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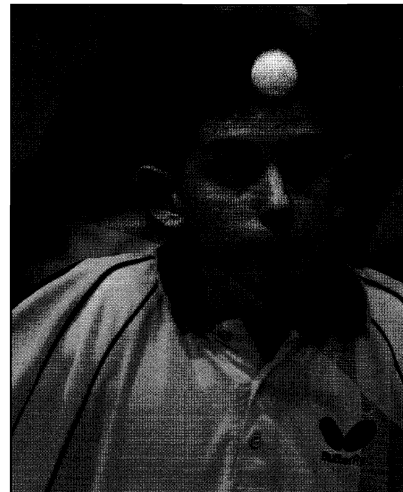
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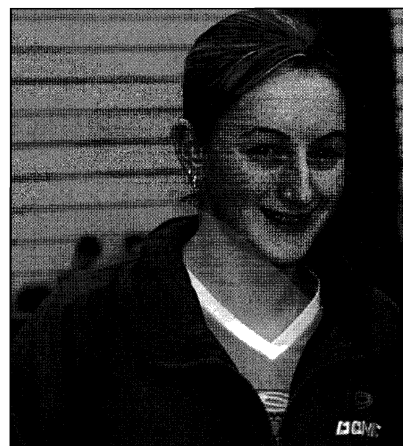
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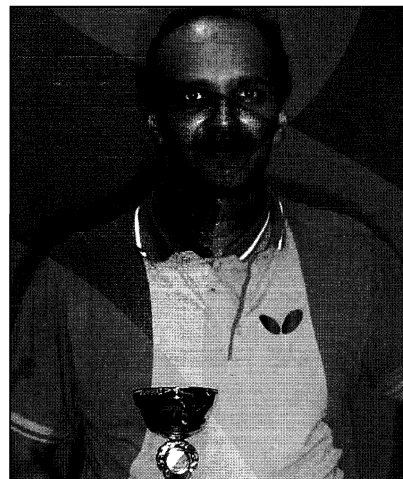
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# MELANIE FARQUHAR RECEIVES THE 'MIKE WATTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD' AT DONCASTER



**MELANIE FARQUHAR** is pictured above left being presented with the 'Mike Watts Achievement Award', by **HILDA WATTS** at the **ETTA Junior/Cadet National Championships** in Doncaster

**MELANIE FARQUHAR** was presented with the 'Mike Watts Achievement Award' by Hilda Watts, during the **ETTA Junior/Cadet National Championships** held at **The Dome in Doncaster**, last month. The award is for the most improved female player on **ETTA Ranking List**. Melanie from Berkshire started the 2003/2004 season on 1430 points in 33rd position, by the end of the season she had 2703 points and was in 16th position. After the presentation Hilda Watts said, "I am delighted to have been able to be here today to present the 'Mike Watts Achievement Award' to Melanie for her amazing success during the 2003/2004 season. May I wish her every success for this season and the future."

## JEREMY WILSON TOP SPORTS WRITER

THE **Southern Daily Echo's** Jeremy Wilson has been honoured with the top prize for regional newspapers in the **British Sports Journalism awards**. The 28-year-old sports writer was named **Regional Sports Writer of the Year** at a ceremony in London attended by the likes of Sir Bobby Charlton, Sir Matthew Pinsent and Ian Botham. His series of articles included a feature on how former Southampton and England footballer Danny Wallace is coping with multiple sclerosis and an exclusive interview with Sir Alex Ferguson as well as his

## Daily Echo reporter is



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**JEREMY WILSON** (above left) is presented with his award by **CHARLES RUNCIE** Head of Sport, **BBC English Regions**

reports on Gordon Strachan's departure as Southampton manager last year and the controversy over the possible return as manager of Glenn Hoddle. Organised by the **Sports Journalists' Association of Great Britain** and supported by **UK Sport**, the awards are judged by a distinguished panel of judges, including former Minister

for Sport Lord Moynihan. Jeremy Wilson is Hampshire Table Tennis Press Officer and writes Hampshire's County Notes column. Jeremy is also a useful player being current Mens Singles champion of Southampton and a former Junior and Mens Singles champion of Hampshire.

