bator Seven Star. With his other commitments does he have eight days in his week? Good on yer, Mike!

Judging by her results against Cheshire's formidable bunch of junior girls, Rachel Jamieson must be one of the most improved young players in the country. Jordyn Layfield, Caroline Hallows and remarkably even Clare Langford have recently fallen victim to the U-14 Essex girl. You don't fancy joining the Cheshire Set do you, Rachel? It's a nice county with nice people, nice scenery, nice (but teeny-weeny) coast, nice cheese – and lots of happy looking cats! Other glitterati such as Gail McCulloch and Jan Dunning have already made the move. Before someone takes me seriously and accuses me of attempted poaching I shall move on.

Miss Jamieson apart, Jordyn, Caroline and Fiona Dennett had some great wins in the East Midlands and Stockton Junior Four Stars, as follows:- East Midlands:- Caroline – S/F in cadets and the junior open. Fiona – cadets Q/F. Stockton: Jordyn – junior Band 1 S/F. Caroline – junior Band 1 R/U, and cadets S/F.

She and Emma Vickers were runners-up to Scotland's Karin Eggar and Laura Rungay in the junior team event, having beaten Peniel's Emma and Lucy Weil in the semis.

In the course of a long phone call from Tony Meredith (all calls from Tony are long) he suggested I enter a junior team in the Lancashire and Cheshire League as there was a vacancy. So I did – and now Ryan Costello, Matthew Weatherby, ten year-old Josh Boulton and Rebecca Yip are grinning like those Cheshire cats after lifting the Jack Livingstone Trophy at the first attempt (and it is quite heavy). They won a close final against a Southport team on games countback. Jolly good show, chaps! They won a close final against a Southport team on games countback. Jolly good show, chaps!

N.W. Junior and Cadet trials:

Predictably, the girls' section was dominated by the Cheshire girls, though equally predictably there were some surprises. Rachel Baker had the win of her life in the juniors against Caroline Hallows, but she suffered an unexpected defeat in the cadets to Stockport part-timer Amy Walker.

A closely-fought boys' section saw Matthew Weatherby pipped at the post for runners-up spot in the cadets by Lancashire's Jamie Hewitt. Cheshire placings are as follows (excluding exemptions)

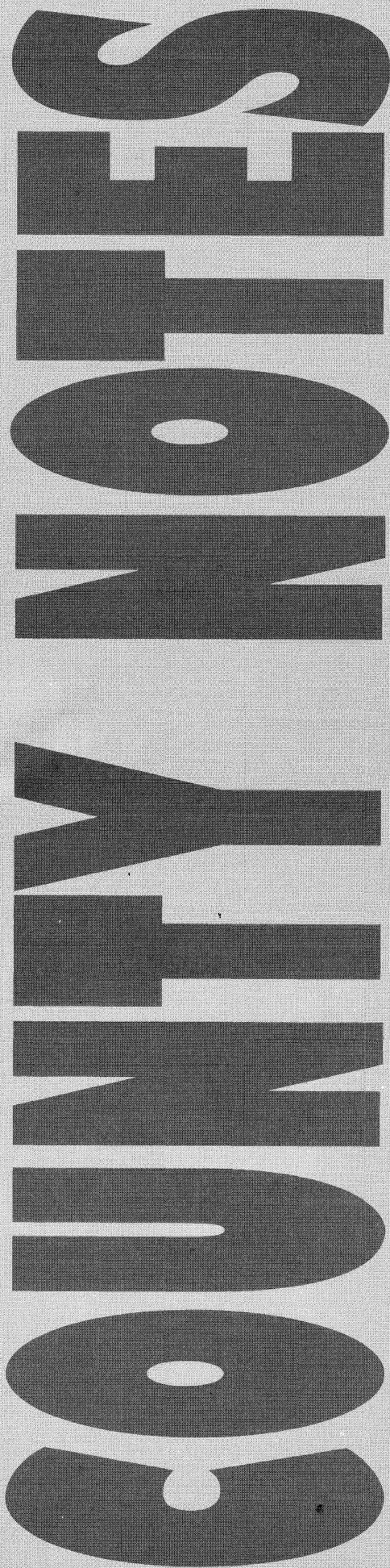
Junior boys: 1. Tom Page 2. Jonathon Taylor 5. Andrew Davies 8. Mark Roscaleer

Cadet boys: 3. Matthew Weatherby 5. Stephen Williams 7. Jacob Shaw 8. Joshua Boulton

Junior girls: 1. Sophie Byron 2. Jordyn Layfield 3. Rachel Baker 4. Caroline Hallows 5. Lynsey Pich 8. Amy Walker

Cadet girls: 2. Rachel Baker 3. Amy Walker (after games count-back against other girls).

With some expected information not having arrived, that's it. A happy 2005 to you all. The year



COUNTY NOTES -2

must surely be better than 2004 ended in many other parts of the world.

CORNWALL

By John Wood

HIGHLIGHT of table tennis activities in Cornwall prior to Christmas, was the visit of Ryan Jenkins, the Welsh No.1, to Tregorrick Table Tennis Centre in St.Austell.

This part of the 'Ryan Jenkins Tour', was organised by Neville Reed and the Bridge Table Tennis Club, on Wednesday 15th December 2004.

The tour offers the chance for the county's top ten players to play against the Welsh No.1 Jenkins.

There was a good turn-out of both players and spectators.

CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

UNENVIABLE DILEMMA

WITH two impressive 6-2 wins against Batts Peniel and Harvey Barnet, Ormesby are locked in a battle with six times champions, Progress, at the top of the Premier Division of the British League. Ormesby, however, face an unenviable dilemma for the final round of matches as two of their squad of five players, Paul Drinkhall and Danny Reed, would have to miss the National Junior championships to participate for the Club... an absolutely ludicrous situation!

In the last round of matches Paul and Bryn Drinkhall were both unbeaten winning all four sets played. Against Batts Peniel, Paul beat John Holland and Neil Charles, whilst Bryn defeated Martin Kuort and Peter Cleminson. Craig Bryant also did well with two victories over Cleminson and Holland. In the Barnet match, Danny Reed came into the team in place of Steven Bailey and beat Costas Papantoniou. Paul Drinkhall again did well to beat Gergely Urban and cadet rival, Darius Knight, whilst Bryn also beat Papantoniou and Tim Yarnell.

Ormesby are level on points at the top of the table with Progress with 18 each. Progress have the slight advantage of a 57-23 against 56-24 games ratio, whilst Barnet are in third place three points behind. In fairness it is not just Ormesby who are potentially embarrassed by this unfortunate date clash as Barnet have both Darius Knight and Tim Yarnell within their squad, whilst bottom of the table Darlington have Bradley Evans, David Meads and Gavin Evans amongst their list of players.

This matter of the clash of important events has been brought to the attention of the ETTA Calendar Working Party who have recognised the dilemma and altered the dates in next year's calendar to avoid the same thing happening again.

Unfortunately nothing has been done to help the situation for this season and having the outcome of the British League Premier Division and the National Junior and Cadet Championships prejudiced in this way is regrettable to say the least.

HEAVY INCREASES OPPOSED

One of the main talking points at the recent meetings of our County committee has been the document circulated by the ETTA Chairman, Alex Murdoch, which indicates that the affiliation fees are to be increased by more than doubled and up to 150% if the proposed levels are adopted. In addition our licensed players will be expected to accept an increase of three fold from \$15 to \$45 for their licenses, whilst affiliation fees for Premier Clubs would also see enormous increases. This is all part of the Chairman's wish to change from team registration to individual registration. This idea is not new and we accept that there are some benefits of individual affiliation, but much prefer the statement made in the Chairman's Election

Manifesto where he committed to introduce these changes at no cost to the members either in terms of cash or additional extra work for our volunteers.

At the County meeting the league representatives were united in their opposition to the moves with the feeling that if increases of this kind were imposed by the ETTA, then this would inevitably mean a loss of members at a time when the County, its leagues and clubs are working hard to increase participation and boost interest in the sport.

DERBYSHIRE

by Colin Deaton

IT was no surprise to enthusiasts and followers of our game to see Martin Kinsella back in competitive table tennis.

Martin, who played for England as a school boy and Ireland as a senior, gained full international status.

After a lapse in playing for several years, the exhibition specialist Kinsella turned out for his club, Cromford, in Division One of the Matlock & District League.

He was undefeated and with more regular training, his playing forces could be quite a strength for table tennis in our area.

The Chesterfield and Staveley youngsters are still flying high and it was no surprise to hear of 11 year old Liam Pitchford's selection for England against Wales in Cardiff. England won 4-1 with Liam making a successful debut.

In all, 5 youngsters from Staveley are featured in the English U13 ranking list and I am very reliably informed there are more in the pipeline.

For the second year running they have won the English National Cadet League, fielding 3 brand new youngsters. Daniel Shaw, Lyle Byrne and Kerry Mansell were particularly sharp.

Lyle Byrne being undefeated throughout the competition and 12 year old Kerry Mansell, the only girl player on view, won 9 out of 10. The presentation ceremony will be February 12th 2005.

How encouraging to see equipment specialist, Butterfly, sponsoring the entire Staveley nationally ranked squad, which is Liam Pitchford, Daniel Lowe, Sean Cullen, Allan Fullwood and Lucy Davidson.

Hopefully, as they increase their ranking and status further, rewards will be available.

Seventeen year old Adam Frost emerged as the new Derby City Closed Champion. He beat the winner for the two previous years, Stuart McIntyre.

Frost is now showing his true potential and won 4 titles in the Derby event.

English International, Emma Vickers, defeated her mum in the final of the women's event. However, there was a surprise in the Veterans final where Paul Jennings beat the firm favourite, Jonathan Bayliss.

Derby's top internal event attacked an entry of 36 players, results as below:

DERBY CLOSED 2004/5 RESULTS

Mens Singles: S/f: Adam Frost beat Stuart MacIntyre 11-4, 11-3, 6-11, 12-10; Martin Rogers beat David Arrowsmith 11-9, 11-5, 11-4.

FINAL: Adam Frost beat Martin Rogers 3-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-8.

Ladies Singles: S/f: Jane Vickers beat Emily O Sullivan 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 11-8; Emma Vickers beat Diane Siddall 11-9, 11-5, 11-7.

FINAL: Emma Vickers beat Jane Vickers 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-9.

Veterans Singles: Paul Jennings beat John Bayliss 11-9, 11-9, 11-8.

Handicap Singles: Adam Frost beat Pat Hall 11-5, 11-3, 11-6.

Mens Doubles: Adam Frost and Steve Yallop beat Patrick Hall and Matt Satchwell 11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8.

Womens Doubles: Winners - Jane and Emma

Vickers; Runner-up - Diane Siddall and Lorraine Smedley in a 3 pair round robin
Mixed Doubles: Martin Rogers and Emily O Sullivan beat Jane Vickers and Colin Ambrose 12-10, 11-3, 11-2.

DIVISIONALS

Division 1: Craig Dorrington beat Gordon Taylor 11-9, 9-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9.

Division 2: Frank Taylor beat Kathryn Arrowsmith, retired hurt.

Division 3: John Blatherwick beat Lorraine Smedley 11-6, 11-8, 7-11, 7-11, 11-9.

