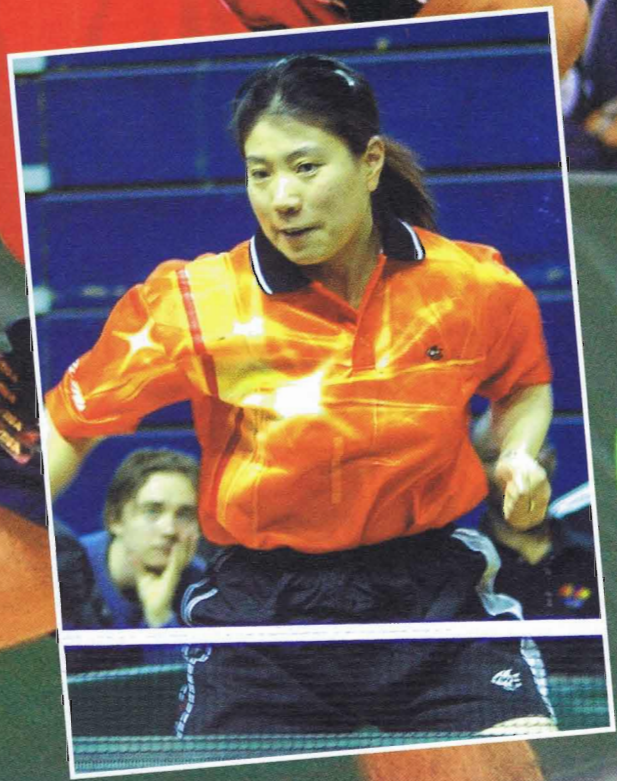
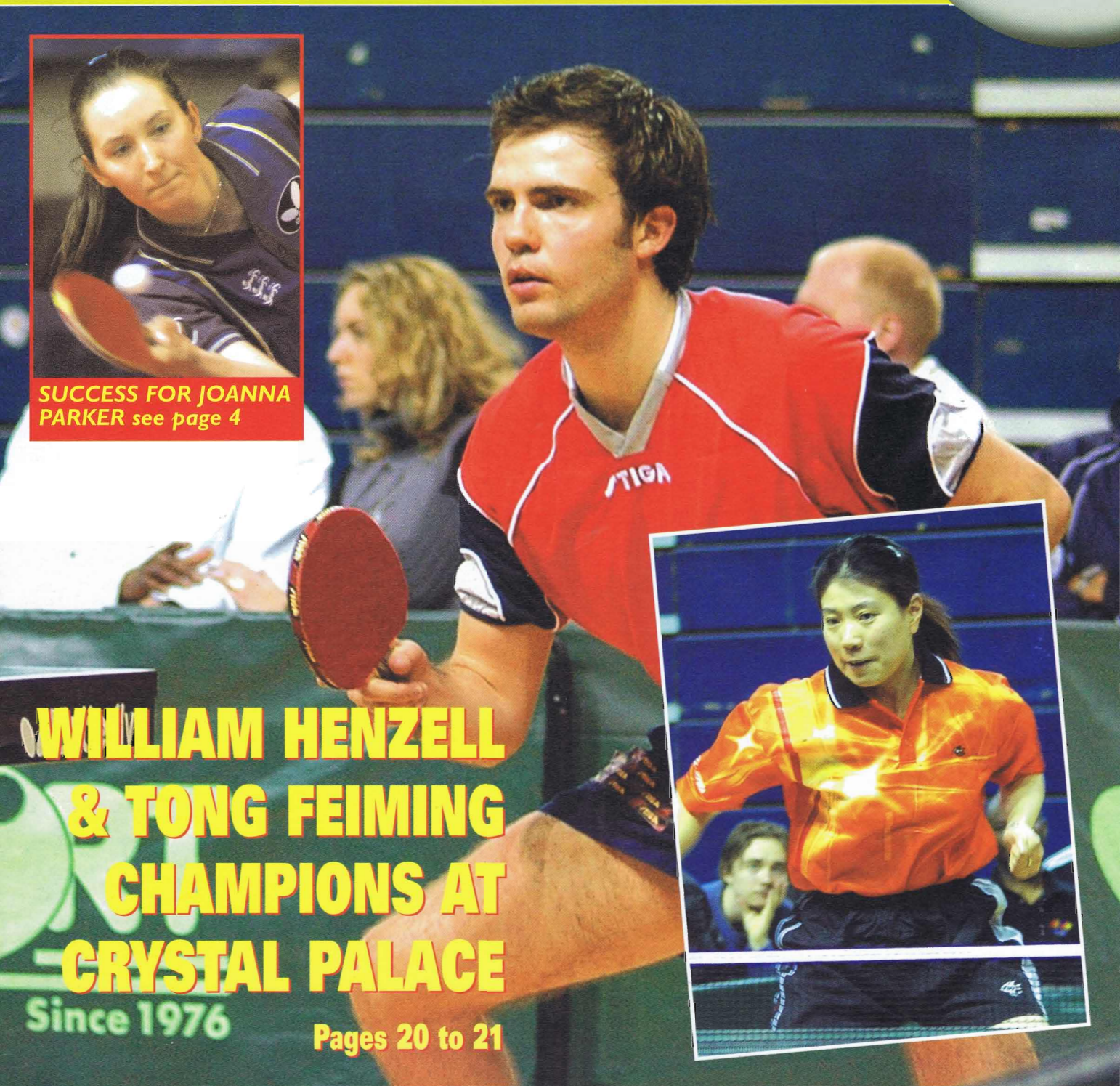


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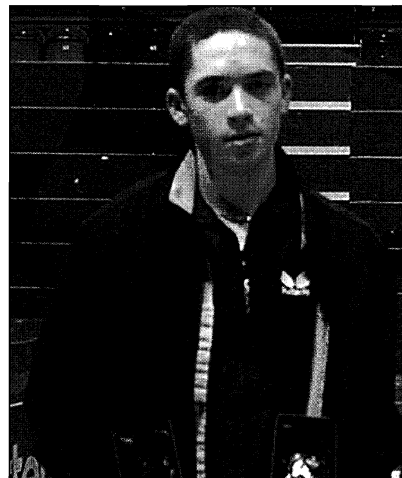
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JOANNA PARKER'S move to Germany seems to be paying off. The 18 year old finished a creditable sixth place at the European Junior Top 12 Championships in Italy.

According to England manager Steen Hansen it was a very significant result.

"Her decision to move to Berlin to play with one of Europe's top clubs has made a huge difference to her game. Her footwork is quicker, she is stronger mentally, has improved her defence and is serving better."

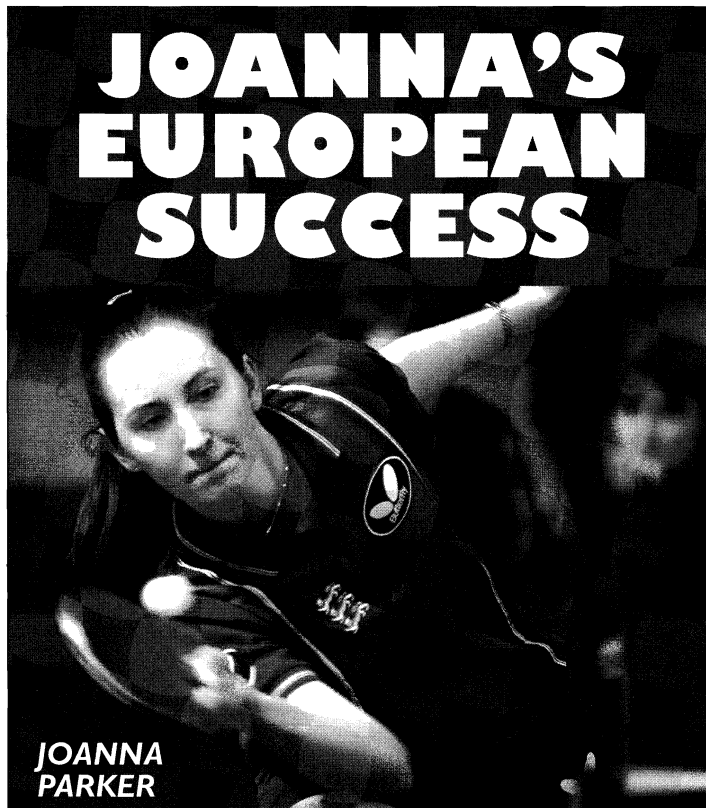
He added: "There are a lot of reasons to be optimistic about Jo. There is still room for improvements and with an improved forehand attack and a little bit of luck there is definitely a chance of a medal at the European Junior Championships in Prague this summer."

TABLE TENNIS AT LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC BID

The International Olympic Committee saw a table tennis demonstration with boxing and kick boxing at the 5,000 seat Excel Centre during their 3 day visit, in February.

Managed by the London Development Officer, Brian Spicer, the 6 players, Rahan and Shahjahan Muhith from TTK Greenhouse - Morpeth School, Robin Kinchin and Robert McMillan from The London Region High Performance Centre at London South Bank University, Jane Campbell, a player with wheelchair disability from Ellenborough Excellence Premier Club with Clubmark, and Shu Huang, newly appointed Community Sports Coach at Eastlea School, Newham, drew praise from Sir Steve Redgrave and the visiting team for their skills and presentation.

Newham will become the next Local Borough Strategy Plan to be drawn up following Croydon Wandsworth, and



Islington to demonstrate the suitability of table tennis in the community fitness agenda, and the pathway from schools, to London Youth, Six Form, and London South Bank University, and reflects the relationships built between TTK Greenhouse, ETTA, and LSBU as partners.

Focus will now begin on the remaining London 2012 boroughs - Tower Hamlets, Hackney, and Waltham Forest.

PLYMOUTH LADIES MAKE HISTORY

DML Woolwell played their last matches of the season at Cheltenham in the Women's British League.

Unfortunately with injury they were a

player down but with Helen Lambert and other Woolwell club members on the other end of a phone all weekend texting their support, the 3 girls consisting of Plymouth's very own Marketa Myskova and Liz May (along with Lauren Spink of Norfolk) came through a tough battle for the title and another crack at Europe.

Woolwell's first match was against Blackpool in which they started off with a convincing 6-0 win, however things were to change dramatically when they played a better Crippenham side in the afternoon losing 4-2. Not giving up without a fight, Woolwell won the evening match with a 4-2 win over Batts Team Peniel. Two wins on Sunday is what Woolwell needed at this stage for the title.

Everything went to plan in Sunday mornings match when the girls battled

WOODY'S World

MARCH's edition of TTN heralds the arrival of Spring, which is symbolic of eternal youth.

This is more than emphasised by a very young at heart Harry Barlow of the Stockport League, who has just made a comeback at the tender age of 80 years old. See page 14.

We wish him every success, and wonder if anyone can beat Harry's record?

Another evergreen pair are Tonbridge's John Knock and Brian Milns, who played a rematch of their Junior Final battle 50 years later, read page 17.

A new face on the circuit William Henzell of Australia won the Mens Singles title at the Butterfly London Grand Prix, held at Crystal Palace on the last weekend of January, see pages 20 and 21. *John Wood*

through some strong opponents, winning the match with a fantastic score line of 5-1 over Woodfield. Even better news was when the Irish Ladies only managed a draw with Peniel, meaning Woolwell only needed a draw against the Irish Ladies in the last match.

Woolwell went 1-0 up and then 2-1 down in the roller coaster ride to victory. Marketa Myskova once again saved the day with a fantastic win over Na Liu of Ireland, pulling the score back to 2-2, Michelle McGreevy was too strong for Liz May so it was all down to the last match. Lauren Spink came through beating Tara Fusco in four sets putting Woolwell top of the league in a close and strong premier division.

For a full report on the Womens British League see pages 10 & 11.

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HONOURED

"A long serving and dedicated pair" MIKE & CHRISTINE LEWIS were honoured with the 'Solihull Trophy', at the Womens British League weekend in Cheltenham, where Christine announced her retirement as organiser/administrator, after 17 yrs.



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SIGNIFICANT UPWARDS MOVEMENT BY JUNIORS

THE second half of the season is in full swing and I hope all is going well within your Counties, Leagues and Clubs. I will highlight for you some updates since the last issue of the magazine. As your Chairman, every day brings a new issue or initiative within our great sport, which needs my involvement or that of the ETTA management team. The following summarizes such matters.

FUNDING

It gives me pleasure to announce that Sport England have declared funding for Table Tennis as part of the Whole Sport Plan (WSP) process and we have been awarded £1.735M for the 2005/6 fiscal year and an "In Principle Four Year Funding Total" of £5.98M. The last 3 years being subject to us meeting the targets approved by them.

During the first 12 months £735K of this funding is ring-fenced to cover Volunteer, Club Links, Coaching and Facilities projects and the balance to be used as part of the general ETTA budget.

If you blink and look at the figures the immediate impact is "That's a lot of money" but when you have to distribute this money over all facets of table tennis, which I have to do, it is quickly utilised.

A comprehensive review will take place during the coming months to ensure that it is used in a constructive way for our sport so that it links with our plans and targets. Support and use of this funding will be continually monitored to harness our resources so that during the coming years our Participation and Performance levels increase. Changes need implementing in many areas; we are determined to designate this funding in support of our "Customers" who are our present and future members.

INDIVIDUAL

REGISTRATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

National Council has agreed a proposal that the policy of the ETTA is to have an Individual Registration System in place to assist in the process of better communications and support functions for our members. This will be proposed and voted on at this year's Annual General Meeting.

This is the start of the process relating to individuals affiliating to the ETTA and documents will be circulated in the coming months regarding ideas about membership costs, levels, collection procedures and benefits.

Despite various rumours about a document submitted to National Council on this subject by me on behalf of the Membership Committee, none of the costs and levels can be implemented without the approval of the membership.

The document was required by Council and the data included in the report was based upon the information extracted from the questionnaires returned on this subject.

Over 7000 copies of the questionnaire were circulated to give the opportunity for affiliated persons to be involved in the initial process and respond with their thoughts and ideas.

As part of the democratic process of the ETTA National Council are responsible for any policy changes in our affiliation structure and any impact these make on our Rules have to be approved at an AGM.

CHILD PROTECTION

The ETTA has been recently presented the Kite Mark Bronze Award from the Child Protection in Sport Unit. This is a major breakthrough; thanks go to Judy Rogers for all her work.

ENGLAND PERFORMANCES

Our improvements at the International Level continues, details have been put on the website and will be included in this issue.

Alan Cooke, Darius Knight, Paul Drinkhall and Joanna Parker have had significant victories and success during the last few months.

It is interesting to note that in the recent Top 50 World Ranking lists for Under 18 boys and girls our young players have made significant upward movements.

Paul is at number 30, Darius is at number 31, Joanna is at number 34 and Kelly Sibley is at number 39. When you consider the ages of these players at this time, the ranking positions reached are even more significant.

Alan Cooke has moved up to 130 in the Men's World List.

OFFICERS

The officers of the ETTA, namely, myself as Chairman, Mike Johns, Deputy Chairman and Martin Clark, Treasurer, have been returned unopposed for a further two year term starting after this years AGM.

I wish to thank you all for your support during the last two years and look forward to us continuing to work together for the benefit of our sport.

Please keep in touch, I am, as always pleased to meet you and your members for any constructive dialogue or concerns that you may have.

As the saying goes "Decisions are made by those who attend meetings and are involved in the process"

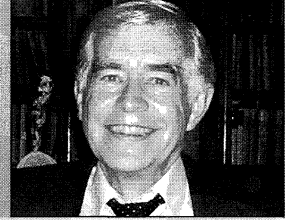
Alex Murdoch, ETTA Chairman

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See Olympic Champion RYU SEUNG MIN at The BBC Masters at The Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on Saturday 23rd July 2005

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VETERANS' DIARY



FUNNY MAN

WORD reaches the Diary that Martin Clark, the Association's money man has quite a sense of humour. His latest follower is no other than Eileen Allison.

The Norfolk based inter referee was seen in stitches following comments made during one of Martin's matches at the Doncaster Dome

"Martin has that sense of humour that appeals to you or not. He sees the funny side of things and when he comes to the table he always has a quip to make," said Eileen. Adding: "He makes me laugh anyway."

Martin is also well known among his MANCOM pals for his emails, which I can for one verify never fail to bring a smile.

LOST PROPERTY

YOU know what they say about being forgetful, always blaming it on age. Well if the number of items abandoned at the recent Veterans British League encounter it is an indication, there could be more than a little truth in the saying.

Handed in to the lost property office were a selection of towels, cardigans, trainers, dusters and swimming kit. There were also a number of house keys, watches, an expensive jacket and a woolly hat.

"Most of the items are collected by

by Jim Beckley



MARTIN CLARK, ETTA Treasurer

the time the weekend is over," says organiser Gill Smith. "Those that are not, are put in a bag and taken home by me."

So, if you have lost something, Gill may have it - if she knows where she's put it!

JOHN FELL HAS RETIRED

A FAMILIAR face is no more. John Fell, who has moved around the Veterans circuit for more years than

one can recall, has decided to call it a day.

Born in Shoreditch which my insider reliably informs me is within the sound of Bow Bells and makes him a real Cockney, is probably better known to the Southern half of the veterans membership. He shared the Tees Sport operation with his Northern counterpart John Miller for many years and before that was with the Clive Oakman table tennis set-up.

He also played a bit but a back problem in 1984 curtailed his playing career and it was about that time along with his wife Teresa, he went full time into the table tennis business and has since moved hundreds of table and surrounds to tournaments everywhere. He's also been seen up North covering for John whilst he was on holiday.

I'm reliably informed that he is already missing his old pals and those officials he made friends with over the years.

We'll all miss you John, enjoy your retirement.

GERMAN INVASION

My Southern based spies tell me that the Southern Masters being played at the Rivermead Sports Centre in

Reading is expecting over 80 players from Germany. If that's the case then it will be far the biggest entry from overseas players that any of the Masters have so far attracted. It also means the entry for this 30 table event is likely to be a record so get your entries in early.

RUTH BENTLEY- WOMAN'S PLAYER OF THE WEEKEND AT DONCASTER

BY the sound of the applause Ruth Bentley was a popular winner of the Women's Player of the Weekend at the Veterans British League finals at the Dome, Doncaster.

Unfortunately the weekend ended on a low note for Ruth and her teammates when they were relegated to division two next season.

RUTH BENTLEY, winner of the Women's Player of the Weekend' trophy, is pictured below (2nd from right) with (l.to r.) ETTA Chairman, ALEX MURDOCH, Chair of Doncaster Council MARGARET WARD & her Consort Mrs. ELSIE BUTLER



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

"WHINGE"

I TAKE exception to Alan Blear's comments regarding '11 up'. As far as I am concerned and countless others, Table Tennis is totally structured around 21. When you are playing on a surface of only 9' x 5', there is far too much scope for what I call 'freebie' points and it makes a mockery of the sport, particularly at the lower league levels.

I feel, as many others do, it should be an optional scoring system, i.e. 11 or 21. I am sure if could be implemented into our regional leagues.

As far as "Whinging" is concerned, if it affects the lives and enjoyment of many Table Tennis players, I suggest that we should "Whinge".

*G.B.Theaker
Christchurch, Dorset*

GRASS ROOTS?

HOPE you are settling into your new home. Was it the apprehension of the "home rule for Cornwall brigade" restricting your International aspirations which triggered the move?

Moving on, can anyone please give me a definitive definition of the term 'grass roots'?

I tried the 'great and the good' at ETTA HQ, but they failed to respond.

My own definition is 'All club members paying affiliation fees to the ETTA up to and including inter-league representation'.

This, unsurprisingly, embraces the bulk of would be individual registration candidates (proposed). Thank you.

Finally well done Steen Hansen for introducing Coaching Tips. Is it possible that replies to questions could be expanded. If space is limited, perhaps less questions.

*David Humble
Chairman,
West Essex Table Tennis League*

Editor's note: In answer to your question David, I have searched through my vast collection of dictionaries, of which two seem to cover 'Grass Roots' the most comprehensively. *Longman Synonym Dictionary:* Grass Roots - 1. Countryside, rural districts, farm country, provinces, sticks, back country, wilds, heartland.

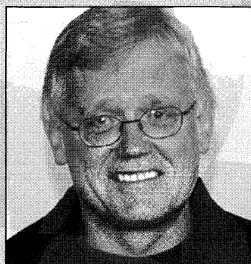
2. Countryside people, countryfolk, farmers, tillers of the soil, country cousins, hicks, democracy, commoners, average man, hometown folks, man in the street, the great unwashed, the masses, rank and file, workingmen, middle class. *Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Wordfinder:* 'Grass Roots' - 1. A fundamental level or source. 2. Ordinary people, voters, the rank and file of an organisation.

In the table tennis world, 'Grass Roots' would seem to mean: the vast majority of people in England, who play our great sport just for fun.

PS: I am very pleased that you like our new column 'Coaching Tips'.

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: Can you settle an argument I'm having that the best shots are placed straight at your opponent. Some of my pals say it's easier and more effective to play for the wings as often as possible.

Answer: I believe it is important to attack the body, which will create a movement, and then open up space at the wings.

Question: I'm told that I have all the shots but I'm not winning as many matches as I should. A local coach says it could be more to do with my mental approach than anything else. He might be right but what can I do about it?

Answer: A difficult one because I have not seen you play - but it is always important to have a good game plan, follow the correct tactic and then play to win and play aggressively to your strengths in all situations. Try to read some books on mental strength and sports psychology.

Question: I find that playing against a fast attacking player, a blocking shot is quite effective. I use pimples but have seen players better than me using inverted rubber and they seem to be just as effective. Should I use pimples, maybe on one side, or inverted?

Answer: If you only block the use of pimples can be very effective. If you have other strengths a combination racket can be very useful.

Question: Since the size of the ball has risen to 40mm the game seems to have slowed down a bit. Is that to a defenders advantage or not?

Answer: I do not believe the game has slowed down very much, and for the defenders it has not been a positive move. The defender has difficulties getting "around" the 40mm ball, and has therefore problems to create the necessary spin. Just ask Matthew Syed about the problems he has had due to the new size of ball.

Question: Can you accurately assess a players ability when they are still only 7 or 8 years of age. Our club has a couple of great young players who have all the shots you would expect from someone that age. However, none of us are coaches but we would like to see these kids make progress. What do you suggest.

Answer: First of all is it important that the kids play on their conditions. It has to be fun to come to the club. Secondly is it important to work on the technique all the time. At this stage kids normally like to play matches - the result of these matches are not so important, more important is that they try to do the right thing. No pressure is the key word, and then I am sure, on a later stage, with the right commitment and attitudes will they make progress.

Nothing must be forced on a kid of this age.

STOP PRESS

JENKINS WINS UNIVERSITY TITLE

The British Universities Sports Association held their table tennis individuals championships in February at Warwick University. There were some long distance travellers with teams from Plymouth at one end of the country and Strathclyde University at the other. There was a nominal rise in the number of entries to 150 from 31 universities but this was offset with a number of women withdrawing from both their singles and doubles events, writes Mike Payne.

The Women's Doubles was an all Cambridge affair with Arti Krishna/Doral Wang beating Shelleyanne Wilson/Aparna Narendran in 3 straight. In the Women's Singles last year's winner Bosede Kaffo (London South Bank) repeated her success by beating Natalie Bawden (de Montfort Leicester) 11-4 in the fifth despite being out of top class play for much of the season. Natalie took home the Mixed Doubles trophy with Craig Bryant when they beat Ryan Jenkins and Michelle Turner in the final again in 5.