## WOODY'S World

FOLLOWING on from the success of the Senior Nationals, the Junior/Cadet National Championships held at The Dome, Doncaster, produced two outstanding achievements when Paul Drinkhall and Kelly Sibley scooped three Junior gold medals each. They each won their respective Singles, Doubles and together they won the Mixed Doubles. Then on the Sunday Drinkhall won another two trophies in the Cadet event, see pages 18 to 21. Melanie Farquhar also tasted success when she was presented with the 'Mike Watts Achievement Award', see this page. Even more success, when Hampshire Press Officer Jeremy Wilson was awarded the 'Top Sports Writers' prize in London, see this page. Vladimir Samsonov retained his European Mens Singles crown in Denmark, see pages 10 to 12. You will have your chance to see the highly talented Samsonov in action at Croydon on Saturday 23rd July, in The BBC Masters.

John Wood

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL DRINKHALL

**For most grass roots players the local league competitions have come to the end for this season. I hope that you have had a good season and if you are not playing in a summer league or practising on a regular basis I trust that you will have an excellent summers break catching up on all those jobs you have wanted to do.**

At National Level there are still many events to be run in May and June and I anticipate that the many tournament players will continue to make themselves available to enter.

I would like to briefly mention a number of items to keep you updated.

## FINANCE AND BUDGETS

Current forecast 2004/5 end of year figures was presented to National Council at the end of April showing a surplus in excess of £47,000. It is envisaged that the final results will be close to this figure. A full audited report will be circulated in the coming months.

The 2005/6 budgets have been prepared and have been submitted to Council in April. We have attempted in this budget to use the funds available to us to support all levels of our sport from grass roots to the England quad. It is anticipated that during the next twelve months that the support to clubs and leagues will increase, resources have been allocated to our coaching structure, communications, website, competitions and the general administration of the ETTA.

The review of the Departmental functions, responsibilities, staff work programmes is ongoing and will be finalised by the end of June.

## ENGLAND TEAM

Our performances at the European Senior Championships in Denmark were as expected with small improvements being made. England have a way to go to compete successfully at this level and we should consider how a country the size of Denmark with a much smaller population and less participation than us can achieve an Olympic Bronze Medal and win the Men's Senior European Team title. Also it is interesting to note that another relatively small European country, namely, Austria can win three medals at these championships.

It is important to recognise however that we have a number of young players whose performances continue to impress people both at home and abroad. You can be assured that we shall fully support them and continue to work with them to progress our levels of performance in the International arena. We also have to continue to build our base not only of increased participation but to ensure that potential young players have the correct support and pathways to follow to achieve their full potential.

## INDIVIDUAL

### REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP

My colleagues and I have attended meetings, and answered questions relating to this subject. The response we are getting towards the principal of Individual Registration and the generation of a database of our membership is very positive. Some negative feelings have been expressed relating to the process of Individual Membership fees and levels. No decision can or will be made without the approval at an AGM and full details and proposals will be circulated for discussion.

The importance of the ETTA having a membership database and the ability to monitor and support these members is critical and necessary for the future of our sport. We must work together to achieve this and Individual Membership.

## CADET AND JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Many congratulations must go to Paul Drinkhall for his unprecedented achievement at this year's event by winning 5 out of 5 titles. I cannot find within the records I have of this happening before. On behalf of the ETTA I wish Paul a long future with England.

Kelly Sibley won 3 titles out of 3 in the Junior events, Darrius Knight won 2 titles, Sarra Wang won the Cadet Girls singles title and the number 3 seeds in the Cadet Girls Doubles was won by Jordyn Layfield/Catherine Hayes who beat the No.1 and 2 seeds.

More details are included of this event on pages 18 to 21.

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

At the European Championships in Denmark various meetings took place and nominated people from England were elected to a number of International committees increasing our exposure and involvement in the decision making process of our sport. Details have been included on the website.

## WOMENS AWARD

England will be presented with the ITTF Award at the World Championships in Shanghai for the contribution to initiatives and programmes in support of Women during the 2004/5 season. This is a very major achievement for us and my thanks go to Judy Rogers, ETTA Equity Officer, for all her work.

I thank you for all your support, help, interest and ideas over the past 22 months as your Chairman and I hope that we can continue working together to move our sport forward. Progress is and will continue to be made towards making Table Tennis the No1 racket sport in England with increased participation and performance.

I look towards the day when I attend a Major International Championships and see the England Flag being raised and the National Anthem played.

I am as always ready to meet with you and answer your calls, emails, etc.

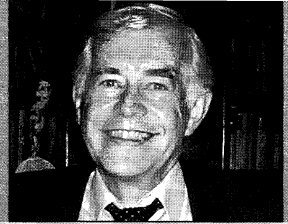
*Alex Murdoch*  
ETTA Chairman

See **KALINIKOS KREANGA**  
at The BBC Masters at  
The Fairfield Hall,  
Croydon, on Saturday  
23rd July 2005

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# VETERANS' DIARY



## SPORTING LES

MULTI talented Les D'Arcy still trains five times a week – despite being 84 years old. But my insider informs me not all of those days are taken up with table tennis, far from it.