JUNIOR EVENTS

Boys Singles: Adam Frost beat David Arrowsmith 11-4, 11-9, 11-8.

Girls Singles: Winner - Emma Vickers, Runner-up Emily O'Sullivan in a 4 person round robin.

Boys Under 15 Singles: Tommy Lowden beat Patrick Roome 11-8, 10-12, 8-11, 11-5, 13-11.

Doubles Adam: Frost and David Arrowsmith beat John Blatherwick and Richard Rowan-Robinson 11-1, 11-5, 11-2.

DEVONSHIRE

by John Vincent

THE South West Regions Final Trials for Cadets and Juniors were held in Cirencester. Devonshire's strong squad did well with Lisa Radford and Sally Smith finishing in first and second places in the Junior Girls event. Chris Smith and Richard Marshall took the top two places in the Cadets.

Marshall provided the shock of the day in the Junior age group, defeating hot favourite Darren Reed from Cornwall, who, despite this loss, won the event. Marshall, the youngest competitor, suffered only 2 defeats and took an excellent second place from Wiltshire's Andrew Hodges and Adam Tatlow from Cornwall.

SENIOR PREMIER FIRST WEEKEND

Devonshire made a good start in defence of their Premiership Title by winning two and drawing one of their matches.

The first match resulted in a 5-5 draw with Middlesex. Craig Bryant (2) Chris Brown (2) and Marketa Myskova (1) were the scorers.

Against Surrey the team hit top form to secure a 9-1 victory thanks to Bryant (2) Whiteman (1) Brown (2) Myskova (2) and Liz May (2).

The final match against Leicestershire was a cracker when we recovered from 3-4 down to win 6-4. Bryant (2) Brown (2) Myskova (2) brought the team a very important win.

PLYMOUTH SPORTS PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR 2004

The Beacon Electrical Plymouth & District Table Tennis League did very well to have two members receiving the "Stars who shone the brightest" Awards.

The Lifelong Contribution to local sport went to John Norsworthy the Match Secretary of the Plymouth Table Tennis League since 1974. He has been involved in the Plymouth Sporting scene since 1954. He has been a vital cog in running the 4th largest table tennis league in the country.

14-year-old David Wetherill, a severely disabled table tennis player received highly commended runners up certificate in the "Achievement over Adversity" category. David is the National Junior BITAD (under 18) Boys Champion for 2004. He was a member of the Plymouth Cadet Squad which won the National Leach Cup. In the Local League he finished top of the averages in Division 7 winning 50 of his 54 games for an average of 92.6%. A brilliant achievement against able-bodied players.



DEVON'S
14 year old **DAVID WETHERILL**, pictured left, with his two coaches **JOHN VINCENT** and **PHIL GREENWOOD**, who received a highly commended runners up certificate in the "ACHIEVEMENT OVER ADVERSITY" category at the **PLYMOUTH SPORTS PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR 2004 AWARDS**

great chance of winning the title they last won in 1999".

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

by Margaret Dean

Junior County Results away at Trowbridge
Glos 1 v Cornwall 1st 9

A very strong Cornwall team defeated Gloucestershire with only Sam White picking up a win in an exciting 5 set match which finished 14-12 in Gloucestershire's favour. Mike Harvey pushed 22 ranked Darren Reed of Cornwall close in a quality display, but the Cornwall player's class won through in the fourth. Robert Harvey lost in 5 to Cornwall's no.2, the Gloucestershire player showing great strength of character and persistency in a superb display.

Glos 6 v Cornwall 2nd 4

The Gloucestershire boys completed this fine victory over a good Cornwall 2nd team, the highlight being Rob Harvey's hard fought victory over the Cornwall no.3

The girls were once again outplayed although Hannah Hurford caused a scare in the Cornwall camp when levelling the match at one point against an experienced opponent.

Wiltshire 4 v Glos 6

A good victory considering the strength of the Wiltshire no.1. Newcomer Milan Dragojlovic won 2 through good use of his excellent forehand attacking loop and Annabel Sidwell won a five setter 14-12 continuing her excellent progress at this level. Senior County Matches played at Cirencester This weekend Cirencester hosted the first of 2 weekend set of fixtures between 7 teams in Division 1 B. Gloucestershire, having last year won Division 2 to secure promotion, played 4 matches and won them all leaving them only 2 more matches to play on Feb 19th at Cippenham.

Gloucestershire were the only unbeaten team, and if they secure 3 out of 4 points in the last 2 matches, they will secure promotion to the Premier (top) Division, which is the first time in nearly 40 yrs that the County have will have played in the highest Division of this national competition. What a fantastic achievement that would be!

Darren Griffin won 7 out of 8 games including great wins over Dave Barr & Kevin Satchell (both ranked above him).

Dave Harvey won 6 out of 8, Brian Mac Randall 4 out of 8. Natasha Lake won 7 out of 7 and Suzy Robinson 4 out of 6.

Judy Morley only played 1 game as she was also on duty for the Veterans on the same day. Judy played well against Michelle Cohen who is ranked in the senior top 30 ladies and was unbeaten in the Vets county matches.

Vets County Match at Cirencester

Gloucestershire, represented by Guy Greening, Dave Adamson & Judy Morley, won a titanic battle by 6 sets to 4. I have no further information at this time.

Cirencester & Grantham 1 Star under 13 ETTA Tournaments

Milan Dragojlovic played well over the weekend to win the Cirencester tournament and in the process beat the Welsh under no 1 under 13 boy, which was an excellent result for the 12 yr old. He also came runner up recently in a similar tournament at Grantham, again achieving a very notable success against the Scottish No.2 boy.

These results will see his National Ranking improve in the next issue of the National Ranking List.

National Regional Trials under 18's

Mike Harvey (having previously qualified in the Preliminary Trails at St. Austell), played in the

ESSEX

by Steve Kerns

COUNTY "SECOND TEAM" EXCEL

The County Senior first team often play second fiddle in the amount of coverage they receive in this column, testimony to the number of excellent articles penned by County Junior Match Secretary Alan Shepherd. However, the performance of an Essex Senior first team missing the services of the top three men and top two ladies is just too good to gloss over. County Senior first Team Captain John Andrews reports from the Cippenham club in Slough - "It was a very different Essex side that took to the table than the team I had originally picked. Missing the services of the top three ranked men in the County (Lorestas Trumpauskas, Peter Cleminson and Clive Carthy) through either injury or other commitments it fell to Gary Tendler (Ilford) to take over the number one mantle with outstanding Junior Umair Mathoor (Ilford) and new find Martin Kubrt (Harlow) taking the number two and three positions. It was a similar picture with the ladies with the number one and two ladies Natalie Bawden and Abigail Embling both unavailable. In their case for the very best possible reason, as both players were on international duty. They were replaced by County stalwarts - Shelley Uzal (Ilford) and Lucy Wang (Braintree).

The first match against Surrey on Saturday afternoon looked to favour Essex on paper. And so it proved with Gary Tendler picking up two singles wins, a close five setter against the immensely promising Chris Lewis and also an excellent one against the higher-rated Abdul Wuraola. With Shelley and Lucy also gaining maximums against Jane Barella and Carmen Vadj Essex were in a strong position. Umair Mauthoor lost out over four games but made up for it with a well earned win against Henry Medellin. Martin Kubrt (who at No.253 in England is probably the most under-rated player in the whole country) lost out to Henry over five close games but took revenge over five ends against a battling Chris Lewis. At one point the match score stood at 2-2 but Essex powered away to take the final six games. As had

been the case the previous two years Essex were in top spot after the first round of matches but with newly promoted Sussex, also ominously in contention in second place.

Sunday morning opponents were Yorkshire, traditionally a very strong team. However, they were "quite literally knocked for six" as Umair sensationally got the better of Michael James (ranked no. 31 in England) and Martin beat Simon Nouch (ranked No.66) - two wins out of the very top draw. Shelley also upped her game to beat Joanna Roberts over five games whilst Gary was successful over five games against Shi Guang (England No.41), another outstanding win. In fact Essex went close to taking a 5-0 lead with Lucy Wang just falling over five games against the very highly rated Nicola White (England No.13). However, Lucy more than made up for it just one match later with a superb win over Joanna Roberts (England No.20). Shelley kept her 100% record intact with another fine win against Nicola White, easing through 12-10 in the fifth end. Unfortunately, the men were unable to repeat their first half heroics with Umair losing to bogey-player Simon Nouch, Gary going down to Michael James and Martin to Shi Guang, which left Essex as 6-4 winners. Once again the threat of the Sussex team remained and having won their morning match 7-3, they took over the lead at the top of the table and were to be Essex's Sunday afternoon opponents.

On paper it was clear that Sussex were a very strong side with Essex's best chance of success likely to be against their ladies - Rose Rainton and Sheila King, who was standing in for an injured Sally Weston. The final match score of 7-3 in Sussex's favour reflected their overall strength. Rose Rainton led the Sussex charge by taking her two singles and in the process she inflicted old rival Shelley's only defeat of the weekend. Martin Kubrt maintained his record of scoring a win in each match with an outstanding five set win against Nigel Eckersley (England No.34), a definite candidate for the "Win of the Season" in anyone's book. However, Sussex regulars Adrian Moore and Richie Venner (England top 50 players for as long as anyone can remember!) notched up their four singles to give their County a

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Regional Trails held at Cirencester and came 2nd out of 8 juniors, easily securing his place in the Masters tournament which is to be held at Crystal Palace on April 10th & 11th.

His wins included several against players much higher in the National ETTA Rankings and will improve his position.

County Senior Closed Championships

A number of events including Men's & Ladies singles & doubles, plus Vets, Minor Singles & Under 21's singles events took place at Deer Park Cirencester on Sunday 5th Dec. A full report of this event will follow as soon as it is available.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS

Sir Thomas Rich's School 7 Marling School 3.

In the County Schools Under 16 competition, STRS beat Marling School in a close match with some exiting 5 setters going STRS way to see them through to the next round against Bouraside, Tewkesbury or St Benedict's.

HAMPSHIRE

by Jeremy Wilson

ASHLEY WILLETTS is the new Hampshire junior table-tennis champion following the highest quality competition in recent memory.

A member of the Fareham based Generation II squad in the Southampton league, Willetts has improved considerably in recent months after spending time in Taiwan training with former international player Tong Feiming.

Willetts was victorious over Matt Ware in a four-game final. Ware, from Southampton, had earlier beaten the vastly improving Winchester 13-year-old Garth Kinlocke in a five-set thriller, while Willetts disposed of Portsmouth's Mike Gibbs in straight sets.

He then went on to make it a double when he teamed up with Sam Moon to take the under-18 doubles title from Kinlocke and Dom Cheeseman.

The under-15 final saw another clash between Ware and Kinlocke, with the Portchester player again victorious, this time in straight sets. Kinlocke and Cheeseman did have some joy, however, when they teamed up to win the under-15 doubles crown against Ware and Ruihao Zhang.

Southampton's Jenny Dobson underlined her promise by added the junior girls' singles to the county women's title she won so well recently with a 3-0 beating of Gosport's Annabelle Morle.

Morle was victorious, though, in the under-15 event with a comfortable win in the final against Southampton's Sarah Warwick.