In his first year at UWIC Ryan Jenkins dominated the Men's Singles beating Gergely Urban (London South Bank) in the final having not lost a game over the 2 days. Brother Stephen (Glamorgan) missed out on a finals place going down to Urban in 5 at the semi-final stage.

Urban and Clive Carthy beat Craig and Alex Green in the final of the Men's Doubles.

ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch presented the trophies and medals.

'ICING ON THE CAKE'

IT WAS the 'Icing On the Cake' for the North at the wedding of Alex Perry and Nicola Deaton, which was featured in January/February edition of Table Tennis News, where the celebrations spread over the weekend and this also provided the opportunity for an exclusive event which as yet remains unreported. The event was quite unique in that it included some of the UK's top table tennis players both past and present. It was also a unique opportunity to answer one of the most vehemently debated questions in the sport that who is the best the North or the South..... at football! Yes football, writes 'A Northerner'.

Only such an event such this wedding would see such a plethora of talent assembled in one place with time to spare from otherwise demanding schedules and it was a real who's who of British table tennis. Current England stars Alan Cooke, Gareth Herbert, Andrew Ruston and Terry Young were involved. Added to this Matthew Syed, fresh from his duties as commentator at the Olympics was present. Former coach and England captain Don Parker rolled back the years to marshal the Northern defence.

Some players present were playing with dual

tight angle he blasted the ball into the top left hand goal to gain the lead for the South.

The game was to ebb and flow until on 38 minutes Cooke decided to cut in from the right, surging into the penalty area. With options to pass and play in good supporting runs from his team mates, he kept possession of the ball and slid in the equaliser. Had he missed he would have been castigated by his team but as ever he shouldered the responsibility.

The second half followed much the same pattern as the first and with the wind behind them the South pressed the North into their own half for long periods, with good efforts coming from Andrews and Ryan Jenkins, the Welsh wizard producing a superb volley from outside the penalty area only to be denied by Dale Ajeto, former QE2 coach who was on goalkeeping duty for his native North.

It was somewhat against the run of play that Cooke and Katie Parker's partner Kevin combined and broke through the heart of the Southern defence who had pressed forward. A well taken chance by Alan Cooke's nephew Andrew saw the North take the lead but there was still 18 minutes to go and it became a question of whether or not the Northerners could hold out or whether the efforts of the South would be rewarded.

The answer came in the last minute of the match

himself look big.

SHOOT OUT

Up stepped Kevin, partner to former England star Katie Parker who duly dispatched the first penalty. One nil to the North. Next, current England star Blake had the chance to equalise. He was made to wait until Ajeto was just ready and he fluffed his kick, so much so that Ajeto was able to smother the ball. Nerves clearly on show. This was pressure. Andrew Rushton stepped up and capped a great tireless performance with the second goal. Two nil.

Then captain Terry Young stepped up and despite the antics of the goalkeeper he hit the ball hard and true into the bottom corner. Two - one. The call was for Don Parker to take the next penalty but fatigue had perhaps taken its toll and instead Andrew Cooke struck the next blow for the North. Three - one. For the third penalty Ajeto faced Neil Page from Wales. Again he was kept waiting, and facing a goalie seemingly motioning star jumps across the goal line. He still hit a good shot, heading for the bottom corner, but again Ajeto guessed right and at full length palmed the ball around the post. His celebration and that of the team was ecstatic. Now the North needed only one more goal for victory. Fittingly up stepped the Captain and a player used to pressure at the highest level. This was Alan



Back row: (l.to r.) ALAN COOKE, PAUL GILES, SKY ANDREW, ANDY LOMAS, NEIL PAGE, DARREN BLAKE, STEVE GILES, GARETH HERBERT, MATTHEW SYED, TERRY YOUNG, ALEX GREEN, LEEROY PYE, ANDREW RUSHTON, RYAN JENKINS & BEN COOKE.

Front row: (l.to r.) ANDREW COOKE, LUKE SMITH, KEVIN DIXON, DON PARKER, JOHN BROE, STUART WORRALL & DALE AJETO.

affinity, namely Stuart Worrel (North) yet his wife (Jackie Bellinger) is very much associated with the South. John Broe, former Scottish International could not be more northbound other than his wife being Ali Gordon. Re-dressing the balance of guest players were Welsh star Ryan Jenkins who played for the South and Leroy Pye of Nottingham, who also represented the South.

Make no mistake, once the match kicked off this was a genuine contest. With the wind against them, the South started the stronger and pressed hard against Don Parker and his rear guard. Meanwhile, the North tried to make their advances via the flanks with Rushton and Cooke combining down the right.

On 21 minutes the stalemate was broken by a player who is no stranger to the beautiful game. Former England Star Skylet Andrew, now agent to show business and sports stars (including Sol Campbell). He was criticised by Terry Young early on for his apparent lack of commitment especially as his pre-match gambit was "I'm just here to look good and score a goal" Skylet found himself at the end of a Southern sweep from right to left, again Terry Young just beating off a challenge for the ball to break to Andrew. From 15 yards out and a fairly

when Terry Young picked up the ball 35 yards out and let fly with a powerful but speculative shot. Ajeto appeared to have it covered when Don Parker stuck out his head on the edge of the 18 yard box and diverted the ball into the net to give the South an equaliser and take the match into extra time.

Make no mistake this was a real contest. It may have been between team mates and adversaries but Alan Cooke for one was left nursing a bruised eye following a collision with Leroy Pye. In extra time the game threatened to boil over with the ever competitive Terry Young tangling with Luke Smith, the North's left back. Fortunately the referee, Ian Cooke managed to step in and remind Terry that it was only a game.

The South had the best of the chances but faced a fantastic rear guard effort from the North, including surviving a late goal mouth scramble right on the final whistle which saw the game end in a draw.

The two captains got their teams together and decided on a penalty shoot out. This on the face of things would give the South the edge. For one, their goalkeeper Andy Lomas was a former semi pro and a reputation for saving penalties. On the other hand, the North's goalkeeper Ajeto was the smallest player on the pitch and somehow had to make

Cooke with a chance to win the match, but this was football and it was down to one last kick.

The goalkeeper suddenly looked enormous and the goal tiny. Using a straight run up to help disguise where he would place the ball he hit it high and hard and found the underside of the crossbar beyond the despairing leap of Andy Lomas. And the North won Four - One.

An unbelievable end to a fantastic event, both to play in and for those watching from the side. Battles played across the pitch during the game were now finished and the question of who's the best, North or South had been answered by narrowest of margins and most dramatic of conclusions. An event where many had rolled back the years and put themselves out there to be tested. "Sport was the winner"

Credit must be given to Alan Cooke and Terry Young for coming up with the idea and then making it happen. It is rumoured that they are looking for the next table tennis wedding when they can all get together and do it all again, yes a re-match.

The concept was great but maybe just a little sweeter on this occasion for the North.

TOP TEAM DML WOOLWELL

ASPIRE AND RETIRE

REWARDS in the Women's British League final rounds at Cheltenham came hard to achieve as competition keen as ever allowed no respite or reprieve with many results decided by the narrowest of margins and for those with promotion aspirations or relegation worries, early results may well have crucial bearing in the later stages, writes Mike Lewis.

Unusual quiet in the arena for a Saturday morning confirmed that concentration and focus was the order of the day shown no more so than in the first round match Irish Ladies 1 v Woodfield 1. The Irish, present joint premier divisional leaders with DML Woolwell needed a good start and things looked promising after Na Liu's straight sets win over Jose Bongers, but Karen Smith's victorious four setter over Michelle McGreevy brought a back sense of reality (match score 1-1).

Next up Tara Fusco v Jan Johns and what a match it was, 12-10 Tara in the first and a runaway 11-3 the second with Jan tense and over hitting badly but good advice and steadier nerve rewarded in a two cracking wins 12-10 and 11-9.

Fifth and final set with all to play for went to a more determined and technically correct Tara 11-7, great match and 2-1 to the Irish.

Match four, and if Woodfield were to pull off a surprise victory now was the time. Na Liu v Karen Smith, young and eager attacker against massive experience and steely calm. Na's cautious opening sets showed the pattern of play required, work for the opportunity and hit hard with Karen close to the table, result two sets up but in the third Karen much tighter and wary of Na's tactics came back with a convincing win 11-8, however, victory was short lived as Na stepped up a gear to win comfortably 11-7, (match score 3-1 to the Irish).

Looking good for the Irish! yes, but the one person not impressed was Jose Bongers whose storming first and second set victories over Tara Fusco set the scene for a possible draw, down 11-13 Jose in the third produced some of her best table tennis to win the fourth 12-10 a great game to watch (match score 3-2 Irish).

The sixth and final battle Michelle McGreevy and Jan John's was a bookmakers nightmare and could go any way, both well experienced the match would surely depend on winning points under pressure, and so it was with both evenly matched in the first set, but Jan over hitting in the latter stages to lose 10-12 a repeat in the second to lose heavily 4-11 to come back and win well 11-6 in the third but fell away again in the fourth and go down 8-11.

A win for the Irish 4-2, watch out DML Woolwell! Round Two produced the shock of the afternoon with Cippenham v DML Woolwell providing 'match of the day' and what a match it was. First up Naomi Owen v Lauren Spink, Naomi first blood 13-11, Lauren's turn 12-10 then two outstanding sets from Naomi result 1-0 to Cippenham.



Pictured (l.to r.) MARKETA MYSKOVA, LAUREN SPINK, LIZ MAY & Mayor of Cheltenham Cllr BOB GARNHAM

Next to play Woolwell's captain and lynch pin Marketa Myskova v the young and talented Gemma Chapman a match in which Marketa's experience always proved difficult for Gemma who had few answers to Marketa's defence and lost in three, match score one all.

Lesley Keast was slow to start in her contest against Lizzy May losing the first 9-11 but regrouped to comfortably take the next three (2-1 Cippenham).

Naomi v Marketa was always going to be an interesting duel and one to grace any major competition - a five setter it had to be and so it was 15-13 to Naomi - 11-5 Marketa - 12-10 Marketa, a change of pace and Naomi's new found confidence proved a winner taking the last two sets 5 and 7 (a guaranteed at 3-1).

In the penultimate game, Lesley flatters to deceive against Gemma and although only losing the first two sets by two nines easily lost the third game four. (3-2 Cippenham and boy does Woolwell need the next one).

Match score 3-2 Cippenham - final opponent Liz v Gemma a match in which if Liz was to win would need to find her in European debut form, unfortunately the first set showed otherwise and an on song Gemma ran out an easy winner 8-7 and 2. Great win for Cippenham and spirits to lift for DML Woolwell.

Batts Peniel meanwhile were pointless on the day despite a gutsy fight against Cippenham's power play going down 1-5 and an even more disappointing 2-4 defeat against Woodfield's solid and steady team play helped by Karen Smith's wise corner advice and if their hope of victory against DML Woolwell were to become reality greater effort would be required, hopes which were dashed two games to four despite getting close with three five setters.

In Division One Halton continues their relentless march towards premier status beating Spicer Ladies 4 games to 2 and Hollington by the same margin.

Division Two continued to be a three horse race with Draycott & Long Eaton, Hanbury and Irish Ladies 2 all separated by just 2 points at the top

and all to play for.

A far different story in the Third division where Sutton at Hone continued their successful run from September's competition to stay top and seemingly cruise to victory 4 points clear of nearest rivals Midland Elgre.

Unlucky for some but not Uxbridge and Batts Team Peniel 2 with 13 points apiece.

Division Four promotion looked done and dusted as nearest rivals Byng Hall had frustratingly only improved their 5 points total from September's event by just 2 points and were still struggling in 3rd place.

Divisional standings with 2 matches to go were as usual diverse, in Div Four Batts Team Peniel 2 and Uxbridge were way out in front both fighting for the title, in Div Three Sutton at Hone were untouchable with Midland Elgre well behind, but favourites for runners up unless a catastrophe occurred.

A similar situation in Div Two, Draycott & Long Eaton's 4 point lead looked impregnable although Irish Ladies 2 fighting spirit and 11 points could not be dismissed lightly.



Woman of the Weekend RACHEL JAMIESON

As always the fight for promotion to the Premier was intense with the Leeds and Wirral Ladies teams at the top separated by 2 points and Halton a menacing third I point adrift.

Tightest of all the divisions was the Premier with DML Woolwell and Irish Ladies tied at the top 14 points apiece and Cippenham's storming effort lifting them to 3rd place with 12 points, but an even games for/against standing with the Irish.

Presence of the Mayor of Cheltenham graced the final round matches a Mayor no less than a player of our sport and one who had shown interest and support of the Women's British League throughout.

High on the interest and statistics standings was that in its 17 years of being, no team other than those from England had ever been league champions and taken the Butterfly Trophy out of the country but we now had Irish Ladies 1 in with more than a chance if they could but wrest 2 points from their match against DML Woolwell.

First up Market Myskova v Michelle McGreevy and a straight sets win for DML Woolwell, second match and enthralling in entirety Lauren Spink v Na Liu a 4 setter with Na taking the last to win 14-12, (match score 1 all).

Second of the 4 setters saw Liz May struggle against Tara Fusco and go down to Tara's cross court driving (2-1 to the Irish). 'Match of the Day' and an essential one for the Irish, Marketa v Na, Marketa took the first game 6, Na slowed the second looped fiercely to the wings and won easily game 2, games 3 and 4 saw Marketa at her technical and gutsy best, intense backspin and hard work took both games X (match score 2 all and warning bells for the Irish).

In the penultimate game a nervous Lizzy May faced Michelle McGreevy with the knowledge that a win would scupper the Irish chances, but it was not to be, as ever Lizzy fought well but below her best form she was no match for a determined and confident Michele and lost in three, (3-2 to the Irish).

Desperate measure now as Lauren Spink had to face Tara Fusco with Lauren a short head favourite but in sport there are no 'certs' and Lauren lost the first 7-11, time for 'corner' talks in both camps.

Obviously the better advised or inspired Lauren romped to a 11-4 win repeated in the next set 11-9 and again in the decider 11-6 a fantastic draw from a great sporting match which would give credit to any competition anywhere and for those watching this was the stuff the Women's British League was all about, good sporting competition against matching opposition often with results going to the wire.

Comiseration's to the Irish, true ladies on the day and congratulations to DML Woolwell for an equally sporting victory, worthy league champions and ambassadors of our sport.

As always the presentation ceremony was a pleasant and expectant affair only this year somewhat subdued by an announcement from Christine Lewis bidding adieu to her colleagues, friends, and players of the Women's British League on her pending retirement as organiser/administrator after 17 years in office an achievement acknowledged by the English Table Tennis Association Management Committee by a presentation of flowers and wine.

Honours for the 2004/5 Season

Premier Division

Winners League Champions and Butterfly Bowl Holders DML Woolwell

The most sporting of Runners-up Irish Ladies 1

Division One

Worthy winners Leeds Ladies

Runners-up and equal on points ratio Wirral Ladies

Division Two

Winners and well out in front Draycott & Long Eaton, and Runners-up pipping Elgre on sets average Irish Ladies 2

Division Three

Winners by a mile Sutton at Hone

Worthy Runners-up Midland Elgre

Division Four

Winners a joy to watch Batts Team Peniel 2

Runners-up and sporting in defeat Uxbridge

Two 'For being Special' presentations followed, the first for Dedicated Referee over the years. -

Gill Smith, the second to a faithful and dedicated supporter of the Women's British League Umpire - Bob Montgomery.

Expectations as ever were notable as 'Team' of the weekend awards were announced with Uxbridge with no less than 4 nominations declared winners.

Equally as expected 'Woman of the Weekend' award was presented to an exuberant Rachel Jamieson whose 90% average showed vintage performance for one of our younger players.

Next up the Solihull Trophy whose citation reads 'Awarded to an individual who has enhanced the Women's British League', but this time awarded to a long serving and dedicated 'pair' Chris and Mike Lewis Finally a presentation and thanks to The Worshipful Mayor of Cheltenham Borough Council, Councillor Rob Garnham, of a book and flowers.

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DML WOOLWELL CLINCH BRITISH LEAGUE TITLES

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Paul Giles at number one was undefeated all season and Paul Whiting only dropped one over the two weekends to register 19 wins out of 20 games.

The team of Paul Giles, Paul Whiting, Mike Short, Phil Luxon and Graham May finished five points clear of the second team, and have all ready been installed as one of the favourites to win the Premiership title next season.

Captain Graham May said that after daughter Liz's team had won the Womens British League Premiership title for Woolwell earlier this year, it was now his ambition to do the same with the Veterans team next year.

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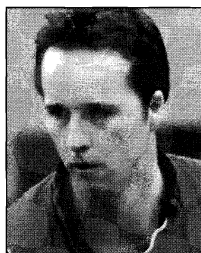
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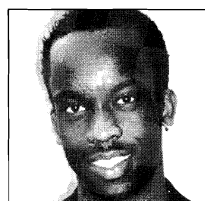
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WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO TAKE UP TABLE TENNIS?

Family interest as mentioned above.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS?

Represented Great Britain at 2 Olympic Games, Barcelona 1992 and Atlanta 1996, 3x European Bronze Medallist, 5x English National Champion, former England No 1, 4x Commonwealth Silver, x2 Commonwealth Bronze, defeated the former World Champion Hi Zhili (I think that was her name, she played for China and Japan), Italian Open Semi-finalist, English Open finalist, English Open U21 Champion.

COACH(ES)?

My father Wilton and Chen Xinhua. I learnt a lot technically from Xinhua when he used to coach myself and Mat Syed. I love listening to Chinese coaches as I feel they have so much technical knowledge and I respect them immensely.

STYLE OF PLAY, BLADE, RUBBERS B/H & F/H?

Allround- mainly a defender who looks to attack when the opportunity is there. I use an allround Stiga blade, with 1.0mm Stiga Destroyer long pimples on the backhand, forehand 1.5mm Stiga Mendo

PERSONAL FAVOURITES:

TABLE TENNIS PLAYER(S)? Chen Xinhua, Wang Liquin, Wang Hao (All the Chinese have great technique and are so smooth with their strokes. They seem to have so much time and make it look so easy- The sign of a great player.)

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT? The Olympic Games. This is the ultimate experience for any sports person and to have experienced playing at the Olympics and being in the company of other top class sportspeople, then you will know this cannot be beaten. It is awesome!

HOBBIES (OUTSIDE OF TT)? Well I am sports mad. I love to have a game of golf which has been very difficult these days due to my work as the NW Development Officer for TT, I enjoy watching football and watching my brothers play cricket in the local Lancashire leagues as cricket is very big up ere in Lancashire, dun't thee knor tha! I also enjoy going to the cinema, music concerts and eating out in restaurants.

FILM? Shawshank Redemption, The Green Mile, Gladiator, Forest Gump.

FILMSTAR? Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Tom Cruise.

TV PROGRAMME? Sky Sports- I think this is because I have grown up with 2 brothers who are also sports fanatics!

BOOK? I enjoy reading Dick Francis books.

FOOD? I love my food. I enjoy Chinese, Italian and Indian.

HOLIDAY RESORT? Cyprus and Thailand.

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS AWAY FROM TABLE TENNIS?

I would love to be a Sky Sports presenter as unusually for a woman I feel I have a great deal of knowledge in a variety of sports, especially with games that involve balls.

80 YEAR OLD HARRY MAKES A COMEBACK

FEW players can have had a longer table tennis career than the Stockport League's Harry Barlow.

Harry's first appearances in the league were during the 1939-40 season before war service intervened. During the 1960s and 70s he spread his wings and played in other local leagues as well, namely the Hyde and Ashton leagues (now merged as the Tameside League), and the Manchester League.

In the 80s and 90s spells in the Bury and Glossop Leagues followed, all the while retaining his links with Stockport as player and registration secretary.

Now an octogenarian, Harry has recently resumed his league career after a rare short break for illness, and still gives the youngsters a run for their money.

In his youth Harry was also a keen cricketer, an ability inherited by his son Graham, a long-term league player and club captain.

Harry states that in the 1979-80 season the Stockport League had 103 teams in nine divisions, compared with two today, and that in 1983-84 the East Lancashire Paper Mill alone had 20 teams in the Bury League! How times have changed.

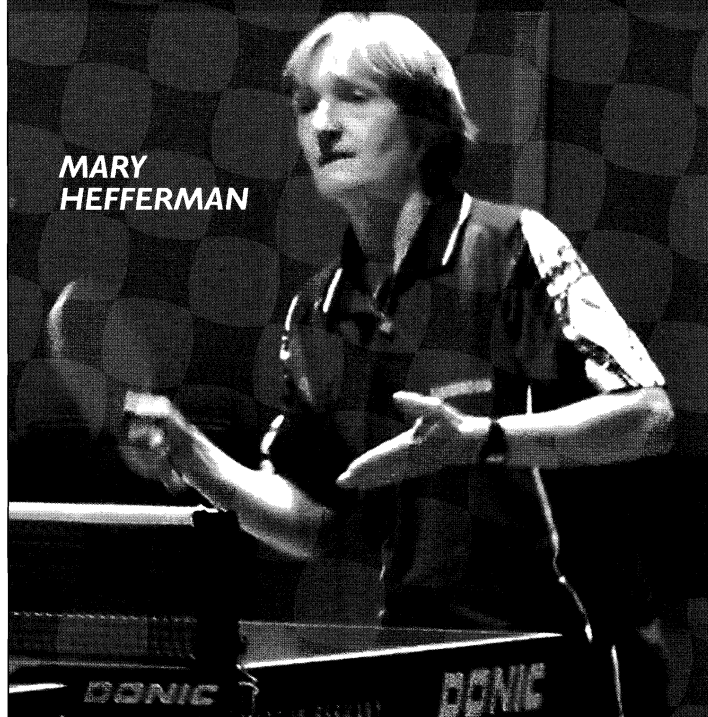
WHO ATE ALL THE MINCE PIES...NOT THESE VETS

THE Christmas festivities did not affect the forty-three men and twelve women who attended Ashford Table Tennis Centre in Middlesex for the club's Annual Veterans Invitation Tournament on Tuesday 28th December 2004, writes Roland McLellan.

The format for this popular event was the same as past years, players participate in groups of three to decide which of the three knockout levels they proceed into.

As in past years the morning group play produced some surprising results, Gordon Shaw beat No.7 seed Nat Richardson while Clive Banham had a good win against Ashford's Graham Outtrim. There were no upsets in the women's competition although Lorna Slikin gave No.1

ASHFORD ANNUAL VETS TOURNAMENT



MARY HEFFERMAN

seed Mary Hefferman a scare by only losing 9 in the fifth.

After taking advantage of the excellent food on offer the attention was then turned to the knockout stage of the competition, in Band C both Chris Posford and Gerry Hawkins made steady progress into the final that produced a five set match win for Gerry. With Nat Richardson now playing in Band B anyone in the bottom half of the draw had a difficult task ahead of them - as predicted Nat made his way into the final, although credit must go to Ron Langheim who made Nat work hard for his semi final win of 8, -10, 9 & 10. After some good wins in the top of the draw Roland McLellan found his opponent too strong and Nat cruised the Band B final with a straight sets victory.

Women's No.3 seed Sandy Simpson secured her place in the ladies Final with an excellent win over No.2 seed Sue Adamson. After a hard fought Semi-final with Diane Melville, the No.1 seed Mary Hefferman played Sandy for the Women's title. The final was a game of patience as play produced long pushing rallies, Mary took the crown with a 9, 7 & 10 win.