Nowadays, table tennis, which has already brought him five world titles, is just one of Les's interests, the other sport he is passionate about is weightlifting.

Recently he won the British weightlifting title at 69 kilo and intends to be pumping iron for some time to come. He's also won silver several times at World Weightlifting Championships in the USA and in 1998, when Les was 77 years young, he became European Olympic Weightlifting Champion in Germany.

Nicknamed the Fred Astaire of weightlifting, his style is one of speed and enthusiasm (not unlike the way he likes to play his table tennis) there's no psyching himself up and looking to the heavens for encouragement.

Apparently the ever-modest Les doesn't class his weightlifting feats as anything special, saying that unlike table tennis where there are lots of players who he can compete against, in weightlifting there are very few competitors of his age group. Surprise, surprise.

"I have never seen anyone move so fast – he just can't wait to lift," says his coach Alan Lomax.

In the past he's taken part in bare knuckle fighting (stay clear of Les when he's in a bad mood), gymnastics and is a qualified soccer referee.

To us Les is a table tennis player who bounds about with the sort of energy that many of us much younger would love to have. But he's also a poet of quality having penned many a poem some of which have been printed in TTN and the veterans newsletter.

What a character.

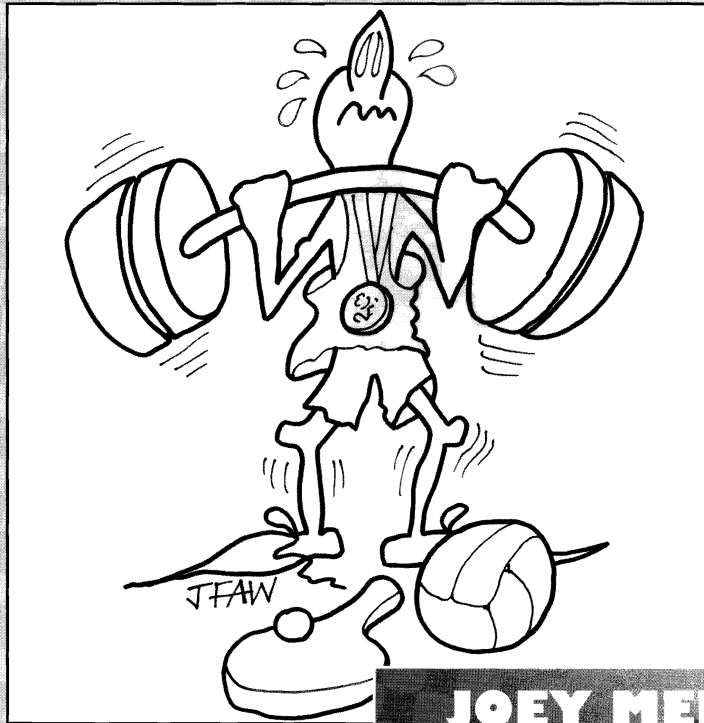
## SALES GIRLS

SUE Gurbutt and Christine Basden (pictured right) have been the faces behind the Vets stand for nine years and in that time they must have sold hundreds of items from which the VETTS benefit.

Surrounded by all sorts of items the Diary caught up with them at the Southern Masters in Reading and asked them what items vets spend their money on.

"Badges and key rings are always good sellers, said Sue. "But shirts go

by Jim Beckley



glasses suddenly fell apart leaving him without a lens.

The Diary tried to help but failed miserably and in the end a centre receptionist managed to solve his problem by bringing everything together with a piece of sticky tape.

He made it just in time to hear his name called. "I was in a bit of a panic because without my glasses I can't see at all well and I was due to fly out to Czechoslovakia the next day where I was due to coach some of our international fencing squad."

## BACK IN ACTION

NICE to see Alan Duke back in action. The Veterans British League referee exchanged casual wear for table tennis gear at the Southern Masters in Reading and seemed to be enjoying the change. So much so I'm told we may well be seeing more of him. "I may take in Thornbury but I'm not sure yet." Also nice to

well as do all sorts of cuddly toys. But selling particularly well over the weekend were the shirts all vets should wearing for the European Championships in Bratislava

## PROBLEM SOLVED

NEWCOMER to the vets scene, Henry de Silva has good cause to remember Reading but for all the wrong reasons. Expecting to be called to play at any minute his

## JOEY MEETS TRACY



hear that Alan's assistant in many of the VBL events Brenda Baldwin has given birth to a little girl Suzanne. Both Mum and daughter are OK.