The under-13 boys' singles was won by Lewis Creighton, who beat Kieran Wells, while Becky House took the girls' title ahead of Lauren Owen. The strength of Hampshire's young players was

underlined at the recent south-east England trials held at Cippenham.

County champion Willetts finished top in the under-18s, while Ware finished second. Ware followed this up by winning the cadet event and it was a 1-2-3 for Hampshire with Southampton's David McBeath and Kinlocke following him.

Morle repeated that feat in the girls' event, finishing second in the juniors and winning the cadets. She defeated England number ten Melanie Farquar in the process.

Dobson finished third in the junior girls while Sarah Warwick was fourth in the cadets. It was Hampshire's best ever performance in the trials. The junior county team is currently the strongest it has been for at least a decade and the squad of Willetts, Kinlocke, Gibbs, Ware, McBeath, Dobson and Morle has opened up the season with successive victories in the county championships. The senior county team, however, has taken the unfortunate decision to pull out of this year's county championships due to problems with availability and a shortage of women players.

HEREFORDSHIRE

by Harry Jutle

COUNTY TABLE TENNIS RESULTS on Saturday 04-Dec-2004

VETERAN Division 3D Hereford 1st played their third match Home at Green Farm Table Tennis Centre, Allensmore, against Shropshire 1st resulting in a 9-1 WIN. Mark Owen continued his undefeated run only dropping a single game for the first time against Rod France, but beating Dave Elkin in straight sets. Chris Martin also only dropped a single game against Dave Elkin and beating Terry Ridgway in straight sets. Andy Castle won his first singles easily against Terry, but had to come back from 2 games down to Rod to win his second singles in the 5th set. Helen Green had very close games against Wendy Baggott to win in the 4th set. Mark Owen was again instrumental in the first mixed doubles with Helen to beat Wendy and Dave in straight sets, then the Men's doubles with Andy to beat Rod and Terry in the 4th set. In the 2nd mixed doubles Chris with Helen were always chasing the game to finally lose it in the 5th set against Wendy and Rod- the only loss of the day. They now have 5 out of possible 6 points.

Scores: Mark Owen 11-9, 9-11, 11-7, 11-6 and 11-3, 13-5, 11-5. Chris Martin 8-11, 11-4, 13-11, 11-5 and 11-3, 11-4, 11-9. Andy Castle 11-5, 11-8, 11-5 and 8-11, 6-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-6. Helen Green 9-11, 15-13, 11-9, 11-9. Helen and Mark in 1st mixed doubles 11-4, 11-5, 11-3. Men's doubles Mark and Andy 11-7, 3-11, 11-9, 11-3. Helen and Chris 2nd mixed doubles 8-11, 11-4, 8-11, 11-6, 8-11.

Veteran Division 4C Hereford 3rd played Away against Hertfordshire 5th resulting in a 1-9 loss. Their opposition proved to be too strong for our team of Mike Wheatley, Bob Trimble, Neville Meredith and Carol Milnes. Their only win came from the 1st mixed doubles with the partnership of Carol and Bob beating Mary Nichols and Richard Hudson partnership in the 5th set. In the Men's doubles Neville and Mike were beaten in the 5th set by Barry Phillips and Stuart Mybrea. Bob lost both singles in the 4th set, with 3 going to deuce against Barry and later Richard. Mike took a game off Barry only to lose it in the 4th set.

Scores: Mike Wheatley 4-11, 3-11, 6-11 and 5-11, 11-7, 5-11, 10-12. Bob Trimble 6-11, 11-9, 10-12, 6-11 and 6-11, 12-10, 5-11, 12-14. Neville Meredith 8-11, 7-11, 5-11 and 4-11, 3-11, 6-11. Carol Milnes 9-11, 8-11, 6-11. Carol and Bob 1st mixed doubles 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, 5-11, 11-9. Men's doubles Mike and Neville

13-11, 6-11, 1-11, 13-11, 8-11. Carol and Neville 2nd mixed doubles 9-11, 8-11, 9-11.

HERTFORDSHIRE

by Doug Tomsett

RESULTS of the the Senior Team are as follows. All the marches were played over one weekend. They played 5 and won 2, lost 2 and drew 1, which means they finished in third spot.

The players representing Hertfordshire were Paul Robertson who won 7 out of 10, Richard Murrell who won 5, and Chris Marlow who won 2. Whilst for the ladies Janice Lang won 8 out of 9. The best result of the day was Paul's win over Mick Harper in five.

I now have the results of the Veteran's 1st Team, Stuart Seaholme, John Taylor (out of retirement), Jeff Linskey, Dave Seaholme and Sally Bax, who played at the end of last October, which was 2 wins and 1 loss. John Taylor won 5 out of 6 singles.

The second team lost to Somerset and Berkshire away, whilst they beat Worcestershire. Gary Morgan won all his 6 singles. Sue Felstead beat Margaret Dignum in the Worcestershire game.

Team 3 lost to Bucks II and Surrey, but they beat Bedfordshire and drew with Northants after being 0-5 down.

Team 4 drew with Yorks V and Essex VI, with Geoff Bax winning 4 singles and Larry Gregory 3.

Team 5 drew away to Worcester, but won at home to Hereford 9-1. Team 6 have lost all their three matches so far.

The Juniors have played 4 matches over one weekend, winning all 4.

They beat Hunts 10-0, with the players being Ben Swart, Alim Herji, William Maybanks, Nikki Sham and Haylee Potts for that match. In the second game they beat Bedford 7-3, with James Moore replacing William and Abigail Moore coming in for Haylee.

The third match we beat Suffolk 6-4, which saw Alim dropping out. But in the final game we reverted to the original team of the 1st match beating Essex 3rd's 8-2.

On this form the Juniors should be the winners of this division.

ISLE OF WIGHT

by John Preat

THERE is a great deal of anger locally about the continued plans of the ETTA management to introduce "Individual Registrations" which will mean higher contributions for individual league player as well as casual players who do not play in our leagues. A new document has been issued with confirms that the costs of collection and the introduction of doubtful, unwanted "benefits" will use up all the extra money collected. In short, league players will pay more, a team of 4 will pay £40 where now they pay £16, but all that extra money will be swallowed up by the cost of collection, etc.

Having seen the figures, I assumed (as did others) that this scheme had finally been buried now that the figures are out, but apparently not. In view of this I have notified the ETTA that I would table a proposal to abandon the scheme in January's National Council. By the time you read this, the outcome will be known. It is often said that ETTA membership is very cheap, "a packet of fags per year", per player. Therefore we ought to pay more. I do not take that view and I did not in the 4 years I was Chairman of the Association. I know that a relatively small league like mine will post to the ETTA a cheque for close to £500 next season and I feel this is enough in relation to what we get which I find very hard to explain to my members at this time. They will assail me with stories how often the

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ETTA has let us down when we did have some need of them.

I do not deny that some feel that we ought to contribute more money to the ETTA. They are entitled to their view and they are free to sit down and write their immediate cheques. I shall join them when I feel I have had value for my money and see the beginning of a flicker of the realisation how hard it is to keep a local association together.

On that topic, we did manage to increase our teams from 29 to 31, the former an all-time low after those heady days when we had more than 70 teams and divisions. Sadly, the picture of decline is echoed all over the country. It may not sound very much but strenuous efforts have been made to attract young players and quite a few now attend our Carl Prean Centre and look possible for next season. We note that the seniors with cars who will take them to the away matches are not easy to find either. The general position is not a happy one, as the only development work takes place at the Carl Prean Centre. There are no venues in Shanklin or Sandown and therefore no clubs where once there were championship-winning teams with back-ups of 6 or 7 teams over the divisions. No young players have been produced and introduced and introduced to the game in any other area.

For the first time in some years we entered no team in the County Championships. Ours are hobby players and we could not then find two ladies prepared to make what might prove a 20 hour round trip to Cornwall. Being moved from a section in which we were comfortable to another hardly helped and did not add to our love of our ETTA. There was, as always, no realisation that being an Island involves special problems and that a few minutes' consideration might have kept us on board.

However, our cadet boys, Robert Love, Jamie Lawson and Tom Underhay returned to the Hampshire Inter-Town League, often a happy hunting ground for your juniors. Starting in the 2nd division, they did us proud, winning both their matches 10-0. We certainly hope to give these boys a chance in the junior section next season, joined perhaps by others who are making headway in the local league.

Our first division (called "Premier" again) is more interesting, although not in the way we had hoped. Our multiple county champion Danny Burns, is injured with renewed operations on both knees and Newport Vics "A" are struggling without him, but probably not enough to affect the destination of the title. We wish Danny a speedy recovery and hopefully he will play a part when the top four go into a round robin "champions league".

There was a new "record" in our third division. Freddie Mitchell (83) played Josh Danzig (12) and I would enjoy hearing whether this age difference of 71 has been equalled or bettered elsewhere.

Our previous "record" produced a mere 63 years when Vivien Cheryman, a former English Veterans lady champion at 72 met a rising star of the day, Carl Prean aged 9.

Carl, who reports an increasing workload in the coaching field, will make a playing come-back in the British league, Darlington's irrepressible manager Keith Wilson having coaxed the former England player out of retirement for another Hurrah, hopefully not the last. As Darlington have accumulated 2 points in 8 matches with only 6 to go, they will look for a quick return to form and the required climb up the table. With Terry Young and Gareth Herbert also on view together with England's masterful cadets, it looks a better show than for many years.

NORFOLK

by Ray Hogg

I HAVE just about given up on finding any news worth writing about when listening to Radio Norfolk on New Year's Eve I hear the name EDNA FLETCHER M.B.E., an award richly deserved and long overdue. She has been in table tennis for some 60 years based in Great Yarmouth for whom she has played literally hundreds of times in the locality and many, many times for the County. Now in her 80th year still playing and keeping the Yarmouth Committee in order as President.

Went to see the VETTS Eastern at the SportsPark U.A.E. to see some of the friends made over the years. Many local players were present - pity they do not support the local tournaments as well. Men's doubles over 50 Steve Howlett and Dave Henderson won it and all the players I have spoken to thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to December 2005. I missed Sue and Phil Gower though.

Looking through the ETTA list of leagues registered puts Norwich at joint second with Reading on 76 teams. Ten years ago there were twice that.

NORTHUMBERLAND

by Pauline Long

LOCAL players did well at the recent Butterfly Grand Prix Newcastle Open Tournament, which was partly sponsored by Newcastle City Council and held at Eldon Leisure Centre over the weekend of 9th -10th October.

Full results will have been published elsewhere in the magazine, but it is worth recording that top veteran Dave Godbold and Rod Roberts were winners of the men's Band 1 and Band 6 singles respectively.

Eddie Smith was runner-up to top seed Gergely Urban (Herts.) in the men's singles, while Geoff Salter, after ousting Godbold in the semi-final, was eventually runner-up in the veteran men's singles to Ian McLean (Norfolk). Pauline Long, although denied a chance to compete in the veteran women's singles due to lack of entries, was runner-up in the women's Band 3 singles group to Lorna Harper (Cheshire).

The following weekend, the senior County team of Smith, Godbold, Andrew Wilkinson, Caron Guthrie and Karen Henry narrowly failed - for the third successive year - in their attempt to regain Division 1A status.