The main Men's event once again

did not disappoint spectators, The first seed to fall was Ramesh Bhalla who was taken out of the competition by Keith "Charlie" Childs, who in turn went out to No1 seed Hari Gehlot in a five set thriller. In the bottom half of the draw Derek Holman seeded 3 saved six match points in the fifth game to win against Barrie Gilbert - Derek eventually lost in the semi final to fellow Surrey player Steve Davis. The Final was a fast hard hitting encounter between the number one and two seeds, the pattern of play was exactly as when the two met in last year's tournament. Hari's loaded forehand and backhand drives forcing Steve to play from the back of the court. The match was settled in four games in favour of Hari Gehlot 6,10,-8 & 7.

The organisers of the tournament Diane Melville and Jim Perry were pleased with the turn out as the event was so near to Christmas and thank players for their support in making the day a success. A full list of results can be found on the club's website www.ashfordttc.co.uk along with photographs of the day and club details.

CRAMLINGTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB SUCCESS

IN May 1995 a small group of table tennis players set up a club based at the Cramlington Voluntary Youth Project building in Cramlington Village Centre, Northumberland. The official inaugural meeting was held on 23rd August, 1995 when a constitution was adopted and officials were appointed.

Under the guidance of the chairman, Alan Hedley, the club soon became established and from the start adopted a policy of promoting and encouraging the playing of table tennis within Cramlington and the surrounding areas. Membership was and still is open to all classes of player from beginners to the experienced league players of both sexes, adults and children, able bodied and disabled, but with efforts concentrated on the young people in the local community.

By June 1998 the club had outgrown the CVYP premises and moved to Cramlington Community High School, at which time an application to the Foundation for Sports and the Arts was successful and delivery was taken of new equipment (including 6 new tables) to the value of £3500.

Club nights were Mondays and Thursdays with league matches being played on Mondays and the club night being on Thursdays. The club also had the use of a single table venue nearby at which some of the league matches were staged. By now five teams from the club were competing in the Northumbria League. By this time it was benefiting from a number of dedicated and responsible volunteers who catered for the administration, organisation and coaching. Some of the committee were also members of the management committee of the Northumberland Table Tennis Association and Aubrey Drapkin, the experienced ETTA British League administrator, was also highly involved with the club.

The Youth Policy was paying dividends and several of the young club members were soon representing Northumberland at cadet level with David Graham the

top cadet in the County.

Membership at the start of the 1999/2000 season stood at 14 adults and 16 juniors and the Thursday club nights were growing in popularity. A Woolwich Junior League was soon started as part of the club night activities and has continued to operate in every season.

A further 6 tables were purchased together with surrounds and also a robot machine as a result of lottery funding.

A new sports centre was to be built in the school grounds with dual facility, being for the use of the school primarily but with community use during the evenings and weekends. The club was involved in discussions and when the Centre opened moved into the new building, the Sporting Club of Cramlington, having use of the small hall on Mondays and Thursdays.

Expansion continued and soon it was necessary to also have the hall on a Friday evening with the club night switching from Thursday to Friday, leaving Mondays and Thursdays clear for the staging of league matches and also practice for adults.

A club website was set up and this soon proved to be a great asset for the club and as a result many new members were enrolled. A large number were players who had not played for several years but came along to see what it was all about and soon became regulars.

With the new premises at the Sporting Club available at weekends and the acquisition of a further eight new tables (again as the result of lottery funding) the club was able to host the Northumberland Closed Tournament and also to stage its own Junior tournament which is now an annual event. It also enabled the Northumberland Junior tournament to be re-established last season.

During the summer of 2004 an opportunity arose to move into the large hall at the Sporting Club on a Friday evening and as a result at least sixteen tables are now in use and more seniors are now attending,

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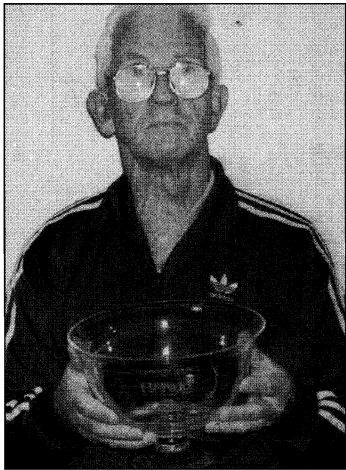
The club, which now has Premier Club status, currently has 55 adult and 42 junior members and operates 14 teams in the Northumbria League, two of which are in the Premier division.

The Youth Policy continues with many of the youngsters being introduced to competitive play not only in the club's junior league but also in the fourth division of the Northumbria league.

Whilst the club is perhaps not producing and/or catering for players of excellence standard it is continuing to provide excellent facilities at grass roots level for anyone interested in table tennis and perhaps most importantly, encouraging youngsters to take up the sport.

Visitors to the area are always welcome and more information about the club can be found on the club website at Cramlingtontabletennis.info.

PLYMOUTH'S EVENING HERALD'S 'SPORTS PERSONALITIES AWARDS 2004'



JOHN NORSWORTHY

TABLE tennis supremo John Norsworthy was the deserved winner of the tough category, 'Lifelong Contribution to Local Sport' Award.

He beat FA Charter Award winner Larry Reed, and Plymouth's 'Mr Football' Peter Distin, to the gong.

Match secretary of the Plymouth and District Table Tennis League since 1974, Norsworthy, 67, has been involved in the Plymouth sporting scene since 1954.



On behalf of Aylesbury Vale District Council and Sport England RAY JAMES presents the AVNSC Senior Club Sports Award to Club Chairman PAUL HOOLEY (second right) and other members of MS&LHTT Club. (Photo courtesy of Buckingham & Winslow Advertiser).

TOP AWARD FOR MURSLEY & SWANBOURNE & LITTLE HORWOOD TTC

MURSLEY, Swanbourne & Little Horwood Table Tennis Club ended its second year in style by once again winning a prestigious sports trophy it was first awarded in its debut year.

Open to all sporting organisations in North Bucks the Ray James Shield is presented annually by Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council to the senior club (over 18s) that has made the most 'Progress and Achievement in Sport' during the previous 12 months.

Founded in October 2002 following receipt of a Millennium Grant the Club has now attracted over 130 players (up 30%) of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to its twice weekly sessions which are held at Mursley Village Hall. Many of those participating are new to the game, others have returned after many years absence and some more experienced players are competing in local leagues - all are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity of taking part in a sport that has for some years been in decline partly due to a lack of facilities and

organisers.

As a non profit making organisation the Club has used any surplus income to further improve the already excellent facilities at Mursley Village Hall. So far this has resulted in new lights, blinds and storage facilities being installed for the benefit of all Hall users.

On the playing side the Club's top team, Mursley Pioneers, retained the Buckingham & District League title it won in its first year (this time with a 100% match record) and won also the B & D Coulson Cup, a Milton Keynes Summer League and a new trophy against a 12 man squad from the Bedford area. The same team also finished runners up (by one point only) in Milton Keynes League Division 2. Other Club sides competed in Divisions 5 & 6 of the MK League.

The Club is open for social table tennis Tuesday mornings from 10 am till noon, and Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9.30 pm. All standards are welcome.

TONBRIDGE JUNIOR FINAL REMATCH - 50 YEARS LATER

A REMATCH of the 1954 Tonbridge Table Tennis Championship Junior Final between Brian 'The Greatest' Milns and 'Smokin' John Knock, was held half a century later, writes Andrew Everett.

50 years ago two young thin boys entered the Tonbridge Table Tennis Championships and met in the final, with Brian Milns beating John Knock fairly comfortable 21-11, 21-12.

Sunday 5th December 2004 was the date for the rematch. John now had the advantage of having continued to play, so he has had 30 years more match practice under his belt, but would this experience be enough to overcome the class of Brian's shots.

It was decided that the use of the older 38mm ball would be in order and playing to 21 points. Sponsorship was arranged by each in aid of the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

The rematch took place during one of the regular Sunday morning junior practices held in the Leigh Village Hall. As both players warmed up it was obvious that Brian still had the shots.

It was good to see a reasonable number of

spectators, including many juniors, interested onlookers from the Legion and also ex players such as Eric Batchelor and Pete Gow.

When the match began it was clear that this was not going to be a whitewash, for either player. Game one ended with Brian taking it 21-19. Game two was even closer. Some spirited, and very athletic play from Brian helped him stay in game two, but eventually after great play from John saw him level the match at 22-20.

The decider saw more athleticism from Brian which helped us witness some fantastic rallies with John in his customary stance close to the table countering all Brian's efforts, and in the end John took the rematch 21-19, to record his first ever victory over Brian.

All those present agreed that they were privileged to see such skill from these elder statesmen of table tennis.

We look forward to the next rematch in 2054!

£116 was raised towards the Village Hall fund.

The two gladiators are pictured right, BRIAN MILNS (left) and JOHN KNOCK



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“FUNDING & PROMOTING YOUR CLUB”

HOLLINGBURY
Table Tennis Club
pictured right
during a coaching
session, at
Bevendean



Managing your Table Tennis Club

A SUCCESSFUL club is not just about the players. As some clubs are realising, training the organisers and volunteers behind the scenes can make a big difference.

Imagine a struggling table tennis club. One where committee members are rushed off their feet, constantly fire-fighting problems and with no time to plan for the future. Where volunteers are hard to motivate and retain. Where helpers are left with ever-increasing workloads. Where participation rates gradually decline as the club loses its profile.

Many clubs are very well run. Most, however, will recognise some of the issues in the picture we have just painted. There are plenty of people organising sports in the UK - the Sport and Recreation sector has a professional workforce of 621,000 people and a volunteer workforce of a staggering 5.8 million people according to recent Sport England research. The problem is that clubs tend to rely on enthusiasm rather than the latest skills and management thinking. Enthusiasm is, of course, invaluable. It is even more powerful, however, when it is pointing in the right direction and supported by the right tools, tactics and techniques, as any player knows.

This is where some clubs are beginning to look to the business world. Businesses and academics have spent decades amassing a wealth of knowledge on how to work more efficiently and effectively. The British Library houses over 130,000 books on management techniques, and now some forward thinking clubs are beginning to recognise the value in drawing on this expertise. While clubs have traditionally focussed, quite rightly, on the development of their players and on giving members the chance to participate, properly training those

responsible for the management of the club can have an even more dramatic impact on a club's success.

But are table tennis clubs and their volunteers ready for funding plans, marketing and strategic planning? Lisa Wainwright, Senior Development Manager for Volunteers at Sport England, believes so. While noting that many voluntary clubs are well run, Wainwright believes business skills have a definite place. "Some clubs may struggle due to a lack of resources or being distracted by other priorities," she explains. "Others may simply lack the type of skills and access to training that's required."

Aside from the competitive and tactical aspects that sport and business have in common, there are several less obvious parallels. Coping with financial pressures for example, striving towards stretching goals, and the coaching and training of individuals, are all areas relevant to both sport and business.

"Businesses have a financial incentive to get the most out of their people," explains Wainwright, "whereas clubs may think that they don't. But clubs can benefit just as much from a focused approach to management - volunteers become motivated, plans gain momentum and clubs see themselves develop. Not only that, but this kind of approach has a positive financial impact on the club too, in relation to fundraising, increased subscriptions and better management of costs."

Even the smallest clubs face these kinds of issues - marketing, development, funding, and accessibility, for example - not to forget attracting, retaining and getting the most out of staff and volunteers. These challenges are particularly relevant in 2005, the official Year of the Volunteer. Celebrating the contribution of volunteers in all sectors, this year will see a nationwide focus on the people behind the

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CAROL BEAMS

scenes, including - in August - those who make sports clubs happen. As well as recognising the achievement of volunteers, Sport England will be continuing its commitment to work at a strategic level with partners to provide appropriate and effective support to all volunteers in sport and to help develop sustainable club structures.

So how can local clubs tap into this expertise? Hollingbury Table Tennis Club is one club that has found out. After rapidly growing to over 200 members, the club faced a number of new challenges - not least of which was finding sufficient resources.

The Hollingbury Club found a solution in the form of a Running Sport workshop on “Funding & Promoting Your Club”, organised and run by Sport England. From the workshop, they learnt the sources of funding available and techniques for - techniques that have led organiser Carol Beames to apply a much more structured approach to “finding where the pots of money are buried”.

“We now have an action plan and targets within that plan,” Carol Beames explains. “We learnt to speak the language of the people who’ve got the money.” The approach has paid dividends, with the Hollingbury Club having found sponsors for their British league teams and also for individual players. Learning how to fill in the forms and speak to the local authority’s grant schemes and Sport England’s own “Awards for All” has enabled the Club to promote and develop Table Tennis within the community.

But it is not just funding and promotion that volunteers can be trained in. Running Sport also covers accessibility, volunteer management, and club development, delivering the “need to know” essentials in short but effective evening workshops across the country. Through a

network of accredited and approved trainers - sport development professionals who understand the specific needs of people working in sports clubs - Running Sport equips volunteers with the most effective tools and techniques to apply in their own clubs.

“As a result of attending further workshops,” Carol Beames explains, “we’ve learnt more about training and retaining our volunteers. We now have more people than ever involved in the daily management of the club which has proved essential to its continued sustainability.”

Organisers leave the Running Sport workshops knowing how best to fund their club, how best to promote their club and how best to grow their club. While club volunteers may not become management gurus overnight, the workshops will certainly help.

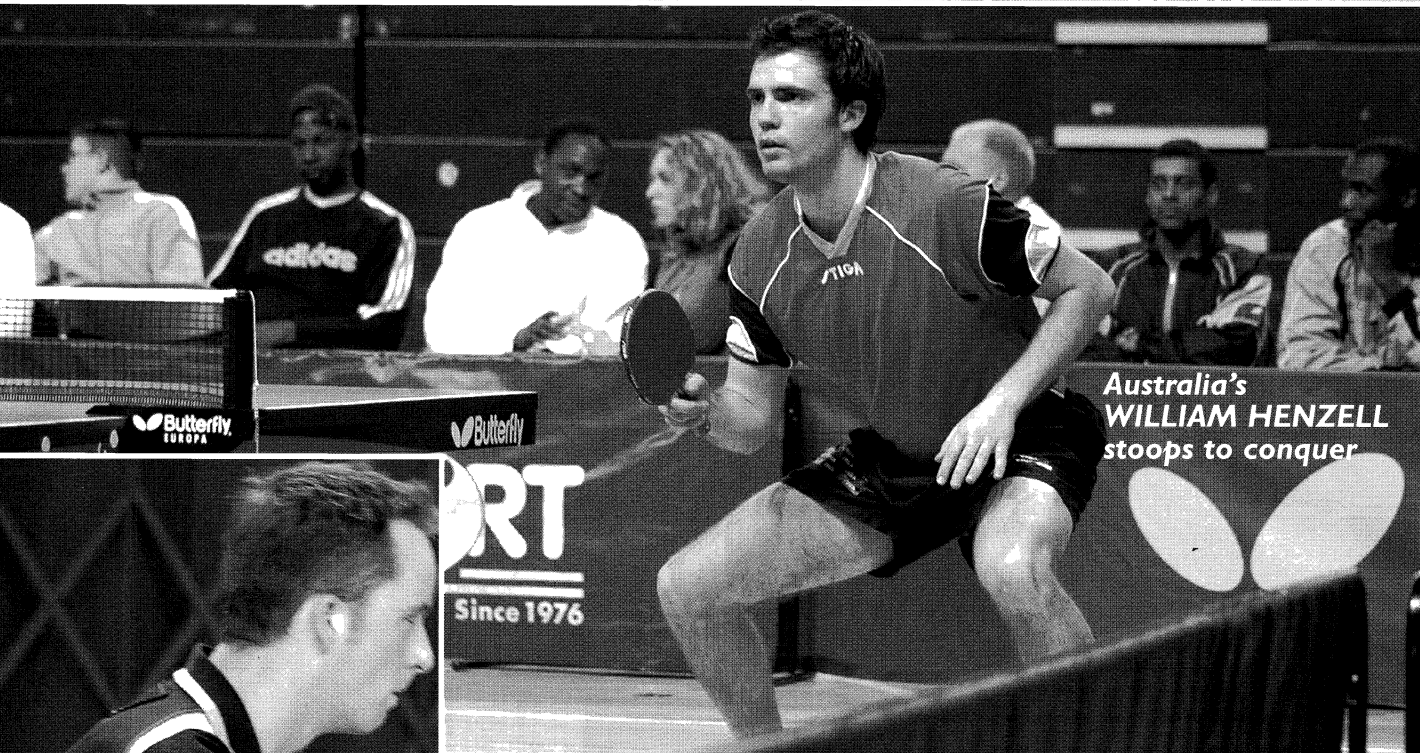
Quick tips - advice from Running Sport

- When planning changes and developments, involve everyone who will be affected in the planning process. This ensures that the people who need to make things happen feel some ownership
- Perform a SWOT analysis to identify your club’s internal strengths and weaknesses and to be clear about opportunities and threats in the outside world
- Create specific volunteer management roles
- Retain and reward your volunteers by formally recognising achievements and thanking them whenever appropriate.
- Be specific and precise with funding applications, selling your progress to date and a positive attitude
- Create a dedicated fundraising committee
- Keep a tight grip on subscriptions and fees – it is surprising how much clubs lose through lax attitudes to this

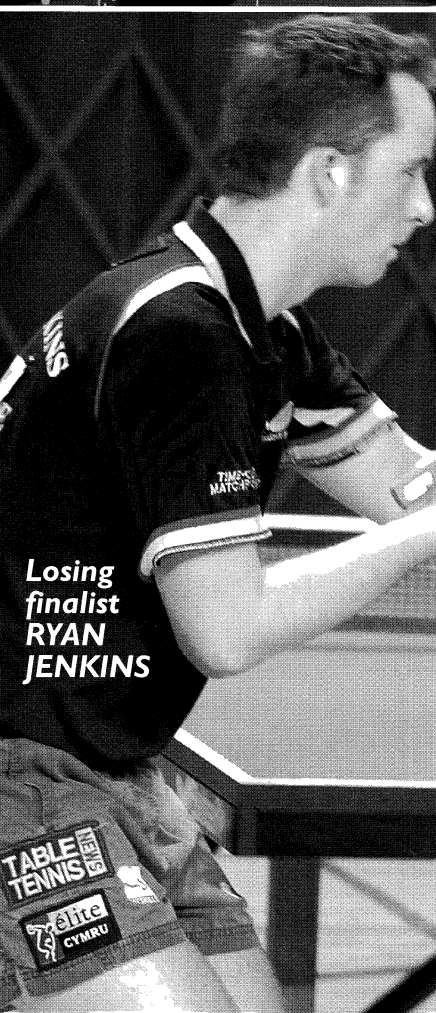
For many more ideas, tips and tools on how to get more for your club, or how to get to a Running Sport workshop, or to find out about Running Sport workshops in your area, call 020 7404 2224.

RUNNING SPORT

WILLIAM HENZELL & TONG FEIMING WINNERS AT CRYSTAL PALACE



Australia's
WILLIAM HENZELL
stoops to conquer



Losing
finalist
**RYAN
JENKINS**

semis to beat Jason Sugrue at 5 in the fifth, and in the final another titanic battle to beat Ryan Jenkins -3, 9, 6, -8, 8.

The Welsh champion on the vital points was pushed back into lobbing shots - the man from Adelaide secured final victory over Jenkins who had won his five previous tournaments, two with wins over Alan Cooke.

How strong is Henzell? Alan Cooke will probably beat him, but Henzell could win most of the remaining Grand Prix's and the Blackpool satellite.

Henzell has lived in Sweden for the past eight years, he is now 23, in my view not a world-beater but likely create havoc here in England.

In the semis Henzell beat Gergely Urban in the fourth and Sugrue powered past Dong Da Qin at 5 in the fifth.

Craig Bryant had a good day only losing to the Chinese player at 5 in the fifth. Craig then went on to win the Under 21-event, a match played when the Palace staff were on their way home at 7pm, leaving the showers and toilets locked up.

TONG TAKES TITLE

Tong Feiming seems to be spending much time here in England coaching over a wide area and helping with any conversations with

Chinese players and officials.

Not long ago she would sail through these tournaments, scarcely losing a game. In the quarters she crushed Egley Adomelyte but the Taipei lady took four games to stop the improving Abigail Embling.

In the final Feiming powered past Naomi Owen the Welsh No.1, 8, 6, 9.

Possibly the biggest shock of the day came when Lauren Spink defeated the Russian lady who lives in Berkshire Marina Zarzycka at 4 in the fourth game.

Naomi Owen landed the under-21 womens event, 5, 12, 5 against Cheshire's Claire Langford.

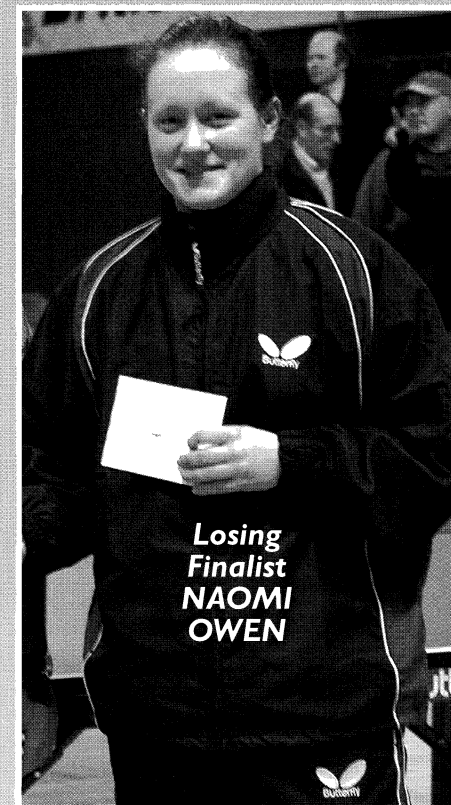
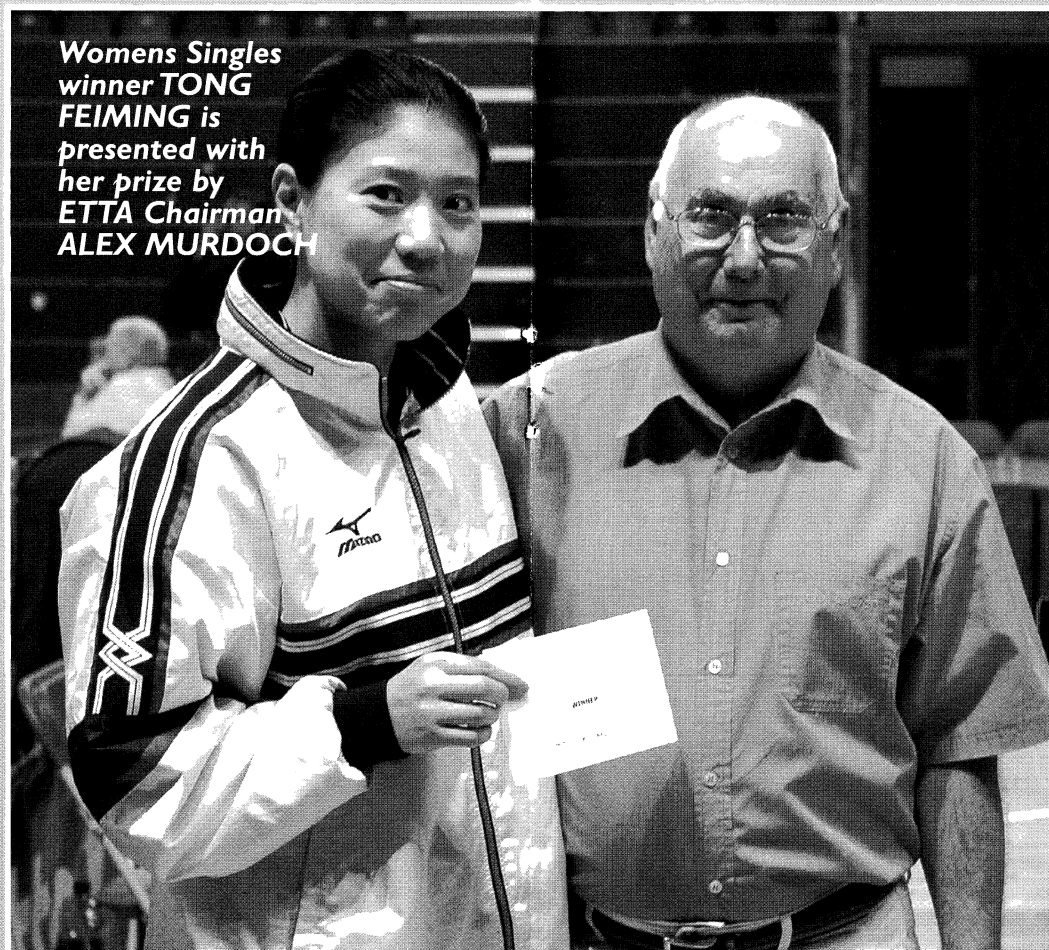
The veterans winners were Kim Mudge, winning over Brenda Buoey who finished 2nd and Nigel Eckersley.