## JOEY ALL SMILES

AS our photograph shows table tennis super vet Joey Kennedy knows how to spend his spare time. In between matches at the County Championship weekend in Ashford he found enough time to pull one of the most well known faces on prime time TV Coronation Street's biggest troublemaker Tracy Barlow alias Kate Ford. "She looked fabulous and didn't mind at all when I asked for a picture," said Essex man Joey afterwards.

# RUSHTON & KISS TAKE TITLES

The STIGA Blackpool 3 Star Open Championships were held at the popular Blackpool Sports Centre over 9/10 April. Australian William Henzell headed the line up with England International Andrew Rushton from Manchester the main challenger. Warwickshire's Kelly Sibley, who recently competed in the European Championships, was the top woman with Hungarian Barbara Kiss the other main seed. Lancashire's Lindsey Thornton was unseeded but went down in the quarter-final to Yorkshire's Joanna Roberts, writes Tony Meredith.

No.1 seed Henzell overcame surprise semi-finalist Chris Ford from Liverpool in straight games and Manchester's Andrew Rushton battled his way past Hungarian Gergeley Urban after dropping the second game. Rushton proved too strong for Aussie Henzell in the final, winning in straight games.

England International Kelly Sibley had a tough match against Yorkshire's Joanna Roberts in her semi-final encounter winning in 3 straight but all three games were tight.

Barbara Kiss was given a run for her money by Cheshire's Gemma Lloyd in the other semi with Kiss running out winner by 3 games to 1. The final was the best match of the day with both players counter hitting and the third game reaching a scoreline of 18-16 in favour of Kiss who came good in the deciding end, triumphing 11-8.

Liverpool's Chris Ford ended a very successful day by winning the veteran's singles over Oxford's Jeff Rigby in straight games. He had earlier beaten top ranked Bryn Drinkhall from Cleveland in the quarter-final of the main event. Drinkhall made amends in the under-21 event when he beat Chris Brown of Cornwall and Kelly Sibley overcame Cheshire's Karen Shepherd in the under-21 womens.

Blackpool's Stuart Walker appeared in the men's singles band 6 and excelled to reach the final where he went down to Yorkshire's Sean Madden 8 in the deciding game.

## Results:-

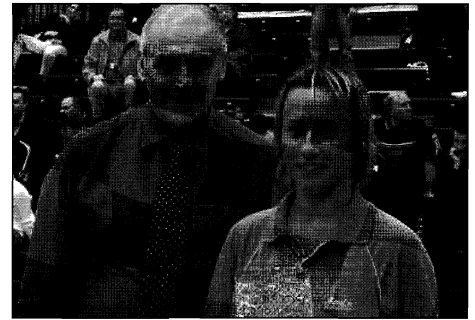
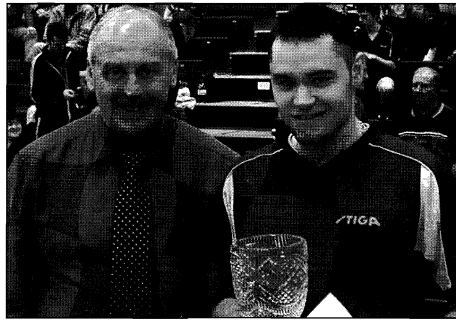
Mens Singles: Andrew Rushton bt William Henzell 9,8,2. Womens Singles: Barbara Kiss bt Kelly Sibley -9, 8, 16, -19, 6. Under-21 Mens Singles: Bryn Drinkhall bt Chris Brown 7, 8, 10.

Under-21 Womens Singles: Kelly Sibley bt Karen Shepherd 1, 5, -7, 6. Veterans Singles: Chris Ford bt Jeff Rigby 4, 1, 8. Mens Singles Band 1: Abdul Wuraola (Sy) bt Shaun Marples (Dy) 8, 10, 8.