They again finished as runners-up in their series of Division 2a matches at Leamington Spa, only losing 4 - 6 to eventual champions Cleveland.

OBITUARIES

Bill Hodgkins 21/9/24 - 3/10/04

Bill Hodgkins died peacefully on Sunday 3rd October, almost two weeks after his 80th birthday at Beresford Lodge Retirement Home, Seaton Sluice, where he had been a resident for some time.

Bill, a widower, was employed by what is now the Department of Work and Pensions in Newcastle, and was an extremely accomplished table tennis player for their club until he stopped playing only five years ago.

His other interests were bowls and he was also a very talented pianist. Until a few years ago he was a regular spectator at HASSRA National Championships and some veteran County Matches. If the hotel had a piano, you could guarantee that Bill would be there to entertain us all with an impromptu music session.

Unfortunately he became gradually less active and a fall in August resulting in a broken hip proved to be the beginning of the end for him.

Our sympathies are extended to his sons, John and Michael and Michael's wife Anne in their sad loss.

May he rest in peace.

Ronnie Bell

A minute's silence was observed at the monthly County Board of Directors' meeting for fellow Board member Ronnie Bell, who had died suddenly during the previous weekend of 30th-31st October. Ronnie, who had played for various clubs over the years, lastly at Cramlington, died from a heart attack at the tragically early age of 49 and the thoughts of all County and League players and officials are with his family at this time. May he rest in peace.

SERIOUS INJURY

County No.2 veteran Malcolm Lusk sustained a serious Achilles tendon injury while playing in a League match for his club North Shields YMCA and will be out of action for some months. As a result, "Benny" Robertson returned to join the County team of Dave Godbold, Geoff Salter, Caron Guthrie (on debut), Christine Robinson and travelling reserve Rob Dodds for the first veteran Premier Division weekend at Halifax on 6th-7th November.

They overcame this adversity superbly by beating both Lancashire and Sussex 6-4 and only lost 3-7 to Cheshire. Dave and "Benny" each won three singles, and Geoff and Caron two, with Caron scoring a notable victory over Lancashire's Brenda Buoey. In addition, they took three men's doubles and two mixed doubles to put themselves in a good position for the second weekend in mid-April.

The junior County team travelled to Grantham for their first series of Division 3B matches. The team of new No. 1 Andrew Dryden (North Shields YMCA), Adam McCormack, Kevin Watson (both Cramlington) and Sinceing Ngai (Ashington) had to make the journey without a second girl but fought hard to win one match 6-4. Unfortunately they lost the remaining three by 4-6, 3-7, and 1-9.

The Northumbria League season was at the time of writing about to enter the last month before the Christmas and New Year break, and was due to resume on 10th January. Current leaders are:

Premier Division: Birtley "A"
Division 1: College Street "B"
Division 2: DWP "B"
Division 3: Old England Crocks
Division 4: North Shields YMCA "F"

OXFORDSHIRE

by Karl Bushell

COUNTY MATCHES

Junior Team

The junior team travelled to Surrey to play three matches and returned home with four points.

Results:

Oxfordshire 6 v Avon 4
Oxfordshire 7 v Berkshire 3
Middlesex 6 v Oxfordshire 4

As usual Laura Gubbins and Laurel Christer played well to win the majority of their girl's matches.

For the boys Sam Clark, Adam Wells and Joe Cheong played their part in what is likely to be a very competitive division.

Veterans Results:

1st team

Oxfordshire 2 v Yorkshire 8
Oxfordshire 7 v Worcestershire 3
Oxfordshire 5 v Yorkshire 2nds 5

A good start. Three points from the first set of matches. After losing to a strong Yorkshire team, a victory over a new look Worcestershire was well earned and followed up by a battling draw.

Karl Bushell led the way with 5/6 singles and 5/6 doubles but was well supported by Nat Richardson, Eddie Herrity and Janet Brown.

2nd Team

Oxfordshire 6 Middlesex 4
Oxfordshire 3 Sussex 7

A new look team returned from Ashford with two points. Debutant Jeff Rigby showed his class with 4/4 singles victories and is making himself a strong contender for the 1st team.

However with the match score at 5-4 in Oxon's favour the mixed doubles in the Middlesex match turned out to be a classic. Trailing 10-6 in the deciding game, Jan Curtis and Andy Missledine won the next six points to secure victory and a valuable extra point.

Despite Jeff's efforts Sussex proved too strong in depth for Oxfordshire.

British League

Oxfordshire's British league teams continue to perform with distinction.

1st Team

With two wins and two draws from the last set of matches Oxford Fireplace Centre have now amassed 10 point and are fourth in their group. Pride of place must go to Glen Freeman deputising as a substitute. Glen won 4/8 of his matches including two victories against league leaders Bedford. His victories included the straight sets defeat of veteran star Dave Welsman.

Mark News had a great weekend with 7/8 victories and is back to his best. Karl Bushell and Ian Packford continue to play their part.

2nd Team

The second team are well placed towards the top of their division and have a good chance of promotion. Earl Sweeney, Craig Campbell, Andrew Packford and Peter Dasher form a strong quartet and will be competitive until the final point.

Local leagues

Oxford

Champions Kidlington Forum A are clear leaders of the top division with a strong quartet of Karl Bushell, Andrew Flint, Greg Boone and Fraser Harris.

Didcot

This season is the most competitive of all with both teams from Abingdon and Oxford Fireplace leading the way. At the half way stage, it is Abingdon A in poll position with Fireplace B and Fireplace A in close attendance. It is likely that the next three matches between these teams will decide the title.

Midland league

Oxford's senior team have secured 3/3 victories against Leicester 10-0, Leamington Spa 6-4,

Gloucester 9-1

The team of Karl Bushell, Andrew Flint, Mark News and Andy Missledine still have three tough matches to come but currently sit top of the table.

SHROPSHIRE

by Terry Ridgway

SHREWSBURY LEAGUE

Premier Division

Pontesbury A lead Shrewsbury's top division by a narrow margin at the Christmas break, Darrell Corfield, Paul Corfield and Top Shropshire veteran Rob Mansfield started the season as title favourites but are being pushed hard by challengers and former champs Cricket Club A, who have Rod France, Matt Croft and Brian Bevan playing well and desperately wanting to retain the silverware, Cricket Club B are also in the title race and could be in the battle for their first ever winners trophy. The battle to stay in the top division looks interesting as Legion, Railways A, Pontesbury B and Cricket club D are all on 19 points at the foot of the table.

Division One

Pontesbury C (who have a returning to form John Lumley in their squad) lead by a single point from Rushbury A with Unison B and the experienced Hospitals second team pushing the leaders with every match, this race seems too close to call at the moment but with crucial matches to play after the holiday break there may very well emerge a title favourite in the coming weeks.

Telford Division One

Albrighton A's squad of Tony Akeroyd, Dave Elkin, Pete Fowell and super sub Dave McKnight are the runaway leader in Telford's top league and look unstoppable, it may well be that they finish the entire season unbeaten. The runner-up trophy currently rests in the hands of Bridgnorth A and they intend to retain it this season having added top Shropshire junior Billy Pegg and Mark Jones to their squad, Albrighton B, Industrial Bearings, Abbey A and a very hard working Broseley A could be putting pressure on the top sides in the coming weeks.

Leading Averages:

Played	Won
Tony Akeroyd	18 18
Terry Ridgway	15 15
Pete Fowell	18 15
Dave Elkin	18 14
John Holding	18 14
Peter Collins	15 13
Rob Davies	15 12

Telford's Division Two

Owens Tv are the only other unbeaten side in Telford, the Oakengates based trio of Morris, Blud and Hunt have an unbeaten nine out of nine at the break but Mathesons B and the two promoted Abbey sides are all in the promotion mix.

County Veterans

With both sides in a very tough Division this year it seems that the aim would be to 'Consolidate' position, the first team have two wins so far (against Glamorgan and Gloucestershire) but the seconds side of Mike Dudley, Rob Mansfield, Jane Bevan and Malcolm Langford are still searching for their elusive first victory, the highly competitive 1st v 2nds game is imminent and could be the start of a winning run for the experienced and friendly seconds squad. A welcome to three new players for the over 40's ranks as county No1 Tony Akeroyd, Oswestry's highly rated Brian Rainford and John Holding either have or are expecting to make their debuts in the next series of matches.

SOMERSET

by Margaret Mead

MULTI-TALENTED Somerset Youngsters enter



SOMERSET'S ALISTAIR FENTON

National Ranking lists.

Jamie Hutchinson has entered the Boys U15 Cadets at No.91. He has been an important member of the County Cadet team over the last couple of years. He has always achieved good results in County Tournaments and won the Junior event last year. Jamie will soon be appearing in a BBC series called Patrick's Planet on Television as he took time out from training for professional acting. As well as drama he competes in cricket and football, although Table Tennis is his favourite.

Amy Cleaveley has entered at No.92 in the Girls U15 Cadets. Amy has been a regular player on Mondays at Chilton gym and on Sundays and Thursdays at the East Bridgwater Club run by Dave Bennett. Amy also plays in the Bridgwater League playing for the Chilton Yetties and the Taunton League for Rollercoaster B. This ranking is quite an achievement for Amy as she has a busy life taking part in ACTS Theatre group, is active in a Trampoline Club, and also finds time to take part Netball, Hockey and Basketball for East Bridgwater School.

Rebecca Seal is still at Primary school and entered the National Rankings at No.21 in the Girls U13. She performed extremely well at the Preliminary trials and Regional Trials and will be at the Crystal Palace Junior Masters. She was also chosen to represent Somerset in the County Cadet Team, which went to Grantham last month, winning 5 out of 8 games. Rebecca is also a keen swimmer and an active member of the Bridgwater Swimming Club. She is also a member of a squash club.

Alistair Fenton has entered the Boys U15 Cadets at No.156. Alistair attends Millfield School and his main sport is tennis. In Tennis he is in the top 20 Nationally for his age group, but enjoys playing Table Tennis when he has time.

SURREY

by Chris Andrews

THE new season now well underway, but with only 24 teams competing, gone are the days when Croydon had two separate leagues and six divisions in each, we do not know why the game is in decline, at least it is a world-wide problem.

Our first division is headed by 'Forrester's A' twelve points ahead of Eldon 'AA', last year's champions, 'Wickham Park' withdrew their 'A' team at the start of the season through a club



SHROPSHIRE'S 1st Veteran Team: (l.to r.) DAVE ELKIN, WENDY BAGGOTT, ROD FRANCE and TERRY RIDGEWAY

disagreement, a great pity for any club: Tony Bostic, Monks Hill 'B' heads the averages but has only played three games, Forresters 'A' Delroy Anglin is in second place with 93.33 wins followed closely by John Dugate (Eldon 'A') with 91.67 wins.

A close position in division two between 'Woodmanstern A' and Wickham 'C' six points being the difference, no 100% averages but Michell McGovern had achieved 88.89 wins on behalf of Woodstern 'A' team: Monks Hill 'C' and Wickham 'D' are struggling at the bottom of the table.