The Sussex man was forced into two late battles winning over Chris Beckley in the semis and Clive Carthy in the final, all the scores were extremely close.

Footnote: The future of Crystal Palace remains in the balance. It appears to be still our National Sports Centre and in the summer huge crowds attend the athletics meetings. But the buildings I have seen all need a coat of paint and a real makeover. Problem is that the site is worth a fortune in development terms for housing or whatever.

Words by John Woodford
and
Pictures by Richard Pettit

Womens Singles
winner **TONG
FEIMING** is
presented with
her prize by
ETTA Chairman
ALEX MURDOCH



Losing
Finalist
**NAOMI
OWEN**

ROYAL DOUBLE TRIUMPH FOR JOE AT CRYSTAL PALACE

JOE CHACHOLIADES rose at 5am that morning to make the journey by cab, rail and tube to the Crystal Palace sports centre, for his first ever Grand Prix Tournament.

Entered in both the men's band 4 & 5 singles and suffering from a head cold, Joe did not get off to a good start in his first ever individual men's event, lacking the experience against adults he lost his first match in band 4 (3-1).

Very much the underdog seeded 35th out of 36 competitors and knowing that if he was to progress beyond the group stages this would have to be his one and only defeat.

5 wins later, Joe was in the final, achieved maximum ranking points twice on the way. Despite his opponent's and that of his coach's best efforts, Joe's control and accuracy was awesome, winning his first ever men's Grand Prix at the first attempt 3-0 and attaining his third maximum of the day.

But with no time to celebrate Joe had already been called to start his band 5 tournament whilst still playing his band 4 final. No easy start here, Joe's first match was against the tactically astute pimple playing number 2 seed, Joe's unfamiliarity with this type of player stretched the game to 5 sets, Joe clinching it 14-12.

After winning his group, he found himself in the knockout stages in the last sixteen at 6-30pm very much drained and 10-6 down in the fifth. Well what goes through a player's mind at a time like this? What time is the next train leaving Crystal Palace maybe? Joe had no such intention, he took the next two points, whereby his opponent called a "time out", the score now poised at 10-8. Joe then took the next 4, winning 6 in a row to win

RESULTS:

Mens Singles: s/f: W.Henzell (AUS) bt J.Sugrue (IRE) -5,7,7,-10,9: R.Jenkins (WAL) bt C.Slevin (IRE) 7,-9,11,-12,8. Final: Henzell bt Jenkins -3,9,6,-8,8.

Womens Singles: s/f: Tong Feiming (TPE) bt A.Embling 8,-14,4,5: N.Owen (WAL) bt L.Spink 4,5,9. Final: Tong bt Owen 8,6,9.

Mens U21: C.Bryant bt C.Brown -6,9,7,10.

Womens U21: Owen bt C.Langford 5,12,5.

Mens Vets: N.Eckersley bt C.Carthy 11,10,11.

Womens Vets: K.Mudge bt B.Buoey r/r

Mens B1: Dong D. Q. bt M.Marsden 1,9,8

Mens B2: D.Hayes bt R.Lemon 10,8,5

Mens B3: K.Haste bt L.Carrington 6,-8,9,8

Mens B4: J.Chacholiades bt D.Frazer 4,9,9

Mens B5: J.Chacholiades bt M.Persaud-7,-6, 6,5,6.

Mens B6: A.Stokes bt K.Falconer 9,5,-8,9

Womens B1: N.Wilson bt J.Roberts 10,5,-8,7

Womens B2: L.Radford bt S.Hubbard 2,6,6

Womens B3: D.Melville bt S.Hubbard 3,8,-8,7



JOE CHACHOLIADES is pictured receiving his Mens Band 4 & 5 Trophies from **ETTA** Chairman **ALEX MURDOCH**

the match 12-10.

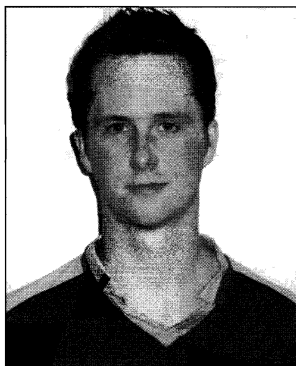
Physically exhausted Joe decided he could not afford any more long drawn out matches if he was to make it to the final, he won the quarters and the semis 3-0.

In the final at 8-20pm Joe found himself up against Mickey Persaud a player who was ranked no 1 in the London Junior Table Tennis Scheme, before Joe had even started playing table tennis. After two sets Joe found himself 2-0 down. Joe then did what he always does when his up against it, turn to his instincts, taking the next three sets 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 to claim his second trophy of the day.

AT CRYSTAL PALACE on January 31 it became crystal clear that we have a new boy on the block, the Australian No.1 William Henzell, writes John Woodford.

Possessor of a steady and frequently accurate top-spin attack he struggled in the

OVER THE BRIDGE



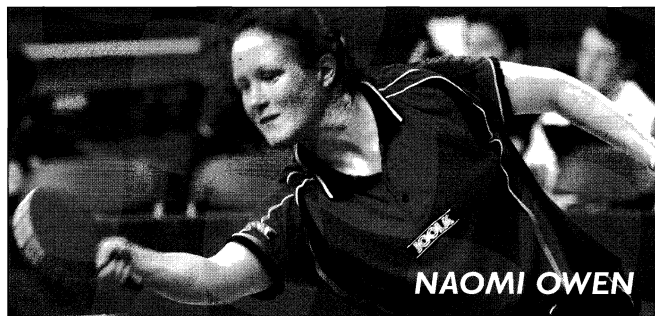
By RYAN JENKINS

Ryan reports on the progress of the Welsh in English table tennis, when they cross the Severn Bridge.

THE Grand Prix circuit has been kind to me over the past couple of seasons, and things seem to be hotting up with the inclusion of my friend, and Australian player William Henzell, into the fold. I lost out to him in the recent London Open for the first time, now I will try and gain revenge at the Hereford Grand Prix, writes Ryan Jenkins.

Stephen Jenkins has unfortunately withdrawn from the forthcoming European Championship in Denmark in April due to his last year in university. He will be replaced by my fellow Cardiff University student, Steven Gertson to the dismay of other more experienced players. On that note, Gertson, along with Devon star Chris Brown and myself travelled to the British University Championships on the weekend of 19/20 February in Warwick to compete in the singles event.

There was a good result for Welsh lady Naomi Owen reaching the final of the Butterfly London Grand Prix losing out to the experienced Tong Feiming 3-0.



NAOMI OWEN

Veteran George Evans has had some great wins in the Welsh league defying age and beating all before him. Keep it up George and you'll be back playing in the Welsh team soon. Liam Thomas has had to retire prematurely due to medical reasons. The current Welsh junior champion was likely to be selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games next March.

It will be interesting to see with the Commonwealth Games just 12 months away, the players that return to the game only to conveniently retire soon afterwards. This has been the trend in past competitions, and with such a great venue as Melbourne as an incentive, some people will want a free holiday!!! watch this space.....

I hear there will be a Satellite Grand Prix in Wales next season, about time. At least there will be one tournament with prize money now.

Astonishingly there isn't any for the Welsh National Championships.....

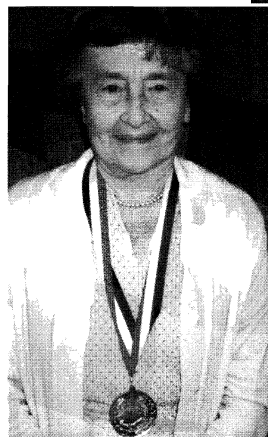
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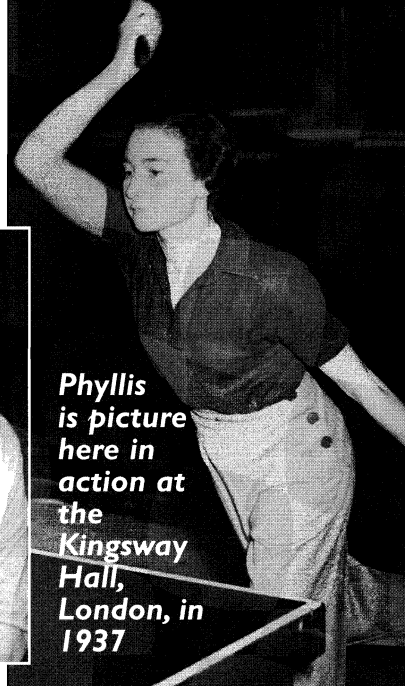
OBITUARY

Phyllis Lauder (nee Hodgkinson)

Phyllis pictured with her Over 80's Gold medal that she won in Baltimore in 1992



Phyllis is picture here in action at the Kingsway Hall, London, in 1937



IT is with sadness and regret that we acknowledge the death of Mrs Phyllis Lauder who died aged 94 on 11 January 2005. Phyllis enjoyed a lively, lengthy and exciting career as far as Sport and in particular Table Tennis are concerned.

She first picked up a bat in the 1920's and within a few years was playing for Middlesex in County competition. This was followed by England selection in 1938 and that year she participated in the World Championships which were held in London. In partnership with Doris Jordan (later to become Doris Haydon - Ann Haydon-Jones' mum) they reached the semi-finals of the Ladies Doubles. Sadly Phyllis' international career was to be interrupted by the War. This did not prevent her playing, and she frequently participated in exhibition matches for War charities (often with the great Victor Barna). She also managed to find a few local Leagues to play in - and she recalled that the air raids simply became something of an inconvenience to the night.

After the War came marriage to Keith, her daughter Valerie was born and she moved to a new home in Essex. At this time Phyllis was involved in a number of sports; she was a member of the English Touring Party that went to Australia in 1937 to play Hockey and she played Cricket for Essex Ladies (where she was Wicket-keeper). She also achieved a great deal of success at Tennis, Squash and Badminton. However it was her later career in Table Tennis where she achieved her most memorable successes, these being at the World Veterans Championships: 1982 - Gothenburg - Women's over 70's singles Gold medal 1984 - Helsinki - Women's over 70's singles Bronze medal 1984 - Helsinki - Women's over 70's

doubles Silver medal 1990 - Baltimore - Women's over 80's singles Gold medal 1992 - Dublin - Women's over 80's singles Silver medal 1992 - Dublin - Women's over 80's doubles Gold medal

Phyllis travelled the world with a Table Tennis bat in her hand. She visited China, Japan, India, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and many European countries have all welcomed her as a charming yet determined player.

Whilst her playing career was impressive enough she was equally well known as an administrator and with her lively, enthusiastic and pleasant personality it is no surprise that she was honoured by many Clubs and Associations globally. Among her proudest awards have been membership of the ITTF Swaythling Club for International players and Officials (1967), the Corti Woodcock Memorial Award for service to Table Tennis from the Essex County Association (1978), a framed Merit Award from the ETTA (1983) and the ETTA Leslie Forrest Trophy for Services to the Sport (1989).

Phyllis was Essex County Veterans Match Secretary for no less than 25 years during which time she administered up to four teams a season and she was also General Secretary for the Romford and District Table Tennis League from 1967 until 1992. After stepping down as their League Secretary she was deservedly appointed President of the League and even then rarely missed either an AGM or even a Committee meeting until late in 2004.

Her life and achievements are ones which most of us can only imagine and envy, and her passing has been a sad time for all those who knew her.

Paul Morris - Chairman - Romford & District Table Tennis League

CRUNCH WEEKEND

WITH three teams challenging for honours and five sides in danger of being relegated the last weekend of British League Premier Division matches promises to be amongst the most eagerly contested ever.

The single day's play at Halton Table Tennis on Sunday 23rd January 2005 could hardly have gone better for League leaders London Progress I and Ormesby I (who both won twice) as well as for one Carl Preat, a player who has achieved so much in the Sport, but was amazingly playing his first British League match for twenty years, writes Steve Kerns.

With wins over Jason Sugrue, Terry Young, Gary Tendler and Gareth Herbert it was Darlington's new-signing Carl Preat who stole the show. The powerful forehand remained as potent as ever but there was one major difference to Preat's game, the famous punched backhand with the long pimples had disappeared and been replaced by the most consistent and accurate of backhand drives with normal reverse rubber. Long, hard-fought driving rallies became the order of the day, particularly in Preat's fast and furious encounter against Terry Young.

Darlington I were London Progress's first opponents, and Progress will certainly have breathed a sigh of relief that Euan Walker wasn't in the Darlington side as well. With Carl beating Jason Sugrue 3-1 and Terry Young 3-2 and England No.7 Junior David Meads scoring a superb 3-1 win over Marco Essomba Progress slipped 3-2 behind. They

will therefore be really pleased with just how well they held themselves together to take the match 5-3.

Ormesby I dominated against BATT'S Team Peniel and won 6-2. Paul Drinkhall made a slow start against John Holland but just as it looked as if John could be celebrating an unexpected victory Paul's game clicked into overdrive. He eventually raced away with the match 9-11, 4-11, 11-5, 11-5. Likewise Craig Bryant was also stretched by former team-mate Holland before he came thorough 14-12, 11-8, 7-11, 10-12, 11-8. BATT'S two wins were both good ones with Neil Charles and Martin Kubrt doing well to get the better of the higher-ranked Steve Bailey. Bryn Drinkhall was the most dominant player on view beating both Kubrt and Peter Cleminson convincingly 3-0.

Sunday afternoon's big match may well have had some bearing on who wins the title. And having lost 6-2 to Ormesby third-placed Harvey Barnets may well be out of the reckoning for the top honours now. Tied on eighteen points each it now looks to be a battle between London Progress and Ormesby.

The last round of matches take place over the weekend of 16/17th April 2005 at the London Progress Tournament Centre, Southall College, Beaconsfields Road, Southall, Middlesex. Matches start at 11am on the Saturday and at 10am on the Sunday. With every team either challenging for honours or fighting to avoid relegation all Clubs will be looking to turn out their strongest sides.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PREMIER DIVISION							
London Progress	10	8	2	0	57	23	18
Ormesby	10	8	2	0	56	24	18
Harvey Barnets	10	6	3	1	53	27	15
Batts Team Peniel	10	1	5	4	35	45	7
Seasiders	10	3	1	6	29	51	7
Ellenborough	10	1	4	5	34	46	6
JAGS	10	1	3	6	27	53	5
Darlington	10	1	2	7	29	51	4
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
Halton Croda	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	10	7	2	1	50	30	16
Bedford Modern II	10	6	1	3	45	35	13
London Progress IV	10	6	1	3	45	35	13
Oxford Fireplace Centre II	10	5	2	3	40	40	12
Sutton Sharks	10	3	5	2	43	37	11
Kingfisher Reading	10	3	1	6	40	40	7
Guildford II	10	2	1	7	31	49	5
Guinness Polska	10	0	3	7	26	54	3
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
NWF	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
Britannia Ipswich	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 Bats	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	32	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

The British League Official Ball



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BRITISH LEAGUE TABLES

SUSSEX ON TOP OF PREMIER

SENIOR PREMIER DIVISION

AFTER the first round of three matches, played at Cippenham T.T.C., newly promoted Sussex find themselves at the top of the division as the only team to have won all of their matches, they opened with an excellent 8/2 win against Leicestershire, only Chris Rogers, who beat Adrian Moore, and Karen Smith, who beat Sheila King offering substantial resistance, writes Stan Clarke.

Sunday morning paired Sussex with the other promoted team, Durham, who were promptly dispatched 7/3, a result that was not helped by the absence of a second Lady player from the Durham team, it is difficult enough to win matches at this level without gifting your opponents a two set advantage before the match even starts. However this Durham team are very young, with three juniors in the squad and it must have been very disheartening for them to find themselves 5/0 down to the very experienced Sussex team, but they picked themselves up to win three of the last five sets as David Meads beat Nigel Eckersley 11/6, 11/6, 11/9, Michael Marsden beat Ritchie Venner 6/11, 11/6, 9/11, 11/8, 11/4, and Andrew Leighton beat Adrian Moore 11/9, 13/11, 5/11, 11/8 in the final set of the match. In the third match of the weekend Sussex faced Essex and again won 7/3, doubles for Ritchie Venner, Adrian Moore and Rose Rainton with Nigel Eckersley beating Martin Kubrt for the seventh set. Devonshire are currently in second place with two wins and a draw, level

on points with Middlesex who have the same points total, but the sets difference is in favour of Devonshire by a margin of one set. The first round of matches paired the two teams and it was nip and tuck all the way, never more than one set dividing the two teams. At the start of the final set Middlesex lead 5/4 with Eli Baraty facing Chris Brown, Eli took the first game 13/11, Chris took the second 11/7, Eli the third 11/9, but Chris stayed focussed to win the final two games 11/5, 11/9, to ensure the draw for Devonshire. In their second match Devon faced Surrey and after losing the first set, when Abdul Wuraola beat James Whiteman, ran away with the match 9/1, particularly impressive were Craig Bryant and Marketa Myskova who both won all of their sets three straight. For their third match they faced Leicestershire in a much closer tussle, Devonshire won 6/4, but it was a close run thing, Craig Bryant beat Chris Rogers and Dave Gannon, Marketa Myskova beat Bettina Lehmann and with the match tied at 4/4 faced Karen Smith in the set of the match, Marketa winning 5/1 1, 14/12, 11/2, 8/11, 12/10, to nudge Devonshire into the lead leaving Chris Brown to play Dave Gannon in the final set, Chris promptly won in three straight to take the points for a grateful Devonshire.

Middlesex, after their draw with Devonshire on the Saturday, played Leicestershire on the Sunday morning and easily won the match 8/2, once again only Chris Rogers and Karen Smith causing problems for the stronger opposition. The final

match of the weekend paired Middlesex against Durham and was an altogether more difficult task, Durham, again gifting two sets to their opponents through playing one short, fought like tigers after finding themselves 3/0 down, David Meads beat Neil Charles and Jimmy Welsh, Claire Wilson and Andrew Leighton respectively beat Aparna Narendra and Tommy Cutler, but the result was sealed in favour of Middlesex when Egle Adomelyte beat Claire Wilson in the penultimate set to give Middlesex a 6/3 advantage.

Yorkshire are in fourth spot, with four points from two wins and one defeat, they played Durham in their first match winning 7/3 although Michael James, number one for Yorkshire, lost both of his sets to David Meads and Michael Marsden, but once again gifting two sets to the opposition proved too much for Durham and Yorkshire finished strongly to take both points. In their second match they faced Essex who ensured a win when Shelley Uzal edged out Nicola White 12/10 in the final game of their set. Yorkshire ensured a return to winning ways when they thrashed Surrey 8/2 in their third match, only Henri Medellin, who beat Shi Guang and Abdul Wuraola, who beat Michael James causing any problems for the "Tykes". Essex are nipping at the heels of Yorkshire, both teams have four points, but Yorkshire have a two set advantage. Essex started the weekend with an eight-two demolition of near neighbours Surrey, they then followed up with their defeat of Yorkshire but the wheels came off when they lost heavily to Sussex in their final match. The bottom three places are occupied by Durham, Leicestershire and Surrey, all three having failed to win a point and separated only by

sets difference.


SENIOR DIVISION 1B

Gloucestershire seem, at this stage, to have more or less sewn up this division with four wins from four matches, they are the only undefeated team in the division with a whopping four sets lead over their nearest rivals, although they have played one match more than the other teams but a win in the bank is usually better than a game in hand. Unusually there have been no drawn matches so far in the games played. Three teams, Kent, Glamorgan and Wiltshire are level on four points each with only sets difference separating them, it looks like an interesting set of matches coming up.

JUNIOR DIVISION 1A

Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire are contesting the top two places after four matches, with three wins and a draw each they are tied on seven points, but Lincolnshire have a one set advantage at this stage and as a result are in top spot. They played Lancashire in their first match winning 6/4, then against South Yorkshire they fought out a draw before thrashing Essex 2nd. 9/1, and Nottinghamshire 8/2. South Yorkshire opened with a 7/3 win against Essex 2nd followed by the draw with Lincolnshire and finished with two more wins, 8/2 against Nottinghamshire and 7/3 against Northamptonshire.

In third place are Northamptonshire with five points from two wins a draw and one defeat, Essex 2nd. Nottinghamshire are tied on four points with identical sets difference and separated only by games count back. Lancashire and Yorkshire 2nd are tied on two points but Lancashire have a four sets advantage pushing Yorkshire into seventh place with just Cleveland below them.