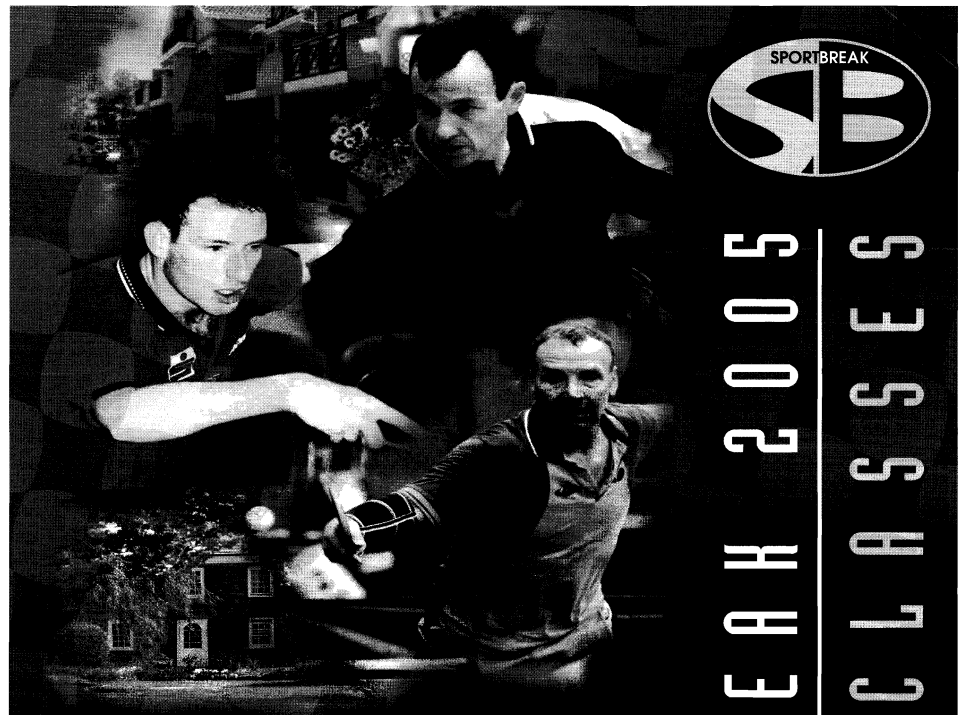
Mens Singles Band 2: Chris Ford bt Keith Bird (Dy) 5, 4, 7. Mens Singles Band 3: Lee Horton (Wo) bt Earl Sweeney (La) 10, 2, 2. Mens Singles Band 4: Jeff Rigby bt Gavin Lloyd (Ch) 9, 7, -9, 6.

Mens Singles Band 5: Steve Lyons (La) bt Eddie Crowley (La) 6, 8, 10. Mens Singles Band 6: Sean Madden bt Stuart Walker 7, 8, -9, -2, 8. Womens Singles Band 1: Joanna Roberts bt Alice Howard (Ch) 10, -2, 9, 8. Womens Singles Band 2:

Corinna Whitaker (SCO) bt Fiona Dennett (Ch) -7, 7, 12, -14, 9.



Blackpool TTC Chairman MICK PARKER presents the Mens Singles trophy and £295 to ANDREW RUSHTON and the Womens Singles trophy and £180 to BARBARA KISS



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**CORRECTION**

HAVING just read J.Woodford's piece in TTN April edition, may I correct one of his statements regarding myself.

I was for several years Deputy Chairman of the ETTU URC, this year I was asked by the ETTA Chairman if I would consider nomination for the Technical committee, this I agreed to.

Subsequently I was nominated for both the ETTU and ITTF Technical committees by the ETTA. I am grateful for the support of the Management committee in making those nominations.

I am happy to say that my ETTU nomination was successful and await the result in Shanghai. It is pleasing to note that Alex Murdoch, Martin Clark, Richard Scruton and Peter Charters were also successful in the ETTU elections.

**Tony Chatwin**  
Spondon, Derbyshire

**POSTBAG**

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**PRE-INCORPORATION**

GORDON Stables (Postbag, issue 306) states that the 2003 GM motion to remove the choice between 11 and 21 up would have been lost under pre-incorporation Rules. I think he is incorrect as I seek to show below but, since this area of voting majority percentages at GMs is quite complex, I would welcome comment from

John Jermyn - the Rules Committee Chairman.

The ETTA Rules require competitive table tennis to be played under ITTF Laws unless there is a divergence approved by a Special Resolution at an ETTA GM. The divergence to allow choice between 11 and 21 was approved by a Special Resolution in 2001 with the then required majority of two-thirds.

The proposition for removal of that choice was intended to return the situation to the standard ITTF Laws. Under ETTA Rules, a Special Resolution is not needed to make the ETTA Approved Laws comply with ITTF Laws; therefore the proposition required only a simple majority which was achieved in 2003 as there was a 63.5% vote in favour.