In division three, Wickham Park 'E' are romping ahead with a thirteen point lead after only five games, Monks Hill 'D' in second place are only one point ahead of Woodmanstern 'C': the averages table is topped by Robert Streeter of Eldon 'D' team with 100% wins followed by the youngest player in the league Adam Sandhu of Monks Hill 'F': in this division Monks Hill have three teams, most unusual.

SUSSEX

by John Woodford

AFTER being relegated the season before last and promoted last April to the premier division of the county championships, Sussex are back on top of the table after victories against Essex, Leicestershire and Durham at Crippenham.

Rose Rainton, seven times the county titleholder regained her best form to win all five games she played. Sussex captain Ritchie Venner is fairly confident that Sussex can win the championship, especially if Sally Weston is fit by April 2, the date of the final session. Nigel Eckersley's position at No.3 for Sussex, behind Venner and Adrian Moore is a real asset - players have to raise their game to stop Nigel.

One of the best performances ever in the Veterans British League came from ETTA Chief Executive Richard Yule who has moved up from 11 to 7 in the national list after bringing down five players ranked above - John Hilton (No.1), Joe Kennedy (No.3), Paul Giles (No.4), Brian Johns (No.6) and Keith Williams (No.8).

But Richard's team Lyncrest are still rooted to the bottom places in the division as his team-mates did not prosper.

I have to struggle to find Sussex juniors on the national lists. The best I have turned up is Sarah Russo (Heathfield) at No.5 on the Under-13 Girls ratings with Chelsea Furnival (Hastings) at No.18.

The Cadet boys list shows our best as Stephen Denman at No.38. On the Cadet girls list we have Sally Hughes (Worthing) at 23.

Beyond the hundred mark on the junior boys ratings I find James Rivers, Liam Vine and Stephen Denman. James Winchester stands on 144.

Last but not least on the junior girls standings we have two Hastings girls - Lisa Standen at 40 and Stacey Furnival at 43.

WARWICKSHIRE

by Caroline Williams

THE November Leamington Free Church Tournament was held as usual at Sydenham Sports Centre, Leamington Spa with the following results (runners-up in brackets):

Seniors: Chris Doran (Paul Leck); consolation Pete Dasher (Andrew Meredith).

Juniors: Alan Caffery (Matthew Carter); consolation: Stephen Moore (Tom Crellin).

Cadets: Jamie Morgan (Stephen Jameson);

consolation: Mark Sheppard (Daniel Tune)

Under 13: Adam Nutland (Jordan Lee); consolation: Matthew Raynor (Matthew Preece)

Grade A: results not available.

Grade B: Alan Caffery (Edward Freeman);

consolation: Brian Sanderson (Stephen Jameson). Grade C: Scott Tune (Jamie Morgan); consolation Stephen Moore (Sam Benwell).

Improvers: Jordan Lee (Chris Blowey); consolation: Ricky Fell (Tom Crellin)

Beginners: Adam Nutland (Matthew Preece); consolation: Matthew Raynor (Joe Surbet).

In the Heart of England Cadet League Leamington beat Rugby B 6-4 (helped as Rugby were one short), but then lost to Rugby C 6-4 with Steve Johnson holding his three and Phil Blowey one. The Leamington trio then went down 10-0 to a strong Nuneaton 'A' team.

With all 10 teams now having played six matches, Birmingham A are in the lead with 12 points, having won all their matches, but are closely followed by Kidderminster who have 10 points.

Evesham, Nuneaton A and Rugby A are 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively with 8 points each. Next come three sides with 4 points - Birmingham B, Rugby B and Leamington. Rugby C have 2 points and lastly Nuneaton B have still to get off the ground.

Leading the averages table are Alan Caffrey, Andy Bryant, Tristan Gretton and Jamie Morgan who are all on 100%.

In Division 2C of the Senior County Championships, played at Warwick in December, Cambridgeshire were promoted by the thinnest of margins. They won 4 matches and drew the fifth whilst Warwickshire won three and drew two. The crucial match was between the two which had ended in a draw.

In Midland League Veteran division 1 Leamington picked up a 5-5 draw against two-man Kidderminster. In division 5 Leamington B won their first match against Nuneaton 6-4. In the Junior League Coventry played Leamington in December and Coventry went down 7-3 to a strong Spa side.

In the Alec Brook Veteran National Team knockout competition, Leamington fell at the first hurdle, going down in the group stage. They lost 5-0 to Liverpool, who are the holders, and were also edged out 5-4 by Nottingham, who last time reached the last four. Liverpool also beat Nottingham 5-2 but both go through as group winners and runners-up respectively.

WORCESTERSHIRE

by Ken Walton

ALWAYS nice to start the New Year with good news, and I have Ray Dixon to thank for this specific piece! Ray defeated the 'legendary' Herbert Neubauer 11-9 in the fifth at the East of England veterans event in November, after the Doctor had swept the board in the 40's and 50's.

More pleasing to Ray he said (honestly) was then beating ace rival and master defenceman Roy Norton in the semis of the over 60's. Unfortunately for Ray, he then lost in the final to Brian Hill, but an excellent set of results nevertheless.

Steve Horton's veteran 1sts competed in the first of 2 weekends at the excellent Milton Keynes Table Tennis Centre, and produced great wins over South Yorkshire (6-4), and Hertfordshire 1sts (8-2).

Disappointment came in the form of an "unexpected" defeat to hosts Oxfordshire, but overall Steve, ably supported by Ken Walton, Pat McCabe, and the unbeaten and excellent Jill Harris, can look forward with confidence to the second event in Halifax at the latter end of January 2005.

The Senior 1sts won 7-3 at Avon with Lewis Siket playing well. Disappointing to see that Team Secretary Eric Hardman couldn't find a third player from the 20 plus male ranked players to make up the team, before a late replacement came into the side!

At the West Midlands Regional Trials involving our Cadet and Junior players, we had mixed results. Jack Higgs and Tristan Gretton in the Cadet boys, and Katie Sellick in the Junior Girls each qualified for the Masters events to be held in April, with other participants notching good 'scalps' and performing admirably along the way.

In the first of 2 County League weekends held at Evesham High School, Malvern and Worcester remained unbeaten, and jointly share top spot after the matches played.

The two are scheduled to play each other in the last fixture in January, and it's likely that this will be the deciding game, although third placed Bromsgrove could have a say in the matter, when they take on Malvern, also in January.

YORKSHIRE

by Barry Snowden

White Rose Affairs

THE inter town Yorkshire League fixtures are now in full swing and despite the sad fact that there is insufficient interest to warrant a mens division there seems to be no shortage of players wishing to represent their town or city at veteran or the younger end of the spectrum.

As previously reported the first teams of Huddersfield and Bradford lead the way in the veterans first division after the first round of matches at Halifax in October but the second and third divisions still play their matches on one match per month and after the first four rounds of matches both divisions are equally as tight.

The second division, already has no team with a 100% record even at this early stage and sees Hull No 2 top the league with three wins and one draw from their four starts, one point ahead of York No 1 who will be hoping to bounce straight back after being relegated last term.

Bradford No 2 are a further point adrift of York followed by Huddersfield No 2 and York No 2 who both have a game in hand on the three sides above them so 2005 will be eagerly awaited by all teams in this division.

In the ten team veterans third division, all teams have played three matches in the first four rounds of fixtures with Wakefield No 2 boasting the only 100% record. They are one point and only one set ahead of Wakefield No 3 who themselves have not lost in their three matches so far.

Moving along to the younger players in the county, the first round of the cadets second division was played at Halifax just before Christmas as Hull No 2 opened up a two point lead over Castleford and Pontefract and significantly they have a victory over the second place side as well as a win over third placed Hull No 3.

The last three places in this six team division are held by the fourth, fifth and sixth teams from east coast resort team Scarborough who although they are off the pace in this division will all benefit from the experience of playing competitive inter town competition and confirms what a sterling effort is being made in the development of youngsters in the area.

The first round of junior matches were also played at Halifax on the same day with York leading the way after the first three matches with a 100% record including wins over home side Halifax and a thrilling 5-4 victory over Scarborough.

Doncaster seem to be the remaining obstacle in the way of York when the division is completed at the Hull YPI in March but unless Doncaster can find any support for the talented Damien Piper the smart money will be on the Minster city to take the league.



ETTA NATIONAL RANKING LIST

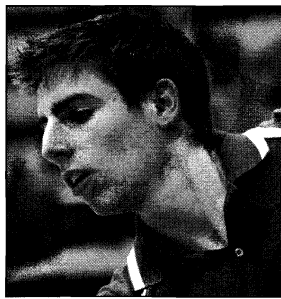
TOP OF THE TABLE

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Senior Men

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 COOKE, Alan (DY.)	5049*	
(3)	2 PERRY, Alex (DY.)	4817	
(4)	3 HERBERT, Gareth (BK.)	4699	
(5)	4 YOUNG, Terry (BK.)	4657	
(7)	5 RUSHTON, Andrew (LA.)	4588	
(6)	6 BILLINGTON, Bradley (DY.)	4583****	
(1)	7 DRINKHALL, Paul (CY.)	4369	
(11)	8 BRYANT, Craig (DY.)	4164	
(16)	9 YARNALL, Tim (NP.)	4132	
(2)	10 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4120	
(12)	11 TAYLOR, Jonathan (LA.)	4111	
(14)	12 HOLLAND, John (DY.) (E.)	4108	
(18)	13 DRINKHALL, Bryn (CY.)	4105	
(19)	14 HILTON, John (CH.)	3981	
(21)	15 KENNY, Mathew (Y.)	3960	
(20)	16 DONG, Da Qin (K.)	3911	
(23)	17 BLAKE, Darren (SY.)	3872	
(22)	18 WURAOA, Abdul (SY.)	3858	
(24)	19 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	3807	
(26)	20 VENNER, Richie (SX.)	3799	
(27)	21 CLEMINSOY, Peter (E.)	3781	
(25)	22 LEE, Chi Huan (HE.)	3774	
(5)	23 MEADS, David (DU.)	3759	
(29)	24 SMITH, Eddie (ND.)	3759	
(31)	25 JAMES, Michael (Y.)	3731	
(30)	26 BAKER, Gregory (ST.)	3726	
(32)	27 DOLDER, Kevin (LA.)	3722	
(3)	28 EVANS, Bradley (BU.) (NG.)	3716	
(35)	29 MARSDEM, Michael (DU.)	3682	
(36)	30 BAILEY, Steven (CY.)	3669	
(34)	31 ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SX.)	3656	
(44)	32 WHITING, Paul (DY.)	3655	
(38)	33 ATKINSON, David (CA.)	3647	
(40)	34 PYE, Leeroy (NK.)	3641	
(39)	35 WILKINSON, Andrew (ND.)	3638**	
(45)	36 PAPANTONIOU, Costas (ML)	3633	
(48)	37 PITTAS, George (NG.)	3632.1	
(43)	38 CHARLES, Neil (MI.)	3614	
(49)	39 ROSENTHAL, Louis (CH.)	3612	
(40)	40 SATCHELL, Kevin (WI.)	3603	
(51)	41 ROGERS, Chris (LE.)	3601	
(46)	42 BEERLING, Stephen (K.)	3590	
(57)	43 TENDLER, Gary (E.)	3560	
(37)	44 MOORE, Adrian (K.)	3555	
(54)	45 KENNEDY, Joe (K.) (E.)	3554**	
(55)	46 CUTLER, Tom (MI.)	3541	
(52)	47 GDBOLD, David (DU.)	3537**	
(53)	48 BARR, David (BK.)	3528	
(59)	49 MARPLES, Shaun (DY.)	3485	
(58)	50 HORSFIELD, Andrew (YS)(Y.)	3482	
(61)	51 JOHNS, Brian (CH.)	3465***	
(68)	52 CARTH, Clive (E.)	3461	
(62)	53 STAINES, Matthew (E.)	3456*	
(63)	54 GASCOYNE, Craig (NG.)	3443*	
(71)	55 WALSH, Jimmy (HE.)	3439	
(60)	56 WHITEMAN, James (DY.)	3435	
(64)	57 GREGORY, Christopher (SP.)	3435**	
(6)	58 REED, Daniel (CY.)	3432	
(74)	59 GRIFFIN, Darren (GS.)	3424	
(66)	60 NOUTH, Simon (Y.)	3421	
(67)	61 SMITH, Richard A (Y.)	3419	
(65)	62 HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3418	
(83)	63 MAUTHOOR, Umayr (E.)	3414	
(69)	64 NEIL, Lee (NG.)	3407	
(80)	65 ADAMS, Martin (BK.)	3402	
(79)	66 HORSFIELD, Stephen (YS.)	3392	
(78)	67 WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.)	3362	
(72)	68 BARTRAM, Peter (SX.)	3362	
(81)	69 HALEY, Terry (SY.)	3360	
(75)	70 LIGHTOWLER, Richard (Y.)	3357	
(77)	71 CARTER, Paul (SY.)	3332	
(98)	72 KERRY, Trevor (NG.)	3331	
(76)	73 DENNY, Stephen (Y.)	3315	
(82)	74 ROOFE, Eddie (WI.)	3314	
(106)	75 BROWN, Christopher (CO.)	3307	
(86)	76 BARATY, Eli (MI.)	3306	
(99)	77 MEDELLIN, Henry (SY.)	3291	
(88)	78 HENRY, Andy (DY.)	3285**	
(104)	79 JONAH, Jerome (K.)	3276	
(92)	80 GREEN, Alex (LI.)	3274	
(89)	81 GANNON, David (LE.)	3267	
(82)	82 FESEHATSON, Daniel (MI.)	3257	
(85)	83 GREEN, Mark (NG.)	3255	
(97)	84 ROMANO, Mark (K.)	3247	
(109)	85 LEIGHTON, Andrew (DU.)	3242	
(96)	86 BUTLER, Mark (DO.)	3239	
(94)	87 CICCHELLI, Paul (SK.)	3238	