**YASAKA
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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	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Sussex	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Devonshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
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							
Essex	7	6	1	0	54	16	13
Surrey	7	5	1	1	43	27	11
Middlesex	7	4	1	2	39	31	9
Somerset	7	4	0	3	38	32	8
Sussex	7	3	0	4	34	36	6
Buckingham 2nd	7	3	0	4	31	39	6
Gwent	7	1	1	5	23	46	3
Warwickshire	7	0	0	7	17	52	0
Division 2A							
Cheshire 2nd	8	6	1	1	52	28	13
Lincolnshire 2nd	8	5	2	1	47	33	12
Worcestershire	7	4	3	0	43	27	11
Staffordshire	8	3	4	1	46	34	10
Lancashire 2nd	8	4	0	4	42	38	8
Shropshire	8	2	1	5	35	45	5
Durham 2nd	8	2	1	5	34	46	5
Northumberland	8	2	0	6	26	54	4
Northampton 2nd	7	1	0	6	25	45	2
Division 2B							
Cornwall 1st	5	5	0	0	45	5	10
Gloucestershire	7	4	1	2	34	36	9

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES

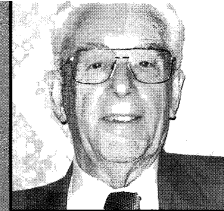
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Hampshire	4	4	0	0	38	2	8
Devonshire 2nd	6	4	0	2	31	29	8
Dorset	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Devonshire 3rd	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Avon	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Cornwall 2nd	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Wiltshire	4	0	0	4	9	31	0
Devonshire 4th	4	0	0	4	6	34	0
Division 2C							
Norfolk 1st	5	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							
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							
Premier Division							
Lincolnshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Somerset	4	2	0	2	20	20	4(78-73)
Lancashire	4	2	0	2	20	20	4(70-71)
Yorkshire	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Sussex	3	1	1	1	15	15	3(57-62)
Surrey 1st	3	1	1	1	15	15	3(48-53)
Durham	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Division 1A							
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							
Gwent	7	7	0	0	57	13	14
Warwickshire	7	4	0	3	42	28	8
Glamorgan	7	2	2	3	28	42	6
Berkshire	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Worcestershire	7	1	2	4	30	40	4
Sussex 2nd	5	1	2	2	21	29	4(83-103)
Surrey 2nd	5	1	2	2	21	29	4(72-104)
Gloucestershire	4	0	1	3	10	30	1
VETERANS							
Premier Division							
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							
Cheshire 2nd	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Yorkshire 1st	7	6	0	1	48	22	12
Worcestershire	7	4	1	2	43	27	9
Norfolk	7	2	2	3	32	38	6
Oxfordshire	7	2	2	3	31	39	6
Hertfordshire	7	2	0	5	25	45	4
Yorkshire 2nd	7	1	2	4	24	46	4
South Yorkshire	7	1	1	5	27	43	3
Division 1B							
Dorset 1st	7	7	0	0	53	17	14
Berkshire	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Dorset 2nd	7	3	2	2	37	33	8
Surrey 2nd	7	2	2	3	37	33	6
Kent 2nd	6	2	2	2	27	33	6

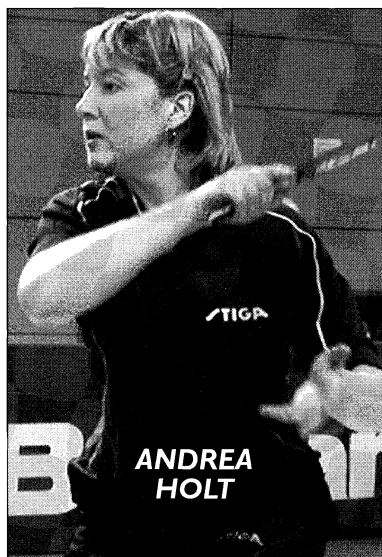
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Avon	7	1	1	5	24	46	3
Hampshire	7	1	0	6	19	51	2
Division 2A							
Leicestershire	7	5	2	0	49	21	12
Essex 3rd	7	5	0	2	41	29	10
Nottinghamshire	7	3	2	2	42	28	8
Essex 2nd	7	3	2	2	37	33	8
Lincolnshire	7	4	0	3	32	38	8
Cambridgeshire	7	3	0	4	33	37	6
Bedfordshire	7	2	0	5	30	40	4
Warwickshire	7	0	0	7	16	54	0
Division 2B							
Wiltshire	5	4	1	0	41	9	9
Kent 3rd	6	4	1	1	36	24	9
Somerset	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Buckinghamshire	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
Berkshire 2nd	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
Hertfordshire 2nd	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Devonshire 2nd	5	0	2	3	17	33	2
Worcestershire 2nd	5	0	1	4	15	35	1
Division 2A							
Yorkshire 3rd	4	3	1	0	32	8	7
Lancashire 2nd	4	2	2	0	23	17	6
Leicestershire 2nd	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Yorkshire 4th	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Cheshire 3rd	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Durham	4	0	2	2	18	22	2
Clwyd	4	1	0	3	9	31	2
Staffordshire	4	0	1	3	14	26	1
Division 3B							
Essex 4th	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Northamptonshire	7	5	1	1	40	30	11
Middlesex 2nd	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Surrey 3rd	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Hertfordshire 3rd	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Buckingham 2nd	6	2	1	3	23	37	5
Bedfordshire 2nd	6	1	1	4	26	34	3
Norfolk 2nd	7	0	1	6	17	53	1
Division 3C							
Sussex 2nd	5	5	0	0	33	17	10
Middlesex 3rd	5	3	0	2	31	19	6

MATCHPOINT

By JOHN WOODFORD



- **OUR** Chairman Alex Murdoch could win a seat at high ITTF levels, a seat currently occupied by Alan Ransome. Much will depend on meetings coming up in Aarhus, Denmark (European championships) and in Shanghai (Worlds).
- **SKYLET ANDREW**, now known as "Sky" has been appearing in front of the TV cameras quite regularly in his role as a football agent and obviously climbing the ladder of fame.
- **SKY** appeared on December 13 in a BBC documentary looking at the spectacular fall from grace as a soccer commentator Ron Atkinson, after an unfortunate outburst on Chelsea footballer Marcel Desailly.
- **NEVER** shy to come forward, many of his followers will recall the days from 1987 to 1994 when with Nicky Mason he won the English mens doubles titles six times.
- **SO**, with Matthew Syed, we now have regular TV appearances by two of our former star players. Keep watching, who will be next?
- **BEFORE** this column was written the subject of 'Individual Registration' will have been debated at the January National Council meeting when a motion by the Isle of Wight will attempt to shelve the matter due to the high cost of collection in relation to benefits."
- **ANDREA HOLT** as many readers may have seen made a brief appearance on ITV's Celebrity Fit Club on January 11, playing table tennis against one the celebs Ken Morley. I thought I recognised that



competing in the Commonwealth tournaments, but watch out for some top Chinese players moving to Singapore, which of course is eligible for the Commonwealth.

forehand drive - a useful boost for our sport keeping people fit. But will this fitness see her retain her National title at Sheffield, from the No.6 seeded position?

- **CHINESE** players in or near world class who cannot get into their national squad are in some cases making their way to Hongkong.
- **CHECKING** the world ranking lists, I find five Hong Kong women are in the top 40 and they have three men in the top 39.
- **THE** good news is with the Commonwealth nations - Hong Kong are no longer

EURO & WORLD NEWS

Compiled by JOHN WOOD

Clash of the British in Switzerland

ON February 5th the teams of Wädenswil and Meyrin met for their Swiss League match. They were led by their two British top players, Ryan Jenkins (Wales/Wädenswil) and Alan Cooke (England/Meyrin). Meyrin were originally expected to win the match as they had dominated the Swiss Championship for the last few years. The fact that Meyrin had to replace their number 3 player, which meant two relatively easy points for Wädenswil, made the match between Ryan Jenkins and Alan Cooke the decisive one. The two British players ranked 1 and 2 in the Swiss Ranking fascinated the Wädenswil spectators with a close match and several spectacular rallies. At one set all the third set went into deuce. Finally Ryan Jenkins won it 17-15. After this Alan Cooke's resistance was broken and Jenkins won the 4th set rather comfortably giving his side a decisive 3:2 lead on the way to a 4:2 victory. It was Jenkins' 3rd win in a row against Cooke after beating him twice in Scotland a few weeks ago and the first one against him in the Swiss League. It was also Cooke's first defeat in this year's Swiss League season.



Jenkins bt. Cooke 11-8, 3-11, 17-15, 11-2.

LIEBHERR CROATIAN OPEN

VLADIMIR SAMSONOV of Belarus and Tie Yana of Hong Kong dominated proceedings in the finals of the Men's and Women's Singles events at the Liebherr Croatian Open in Zagreb at the end of January. Samsonov, in his usual elegant style, beat the reigning World champion, Austria's Werner Schlager, whilst Tie Yana overcame Sun Bei Bei of Singapore, who was competing in only the second ITTF Pro Tour event

of her career

The first time that Samsonov and Schlager met at senior international level was in March 1999 and it was at the Croatian Open, since that confrontation they have met twelve times with the man from Belarus victorious on seven occasions.

For Tie Yana, who played Sun Bei Bei for the first time in her career, the Liebherr Croatian Open proved a most successful tournament; she also won the Women's Doubles with Zhang Rui beating compatriots Lau Sui Fei and Song Ah Sim in the final thus repeating their success of one week earlier when the pair had emerged victorious at the Liebherr Slovenian Open.

Success for Hong Kong in the Women's Doubles and also in the Men's Doubles with the top seeds and Olympic Games silver medallists

showing their class.

Ko Lai Chak and Li Ching beat Austria's Kostadin Lengerov and Bulgaria's Feng Zhe in the final; the latter pair having excelled all expectations to gain the silver medal having never previously progressed beyond the Qualification Stage of an ITTF Pro Tour tournament.

Men's Singles Final: Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR) bt Werner SCHLAGER (AUT) 11-5, 11-5, 11-4, 11-8.

Women's Singles Final: TIE Yana (HKG) bt SUN Bei Bei (SIN) 11-7, 11-7, 11-4, 11-8.

Men's Doubles Final: KO Lao Chak/LI Ching (HKG) bt Kostadin LENEROV/FENG Zhe (AUT/BUL) 11-9, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-6.

Women's Doubles Final: TIE Yana/ZHANG Rui (HKG) bt LAU Sui Fei/SONG Ah Sim (HKG) 11-6, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-3.

2005 LIEBHERR

European Championships

Aarhus
Denmark



March 27th
-April 3rd

Table

Tennis

BERKSHIRE

by Colin Dyke

THE Cadets team got their season underway with 4 matches at Warwick in Division 1B. And what an excellent start they made. With 2 wins and a draw and only one loss they lie in fourth place but have three matches in hand over the top three. The only reverse was against runaway leaders Gwent but only by the narrowest of margins 4-6, after being 3-0 up. A nailbiting climax saw Ross Saxby lose the final set 9, -8, 5, -4, -11 to the top unbeaten cadet in the division Patrick Thomas. Ross had previously beaten Daniel O'Connell 3-0. Ben Davis, Tom Maynard and Ayonija Sundararajan each contributed one win each whilst Emma Ashley benefited from the experience.

The disappointment was overcome when achieving good wins against both Warwickshire and Worcestershire by the same 6-4 margin. Ross and Greg Beckett had doubles against Warwickshire whilst Ross and Tom had doubles against Worcestershire. Finally a 5-5 draw against Glamorgan left the Berkshire boys and girls handily challenging for the runners up spot. Tom had a great double in this match with Ben, Greg and Ayonija adding one each.

The Veterans 1st team completed their programme with four good wins at Graham Spicers to finish worthy runners up in Division 1B. The narrow 6-4 loss to Dorset 1 at the beginning of the campaign cost them the title. Dave Reeves and Dave Barr with 2 apiece and the mens doubles were the main scorers in a 6-4 win over Surrey II whilst Hari Gehlot and Reeves had doubles in a 7-3 win v Hampshire. The same players then dispatched Middlesex 9-1 and Kent II 8-2. Sharon Mitchell secured a fine deuce in the fifth result against Kim Mudge in the Kent match.

Vets 2 suffered two setbacks in their latest matches against Bucks (2-8) and Somerset (3-7). Only Bob Davis had a singles success v Bucks beating Mark Purcell 3-0. Dave Streak was the only mens singles winner v Somerset beating John Crabtree in five whilst Denise Rolfe got a terrific three straight win against much higher ranked Shirley Dark.

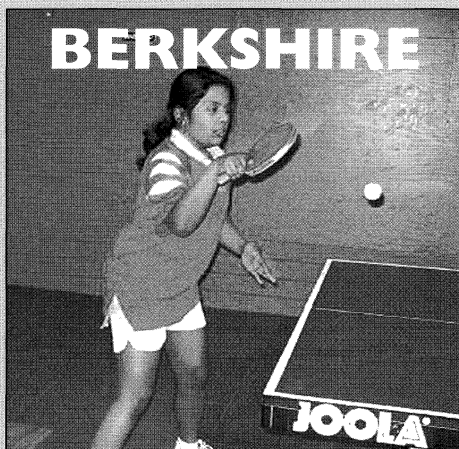
Vets 3 made it four wins out of four after beating Hereford 3 by 10-0 and Kent 6 by 9-1. The only defeat in the two matches was suffered by Denise Weller in a close 11-8 in the fifth set to Kent's Jill Shipton. But she combined well with both Tony Brown and Nick Heaps to capture both mixed doubles.

Vets 4 picked up their first win beating Wiltshire 4 by 7-3. John Morris and Geoff Civil each picked up two singles whilst captain Colin Wilkes still has to find last season's form after losing to Brian Rayment and Alan Duke (-12 in fifth). Pam Spooner secured the ladies singles beating Debbie Christie 3-1.

Vets 5 remain unbeaten winning their latest two matches v Devon 5 (7-3) and Hereford 2 (6-4). Allan Bruton was unbeaten on the day v Devon including singles wins over Mike Atkinson and Peter Nicholson. Clive Banham and Dave Gilham were both beaten by former Berkshire player Geoff Davis, whilst Carol Byers notched a good 3-1 women's singles win over Ann Warren. Mike Harris scored good wins over Hereford's Hari Jutle and Norman Merchant to lay the foundation of the win over Hereford with Clive Banham and Dave Gilham adding one. Carol Byers was again successful in the ladies match beating Carol Milnes 3-0.

Maidenhead Closed Championships

Maidenhead were the first local league to hold their Closed Championships which took place over the two days Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January at the Cippenham Table Tennis Centre. The event was



BERKSHIRE'S Ayonija Sundararajan who was unseeded, won the Under 13 Girls title at the Cheltenham 4 Star Junior Open, beating Melissa Wright (seeded 5, from South Yorkshire) 11-9, 11-1, 9-11, 11-9

well supported by Association members.

On Sunday after a hard semi-final Mark Banks went on to take his third successive Mens singles final by defeating Derek Wood 11-6, 11-7, 11-1. Gemma Chapman took her fifth Ladies singles title in a row by defeating Emma Human 11-8, 11-7, 11-4.

Earlier in the afternoon before facing each other in the Mens Singles final Mark Banks and Derek Wood took the Mens Doubles title after a hard fought contest with Graham Outrim and Ramesh Gehlot 11-9, 11-13, 12-10, 11-2.

The mother and daughter combination of Jan and Gemma Chapman took the ladies doubles title defeating Denise Rolfe and Sharon Mitchell 11-6, 11-8, 11-7. Gemma completed her list of trophies for the day by taking the mixed doubles with Trevor Griffiths against Graham Outrim and Sharon Mitchell 15-13, 7-11, 12-10, 11-4.

On Sunday a cheque for £240 was presented to the Thames Valley Hospice, this being raised by donations from members and the proceeds of the raffle.

Full Results for the weekend were:

SATURDAY

Mens Veterans: winner Graham Outrim (8-11, 11-9, 3-11, 11-6, 12-10), runner up Ramesh Gehlot

Mens Vets Consolation: winner Alan Cummings

(11-6, 10-12, 11-9, 12-10) runner up Mark Salmon

Ladies Veterans: Winner Vivienne Davies

Runner up Gill Gibbs

Tweenies: winner Mark Banks (11-9, 6-11, 11-5, 11-3)

runner up Tim Goodship

Tweenies Consolation: winner Gareth Lovell

(11-6, 11-7, 11-8) runner up Nicola Eaglestone

Premier Division: winner Graham Outrim (14-12,

3-11, 12-10, 11-9), runner up Tim Goodship

Division One: winner Clive Dawson (4-11, 11-9,

11-7, 11-7), runner up Filippo Rotunno

Division Two: winner Stan Smith (11-8, 5-11, 11-6,

11-5), runner up Michael Ludbrook

Division Three: winner Dave Rose

(11-3, 11-4, 11-7), runner up Bob Walters

Divisional Handicap: winner Dave Rose

runner up Gemma Chapman

Drawn Doubles: winners Trevor Griffiths & Emma

Human, runners up Clive Dawson & Vivienne Davies

SUNDAY

Mens Singles: winner Mark Banks (11-6, 11-7, 11-1)

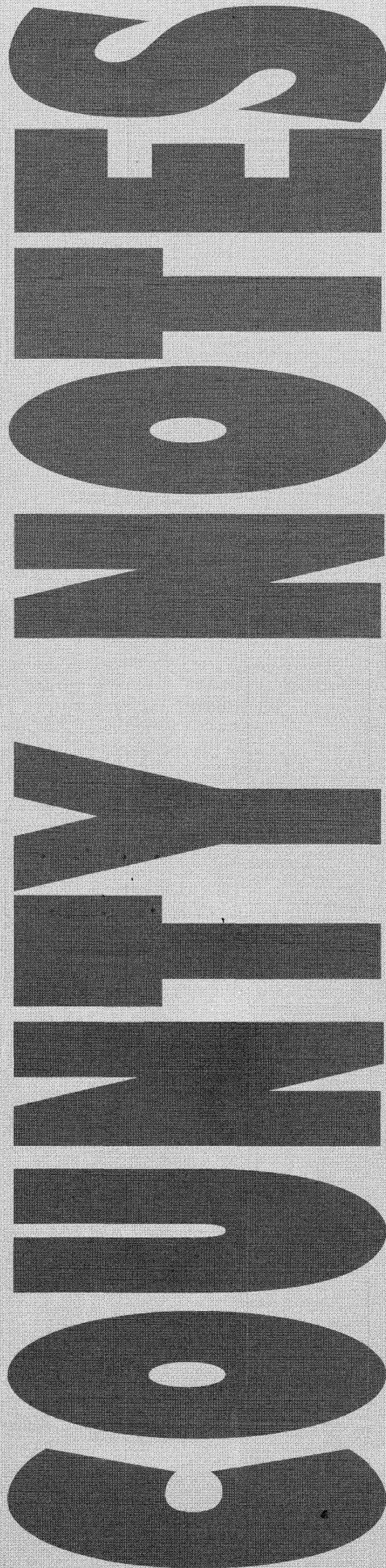
runner up Derek Wood

Mens Singles Consolation: winner Mark Dozell

(11-9, 11-9, 11-8), runner up Gareth Lovell

Ladies Singles: winner Gemma Chapman (11-8, 11-7,

11-4), runner up Emma Human



COUNTY NOTES -2

Ladies Singles Consolation: winner Nicola Eaglestone (12-10, 11-8, 11-3), runner up Jan Chapman

Mens Doubles: winners Mark Banks & Derek Wood (11-9, 11-13, 12-10, 11-2), runners up Graham Outrim & Ramesh Gehlot

Ladies Doubles: winners Gemma Chapman & Jan Chapman (11-6, 11-8, 11-7), runners up Denise Rolfe

& Sharon Mitchell

Mixed Doubles: winners Trevor Griffiths & Gemma Chapman (15-13, 7-11, 12-10, 11-4) runners up Graham Outrim & Sharon Mitchell.

CHESHIRE

by Alan Blears

PAUL Ingham and Nigel Hallows have provided details of some good performances by the junior girls in events either side of the New Year. In the Christmas satellite Grand Prix at Knutsford, Caroline Hallows and Fiona Dennett ping-ponged merrily on high by contesting two finals. Caroline won the U-21 girls from old rival Fiona by three sets to one, while in the Women's Open Fiona excelled by reaching the final against the experienced Cheshire senior, Alice Howard.

In the Liverpool Junior Four Star, Caroline had two good wins against Scotland's top cadet Rebecca Russell. One of these took her to the cadet girl's final, where she lost to her doubles partner, Emma Vickers, in four games. The other took her to the final of the Junior girls Band 1, where she triumphed over another Scot, Corinna Whitaker. Rachel Baker was a convincing winner of the U-13 girls, beating both Sarah Russo in the semis and the migratory Martha Travis from Cornwall in the final, both in straight games. How many miles does Martha travel in a season?

With Sophie Byron and Lynsey Pich also enjoying some good wins, this was a very good effort all round. Well played, gals.

Stiga Hyndburn Jnr. Grand Prix

Rebecca Yip has completed a remarkable sequence of five successive runner-up spots. One was to Naomi Owen in the N. Wales, Jnr. Open, the other four in the Stiga Hyndburn Jnr. Grand Prix series, losing to a different opponent each time. However, her consistency in these events puts her in the overall lead in the girls' section, where a welcome pot of gold beckons.

Junior County Championship

The 'B' team in Jnr. Div. 1A have completed their matches and have exceeded expectations by being possible winners of the division, the final result depending on the outcome of a postponed match between Worcestershire and Northamptonshire. The record of the girls – Sophie Byron, Lynsey Pich, Caroline Hallows and Jordyn Layfield was not unexpected, losing just one set out of 32, but the improvement in the boys' results since last season is most encouraging. Mark Roscaleer, Matthew Weatherby, Dave Billington and Michael Horobin have all contributed at least three wins.

In the Premier Division, the 'A' team have still to play their second round of matches, but lie a promising second to Buckinghamshire after part one, when the team consisted of Tom Page, Jonathon Taylor, Andrew Davies, Clare Langford and Liz Dennett.

CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

ORMESBY captured two British League titles during February, the 2nd Division North with the club's second team and the Junior Premier British League with the junior first team. But whether Ormesby can make it a hat trick may depend on the

DERBYSHIRE'S TRIO BOUND FOR THE BARCELONA SUNSHINE

Pictured below (l.to r.) Sean Cullen, Liam Pitchford, & Daniel Lowe



Picture by Mel Buxton

decision as to whether two of the club's leading players, Paul Drinkhall and Danny Reed, elect to participate in the National Junior Championships or the final weekend of the Premier Division of the British league on 16/17 April.

The club's second team won all four of their matches in the final weekend of the season on 5/6 February at Halton. Martyn Clarke was in superb form winning all eight of his sets, whilst Mark Simon, Danny Reed, Danny Welsh and Andy Wilson all played their part in the club's promotion.

A week later in Wolverhampton the club's junior first team won all of their five matches to clinch the Premier Division title in the Junior British League by a significant margin. Paul Drinkhall and Tim Yarnell won all their games, whilst Danny Reed played his part in third position. Throughout the season Paul Drinkhall finished top of the averages with 95% whilst Tim Yarnell and Danny Reed were second and third with 85%.

The club's first team are locked in a battle with Progress and Barnett for the Premier Division of the British League championship being currently on equal points with Progress with just the final round of four matches still to play. To have any real chance against the strength of Progress and Barnett, Ormesby will need to have the best players available and the clash with the National Junior championships potentially taking Paul Drinkhall and Danny Reed from the squad could put paid to Ormesby's ambitions for a treble.

CUMBRIA

by Gordon Brown

IT is a far cry for the Crawford family of Barrow these days from when dad Duncan Crawford bought a mini-table and set it up for practice in the kitchen.

Since then son Jonathan and daughter Helen have played for England schools and younger son Scott is knocking on the door.

Jonathan has now left school and stands 36th in the ETTA junior boys' ratings as I write. Helen, who gained Under-14s schoolgirls' English representative in 2003 is in this year's Dowdales (Dalton-in-Furness) team that reached the March National Under-16s girls final at Hinckley.

Also at the Leicester venue will be Scott, who is 13th in the ETTA Under-13 boy's rankings. He is a member of the Dowdales Under-13s team that got through from the regional finals at Blackburn in

February and also included Matt Bruce, Grant Scher, Tom Smith and reserve Josh Hewson.

In Helen's team were Jane New, Katie Shepherd and Laura Shepherd, while also through from Blackburn were the St Columbia Under-11 girls team of Anna Donahue, Shanon Trainer, Adelle Bassett and Sarah Donnan from Barrow, and reserve Olivia Wilson, coached by Duncan Crawford, who now coaches full-time in three schools in the Furness area.

DERBYSHIRE

by Colin Deaton

THREE young eleven year olds from the same club have been selected to represent England in Barcelona.

Staveley Table Tennis Club has been voted the East Midland Club of the Year and it is no surprise to followers of our sport throughout Derbyshire.