Incorporation made no difference to this situation as regards a return to ITTF Laws as there was no change in the above Rules at incorporation. However there was a difference at incorporation to the percentage required to approve a divergence; under Company Law, approval of any necessary Special Resolution for companies now needs 75% as against the previous 66.66% under the unincorporated Association.

Gordon may well feel "disillusioned" but this should not be because of Rule changes at incorporation.

**Mike Smith**  
Leicester



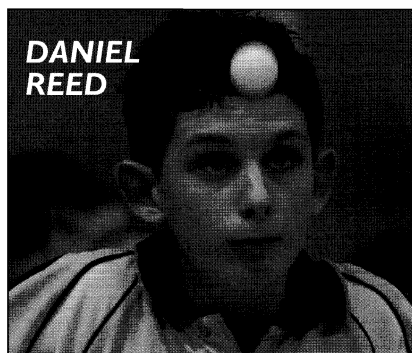
**DANIEL REED WINS DERBY JUNIOR 4 STAR**

The Derby 4 Star attracted over 250 entries from all over the country including a team from Sweden, writes Mike Payne.

The Swedish team arrived in the early hours of Friday, practised at the Rolls-Royce club in the afternoon and at the Long Eaton/Draycott club in the evening and then went home on Sunday with 5 of the trophies. Hampus Soderlund was particularly impressive winning at Under 11, Under 13 and Junior Grade 1 levels and Sara Lundin took 2 more titles. The Under 18 Boys later stages brought some particularly good matches. Simon Noutch beat the No 1 seed Kevin Lindsey (Scotland) in the top half semi-final and in the bottom half Daniel Reed (Cleveland) beat second seed Gavin Evans (Bucks). Daniel beat Simon 11-7 in the 4th to take the Carlisle Junior Boys trophy. Local girl Emma Vickers reached the final by beating the top seed Melanie Farquhar. In the bottom half of the draw another local Emily O'Sullivan beat the top seed Sarra Wang. Sarah Perks (Nottingham) beat Emily in the semi-final before losing to Emma in the final.

**Full results:**

- Under 11 Boys  
Hampus Soderlund (Sweden) bt Edward Mitchell (Bucks) 2, 7, 11
- Under 11 Girls  
Lucy Davidson (Derbyshire) bt Emma Tovey (Kent) 10, 5, 6
- Under 13 Boys  
Hampus Soderlund (Sweden) bt David Mcbeath (Hants) 7, 9, 6



**DANIEL REED**

- Under 13 Girls  
Melissa Wright (Yorkshire) bt Haylee Potts (Hertford) 9, -7, 12, 8
  - Under 15 Boys  
Gavin Evans (Bucks) bt Chris Doran (Northampton) 7, 4, 9
  - Under 15 Girls  
Sara Lundin (Sweden) bt Emma Vickers (Derby) 9, 0, 7
  - Under 15 Girls Grade 1  
Sara Lundin bt (Sweden) bt Mary Fuller (Essex) 3, 3, 4
  - Under 15 Boys Grade 1  
Ben Avery (Wales) bt Billy DeVille (Essex) 6, 9, 3
  - Under 18 Boys  
Daniel Reed (Cleveland) bt Simon Noutch (Yorkshire) 12, -7, 6, 7
  - Under 18 Girls  
Emma Vickers (Derby) bt Sarah Perks (Nottingham) 6, 6, 7
  - Under 18 Girls Grade 1  
Rachel Greener (Cleveland) bt Fiona Dennett (Ireland) -8, 6, 4, -9, 7
  - Under 18 Boys Grade 1  
Hampus Soderlund (Sweden) bt Nicky Skipp (Cleveland) 5, 10, -7, 4
- Presentations were split between ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch, Derby President Tony Chatwin and Derby Chairman Tony Young. The Derby Association and Organiser Brian Webster are grateful to the Derby City Council and Jarvis Sports for the support given in the staging of the tournament.

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# ICE COOL SAMSONOV STILL THE KING OF EUROPE

**VLADIMIR SAMSONOV, 28 from Belarus, emerged as Europe's best prospect of beating the Chinese and Koreans as he triumphed in the mens singles final in Aarhus at the 25th European Championships, writes John Woodford. Regrettably, the men's final was marred by an injury to Jean-Michel Saive who was brought down 6-9, 9, 5, 8, by cunning counter-hitter Samsonov, who thus retained his European crown, writes John Woodford.**

The lanky Samsonov, who plays for the same club as Saive, Charleroi in Belgium, played throughout the week in sunny and cool Denmark with a calm authority so familiar to those who have watched him play over the years.