TIM YARNALL moves up to No.9 on the Senior list

(90)	88 RANKIN, John (LA.)	3230
(95)	89 COX, Philip (K.)	3218
(102)	90 WIGNALL, Andy (LI.)	3212
(113)	91 GEHLOT, Hari (BK.)	3191
(111)	92 FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3183
(105)	93 WALKER, Andy (SX.)	3182
(103)	94 SHORT, Mike (DY.)	3181
(101)	95 KATZ, Dov (MI.)	3178
(108)	96 JOHNS, Mike (CH.)	3177**
(107)	97 FROST, Adam (DY.)	3169
(110)	98 MAJITHIA, Mayur (SX.)	3155
(114)	99 DABBS, Kieron (NP.)	3151
(4)	100 EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3146
(112)	101 WRIGHT, Neil (WAL)	3145
	102 TROTT, Andrew (NP.)	3143
(122)	103 HANSELL, Robert (BU.)	3142
(181)	104 MOSS, Richard (Y.)	3137
(132)	105 RAMAGE, Jason (NG.)	3136
(115)	106 CAMPBELL, Selwyn (SY.)	3129**
(121)	107 BOULT, Jack (SK.)	3129
(117)	108 PAYNE, Clive (HA.)	3121***
(123)	109 BIGGS, Phil (Y.)	3108**
(124)	110 JAMES, Simon (CH.)	3107*
(125)	111 PAYNE, Phil (SO.)	3096**
(52)	112 CLARKE, Martyn (CV.)	3095
(118)	113 SPRACKLING, James (MI.)	3094
(114)	114 ROBSON, Dave (DU.)	3093
(120)	115 PHILIPS, Simon (SY.) (K.)	3092
(128)	116 GRAY, Martin (CA.)	3076
(129)	117 BUDDLELL, Kevin (DV.)	3075
(131)	118 JAMES, Rick (E.)	3073***
(134)	119 PUGH, Simon (Y.)	3064
	120 HALL, Dominic (K.)	3050
(135)	121 BARRY, Paul (Y.)	3050
(136)	122 TAYLOR, Scott (Y.)	3036****
(139)	123 DREDGE, Lee (DO.)	3035
(137)	124 DENNINGO, John (E.)	3032*
(140)	125 KNIGHTS, Garry (ST.)	3022***
(141)	126 COLE, David (E.)	3018***
(149)	127 BARRON, Peter (MI.)	3017
(119)	128 WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3016
(142)	129 DONOGHUE, Mark (Y.)	3013
(162)	130 KERNS, Stephen (E.)	2996
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(144)	133 WILLIAMS, David (MI.)	2989.1
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(150)	135 PACKFORD, Ian (WI.) (OX.)	2974
(145)	136 WOOD, Paul (NG.)	2969
(152)	137 COLLINS, Paul (CH.)	2967*
	138 DAVIES, Stephen (LI.)	2964
(160)	139 GRANT, Bill (YS.)	2955
(155)	140 HARPER, Mick (BD.)	2953
(158)	141 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	2953*
(8)	142 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2952
	143 BREWER, Adam (SY.)	2944
(165)	144 O'MAHONEY, Tim (WI.)	2943
(161)	145 SARGY, Phil (K.)	2943.1*
	146 PERCIVAL, Wayne (CH.)	2934
	147 HOLMAN, Derek (SY.)	2934
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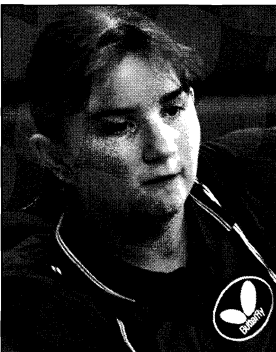
Senior Women

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(1)	1 LOWER, Helen (ST.)	4358	
(2)	2 PARKER, Joanna (SY.)	4247*	
(3)	3 SIBLEY, Kelly (WA.)	4214**	

(5)	4 BAWDEN, Natalie (E.)	4137
(4)	5 WALKER, Georgina (DY.)	4125
(7)	6 EMBLING, Abigail (E.)	3890
(9)	7 SPINK, Lauren (NK.)	3656**
(14)	8 SHEPHERD, Karen (CH.)	3442
(13)	9 WHITE, Nicola (Y.)	3426
(15)	10 SMITH, Karen (LE.)	3408
(18)	11 PEERS, Clare (ST.)	3357*
(19)	12 HARRIS, Jill (ST.)	3344****
(17)	13 CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.)	3337
(21)	14 HOWARD, Alice (CH.)	3318
(20)	15 ROBERTS, Joanna (Y.)	3313
(22)	16 WILSON, Naomi (SO.)	3292*
(29)	17 RAINTON, Rosemary (SX.)	3283
(23)	18 WESTON, Sally (SX.)	3266**
(25)	19 COHEN, Michele (SG.)	3256
(26)	20 KEAST, Lesley (LA.)	3253
(34)	21 UZAL, Shelley (E.)	3239
(24)	22 BRISTOW, Angie (K.)	3239
(27)	23 BONGERS, Jose (ST.)	3226**
(28)	24 JOHNS, Jan (CH.)	3223***
(30)	25 LLOYD, Gemma (CH.)	3194**
(31)	26 LAMBERT, Helen (DV.)	3185**
(32)	27 HARPER, Sandra (BD.)	3180
(33)	28 BALDI, Andrea (YS) (Y.)	3164*
(29)	29 WANG, Lucy (E.)	3156
(35)	30 YARDY, Hannah (E.)	3140**
(31)	31 SPARKES, Rebecca (SK.)	3127
(36)	32 WEIL, Emma (E.)	3121
	33 NARENDHAN, Aparna (MI.)	3064
(37)	34 LANGFORD, Clare (CH.)	3048
(38)	35 GRAHAM, Cherish (LA.)	3040
	36 DURHAM, Jane (CV.)	3038*
(40)	37 BUOEY, Brenda (LA.)	3034***
(43)	38 STEDMAN, Sarah (SX.)	3001
(44)	39 SEYMOUR, Tamar (OX.)	2991**
(45)	40 MORLEY, Judy (GS.)	2985
(46)	41 INGHAM, Katy (CH.)	2982**
(42)	42 MUDGE, Kim (K) (SY.)	2974
(50)	43 WILSON, Claire (DU.)	2968
(47)	44 HARRISON, Jennifer (E.)	2965**
(48)	45 JANDOVA, Ida (SY.)	2964**
(51)	46 KING, Sheila (Y.)	2962
(47)	47 PEARCE, Diane (K.)	2959**
(52)	48 HORSNELL, Sarah (MI.)	2959
(53)	49 VICKERS, Jane (DY.)	2942**
(54)	50 MAY, Elizabeth (DV.)	2928
(55)	51 CHEESMAN, Zoe (Y.)	2924*
	52 BARELLA, Jane (SY.)	2924
	53 PERRY, Lucy (DY.)	2919
	54 VAIDI, Carmen (SY.)	2909
(60)	55 COGGON, Sara (HE.)	2908
(58)	56 VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2891**
(59)	57 NOLAN, Terri-Anne (CH.)	2878**
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	59 RIDER, Andrea (Y.)	2856*
(63)	60 BROWN, Grace (E.)	2834*
(64)	61 ROBINSON, Suzanne (GS.)	2822
(65)	62 SORRENTINO, Annabelle (CH.)	2805**
(67)	63 FARUQHAR, Melanie (BK.)	2805
(66)	64 NOUTH, Sarah (Y.)	2802**
(68)	65 YARNLEY, Gemma (K.)	2800**
(69)	66 STITCH, Julie (CU.)	2799**
	67 CRICK, Lisa (BK.)	2795
(71)	68 LAING, Janice (HE.)	2792
(70)	69 MASSINGHAM, Nicola (LI.)	2768.1*
	70 SAJJU, Kaori (NI.)	2759