With a membership of over 70 and with 20 teams competing in the local Chestefield and District league, Club Secretary, Sandra Deaton, said "this is a tremendous achievement and our club coaches are to be congratulated".

She added, "we also have 7 and 8 year olds coming through but the fabulous news is that we are in 2006 having a full time centre with 20 tables and we claim that already we are one of the biggest clubs in England".

Liam Pitchford, Sean Cullen and Daniel Lowe have been already to various England training camps.

Both Liam and Sean have already represented England in U13 events before, but the news that Daniel Lowe had been added to the squad was particularly pleasing to the club.

All three young players attend the high performance sessions held weekly under the direction of Nicola Deaton (Perry) and Suzanne Airey.

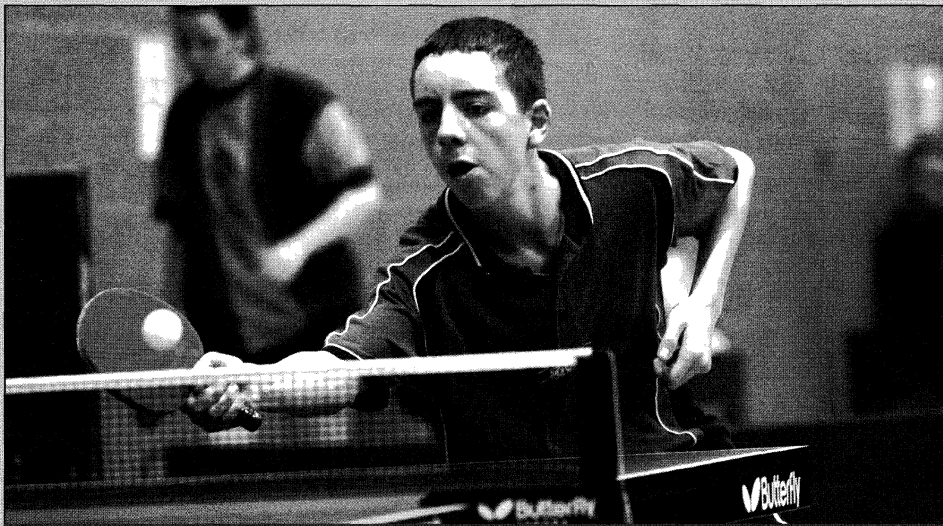
The Chesterfield senior team competing in the British League for the first time have finished runners up in their division.

Had they been able to field their strongest team all season, they may well have won the division.

Our game in the Matlock area of Derbyshire really is thriving, so much that they are hoping to increase to three division next season.

The Cromford Table Tennis Club is the basis of the Matlock & District League.

They have 30 registered children and 20 adults and



DEVON'S PLYMOUTH & DISTRICT LEAGUE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

China Fleet's **DARREN REED** (pictured above), won all five singles titles

the real encouraging factor is that 50% of their juvenile membership are girls.

Matlock League Chairman, Tony Gregory, is the supreme with the very enthusiastic coach and player, Warren Slayney, putting in some sterling work with all age groups.

This go-ahead club, incidentally, is a six table venue in use and they do have four qualified coaches.

Currently sponsoring some of their promising promising youngsters to attend the nearby coaching classes at Lea Green under the guidance of top coach Derrick Marples.

Some of these effects were rewarded in Matlock when at Derbyshire Individual school Championships they unearthed the under eleven boys championship, Ben Goodwin.

Ben is very promising and is most enthusiastic and with the parental support he has, he is without doubt a player of the future.

Other results in the Derbyshire Schools tournaments were:

Under 19 girls	Emily O'Sullivan	- Littleover Community
Under 19 boys	Adam Frost	- Heanor Gate
Runner up	Alan Fulwood.	- Staveley Netherthorpe
Under 16 girls	Emma Vickers	- West Park
Runner up	Kerry Mansell	- Springwell
Under 16 boys	Robin Simpson	- Staveley Netherthorpe
Runner up	Sieben Li	- Woodlands Community
Under 13 Boys	Liam Pitchford	- Staveley Netherthorpe
Runner up	Daniel Lowe	- Springwell
Under 13 girls	Not played.	

All the winners will represent Derbyshire on 23rd April at Stoke.

Finally, Littleover Community School, Derby, have qualified for the national finals at Stoke in the team event.

Their team will be Emily O'Sullivan, Subbia Hussain, Albert Maquire and Leah Von Fragstein.

We all wish them the very best of luck.

DEVONSHIRE

by *John Vincent*

Plymouth & District League Junior Closed Championships

CHINA FLEET's Darren Reed, England's No.5 Cadet, collected all the Junior titles this year in the events he entered, a feat last done by England International Craig Bryant some 5 years ago. His haul included:- Under 21 (Open) - Andrew Sandiland Cup, Under 18 Boys - Sir John Jackson Cup, Under 15 Boys - Brian Rogers Cup and the Under 15 (Open) - Kitto Trophy.

13-year-old Richard Marshall (Woolwell T.T.C.) was runner up in each event.

Marshall had some consolation as with his partner Chris Warn (Woolwell) they were crowned doubles (Open) champions defeating Sally Smith and Freddie Cutler in the final.

ENGLAND TRAINING CAMPS

Richard Marshall and Chris Smith (Woolwell) both went to Lilleshall for a weekend's training. Since then Richard has spent a second weekend with the Youth Development Squad and also was in Widnes for 4 days training over the 'Half Term' in February.

VETERANS

At the Western Masters Tournament held in Hereford, Paul Giles the Devon and China Fleet Club stalwart claimed victory in the Mens Doubles partnered by Brian Johns of Cheshire. In the singles event Paul finished runner up to Joe Kennedy who is ranked one place higher at No.3 in the National pecking order.

In Division 4C of the County Championships Devonshire's team from Ilfracombe drew 5-5 with Berkshire. Kevin Taylor won 2, Dean Taylor 1 and Phil Goulding 1. In the team doubles Goulding and Annabelle Challenger took this important game to get the draw.

WOMEN'S BRITISH LEAGUE (PREMIER DIVISION)

DML Woolwell ladies are British Champions for the first time ever and so will be able to compete in Europe for the second year in succession. With Helen Lambert injured for the final weekend the team of Marketa Myskova, Lauren Spink and Liz May obtained the 3-3 draw against favourites Irish Ladies to win the trophy on games difference as both these teams finished with 15 points from 10 matches. Cippenham finished a close third on 14 points and was the only team to defeat DML Woolwell in this Division.

Marketa won 18 matches out of 20 and 16-year-old Lauren Spink took 13 from 18. Helen and Liz provided good back up with 11 valuable victories between them. A brilliant performance by the DML

Woolwell Ladies.

ESSEX

by *Steve Kerns*

DE VERE NETTS PREMIER TOP 12 COMPETITION

BRIAN DAVIDSON, Chairman of the NETTS Club who are now based in Earls Colne reports that they have enjoyed a fair level of success with their "Mini Top 12" events, where they are running four different levels of competition.

As well as utilising the successful ideas from last season's Individual League, this format adds flexibility ensuring that everyone enjoys a full evening's Table Tennis. The Grand Prix scoring system will result in end of season Champions being crowned and there are also on-going points tables in operation. Cash prizes on the night for the winner and runner-up in each section give extra incentives and there is an end of season prize fund thanks to club sponsors De Vere Travel.

Players have travelled from all over East Anglia to participate in the Premier Section and rounds one and two have featured county standard players from Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex and Hertfordshire.

During round one in November Matt Staines, ranked in England's Top 50 Seniors at the time defeated his former coach Paul Davison whilst Mark Dare, Eastern Region Table Tennis Regional Development Officer lost to both players. Steve Kerns achieved an excellent five set win over NETTS British League team-mate Fred Dove. Top seeds Dave Cole and Neil Charles both had easier routes to the later stages.

At the semi-final stages Charles recorded an expected win over Kerns whilst Cole scored a narrow 3-1 win over the higher ranked Staines. Staines' misery continued in the third place play-off where he also lost in four sets to Kerns. In the final, top seed Charles, the BATTS Peniel British League star showed his unique range of attacking shots to the full with a four set victory over Cole 11-9, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9.

Round two was played in early January. Dave Cole was in trouble early on as he went 2-0 down to John Cleasby, perhaps best known for his appearance in the BBC Trailer for last year's Croydon International Masters Tournament.

Cole had to really graft to win the last three sets 12-10, 11-7 and 11-7. With an easier win over another debutant Andy Holmes, Cole booked his place in the semi-finals. He was joined by the three other seeds Charles, Kerns and Dove. Fred Dove had looked in most trouble as he had to work really hard to secure a tight five set victory over Hamish Innes. Both Kelly and her brother Ashley Skeggs showed their potential by taking sets from the senior players.

In the knock-out stage Kelly Skeggs enjoyed an excellent victory over John Cleasby 11-4 in the fifth end whilst brother Ashley just missed out against the same player 12-10 in the final set. Paul Davison scored victories against Mark Dare and Andy Holmes to secure a higher place than in the first round of matches. In the semi-finals Charles beat Dove 3-0 whilst Cole eased past Kerns 11-7, 11-9, 13-11. The third place play-off saw a battling Kerns overcome Dove 12-10 in the fifth set after a really tightly contested encounter.

A repeat of the first round Final between top seeds Charles and Cole produced an epic match this time. Neil took the first two sets. A superb fight back by Dave saw the match poised at two sets all. A couple of minutes later and Dave had surged into a shock 7-2 lead in the final set. Could he hang on? The answer was no. Neil was far from finished and at 9-9 the match really was anybody's. However, going for

his shots as only he can Neil took the last two points to secure a memorable win.

The Points Table (top eight) after two rounds of matches is as follows:

- (1) Charles 24, (2) Cole 22, (3) Kerns 20, (4) Dove 17, (5) Davison 15, (6) Innes 12, (7) Dare 11, (8) Staines 9.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

by Margaret Dean

The Cheltenham (Cotswold) 4* Open Junior Tournament

THIS tournament took place over the weekend of the 29th and 30th January.

There were over 200 entries, with many of the top ten players in the country in each event taking part. Results:

Under 13 Boys

David Mc Beath (the number 1 seed from Hampshire) beat Kim Daybell (unseeded, from Wiltshire) 15-13, 5-11, 11-9, 13-15, 12-10

Under 13 Girls

Ayonija Sundararajan (unseeded, from Berkshire) beat Melissa Wright (seeded 5, from South Yorkshire) 11-9, 11-1, 9-11, 11-9

Cadet Boys

Myles Evans (unseeded from Bucks) beat Gavin Evans (seeded 1, from Bucks) 11-8, 7-11, 7-11, 11-5, 11-8

Cadet Girls

Emma Vickers (seeded 1, from Derbyshire) beat Rachel Jamieson (seeded 2, from Essex) 11-8, 8-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-6

Cadet Boys Grade 1

Chris Smith (South Yorkshire) beat Tom Maynard (Berkshire) 11-6, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-5

Cadet Girls Grade 1

Haylee Potts (Herts) beat Melissa Wright (South Yorkshire) 11-4, 8-11, 12-10, 6-11, 11-2

Junior Boys

Tim Yarnall (seeded 2, from Northants) beat Darius Knight (seeded 1, from Surrey) 11-2, 12-10, 5-11, 11-6

Junior Girls

Mel Farquhar (seeded 1, from Berkshire) beat Sally Smith (seeded 3, from Devon) 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 4-11, 11-4

Junior Boys Grade 1

Wing-Yung Chan (Surrey) beat Andrew Wilson (Cleveland) 11-8, 12-10, 9-11, 11-6

Junior Girls Grade 1

Emily O'Sullivan (Derbyshire) beat Ceri Paine (Wales) 5-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-5

The seeded players did not have it all their own way, with the most notable win being that of

Ayonija Sundararajan in the Under 13 girls' event. Kim Daybell also did well to reach the boys' under 13 final.

A lot of high-class table tennis was played at Cheltenham over the weekend, not just in the finals. The finals, however, were the high spots. They were all thrillers, with many of them going to the full five sets.

For Gloucestershire, it was a disappointing year, with no girls entered. Milan Dragojlovic was our best performer, reaching the under 13 semi-finals, where the eventual winner, and top seed in the event, David McBeath was just too good for him.

HAMPSHIRE

by Jeremy Wilson

IT WAS a long wait, but for the first time in 40 years a Southampton table tennis player was selected to play for England.

David McBeath, from the city's Waterside club, turned out for the national under-13 side against Wales at Cardiff's Welsh Institute of Sport.

He and fellow countryman Liam Pritchard were pitted against Welsh pair Adam Draper and Patrick Thomas in four singles and one doubles match.

McBeath staged a determined fightback and saved two match points to beat Thomas 3-2. He and Pritchard then teamed up to win the doubles and then McBeath completed a memorable hat-trick, beating Draper 3-2. McBeath represents Waterside in the British Junior League and has also played in the senior British League. Locally, he plays in the Southampton Premier Division and was supported in Cardiff by members of the Waterside coaching and playing staff. He and teammate Matthew Ware are members of the England Development Squad of high potential players from around the country.

Hampshire Schools also achieved success in the team championships of the England regional table-tennis finals.

Led by Alex Garlick, Queen Mary College, Basingstoke were victorious in the under-19 boys event, while Romsey's Mountbatten School finished runners-up in the under-15 girls event.

Southampton's Hardley School and Nursling Primary School also took part in the under-13 and under-11 events.

A brand new table tennis club, meanwhile, has been formed in Winchester. The Kings Table Tennis Club will be based at Kings School in Romsey Road, Winchester with sessions being run from 8pm until 10pm on a Tuesday night and from 12noon until 2.30pm on a Saturday. The club has secured a lottery grant from Sports Awards for All and has also been supported by Winchester City Council.

HERTFORDSHIRE

by Ann Fereday

IN December there were five teams in action. Team 2 had a good 6-4 win away to Worcestershire 2. For the third time this season Gary Morgan won both his singles. Sue Felstead had a close game with Margaret Dignum beating her 11-8 in the fifth.

Team 3 played 2 matches at Ashford beating Bedfordshire 2 by 7 sets to 3 and drawing 5-5 with Northants. Both Mark McCarthy and Dennis Robinson won 3 of their 4 singles.

Team 4 drew 5-5 away in Essex. Geof Bax has won all 6 singles so far.

Team 5 recorded our best win so far beating Herefordshire 3 by 9 sets to 1. Both Barry Phillips and Mary Nicholls have won all their singles. Team 6 did not do so well, losing to Oxford 3, 8-2. There was an extra match for Herts second team in January against Devon 2, which lasted a long time; finally ending in a 5 all draw. It was a very successful afternoon for Jeff Linskey who won both

his singles and mixed with Sue Felstead.

At the end of January all 6 teams were playing. The first team was in Halifax but did not do well. Team 2 travelled to Wiltshire to take on a very strong side. Though they lost 7-3 Sue Felstead played very well and won her singles and both mixed doubles. The third team played 2 matches at Ashford beating Norfolk 2 by 7 sets to 3 but losing 8-2 to Middlesex. At home the fourth team beat Northants 2 to by 7 sets to 3. Larry Gregory has now won 7 of his 8 singles. Cambridgeshire 2 had to concede to Herts 5. Team 6 put up a hard fight against Kent 5 but lost 7-3 though David Wilson won both his singles.

ISLE OF WIGHT

by John Preatn

THERE is a strong possibility that our county will disaffiliate from the ETTA; if not the county then the bottom three divisions. These notes, so often censored or cut, will then disappear completely.

The reason may be found in the fees published in an official ETTA document, which suggest (to put it no more strongly) that league players should pay £10 per head or £40 per team against the present £16 and that a new category of member is invented, described as casual players who 'benefit' from the ETTA without paying. It is not revealed how they 'benefit'. Such players and indeed officials (volunteers) would pay £6 under this scheme.

Our is an area where unemployment in the winter reaches 14% even in these days of rather optimistic statistics, but the ETTA treats us the same as places of affluence. Our players are subject to long trips (and a very expensive sea journey) to 'benefit' from ETTA tournaments as, of course, are those of, say Cornwall, Cleveland and Durham. In short, some are more equal than others. When I repeat what my own county committee has told me, that our three lower divisions will disaffiliate, I am accused by the ETTA chairman of 'threats'. Alas, this is not a threat, it is a promise.

National Council voted for 'Individual Registration' in terms of establishing a national database. That sounds modern and wonderful. It is less clear what it will do for us. We already know that membership has continued to fall. I have grave doubts that the ETTA is up to such a task. My reservations are both local where our volunteers are getting less, the remaining ones often overworked, and particularly nationally where I recall plenty of failures in others, simpler projects. However, this is not something in which I intend to get involved. Where my members really put their foot down is when it comes to paying more for services which are far from apparent. The very few occasions in recent years when my county has asked for help (not financial) of the ETTA, such help was conspicuously absent and did not match the happy leaflets or claims with which we are so regularly assailed. My members feel that, at this time, they pay about £500 p.a. for what they see as nothing and they do not feel a raise is due on the basis of performance or support, quite the reverse.

Councillor after Councillor warned the management about the 'wisdom' of increasing fees. I hope they were heard. Few realised how costly the 'database' would turn out to be. The national scene is full of I.T. disasters. I hope we shall be spared.

On the local playing scene, our 'Top 12' was won by Roger Hookey. It was the first time since 1999 he had beaten Danny Burns, who returned perhaps too quickly from surgery on both knees; the second such operation in recent times. It was a rousing contest that went into the 5th game. These two also won our Premier Division title, flanked by Jill

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LANCASHIRE

KATY PARKER



Fothergill or Vic Farrow. There was a ray of 'hope' when Danny was in hospital, but none once he returned, when the rest were again condemned to playing for second place. Three Newport Vics team are in the top 4 places. The return of Alan Hulbert propelled Cowes into top place in Division 1 where they were unbeatable.

The second division was won by the Carl Prean Centre team Appley and Scott Lawson (12) is the young player of the season. He really has made good progress. The Carl Prean Centre team 'Cornforth' won the 3rd division. All these players were introduced to the sport via our work at the Centre, although Simon Underhay was a member of the old Columbia Club in his youth and is playing better than every 20 years later, not having practiced all that time!

With the relevant development EFFORTS, new players can be found, but it is hard work, as other sports have not stood still and so provide plenty of competition.

Carl Prean, who coaches at the Centre very regularly, made his playing comeback at 37, starting at the top, in the Premier Division of the British League. It was a sensational 'debut', as he won his four matches against good opponents. He will continue to assist Darlington's battle against relegation and perhaps more next season, but his heart is now in coaching which provides some income, but mainly the pleasure of seeing one's pupils get better, some reaching new heights where sky seems the limit. The importance of bringing new people into the sport cannot be stressed enough. If we fail to do that, there is no future at all and we shall be arguing in an empty room.

LANCASHIRE

by Dave Cochran

Back to the Big Time !

YES it's true ! Katy Parker of Preston has returned after a well earned 2 year break from competition play. Katy now 20 years old who is the daughter of

Jill and Donald Parker was the youngest player ever to represent England in the senior team at the 1997 Manchester World Championships at the age of 12. Many people out there wondered whether Katy would return to competition play after taking a break but she's missed it and is up for the challenge. Katy's last major competition was the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games but has proved to Steen Hansen that she's still got the goods on the table.

Katy represented England with Kelly Sibley at the Slovenian Open from in January 2005.

Liverpool 4 Star

On the weekend of 8th/9th January Greenbank Academy once again held the Liverpool Stiga 4 Star Junior / Cadet tournament. With a slightly lower entry than was wanted it still ran with expert precision from start to finish. The team of Arthur Garnett, Ken Armsom MBE, Steve & Margaret Welch, Faith Moore, Joyce Sherrat and Stan Clarke at the helm with an excellent team of umpires it was always looking good.

Top seed Kelly Sibley didn't have a great struggle to take the Junior Girls title but it was a different story for the boys.

In the Junior Boys a shock result for Darius Knight in the Semi Final against Kenny Lindsay, 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. Good show of sportsmanship from Kenny. Kenny then took the next two points to win 12/10. In the other Semi Final David Meads went 2 games down and pulled back to 2-all and was leading 8-10 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 forehand drives and this culminated in David finally hitting one off. Paul then took the next two points to clinch the match. In the final Kenny Lindsay held a comfortable lead in the first game and they changed the ball for some reason and from that point on Paul Drinkhall never looked back.

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 Ardeshana -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

LEICESTERSHIRE

By Derek Butt

AT the halfway stage of the Leicester and District League Division One, Leicester Electricity first are the leaders but just close behind are Knighton Park first string waiting for any slip up by the sparks. When the two met Electricity were 8-2 winners with Alan Hewitt scoring a good maximum and Andy Le Butt and David Grundy got two each. So there is just a one-point difference. County Hall is in third place but unlikely to upset the top two being some six points behind. At the bottom just three points separate the three teams, Northwood, Great Glen

and Goons. In Division Two Arnesby are leading with Electricity seconds and Knighton Park thirds level on points also battling for promotion.

Thanks to some stirring work by Mike Smith, Alan Chapman and Dave Morley we now have an excellent Junior League going. Its good to see these youngsters playing and hopefully they will progress to full league play soon. We, like most leagues, need these youngsters for the future of our sport.

All cup games seem to be going well although as usual the number of entries is low but this has always been an ongoing problem.

The Phil Reid Memorial Trophy has been played again and there was a good entry and for the first time for some time everybody who entered turned up. Played over three evenings eight groups of four players in each played out round robins. Each of the group winners progressing to the Sunday finals. There were two groups played on the Sunday and winners of these groups going into the final, the winner from group 'A' was Nikesh Patel (County Hall) who at this stage had not lost a single game throughout the tournament, and from group 'B' Lee Woodcock (Knighton Park) and could see a good match in the final. Lee took the first 21-17 only for Nikesh to come back and take the second 21-13; the third went to the wire with Nikesh getting home deuce in third. Congratulations to Tony Lillcraip for organising another good tournament and to Knighton Park for the use of their premises. No news from Hinckley or Loughborough.

NORFOLK

by Ray Hogg

IT is not often that we have anything to crow about but several notable results have come to my notice lately – such as; three juniors representing Norwich reached the final of Carter Cup by beating Colchester and Leeds both 5-1. Congratulations to Adam Gigli, Lee Barnes and Jack Collins. Also at the Vets Eastern Masters Mary Sawyer won the over 70 singles, Russell King and Mats Ollson were runners up in the over 40 doubles. David Henderson and Steve Howlett won the over 50 doubles and Mary Sawyer again runner up in the over 60 doubles. Daughter Wendy Durrant returned to the table after about 3 years off with tennis elbow and gave several highly ranked ladies a run for their money, then travelled to Hereford to become runner up in the consolation event. Vets 3rd team continue their winning ways with 4 straight – David and Steve as above, plus Mick Broughton and Mary – they need to be several divisions above where they are as our 1st and 2nd Vets teams have not win a match yet at time of writing.

Norwich and Norfolk Closed Championships

All players should have had forms and returned them as this is their last chance to enter because if there is a low entry again this will be the last. Last but not least another first Edna Fletcher M.B.E. as awarded in the New Year's Honours for some 50 years work in the Yarmouth area and still is at it in her 80th year.

I nearly forgot our wonder girl Lauren Spink at 16 played for England several times – the only Norfolk person that I can remember who has that honour.