Samsonov was leading 2-1 when he served very short - Saive dashed forward gashing his thumb on the table edge. The final was held up for ten minutes while he received first aid. There were thoughts that the Belgian ace might retire, but he gallantly fought on with bandages, but was never the same threat in the remaining games. Earlier, in the semi-finals Saive had demolished Zoran Primorac (Croatia) 4-1, whilst Samsonov lost the first two games before taking out Kalinikos Kreanga, the "pocket rocket" from Greece, formerly with Romania.

Kreanga at times is a real world-class operator. His flow of attacking strokes is never ceasing. He is a threat to anyone in Europe as we saw him taking the first two from Samsonov. His weakness is that sometimes he cannot last the pace, especially against a class counter-hitter like Samsonov.

After the mens final, the presentations were delayed by 45 minutes, due to dope tests for the two finalists.

The hundred journalists (all with dead-lines to meet) were waiting for the interviews with Samsonov and Saive for over an hour. When they finally arrived at the Media Centre Saive said that "despite my injury, I always felt up against it with Vladimir, he played an excellent match, as he has done all week and deserved to win." The most interesting quote came from the world champion Werner Schlager who declared "In Shanghai, the Chinese players will be under such pressure they could lose".



Mens Singles  
Champion  
**VLADIMIR  
SAMSONOV**



**JEAN-MICHEL  
SAIVE** gallant loser  
of the Mens  
Singles final

Words by  
**JOHN WOODFORD,  
MARTIN CLARK  
& GEOFF TAYLOR**  
in Aarhus, Denmark

## Cooke Beats Portuguese Champion

England sent eight players to Denmark, a team that comprised Alan Cooke, Alex Perry, Helen Lower, Georgina Walker and our four best juniors, Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight, Joanna Parker and Kelly Sibley.

Alan Cooke, At 39, he can live with top-class players. His best win came in the first round of the mens singles with a smart victory over the

Portuguese champion Jaoa Monteiro.

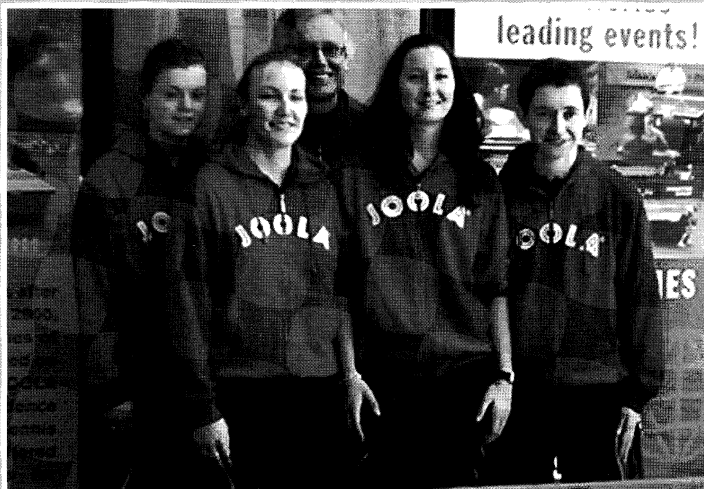
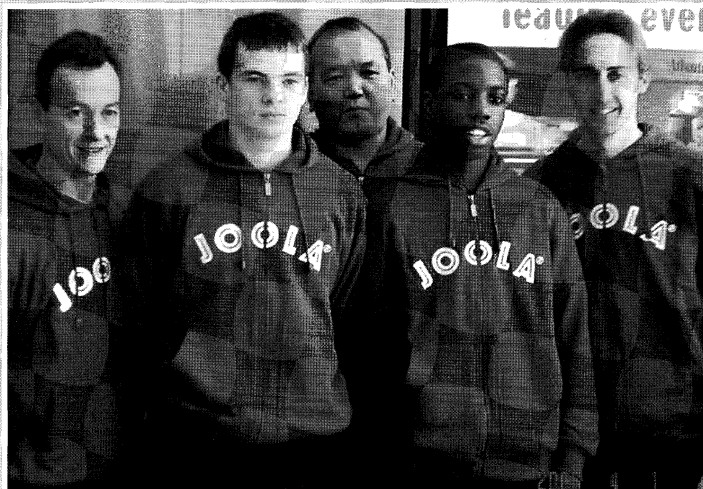
Joanna Parker, a recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship grant (for talented young athletes) notched up an outstanding win over the Ukraine's Elena Kovtun, a class defender widely experienced and near veteran age, 4-2 to Parker.