Junior Boys

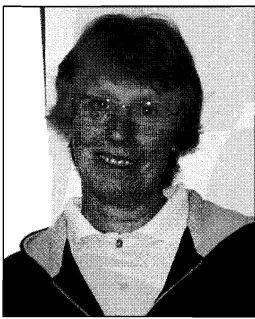
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(1)	1 DRINKHALL, Paul (CY.)	4523	
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(4)	4 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	3931**	
(6)	5 EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3687	
(6)	6 EVANS, Bradley (BU.) (NG.)	3672	
(7)	7 MEADS, David (DU.)	3620	
(9)	8 REED, Daniel (CY.)	3481	
(8)	9 MAUTHOOR, Umayr (E.)	3438**	
(10)	10 NOUTH, Simon (Y.)	3294	
(11)	11 GREGORY, Christopher (SP.)	3287**	
(13)	12 FROST, Adam (DY.)	2979	
(14)	13 LEIGHTON, Andrew (DU.)	2908	
(16)	14 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2803	
(17)	15 PAGE, Tom (CH.)	2748**	
(18)	16 BARLOW, Ben (YS.)	2672	
(17)	17 HALLING, Tony (E.)	2669	
(18)	18 LEWIS, Christopher (SY.)	2558	
(21)	19 ARMSTRONG, Marc (MI.)	2373	
(22)	20 REED, Darren (CO.)	2235	
(23)	21 ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.)	2144	
(24)	22 DEWHURST, Paul (E.)	2083*	
(25)	23 BUSH, Chris (SY.)	2076	
(26)	24 FULLWOOD, Allan (DY.)	2055	
(27)	25 WESLEY, Richard (NG.)	2023*	
(28)	26 EVANS, Hyles (NG.)	2005*	
(30)	27 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y.)	1928**	
(29)	28 BARNES, Lee (SK.)	1911	
(31)	29 CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.)	1883	
(32)	30 SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)	1838	
(33)	31 PANG, Dickson (NP.)	1807*	
(34)	32 ARROWSMITH, David (DY.)	1802	
(35)	33 REES, Daniel (E.)	1784**	
(36)	34 DODDS, Matthew (YS)	1733*	
(38)	35 MUDIE, Andrew (LI.)	1720	
(39)	36 WILSON, Andrew (CV.)	1706	
(40)	37 CRAWFORD, Jonathan (CU.)	1660**	
(41)	38 MAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1648	
(37)	39 DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1612	
(42)	40 HARRINGTON, William (K.)	1602	
(48)	41 PIPER, Damien (YS.)	1578	
(43)	42 NICHOLLS, Russell (SP.)	1574	
(44)	43 MUDIE, Stewart (LI.)	1548	
(46)	44 BRAY, Thomas (LA.)	1496**	
(47)	45 CLOSE, Christopher (DU.)	1486	
(45)	46 GRADWELL, Andrew (SP.)	1483	
(49)	47 TAYLOR, Jonathan J (CH.)	1426**	
(50)	48 HIRJI, Alim (MI.)	1407	
(51)	49 WARE, Mathew (DO.)	1343	
(52)	50 BROWN, Edward (E.)	1335**	
(64)	51 PERRY, Sam (DY.)	1329	
(56)	52 WRIGHT, Anthony (CY.)	1316	
(55)	53 WILKINSON, Philip (LA.)	1309**	
(53)	54 GILLI, Adam (NK.)	1309	
(54)	55 SKIPP, Nicholas (CY.)	1307	
(58)	56 MARSHALL, Richard (DV.)	1291**	



NATALIE BAWDEN is at No.4 on the Womens list

(71)	JOHNSON, Susan (BK.)	2755
(75)	72 SHALER, Eileen (LE.)	2739**
(76)	73 ECKERSLEY, Carol (SX.)	2735
(77)	74 MCEVOY, Denise (CH.)	2732**
(73)	75 HOLMES, Sarah (SY.)	2728
(78)	76 BENTLEY, Ruth (NG.)	2720*
(79)	77 SMITH, Rachel (BK.)	2712.1**
	78 DAWSON, Marjorie (E.)	2695
(80)	79 STRAWSON, Jane (LI.)	2690**
(81)	80 RADFORD, Lisa (DV.)	2679*
(82)	81 HOWARD, Clara (CH.)	2666***
(83)	82 GUTHRIE, Caron (ND.)	2656**
(84)	83 REID, Lynda (WO.)	2654***
(86)	84 DARE, Lindsey (HE.)	2639**
(87)	85 STEEL, Pauline (SX.)	2636**
(88)	86 MITCHELL, Sharon (BK.)	2636**
(89)	87 EMPERSON, Clair (SK.)	2629
(85)	88 GRAY, Victoria (SK.)	2623
(90)	89 COX, Jody (LI.)	2618**
(91)	90 PERKS, Sarah (NG.)	2597
(92)	91 BARNARD, Kimberley (LA.)	2577**
(93)	92 DARK, Shirley (SO.)	2573**
(94)	93 HUGHES, Kate (WO.)	2565**
(98		

(24)	23	DAVIS, Stella (GS.)	2013*
(25)	24	LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	2003
(27)	25	REES, Bethany (E.)	1913*
(28)	26	O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DY.)	1829
(29)	27	LIGHTOWLER, Katie (Y.)	1778*
(30)	28	STEEPLES, Susie (LL.)	1733
(32)	29	LINZ, Caroline (BU) (SY.)	1658
(33)	30	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	1517
(34)	31	SKEGGS, Kelly (E.)	1451*
(35)	32	HOWE, Claire (SO.)	1445**
(37)	33	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1375
(38)	34	POTJEWYD, Frances (SO.)	1352*
(39)	35	PINNELL, Amanda (ST.)	1330
(41)	36	CUNNINGHAM, Jeana (YS.)	1256
(40)	37	STANDEN, Lisa (SX.)	1241
(42)	38	DUNMALL, Chloe (K.)	1238
(43)	39	FURNIVAL, Stacey (SX.)	1238
(44)	40	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1115
(45)	41	ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	1089
(46)	42	HUBBARD, Sarah (K.)	976
(48)	43	WALDEN, Kelly-Jayne (WA.)	937
(47)	44	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	915
(49)	45	CRAWFORD, Helen (CU.)	911**
(50)	46	LOVE, Felicity (E.)	883*
(54)	47	DOBSON, Jenny (HA.)	862
(51)	48	TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	844*
(52)	49	RULE, Katie (BU.)	834****
(53)	50	WILKINSON, Hayley (LA.)	833*
(55)	51	SHADBOLT, Lisa (SY.)	802**
(56)	52	MCCORMICK, Samantha (DU.)	798
(57)	53	CURRIE, Francesca (Y.)	778
(58)	54	MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	753
(61)	55	MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	706
(60)	56	STUBBINGS, Holly (SK.)	664
(59)	57	TRIMNELL, Jessica (SY.)	662**
(66)	58	YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	617
(62)	59	PICH, Lynsey (CH.)	612**
(63)	60	PINNELL, Emily (ST.)	612
(64)	61	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	582
(72)	62	HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	561
(81)	63	SPARREY, Jodie (ML.)	561
(68)	64	ARROWSMITH, Kathryn (DY.)	548
(67)	65	CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.)	541
(65)	66	HAYES, Catherine (DY.)	535
(69)	67	WOODLAND, Alison (SX.)	504
(74)	68	BROWN, Nicola (E.)	499
(71)	69	YIP, Rebecca (LA.)	497*
(70)	70	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	493**
(73)	71	SMITH, Amanda (ML.)	485**
(92)	72	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	469
(77)	73	GUBBINS, Laura (OX.)	465
(75)	74	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	464
(76)	75	JONES, Dominique (LL.)	456



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(11)	11	ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	1089
(12)	12	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	915
(13)	13	TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	844*
(14)	14	RULE, Katie (BU.)	834****
(15)	15	MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	753
(17)	16	MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	706
(16)	17	STUBBINGS, Holly (SK.)	664
(20)	18	YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	617
(19)	19	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	582
(23)	20	HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	561
(21)	21	CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.)	541
(19)	22	HAYES, Catherine (DY.)	535
(24)	23	BROWN, Nicola (E.)	499
(22)	24	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	493**
(33)	25	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	469

Under 13 Boys

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3687
(2)	2	MCBEATH, David (HA.)	1046
(3)	3	DAYBELL, Kim (YS.)	984
(4)	4	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)	775
(5)	5	SELFRIDGE, Oscar (E.)	681
(6)	6	NAYLOR, Mark (DY.)	563
(7)	7	CULLEN, Sean (DY.)	503
(8)	8	YOUNG, George (DY.)	458
(13)	9	ANDREWS, Richard (BK.)	415
(10)	10	MITCHELL, Edward (BU.)	392
(9)	11	JAMIESON, Lloyd (HA.)	390*
(11)	12	LOWE, Daniel (DY.)	371
(14)	13	BARELLA, Graeme (DU.)	362
(16)	14	DRAGOLJVIC, Milan (GS.)	353
(15)	15	BRUCE, Matthew (BU.)	340
(12)	16	CRITCHON, Stuart (CU.)	307
(17)	17	CRAWFORD, Scott (CU.)	278
(19)	18	GRAY, Lewis (K.)	271
(18)	19	NEEDHAM, Finn (Y.)	243**
(23)	20	DUNCAN, Toby (BU.)	242
(29)	21	JOHNSON, Mark (YS.)	242
(20)	22	SIMPSON, Michael (DY.)	240
(21)	23	LEE, Andrew (E.)	236
(30)	24	MULLEY, Matthew (E.)	227
25	25	HO, Ping (ML.)	226

Under 13 Girls

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	915
(2)	2	RULE, Katie (BU.)	834****
(3)	3	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	582
(4)	4	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	493**
(10)	5	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	469
(5)	6	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	464
(6)	7	JONES, Dominique (LL.)	456
(9)	8	POTTS, Haylee (HE.)	396
(8)	9	LEFEVRE, Kathrine (CY.)	363
(7)	10	MCFEED, Laura (DY.)	358
(13)	11	MARCH, Rebekah (E.)	332
(12)	12	TOVEY, Emma (K.)	324
(11)	13	LEFEVRE, Karina (CY.)	320
(15)	14	DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.)	285
(18)	15	FURNIVAL, Chelsea (SX.)	282
(16)	16	BREWING, Hannah (LL.)	266****
(14)	17	AIREY, Charlotte (NG.)	243
(17)	18	FARQUHAR, Rachel (BK.)	238
(19)	19	GREENER, Emily (DU.)	223
(24)	20	SUNDARARAJAN, Ayonija (BK.)	206
(22)	21	SEAL, Rebecca (SO.)	205
(29)	22	PARFITT, Lauren (CY.)	203
(25)	23	WILSON, Kirsty (K.)	184
(20)	24	ANSLOW, Rachael (E.)	164
(21)	25	TREVORROW, Rachel (CO.)	155

Cadet Boys

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	DRINKHALL, Paul (CV.)	4523
(2)	2	KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4435
(3)	3	EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3687
(4)	4	NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2803
(5)	5	REED, Darren (CO.)	2235
(6)	6	ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.)	2144
(7)	7	EVANS, Myles (NG.)	2005*
(8)	8	CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.)	1883
(9)	9	SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)	1838
(10)	10	DODDS, Matthew (YS.)	1733
(12)	11	HAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1648
(11)	12	DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1612
(14)	13	PIPER, Damien (YS.)	1578
(13)	14	MUDIE, Stewart (LL.)	1548
(15)	15	HIRJI, Alim (ML.)	1407
(16)	16	WARE, Matthew (DO.)	1343
(17)	17	WRIGHT, Anthony (CY.)	1316
(18)	18	MARSHALL, Richard (DY.)	1291*
(20)	19	JOHNSON, Paul (LL.)	1174
(19)	20	LOVETT, Joshua (E.)	1137*
(21)	21	DEVILLE, Billy (E.)	1071
(22)	22	MCBEATH, David (HA.)	1046
(25)	23	DAYBELL, Kim (YS.)	984
(24)	24	RYDER, Adam (SY.)	978
(23)	25	BARKER, Mitchell (CH.)	970****
(26)	26	SMITH, Christopher A L (DY.)	895*
(27)	27	MAYNARD, Tom (BK.)	865
(31)	28	DUNN, Joe (YS.)	798
(28)	29	BLEAKLEY, Joshua (LA.)	794
(30)	30	KEARNEY, Alex (SG.)	786*
(29)	31	TREVORROW, Matthew (CO.)	786
(34)	32	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)	775
(35)	33	MCHILLAN, Robert (SY.)	775
(32)	34	COLLINS, Ryan (SK.)	746
(40)	35	KINLOCKE, Garth (HA.)	743