NORTHANTS

by Dennis Millman

IT is always pleasing to hear of players, both past and present, putting something back into the game. Usually the contribution is on the administrative or coaching side but Ray Kingston, Chairman of Elite Business Systems (UK) Ltd., based at Quarry Park Close in the Moulton Park Industrial Estate has decided to help in a financial capacity.

County Chairman, Ken Marchant met up with

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Kingston a former county player and men's doubles champion as recently as 2001, with the outcome, the county's biggest ever sponsorship deal. Initially ESB, established since 1985 and the largest distributor in the U.K. of mobile phone network Orange and Three, will sponsor the County Closed Tournament for the next three years, with both parties looking forward to a successful partnership. This season the event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th April with Finals Night on Monday 25th April. It will be interesting to see if Kingston can emulate current County President John Palmer and become the second sponsor to win a county title.

In the County Championships the Veteran 1sts had a red-letter day when they played three matches in a day and won them all.

Middlesex 2nds provide the initial opposition and appeared to be on their way to victory after winning four of the first five rubbers, with only Gary Webb breaking the sequence.

Clem Little then began the fight-back with a fourth end success against Sally Raymond, Gordon Shaw and Chris Gibbons added a doubles and then Webb squared the match with an excellent win against Paulo Cheng.

The two remaining rubbers were far from easy but Gibbons held on to beat John McLaren 11-9 in the fifth, and it was an identical last-ditch scoreline that gave the Gibbons/Little duo the final point in a six four win.

The next encounter against Surrey 3rds was closely fought with Surrey leading twice before Northants established control. Webb was again the main contributor, especially in the early stages - winning both his singles for the loss of a meagre 30 points and helping Little win a straight game doubles. Little then added her singles in summary fashion and Shaw restored a two game lead when he beat super vet Ron Stracey.

The remaining two rubbers went the full distance but this time Surrey took the first and then leading 8-2 in the final rubber appeared to have salvaged a draw. The Gibbons/Little pairing had other ideas and fought tooth and nail to get home 13-11 and so complete a second six four success.

For the third time Northants lost the opening rubber when they faced Norfolk 2nds with Gibbons falling to Don Dixon 17-15, 11-9, 12-10. Dixon also registered a second win for the opposition when he became the first player on the day to get the better of Webb. However, though three rubbers went to deciding ends there was no stopping Northants who raced to an eight two final scoreline. Clem Little was again unbeaten in singles and doubles, as was Gordon Shaw in an outstanding team performance that enabled the side to finish in second place in the division.

The Junior 2nds went one better and played four matches in a day, but unfortunately with less impressive results. A seven three win against Shropshire was followed by the same score defeats at the hands of Staffs and Lancashire 2nds followed by an eight two reverse against the Cheshire second string.

Nevertheless, Matthew Carter had an excellent day winning his first six singles before failing to score against the Red Rose. Melissa Price won four times while Anna Hobson did well to register three successes. Alex Dixon, playing at No.1, won twice.

This season's Wellingborough Premier Division is being closely contested and any of five sides could take the title. In Kettering the situation is more clear-cut with Burton Baptist A, representing the league sponsors, holding a decisive advantage with previous winners Higham Band likely to finish in second place.

Latest League Tables: Wellingborough Premier

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Old Grammarians A	11	8	1	2	75
Higham Band A	10	7	2	1	74
Thrapston A	10	7	1	2	69
Westfield A	7	6	1	0	52
Turvey A	7	4	0	3	44

Kettering Premier

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Burton Baptist A	11	11	0	0	98
Higham Band	10	8	0	2	70
Braybrooke A	11	6	2	3	65
Corby Town A	11	6	1	4	58
SAS Thrapston	9	6	1	2	56

NORTHUMBERLAND

by Pauline Long

THE Northumbria League veteran men's representative side of Geoff Salter, John Williamson and Jimmy Scope travelled to Dewsbury just before Christmas for the first round of the Alec Brook Trophy Competition. They beat both Castleford and Hull by 6-1 to reach the next group stage.

The exceptionally long break of five weeks for the Christmas and New Year period meant that the second half of the League season did not commence until 10th January, and consequently there has been very little activity to report. Current leaders are as follows:-

Premier Division - Birtley 'A'

Division 1 - Tyne Dock

Division 2 - North Fire 'B'

Division 3 - North Shields YMCA 'E'

Division 4 - North Shields YMCA 'F'

However, the first round of the Team Handicap Knockout Cup competition has at last got off the ground, and some teams have been making use of the break to get their matches completed by the closing date of 14th January.

For those interested, the website www.northumberlandtabletennis.org is now live with club information, League tables, player statistics, League regulations, notice board and more!

The next series of Junior County matches were due to take place on 15th January, and will hopefully be reported in the next issue of TT News.

SHROPSHIRE

by Terry Ridgway

SHREWSBURY PREMIER

PONTESBURY A are forging ahead in Shrewsbury's top division this season, last years runners-up side but determined to grab back the winners trophy are Rob Mansfield, Paul Corfield and County legend Darrell Corfield, who currently lead by eleven points, with Cricket Club C slipping off the page second spot is a race between last years champs Cricket Club A (Matt Croft, Rod France and Brian Bevan) and Cricket Club B who currently have the edge by five points, not exactly a wide margin! Pontesbury C top Division One by a wide margin and look to join their top two side in the Premier Division next season, it's a tight battle for the second promotion spot as newcomers Porthwain and Rushbury A are neck and neck.

Telford Division One

Albrighton A are looking to finish the season with a 100% record and retain the title for the third successive season, with 15 wins out of 15 so far it's almost impossible to see them slipping to a defeat, Second place is the more interesting fight with four sides in with a chance of taking the runner-up trophy, Bridgnorths A side, John Holdings Industrial Bearings, Abbey A, and Albrighton B are all within a

few points of each other.

First Division Table (top five)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albrighton A	15	15	0	0	134	16	134
Bridgnorth A	12	11	0	1	89	31	89
Industrial Bearings	13	8	3	2	89	41	89
Abbey A	13	8	0	5	80	50	80
Albrighton B	13	7	1	5	79	61	79

Telford Averages

Tony Ackroyd (Albrighton A)	P45	W45
Peter Fowell (Albrighton A)	P36	W34
Dave Elkin (Albrighton A)	P42	W34
Peter Collins (GPO)	P42	W34
John Holding (Bearings)	P39	W29
Rob Davies (Broseley)	P39	W29
Mike Dudley (Bridgnorth A)	P30	W25
Terry Ridgway (Bridgnorth A)	P27	W24

Telford Division Two

Owens TV lead the second division by a twenty five points, the only other club in the area with a 100% record with Mathesons B and Abbey B chasing second spot.

Division Two Averages

Richard Hunt	P39-	W34
Keith Morris	P39-	W34
Ray Farnworth	P36	W29
Teddy Oladogba	P33	W28

English County Championships

Shropshires Veterans sides had mixed fortunes in the English County Championships matches. The Over 40's first team pulled off a stunning result at home to beat high flying Hampshire 3rds 8-2. Albrightons' Tony Ackroyd produced another display of outstanding topspin attack to win his two mens singles 11-7, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10 against Steve White and 11-7, 4-11, 11-3, 11-9 against George Cole, Shrewsbury's Rod France put the home side 3-1 ahead and Bridgnorth's Terry Ridgway grabbed a vital win against White 11-9, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-8 to increase the pressure on the visitors. Wendy Baggott took the womens singles in 4 and impressive mens and mixed doubles victories gave Shropshire a surprise but deserved win.

Shropshire's second team battled well against third placed Gloucestershire but were narrowly beaten by 7-3, with eight of the matches going all the way to the final game the county side were unlucky not to get a result. Malcolm Langford is returning to his impressive best as the experienced Albrighton star beat highly ranked Guy Greening in five 11-9, 6-11, 11-3, 10-12, 11-7, Langford teamed up with captain Rob Mansfield to win the mens doubles 11-7, 4-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9 and Bridgnorth's Mike Dudley got the better of Rob Willshire after trailing 9-11, 10-12 he took the next three 11-5, 11-9, 12-10. Shrewsbury's Jane Bevan found the going tough against former England ladies captain Judy Morley and slipped to a 11-8, 11-9, 11-4 defeat.

Veterans Championships Division 3D

Shropshire 1sts 4 vs Shropshire 2nds 6
Impressive debut for Oswestry's Brian Rainford. Shropshire's second squad threw the form book out of the window as they registered their first win of the season against the counties first team at Bridgnorth on Saturday. Shrewsbury's Rod France put the firsts into the lead with a comprehensive 11-7, 11-8, 11-4 win against Bridgnorth's Mike Dudley but Oswestry's Brian Rainford drew the sides level with a stunning display of topspin attack to beat Terry Ridgway 11-9, 12-10, 6-11, 11-7. Dave Elkin never really found his form as Rob Mansfield chopped and blocked the high loops of the Albrighton team captain to win 13-11, 9-11, 11-3, 11-9 in a match that the firsts had banked on to put them into the lead but the inspired seconds captain had other ideas. The second team increased the pressure as Jane Bevan and Rainford took the first mixed doubles

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after a tight battle with Bridgnorth's top lady Wendy Baggott and Dave Elkin in four games, Rainford then pushed the scoreline to 4-1 as he picked off the defensive skills of Rod France 14-12, 11-7, 8-11, 11-6. The battle of Shropshire's top ladies went the way of Wendy Baggott who put the first team back in the match by beating Jane Bevan 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-0 but again the seconds hit back when the attacking combination of Dudley and Rainford hit through the defensive pairing of Ridgway and France in another tight four game match (11-7, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8).

Whitchurch's Rob Mansfield was called on in the next crucial game to give the vital match winning sixth game to the seconds and the experienced left hander did not let his team down as he beat Ridgway 11-4, 11-9, 11-4 to give his team their deserved win.

Dave Elkin and Mike Dudley fought out a superb five game match that Elkin snatched 6-11, 11-7, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3 and the final mixed doubles also went the way of the first team as France and Baggott beat the Mansfield-Bevan combination 11-5, 9-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-5 but by then the match was over with the honours going deservedly to the Shropshire seconds.

SOMERSET

From Margaret Mead

Somerset Juniors by Martin Rumary

FOLLOWING up their success in the first block of fixtures in division 1B, the county juniors returned to Cippenham in January.

Up against Surrey first they ran the home counties' side close in a 6-4 defeat. Takuya Takaishi and Frances Potjeywd both just lost in the fifth in one of their matches, otherwise the team might have come away with a draw.

Two each for Frances, Claire Howe and Shaun Hall, plus one apiece for Takuya and Aaron Denman gave the side a good 8-2 win over Gwent leaving them a chance to end up in the second spot if the results went the right way in the last round of matches.

Unfortunately Somerset made a slow start and were 2-0 down. Once more a couple of close matches went the wrong way in the fifth and Bucks seconds won 6-4.

The final table had the team ending in fourth place.

Somerset 4 Surrey 6

S. Hall 1, A. Denman 0, T. Takaishi 0, C. Howe 2, F. Potjeywd 1.

Somerset 8 Gwent 2

S. Hall 2, A. Denman 1, T. Takaishi 1, C. Howe 2, F. Potjeywd 2.

Somerset 4 Bucks 11 6

S. Hall 1, A. Denman 0, T. Takaishi 0, C. Howe 2, F. Potjeywd 1.

SURREY

by Chris Andrews

AT the World Junior Championships held in Kobe Japan, Surrey's Joanne Parker reached the last 16 of the mixed doubles with Croatia's Andrej Gacina.

Whilst representing England at the Portuguese Youth Open Championships Surrey's Darius Knight won gold in the cadet team event with Paul Drinkhall and Darius also won a bronze in the cadet singles event.

Darius Knight reached the last 16 in the Slovenian Open's under 21's singles event which was held in Velenje. In getting to the last 16 he beat Dany Lo of France who is ranked 180 in the world.

Matthew Syed has retired from International duty. However, recently he was seen on television playing tennis with John McEnroe.

In the junior boys British League Division 1 Surrey's Spicer A beat Scotland 6-0. The spice boys in question were Wing Yung Chan, Chris Bush and William Harrington.

You can obtain the Surrey Closed Table Tennis Championship Entry Form by e-mailing John Fairweather at johnfairweather@ntworld.com. This event will be held on the 13th March 2005.

Michael Chan is coaching juniors at Christ's College, Bellfields, Guildford on Friday evenings from 7.30-9.30 p.m.

The results for the Kingston Initiative Annual Junior Table Tennis Tournament held at Chessington Sports Centre on the 9th May 2004 were as follows:-

Boys under 11	winner	Andrew Ma
Girls under 11	winner	Kim Beard
Boys under 14	winner	Robin Kinchin
Girls under 14	winner	Emma Lucas
Boys under 17	winner	Robin Kinchin
Girls under 17	winner	Lisa Shadbolt
Boys under 19	winner	Hwan Min Wong

APOLOGY TO CHRIS ANDREWS

Apologies, Chris, for wrongly attributing January/February's Surrey County Notes yourself. As the copy reached me without a correspondents name I automatically assumed it was from you. - Editor.

SUSSEX

by John Woodford

HORSHAM regained their place in the premier division of the British League at Cippenham on February 6 as veteran Terry Haley top-scored with six victories at the final session and five from Adrian Moore.

Peter Bartram (Worthing) won four games including a victory against the powerful Plymouth ace Paul Whiting. Andy Walker the team captain was a vital part in the successful promotion bid.

Brighton University also won promotion to Division 1 thanks to their No.1 Jack Boulton and the team captain Johnny Clarke.

Sussex TTA secretary Alan Beames is now home from hospital after a heart by-pass operation, following a heart attack. He will not be Sussex secretary next season as he and his wife Carol (our national councillor) have both given notice of retirement.

Also stepping down will be Keith Jackson from the Sussex chair. The next occupant maybe Chris

Newberry from Chichester, but Sussex have a huge problem in finding a replacement for Alan Beames.

The all-Sussex championships will take place at the Six Villages Centre, Chichester on March 20 when Adrian Moore and Sarah Stedman will defend their singles crowns.

Sheila King (Hastings) has been hailed as the most successful veteran in Sussex after reaching her 50th birthday - she is now making her first appearances in veterans events round the country in the over-50s - her renowned counter-hitting will claim a lot of victims.

WORCESTERSHIRE

by Ken Walton

FOR the first time in nearly 40 years, Bromsgrove became champions of the County League after a thrilling last session at the Evesham High School, which saw them pip Malvern and Worcester by 1 and 3 sets respectively. Pat McCabe and Mark Fiddian performed with distinction for Bromsgrove, whilst Matt Hartwell (Evesham) and Nick Mytton (Worcester) also played their parts in an exciting climax to the competition.

Joe Higgs representing Malvern showed determination second to none by not only playing with a borrowed bat, but also with only one shoe! He obviously put his heart and sole into his performances. (Sorry Doug)

County Junior news of interest relates to a match at Littleton Village Hall on Sunday 13th March, where our Juniors play their final fixture which could ensure a top 3 finish in the league. This is an excellent achievement for the team which boasts young players eligible to represent the County for a few more years yet. Try to support the match, if you read this in time.

Meanwhile, the Cadets have beaten Glamorgan 8-2, whilst going down 9-1 and 7-3 to Gwent and Warwickshire respectively. Despite these setbacks, Mike Prior reports good progress being made by these future stars, so keep up the effort and enthusiasm.

At the other end of the age spectrum, Martin Clarks Veteran 3rds drew 5-5 with Hertfordshire 5ths, in a match where long time ranked Ray Williams made his debut, and final appearance (his words not mine) in the same fixture.

Chris Maidens Veteran 2nds are having some mixed results, the latest of which was a creditable draw with a very strong looking Wiltshire team boasting the super keen, very fast and spinny Eddie Rooft. Eric Hardman struggled a little, but Chris and Nick Mytton along with Margaret Dignum did enough to get the result.

I hope to give a detailed rundown on the Senior County Closed event in the next issue, along with news of the Veteran 1sts weekend at Halifax (January 29 / 30th). To finish this report I am grateful to Beryl Shammon for results and report of the Junior Closed, held at Christopher Whitehead School, boasting record entries.

Jack Higgs (cadet boys), Chris Baldwin (boys singles), Lizzie Gorton (cadet girls) and Rachel Sellick (girls singles) took the major honours, with good performances coming from Matt Lang, Ben Salisbury, Hannah Garbutt and Katie Sellick. Encouragingly, 18 players competed in a new under 12's event, including Michael Siket, who at 7 years young hopes to follow in the steps of dad Lewis. Adam Nutland from Kidderminster won the event, beating Matthew Preece 11-5, 11-6, 11-9 in the final. Thanks must go to everyone for the organisation and smooth running of the competition, and in particular to County Association President Vera Royal, for presenting the prizes to all concerned on the day.



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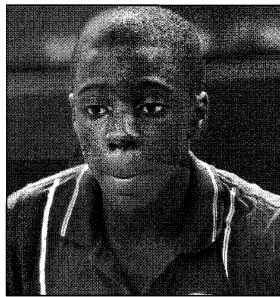
TOP OF THE TABLE

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Senior Men

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 COOKE, Alan (DY.)	5185	
(2)	2 PERRY, Alex (DV.)	4822	
(3)	3 HERBERT, Gareth (BK.)	4695	
(4)	4 YOUNG, Terry (BK.)	4651	
5	5 PREAM, Carl (IW.)	4600	
(5)	6 RUSHTON, Andrew (LA.)	4586	
(12)	7 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4497	
(8)	8 DRINKHALL, Paul (CV.)	4409	
9	9 EDEN, Andrew (LA.)	4363	
(10)	10 BRYANT, Craig (DV.)	4197	
(16)	11 DRINKHALL, Bryn (CV.)	4125	
(11)	12 YARNALL, Tim (NP.)	4121	
(14)	13 TAYLOR, Jonathan (LA.)	4111*	
(15)	14 HOLLAND, John(Dy) (E.)	4109	
(20)	15 KENNY, Mathew (Y.)	3960*	
(19)	16 HILTON, John (CH.)	3914	
(22)	17 BLAKE, Darren (SY.)	3857	
(23)	18 WURAOOLA, Abdul (SY.)	3854	
(24)	19 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	3807*	
(25)	20 VENNOR, Ritchie (SK.)	3799*	
(30)	21 MEADS, David (DU.)	3791	
(27)	22 CLEMINSON, Peter (E.)	3770	
(36)	23 MARSDEN, Michael (DU.)	3735	
(34)	24 DOLDER, Kevin (LA.)	3733	
(31)	25 SMITH, Eddie (ND.)	3731	
(32)	26 JAMES, Michael (Y.)	3717*	
(33)	27 BAKER, Gregory (ST.)	3701	
(45)	28 CHARLES, Neil (MI.)	3670	
(39)	29 WHITING, Paul (DV.)	3667	
(47)	30 NILSSON, John (HE.)	3660	
(44)	31 PITTAS, George (NG.)	36561	
(37)	32 BAILEY, Steven (CV.)	3648	
(40)	33 ATKINSON, David (CA.)	3647*	
(38)	34 ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SK.)	3644	
(41)	35 PYE, Leeroy (NK.)	3643	
(42)	36 WILKINSON, Andrew (ND.)	3638****	
(68)	37 WALSH, Jimmy (HE.)	3636	
(35)	38 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG.)	3635	
(46)	39 ROSENTHAL, Louis (CA.)	3633	
(40)	40 PAPANTONIOU, Costas (MI.)	3623	
(52)	41 TENDLER, Gary (E.)	3619	
(50)	42 ROGEERS, Chris (LE.)	3612	
(49)	43 SATCHELL, Kevin (WI.)	3603*	
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(58)	51 BARR, David (BK.)	3495	
(62)	52 HORSFIELD, Andrew (Y) (Y.)	3482*	
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(75)	55 REED, Daniel (CV.)	3469	
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(72)	63 GRIFFIN, Darren (GS.)	3424*	
(73)	64 NOUTCH, Simon (Y.)	3422	
(75)	65 HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3418*	
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(85)	79 KERRY, Trevor (NG.)	3309	
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(101)	81 CICCHELLI, Paul (SK.)	3275	
(104)	82 WIGNALL, Andy (LI.)	3271	
(98)	83 ROMANO, Mark (K.)	3267	
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(84)	85 CARTER, Paul (SY.)	3262	
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DARIUS KNIGHT moves up to No.7 on the Senior list

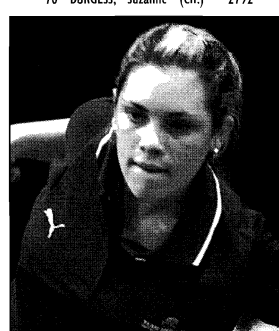
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(89)	89 BARATY, Eil (MI.)	3255
(115)	90 EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3235
(99)	91 LEIGHTON, Andrew (DU.)	3233
92	GIRDLER, Ian (SY.)	3226
(100)	93 BUTLER, Mark (DO.)	3225
(91)	94 HENRY, Andy (DY.)	3220
(102)	95 RANKIN, John (LA.)	3220
(112)	96 FROST, Adam (DY.)	3211
97	ADEMAKINWA, Ayode (E.)	3208
(118)	98 HANSELL, Robert (BU.)	3206
(103)	99 COX, Philip (K.)	3202
(106)	100 GEHLOT, Hari (BK.)	3182
(111)	101 JOHNS, Mike (CH.)	3177****
(108)	102 WALKER, Andy (SK.)	3172
(109)	103 SHORT, Mike (DV.)	3170
(114)	104 DABBS, Kieron (NP.)	3159
(119)	105 MOSS, Richard (Y.)	3157
(107)	106 FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3148
(122)	107 BOULT, Jack (SK.)	3147
(117)	108 TROTT, Andrew (NP.)	3143*
(142)	109 COLE, David (E.)	3140
(120)	110 RAMAGE, Jason (NG.)	3136*
(131)	111 PHILIPS, Simon (SY) (K.)	3135
(121)	112 CAMPBELL, Selwyn (SY.)	3129****
113	PAYNE, John (MI.)	3124
(123)	114 PAYNE, Clive (HA.)	3121****
(113)	115 MAJITHIA, Mayur (SK.)	3121
(199)	116 LEON, Robert (SY.)	3114
(141)	117 KNIGHTS, Garry (ST.)	3109
(124)	118 BIGGS, Phil (CH.)	3108**
(125)	119 JAMES, Simon (Y.)	3107**
(129)	120 SPRACKLING, James (MI.)	3105
(128)	121 CLARKE, Martyn (CV.)	3103
(127)	122 PAYNE, Phil (SO.)	3096****
(130)	123 ROBSON, Dave (DU.)	3093*
(116)	124 WRIGHT, Neil (WAL)	3093
(132)	125 GRAY, Martin (CA.)	3077
(133)	126 BUDDLELL, Kevin (DV.)	3075*
(149)	127 HARLEY, John (K.)	3067
(137)	128 BARRY, Paul (SK.)	3054
(140)	129 DENNISON, John (E.)	3053
(136)	130 HALL, Dominic (K.)	3050*
(126)	131 RYBARKAS, Vytautas (E.)	3043
(139)	132 DREDGE, Lee (DO.)	3035
(135)	133 PUGH, Simon (Y.)	3034
(151)	134 PACKFORD, Ian (WI) (OK.)	3029
(145)	135 DONOGHUE, Mark (Y.)	3028
(153)	136 WOOD, Paul (NG.)	3023
(148)	137 DOVE, Fred (E.)	3007
138	CARSLAKE, Colin (E.)	3005
(146)	139 SVENSSON, Tomas (MI.)	3004****
(144)	140 WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3004
(143)	141 BARROW, Peter (MI.)	2996
(147)	142 KERNS, Stephen (E.)	2996*
(155)	143 DAVIES, Stephen (LI.)	2989
(179)	144 BAXTER, Danny (BU.)	2987
(152)	145 MOIR, Michael (LA.)	2974*
(154)	146 COLLINS, Paul (CH.)	2967**
(150)	147 HARPER, Mick (BD.)	2957
(157)	148 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	2957
(164)	149 PERCIVAL, Wayne (CH.)	2956
(160)	150 BREWER, Adam (ST.)	2953