Cadet Girls

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	SPRINGTHORPE, Lauren (LL.)	3819*
(2)	2	WANG, Sarra (E.)	2635
(3)	3	VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2496
(4)	4	JAMIESON, Rachel (E.)	2237
(5)	5	HALLOWAY, Caroline (CH.)	2123
(6)	6	LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	2003
(7)	7	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	1517
(8)	8	DENNETT, Fiona (CH.)	1429*
(9)	9	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1375
(10)	10	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1115

Veteran Men

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	HILTON, John (CH.)	3756
(3)	2	WHITING, Paul (DY.)	3695*
(2)	3	KENNEDY, Joe (K) (E.)	3690
(4)	4	GILES, Paul (CO.)	3686*
(5)	5	ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SX.)	3681
(6)	6	PAPANTONIOU, Costas (ML.)	3615*
(8)	7	WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.)	3595
(9)	8	JOHNS, Brian (CH.)	3583
(10)	9	ROGERS, Chris (LE.)	3575*

(11)	10	GODBOLD, David (DU.)	3554*
(12)	11	BARR, David (BK.)	3514**
(13)	12	HITCHINGS, Paul (LA.)	3488*
(15)	13	SATCHEL, Kevin (WI.)	3475
(14)	14	CARTHY, Clive (E.)	3467*
(16)	15	HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3449*
(17)	16	BEADSLAY, Kevin (Y.)	3429
(18)	17	GELEDER, Tony (DU.)	3419*
(19)	18	GIRDLER, Ian (SY.)	3416
(21)	19	HALEY, Terry (SY.)	3339
(22)	20	KERRY, Trevor (NG.)	3301
(23)	21	GANNON, David (LE.)	3287*
(25)	22	SHORT, Mike (DY.)	3272*
(26)	23	MEDELLIN, Henry (SY.)	3272*
(28)	24	ROBSON, Dave (DU.)	3268*
(29)	25	BARTRAM, Peter (SX.)	3267*
(27)	26	FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3257
(24)	27	CLAYTON, Tony (DO.)	3250
(32)	28	WIGNALL, Andy (LI.)	3238
(33)	29	GRAY, Dicon (K.)	3228*
(34)	30	ROMANO, Mark (K.)	3226*
(36)	31	LUSK, Malcolm (ND.)	3202**
(38)	32	JOHNS, Mike (CH.)	3201**
(35)	33	PAYNE, Neil (Y.)	3200
(31)	34	ROOFE, Eddie (WI.)	3190
(39)	35	HACKING, David (SY.)	3188*
(40)	36	PAYNE, Clive (HA.)	3160**
(41)	37	DYSON, Tim (Y.)	3157*
(42)	38	RANKIN, John (LA.)	3143
(37)	39	RANDALL, David (E.)	3137*
(44)	40	RICH, Andy (ST.)	3136*
(45)	41	BUSHELL, Karl (OX.)	3109*
(49)	42	HARPER, Mick (BD.)	3082
(47)	43	BURTON, John (BU.)	3081*
(46)	44	SALTER, Geoff (DU.)	3072
(45)	45	WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3066
(50)	46	BOWEN, Philip (LA.)	3057*
(51)	47	CAMPBELL, Selwyn (SY.)	3054**
(52)	48	BIGGS, Phil (CH.)	3032*
(53)	49	OWEN, Mark (HR.)	3031
(55)	50	KING, Russell (NK.)	3029
(54)	51	BAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	3028**
(56)	52	PERCIAVAL, Wayne (CH.)	3018
(58)	53	GARRAWAY, Brian (DO.)	3012
(57)	54	TURNER, Steven (LA.)	3008***
(67)	55	BREWER, Chris (NK.)	3000
(59)	56	WALKER, Andy (SX.)	29971*
(60)	57	GEHLOT, Hari (BK.)	2991*
(62)	58	LLOYD, Trevor (WI.)	2990
(61)	59	PICKARD, Chris (HE.)	2988**
(64)	60	KNIGHT, Chris (K.)	29601*
(65)	61	CARSLAKE, Colin (E.)	2956*
(66)	62	COLLINS, Paul (CH.)	2955*

(79)	63	REEVES, Dave (BK.)	2945
(69)	64	RADFORD, Peter (E.)	2939*
(74)	65	HOLMAN, Derek (SY.)	2914
(63)	66	DAVIS, Steve (SY.)	2914
(70)	67	CRAIGHILL, Jeffrey (CH.)	2914*
(68)	68	BECKLEY, Chris (SY.)	2912
(71)	69	DOBINS, Steve (CH.)	2912*
(72)	70	GRANT, Bill (YS.)	2911*
	71	HILL, Brian (LI.)	2902
(73)	72	NORTON, Roy (WO.)	2879
(75)	73	ROBERTSON, Ian (ND.)	2865*
(77)	74	RASUL, Farhat (SY.)	2859**
(78)	75	SEAHOLME, Stuart (HE.)	2857*
(80)	76	FELLOWS, Keith (LE.)	2854*
(81)	77	PRIESTLEY, Richard (Y.)	2847*
(91)	78	YARNLEY, Keith (K.)	2845
(82)	79	ROBINSON, John (SY.)	2844
(83)	80	BURN, Brian (DO.)	2836
(84)	81	COOPER, Stephen (CV.)	2832*
(97)	82	SAXBY, Phil (K.)	2832
(76)	83	SWIFT, Norman (BD.)	2830
(85)	84	GUYMER, Terry (E.)	2828*
(86)	85	KERNS, Stephen (E.)	2820*
(88)	86	HARRIS, Neil (Y.)	2816*
(89)	87	BRIERLEY, Neil (E.)	2803
(92)	88	BANGERTER, Dave (SY.)	2798
(93)	89	GRAHAM, Cosmo (Y.)	2795
(90)	90	NEWMAN, Maurice (LE.)	2794*
(87)	91	DOVE, Fred (E.)	2792
(96)	92	RHOODES, Mike (BU) (BK.)	2785
(94)	93	SHIRT, Richard (YS.)	2780**
(95)	94	BALDWIN, Gary (WI.)	2775**
(101)	95	HORTON, Steve (WO.)	2772
(98)	96	CLEMENTS, Brian (LA.)	2769*
(99)	97	WAITE, Peter (WA.)	2769*
(100)	98	BALDING, Derek (HE.)	2761**
(106)	99	BHALLA, Ramesh (SY.)	2749
(103)	100	BROWNE, Michael (WA.)	2748*

Veteran Women

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	HARRIS, Jill (ST.)	3525*
(2)	2	SHORT, Elaine (DY.)	3374*
(3)	3	JOHNS, Jan (CH.)	3314
(4)	4	HARPER, Sandra (BD.)	3303*
(5)	5	DURHAM, Jane (CV.)	3201*
(6)	6	BHIELDS, Helen (Y.)	3151*
(7)	7	SHOEY, Brenda (LA.)	3135
(7)	8	MALBY, Margaret (NP.)	3116
(8)	9	KING, Sheila (SX.)	3104*
(10)	10	SIMPSON, Linda (Y.)	3096*
(11)	11	PEARCE, Diane (K.)	3085
(12)	12	WANG, Lucy (E.)	3082*

(13)	13	RIDER, Sandra (Y.)	3017
(15)	14	BARDEN, Marilyn (E.)	3007
(14)	15	SCHOFIELD, Doreen (CH.)	3000*
(16)	16	MORLEY, Judy (GS.)	2977
(17)	17	HARRISON, Jennifer (E.)	2971*
(18)	18	GELEDER, Shirley (DU.)	

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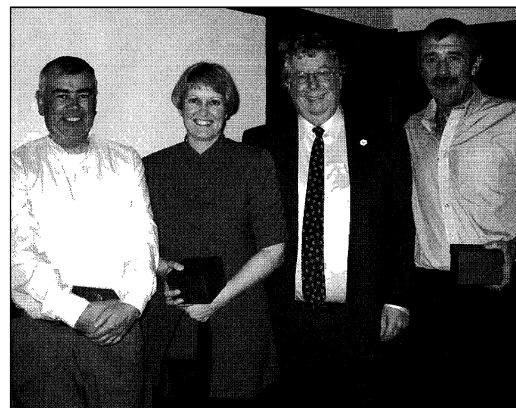
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FEBRUARY 2005		
19th	County Championships (5) - Cadet, Junior Senior & Veteran	
20th	Regional Training	
20th	Hyndburn 3 Star Banded Senior	Dave Cochrane 07736 104881
20th	Ormesby Cup R2 & Rose Bowl R1	
26th	Chandlers Farm Equipment Cadet & Junior 1 Star - Grantham	John Mapletoft 01476 565521
26th-27th	Essex Cadet & Junior 4 Star	Barry Granger 020 8590 0653
26th-27th	Butterfly Hereford Grand Prix	
MARCH		
4th,5th,6th	Senior National Champions - Sheffield	
5th	National Cadet League	
6th	National Junior League	
12th	Sheffield Cadet & Junior 1 Star	J.Kenny 0114 233 2911
12th-13th	VETTS Northern Masters - Blackpool	
13th	County Championships (6) - Cadet, Junior, Senior & Veteran	
19th-20th	Derby Cadet & Junior 4 Star	Brian Webster 01332 518007
19th-20th	North Herts (Ashe Construction Ltd) 2 Star Satellite Grand Prix - Hitchin	Di Jermyn 01726 69289
26th	Cippenham Junior 2 Star	Terry Boxall 01494 531185
26th	Johnny Leach & Willmott Cups R2	
27th	Rose Bowl R2	
27th-4th Apr.	BUSA Team Finals - Birmingham	
27th-4th Apr.	European Championships	
APRIL		
2nd	County Championships (7) - Cadet, Junior, Senior & Veteran	
2nd-3rd	County Championships Premier Weekend (2) Junior, Senior & Veteran	
9th	Chandlers Farm Equipment Junior 1 Star - Grantham	John Mapletoft 01476 565521
9th-10th	VETTS Southern Masters - Reading	
9th-10th	Stiga Blackpool 3 Star Open Senior	
9th-10th	Satellite Grand Prix	Martin Ireland 01253313196



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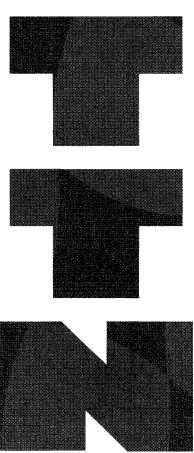
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