Senior Women

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 LOWER, Helen (ST.)	4358*	
(3)	2 SIBLEY, Kelly (WA.)	4264	
(2)	3 PARKER, Joanna (SY.)	4247**	

(4)	4 BAWDEN, Natalie (E.)	4141
(5)	5 WALKER, Georgina (DY.)	4125*
6	PARKER, Katy (LA.)	4057
(7)	7 EMBLING, Abigail (E.)	3898
(10)	8 SPINK, Lauren (NK.)	3711
(14)	9 SMITH, Karen (LE.)	3465
(12)	10 SHEPHERD, Karen (CH.)	3446
(24)	11 KEAST, Lesley (LI.)	3434
(13)	12 WHITE, Nicola (Y.)	3426
(20)	13 WILSON, Naomi (SO.)	3422
(19)	14 ROBERTS, Joanna (Y.)	3392
(15)	15 PEERS, Clare (CH.)	3387
(76)	16 SAJO, Kaori (MI.)	3350
(17)	17 CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.)	3337
(27)	18 BONGERS, Jose (ST.)	3324
(21)	19 RAINOT, Rosemary (SK.)	3307
(18)	20 HOWARD, Alice (CH.)	3282
(22)	21 WESTON, Sally (SK.)	3266***
(23)	22 COHEN, Michele (SG.)	3256*
(28)	23 JOHNS, Jan (CH.)	3256
(26)	24 BRISTOW, Angie (K.)	3247
(25)	25 UZAL, Shelley (E.)	3242
(29)	26 LLOYD, Gemma (CH.)	3190
(17)	27 LAMBERT, Helen (DV.)	3185**
(31)	28 HARPER, Sandra (BD.)	3180**
(32)	29 BALDI, Andrea (Y) (Y.)	3164**
(36)	30 WEIL, Emma (E.)	3163
(33)	31 WANG, Lucy (E.)	3156*
(34)	32 YARDY, Hannah (E.)	3140****
(35)	33 SPARKES, Rebecca (SK.)	3127*
(49)	34 HARRISON, Jennifer (E.)	3074
(35)	35 LANGFORD, Clare (CH.)	3074
(37)	36 NARENDRA, Aparna (MI.)	3064*
(53)	37 HORSWELL, Sarah (MI.)	3054
(39)	38 GRAHAM, Cherith (LA.)	3045
(39)	39 DURHAM, Jane (CV.)	3038**
(40)	40 DENNETT, Elizabeth (CH.)	3030**
(41)	41 SEYMOUR, Tamar (OK.)	3019
(45)	42 MORLEY, Judy (GS.)	3012
(54)	43 VICKERS, Jane (DY.)	2997
(44)	44 WILSON, Claire (DU.)	2994
(46)	45 INGHAM, Katy (CH.)	2989
(47)	46 HUDGE, Kim (K) (SY.)	2979
(52)	47 PEARCE, Diane (K.)	2971
(43)	48 STEEDMAN, Sarah (SK.)	2971
49	BROWN, Sarah (E.)	2941
(55)	50 MAY, Elizabeth (DV.)	2940
51	CAIRNS, Samantha (MI.)	2935
(56)	52 CHEESHMAN, Zoe (Y.)	2931
(61)	53 VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2931
(59)	54 VAJDI, Carmen (SY.)	2925
(57)	55 BARELLA, Jane (SY.)	29241*
(69)	56 NOUTCH, Sarah (Y.)	2923
(58)	57 PERRY, Lucy (DV.)	2919*
(51)	58 KING, Sheila (SK.)	2918
(60)	59 COGGON, Sara (HE.)	2917
(66)	60 ROBINSON, Suzanne (GS.)	2878
(62)	61 NOLAN, Terri-Anne (CH.)	2876
(70)	62 YARNLEY, Gemma (K.)	2849
(65)	63 BROWN, Grace (E.)	2834
(64)	64 RIDER, Sandra (Y.)	2833
(67)	65 SORRENTINO, Annabelle (CH.)	2832
(68)	66 FARQUHAR, Melanie (BK.)	2805*
(71)	67 STITCH, Julie (CU.)	2799****
(72)	68 CRICK, Lisa (BK.)	2795*
(73)	69 LAING, Janice (HE.)	2792*
70	BURGESS, Suzanne (CH.)	2792

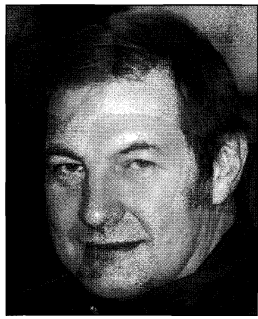
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(1)	1 DRINKHALL, Paul (CV.)	4578	
(2)	2 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4407	
(3)	3 YARNALL, Tim (NP.)	3953**	
(4)	4 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	3931**	
(5)	5 EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3730**	
(6)	6 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG.)	3672**	
(7)	7 MEADS, David (DU.)	3631	
(8)	8 REED, Daniel (CV.)	3488	
(9)	9 MAUTHOOR, Umair (E.)	3438**	
(10)	10 NOUTCH, Simon (Y.)	3294**	
(11)	11 GREGORY, Christopher (SP.)	3287****	
(13)	12 FROST, Adam (DY.)	2986	
(15)	13 LEIGHTON, Andrew (DU.)	2875	
(16)	14 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2774	
(17)	15 PAGE, Tom (CH.)	2757	
(18)	16 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	2675	
(19)	17 HALLING, Tony (E.)	2664	
(20)	18 LEE, Christopher (SY.)	2634	
(21)	19 ARMSTRONG, Marc (MI.)	2373*	
(22)	20 REED, Darren (CO.)	2242	
(23)	21 ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.)	2197	
(25)	22 BUSH, Chris (SY.)	2184	
(24)	23 DEWHURST, Paul (E.)	2083**	
(26)	24 FULLWOOD, Allan (DY.)	2058	
(27)	25 WESLEY, Richard (NG.)	2023**	
(28)	26 EVANS, Myles (NG.)	2005**	
(31)	27 CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.)	1916	
(30)	28 BARNES, Lee (SK.)	1911*	
(29)	29 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y.)	1900	
(32)	30 SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)	1841	
(33)	31 PANG, Dickson (NP.)	1807**	
(34)	32 ARROWSMITH, David (DY.)	1802**	
(36)	33 DODDS, Matthew (YS.)	1765	
(35)	34 REES, Daniel (E.)	1731	
(37)	35 MUIE, Andrew (LI.)	1720*	
(38)	36 WILSON, Andrew (CV.)	1706*	
(41)	37 DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1688	
(45)	38 HUIE, Stewart (LI.)	1659	
(40)	39 HAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1645	
(43)	40 PIPER, Damien (YS.)	1623	
(39)	41 CRAWFORD, Jonathan (CU.)	1622	
(42)	42 HARRINGTON, William (K.)	1602**	
(44)	43 NICHOLLS, Russell (SP.)	1574**	
(46)	44 BRAY, Thomas (LA.)	1571	
(47)	45 CLOSE, Christopher (DU.)	1486*	
(48)	46 GRADWELL, Andrew (SP.)	1470	
(49)	47 TAYLOR, Jonathan J (CH.)	1450	
(50)	48 HIRJI, Alim (MI.)	1408	
(59)	49 SHAW, Oliver (BU.)	1384	
(55)	50 WILKINSON, Philip (LA.)	1379	
(51)	51 WARE, Mathew (DO.)	1345	
(52)	52 BROWN, Edward (E.)	1335**	
(53)	53 PERRY, Sam (DY.)	1329**	
(54)	54 WRIGHT, Anthony (CV.)	1319	
(56)	55 GIGLI, Adam (NK.)	1309*	
(58)	56 MARSHALL, Richard (DV.)	1282	



KATY PARKER jumps back at No.6 on the Womens list

(63)	71 SPARKES, Aimee (SK.)	2790
(86)	72 RADFORD, Lisa (DV.)	2789
(81)	73 HOLMES, Sarah (SY.)	2788
(85)	74 STRAWSON, Jane (LI.)	2784
(74)	75 MASSINGHAM, Nicola (LI.)	27681**
(77)	76 JOHNSON, Susan (BK.)	2755*
(79)	77 ECKERSLEY, Carol (SK.)	2751
(78)	78 SHALER, Eileen (LE.)	2739****
79	LEE, Janice (SY.)	2721 N
(82)	80 BENTLEY, Ruth (NG.)	2720**
(80)	81 MCEVOY, Denise (CH.)	2718
(83)	82 SMITH, Rachel (BK.)	2714
83	ROUNCE, Jill (Y.)	2703
(84)	84 DAWSON, Marjorie (E.)	2695*
(94)	85 GRAY, Victoria (SK.)	2688
(87)	86 HOWARD, Clara (CH.)	2666****
(88)	87 GUTHRIE, Caron (ND.)	2656**
(95)	88 COX, Jody (LI.)	2655
(89)	89 REID, Lynda (WO.)	2654****
(103)	90 RAINFORD, Helen (DY.)	2637
(91)	91 STEEL, Pauline (SK.)	2631
(92)	92 EMMERSON, Clair (SK.)	2616
(92)	93 MITCHELL, Sharon (BK.)	2614
94	KENWARD, Nikki (E.)	2609
(96)	95 PERKS, Sarah (NG.)	2597*
(90)	96 DARE, Lindsey (HE.)	2592
(98)	97 DARK, Shirley (SO.)	2573
98	HYZK, Mariola, (SY.)	2570
(97)	99 BARNARD, Kimberley (LA.)	2568
(99)	100 HUGHES, Kate (WO.)	2565

(24)	23	DAVIS, Stella (GS.)	2013 **
(25)	24	LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	1989
(26)	25	REES, Bethany (E.)	1913 **
(27)	26	O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DV.)	1829 *
(28)	27	LIGHTOWLER, Katie (Y.)	1778 **
(29)	28	STEEPLES, Susie (LI.)	1739
(30)	29	LINZ, Caroline (BU) (SY.)	1616
(31)	30	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	1540
(32)	31	HOWE, Claire (SO.)	1457
(33)	32	SKEGGS, Kelly (E.)	1443
(34)	33	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1415
(35)	34	PINWELL, Amanda (ST.)	1337
(36)	35	FURNIVAL, Stacey (SX.)	1320
(37)	36	POTJEYWDY, Frances (SO.)	1311
(38)	37	CUNNINGHAM, Jeana (YS.)	1256 *
(39)	38	STANDEEN, Lisa (SX.)	1247
(40)	39	DUNMALL, Chloe (K.)	1238 *
(41)	40	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1109
(42)	41	ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	1048
(43)	42	HUBBARD, Sarah (K.)	976 *
(44)	43	WALDEN, Kelly-Jayne (WA.)	937 *
(45)	44	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	915 *
(46)	45	CRAWFORD, Helen (CU.)	911 ***
(47)	46	LOVE, Felicity (E.)	883 **
(48)	47	DOBSON, Jenny (HA.)	864 **
(49)	48	TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	851
(50)	49	WILKINSON, Hayley (LA.)	833 **
(51)	50	SHADBOLT, Lisa (SY.)	800
(52)	51	MCCORMICK, Samantha (DU.)	798 **
(53)	52	CURRIE, Francesca (Y.)	778 *
(54)	53	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	764
(55)	54	TRIMMELL, Jessica (SY.)	750
(56)	55	MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	730
(57)	56	MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	727
(58)	57	PICH, Lynsey (CH.)	726
(59)	58	PRICE, Melissa (NP.)	666
(60)	59	STUBBINGS, Holly (SK.)	664 *
(61)	60	HAYES, Catherine (BU.)	653
(62)	61	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	637
(63)	62	PINWELL, Emily (ST.)	618
(64)	63	YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	617 *
(65)	64	JONES, Dominique (LI.)	566
(66)	65	HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	561 *
(67)	66	SPARREY, Jodie (MI.)	557
(68)	67	ARROWSMITH, Kathryn (DY.)	548 *
(69)	68	CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.)	548
(70)	69	SPARREY, Megan (ML.)	544
(71)	70	VIP, Rebecca (LA.)	536
(72)	71	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	519
(73)	72	WOODLAND, Alison (SX.)	504 *
(74)	73	BROWN, Nicola (E.)	499 *
(75)	74	SMITH, Amanda (MI.)	478
(76)	75	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	469 *



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(11)	11	ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	1048
(12)	12	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	915 *
(13)	13	TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	851
(14)	14	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	764
(15)	15	MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	730
(16)	16	MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	727
(17)	17	STUBBINGS, Holly (SK.)	664 *
(18)	18	HAYES, Catherine (BU.)	653
(19)	19	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	637
(20)	20	YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	617 *
(21)	21	JONES, Dominique (LI.)	566
(22)	22	HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	561 *
(23)	23	CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.)	548
(24)	24	SPARREY, Megan (ML.)	544
(25)	25	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	519

Under 13 Boys

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3730 *	
(2)	MCBEATH, David (HA.)	1250	
(3)	DAYBELL, Kim (YS.)	935	
(4)	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)	871	
(5)	NAYLOR, Mark (DT.)	651	
(6)	SELFIDGE, Oscar (E.)	642	
(7)	DRAGOLOVIC, Milan (GS.)	580	
(8)	ANDREWS, Richard (BK.)	536	
(9)	SMYTHE, Zane (ST.)	517	
(10)	MITCHELL, Edward (BU.)	498	
(11)	CULLEN, Sean (DT.)	474	
(12)	LI, Christopher (SY.)	472	
(13)	YOUNG, George (DY.)	468	
(14)	LOWE, Daniel (DY.)	379	
(15)	JOHNSON, Mark (YS.)	379	
(16)	JAMESON, Lloyd (HA.)	371	
(17)	BARELLA, Graeme (DU.)	362 *	
(18)	BRUCE, Matthew (CU.)	354	
(19)	HO, Ping (MI.)	342	
(20)	GEORGE, Alexander (HE.)	339	
(21)	DUNCAN, Tobi (BU.)	338	
(22)	MULLEY, Matthew (E.)	336	
(23)	CRAWFORD, Scott (CU.)	332	
(24)	SIMPSON, Michael (DY.)	293	
(25)	BATES, Michael (LI.)	274	

Under 13 Girls

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	915 *	
(2)	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	764	
(3)	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	637	
(4)	JONES, Dominique (LI.)	566	
(5)	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	519	
(6)	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	469 *	
(7)	POTTS, Haylee (HE.)	394	
(8)	LEFEVRE, Kathrine (CV.)	352	
(9)	MCLEOD, Laura (DV.)	338	
(10)	TOVEY, Emma (K.)	335	
(11)	DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.)	333	
(12)	LEFEVRE, Karina (CV.)	320	
(13)	MARCH, Rebekah (E.)	314	
(14)	FURNIVAL, Chelsea (SX.)	287	
(15)	SUNDARARAJAN, Ayoniya (BK.)	284	
(16)	AIREY, Charlotte (NG.)	249	
(17)	FARQUHAR, Rachel (BK.)	243	
(18)	GREENER, Emily (DU.)	223	
(19)	SEAL, Rebecca (SO.)	220	
(20)	WILSON, Kirsty (K.)	194	
(21)	LOVE, Charlotte (E.)	188	
(22)	PARFITT, Lauren (CV.)	185	
(23)	TREVORROW, Rachel (CO.)	169	
(24)	ANSLOW, Rachael (E.)	166	
(25)	KING, Yolanda (SX.)	145	

Cadet Boys

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	DRINKHALL, Paul (CV.)	4578	
(2)	KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4407	
(3)	EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3730 *	
(4)	NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2774	
(5)	REED, Darren (CO.)	2242	
(6)	ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.)	2197	
(7)	EVANS, Myles (NG.)	2005 **	
(8)	CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.)	1916	
(9)	SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)	1841	
(10)	DODDS, Matthew (YS.)	1765	
(11)	DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1688	
(12)	MUDDIE, Stewart (LI.)	1659	
(13)	MAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1645	
(14)	PIPER, Damien (YS.)	1623	
(15)	HIRJI, Alim (MI.)	1408	
(16)	WARE, Mathew (DO.)	1345	
(17)	WRIGHT, Anthony (CV.)	1319	
(18)	MARSHALL, Richard (DV.)	1282	
(19)	MCBEATH, David (HA.)	1250	
(20)	JOHNSON, Paul (LI.)	1174 *	
(21)	LOVETT, Joshua (E.)	1137 **	
(22)	Ryder, Adam (SY.)	1082	
(23)	DEVILLE, Billy (E.)	1052	
(24)	DAYBELL, Kim (YS.)	935	
(25)	SMITH, Christopher A L (DV.)	921	
(26)	DUNN, Joe (YS.)	910	
(27)	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)	871	
(28)	BLEAKLEY, Joshua (LA.)	848	
(29)	SAXBY, Ross (BK.)	843	
(30)	MCMILLAN, Robert (SY.)	838	
(31)	KEARNEY, Alex (SG.)	825	
(32)	HAYNARD, Tom (BK.)	812	
(33)	TREVORROW, Matthew (CO.)	793	
(34)	COLLINS, Ryan (SK.)	756	
(35)	MAROM, Raphael (MI.)	741	

Cadet Girls

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	SPRINGTHORPE, Lauren (LI.)	3819 **	
(2)	WANG, Sarra (E.)	2606	
(3)	VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2525	
(4)	HALLOWAY, Caroline (CH.)	2262	
(5)	JAMESON, Rachel (E.)	2237 *	
(6)	LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	1989	
(7)	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	1540	
(8)	DENNETT, Fiona (CH.)	1429 **	
(9)	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1415	
(10)	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1109	

Veteran Men

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	HILTON, John (CH.)	3756 *	
(2)	KENNEDY, Joe (K) (E.)	3741	
(3)	ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SX.)	3719	
(4)	GILES, Paul (CO.)	3706	
(5)	WHITING, Paul (DV.)	3695 **	
(6)	WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.)	3605	
(7)	JOHNS, Brian (CH.)	3590	
(8)	ROGERS, Chris (LE.)	3575 **	
(9)	PAPANTONIOU, Costas (MI.)	3560	

(11)	10	GODBOLD, David (DU.)	3554 **
(12)	11	CARTHY, Clive (E.)	3526
(13)	12	BARR, David (BK.)	3514 ***
(14)	13	HUTCHINGS, Paul (LA.)	3488 **
(15)	14	SATCHELL, Kevin (WI.)	3475 *
(16)	15	HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3449 **
(17)	16	BEADSLY, Kevin (Y.)	3437
(18)	17	GIRDLER, Ian (SY.)	3377
(19)	18	GELDER, Tony (DU.)	3371
(20)	19	HALEY, Terry (SY.)	3339 *
(21)	20	KERRY, Trevor (NG.)	3326
(22)	21	PAYNE, John (MI.)	3294
(23)	22	GANNON, David (LE.)	3287 **
(24)	23	SHORT, Mike (DV.)	3272 **
(25)	24	MEDELLIN, Henry (SY.)	3272 **
(26)	25	ROBSON, Dave (DU.)	3268 **
(27)	26	BARTRAM, Peter (SX.)	3267 **
(28)	27	FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3257 *
(29)	28	CLAYTON, Tony (DO.)	3250 *
(30)	29	WIGNALL, Andy (LI.)	3238 *
(31)	30	ROMANO, Mark (K.)	3226 **
(32)	31	ADEMANIWA, Ayodele (E.)	3211
(33)	32	LUSK, Malcolm (ND.)	3202 **
(34)	33	JOHNS, Mike (CH.)	3201 ***
(35)	34	ROOFE, Eddie (WI.)	3200 **
(36)	35	HARDING, David (SY.)	3188 **
(37)	36	GRAY, Diccon (K.)	3176
(38)	37	PAYNE, Clive (HA.)	3160 ***
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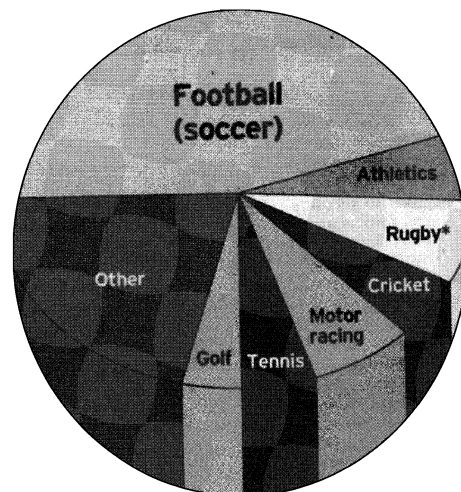
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SOCCER IS KING

WE all knew that soccer is way above all other sports - a new Daily Telegraph survey has given confirmation that soccer is the nation's favourite sport, writes John Woodford.

Despite the fact that table tennis is one of the 28 Olympic sports and we have members nations with the ITTF and nearly 100 competing at world level, we come in the group of "other sports" as shown in the above circular illustration.

The Telegraph claims to offer 'comprehensive coverage of sport'. Most of the space in their daily sports sections is devoted to soccer, athletics, rugby, cricket, golf, motor racing and lawn tennis.

There are another thirty or so sports (including table tennis) and our two main rivals (badminton and squash) who they fit into their columns when space pressure permits.

Both badminton and squash in Britain have players on or near the top of their world ranking lists. Looking only at our active players all we have is Alan Cooke at around the 150 mark - excluding the semi-retired Matthew Syed.

Two decades have passed since we have had players in the top twenty, or even thirty. That is why we are pigeon-holed by the entire national media below squash and badminton.

But no stone is left unturned by Malcolm Macfarlane and Jim Beckley on the ETTA web and myself with the Telegraph to get as much publicity as possible both words and results; even veterans and junior tournaments in the Telegraph.

The only sad exception is when we have severe verbal or physical conflict - that is when we get bigger spaces. Major tournaments are the other exception, then only if the British players do well.



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CALENDAR

DATE	TOURNAMENT	EVENT ORGANISER
MARCH		
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 Rose Bowl R2	
27th	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 Satellite Grand Prix	Martin Ireland 01253 313196
9th-10th	Regional Training	
16th-17th	National Cadet & Junior Championships	
16th-17th	British League (4) Premier Division	
23rd	ESTTA National Schools Individual Championships - Fenton Manor	
23rd-24th	Butterfly Wolverhampton Open Grand Prix	
23rd-24th	Cadet Six Nations - Belfast	
24th	National Regional Squad Championships Fenton Manor	
30th-6th May	Volkswagen World Championships, Shanghai	
30th	Hollington Cadet/Junior 1 Star	Carol Beames 01273 501884
30th- 1st May	Butterfly Derby Open Grand Prix	
1st May	Hollington Senior 1 Star	Carol Beames



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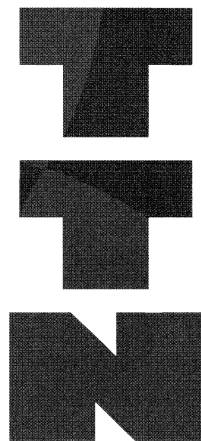
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