Georgina Walker (Nottingham) recorded a notable win 4-2 against the Croatian No.3 Andrea Bakula. A result that will put her in good standing with Steen Hansen in the future.

So, to our two super-hopefuls Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight. Paul the Cleveland rising star, who is as cool as Samsonov, lost to Chumakou (Belgium) in the singles 11 in the fifth game. Darius only lost in five to Zhmudenko (Ukraine), but added to his string of yellow cards on unacceptable language when losing vital points. His talent is not in question, but like Wayne Rooney he needs to learn very soon to control his feelings on court.

<b>2005 LIEBHERR</b>	
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### Team Pictures by MARTIN CLARK

ENGLAND'S MEN & WOMENS TEAMS IN AARHUS, pictured above left are (l.to r.) ALAN COOKE, PAUL DRINKHALL, JIA LIU, DARIUS KNIGHT & ALEX PERRY, whilst pictured above right are (l.to r.) GEORGINA WALKER, KELLY SIBLEY, STEEN KYST HANSEN, JOANNA PARKER & HELEN LOWER.

## Womens Singles

The womens singles was almost totally dominated by the Chinese Austrian winner Liu Jia. She is a class ahead of all her opponents in Europe, especially after winning the European Top-12. In the final, she swept home 4-0 against Mihaela Steff (Romania) who had capsized Tamara Boros 4-2 in the semis.

## Team Events

England men finished 16th. According to the bizarre format they have been relegated, but to a four-team "comfort zone" from which they can recover their premier status during the next two years of matches.

England womens team finished in 20th position, three better than two years ago in Italy. They managed a 3-2 win against Bulgaria with Joanna Parker winning the vital fifth game 8 against Kassabova. Then followed a couple of lost matches for England but they only went down 3-2 to France where Joanna Parker was unbeaten.

## Denmark Stunner

The top crowd in Aarhus was 2,000 watching Denmark win the final of the team event, 3-2 against Austria after being 0-2 down.

Hero of the hour was Allan Bentsen who amazed everyone present by beating the very strong Chinese Austrian Chen Weixing.

This success was the end of the line for Denmark, because in the Mens Singles competition all their stars went out quickly.

**FOOTNOTE:** The organisation and playing conditions provided by Denmark were first-class. Hotels were variable, some very good, some not so brilliant for the umpires. The results paperwork to the media was excellent and rapid, that's all we scribes ask for, except for very welcome tea and coffee always available in the media Centre.

## MARTIN CLARK REPORTS

ALEX MURDOCH accompanied by his wife Val and I attended the European Championships and had the privilege to watch some fantastic table tennis at a well organised and successful competition.

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# LIEBHERR 25th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

We watched all the team events which England competed in and the majority of the games involving England players.

I am proud to report that those who represented our country played very well even when there opponents were of a much higher standard. We stayed in the same hotel as the England Team and they must all be congratulated on their attitude both on and off the table. The players were supported 24 hours

a day by Steen Hansen and Jia Liu.

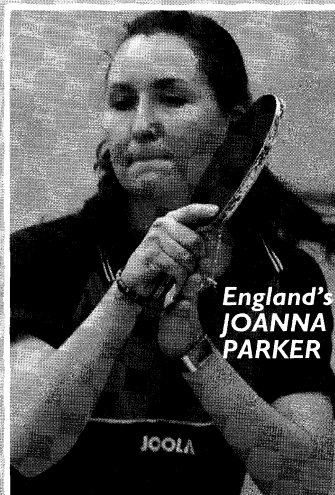
I do consider that the best "team" of players were sent and it is indicative of the support given for the future. All of the juniors, Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight, Jo Parker and Kelly Sibley together with Georgina Walker will have gained invaluable experience under the guidance of Alex Perry and Helen Lower and particularly the discipline and professional conduct personified by Alan Cooke.

Both Matthew Syed and Gareth Herbert are not playing competitively any more and Andrew Baggaley although back in contention again is not currently ranked on the England list. We all hope that following his entry this year in the National Championships he will continue to work with the England Performance Group.

I have to say that from my observations as a humble County Umpire, the standard of umpiring in Aarhus, in my opinion, fell short of those expected from those of International status.

Malcolm MacFarlane worked tirelessly relaying information back to the ETTA and Mick Strode looked in charge as one of the six assistant referees.

combination bat defenders Parker, Lomas and Holt who are successful internationally. This style of play is



less successful in the men's game, probably because they hit harder!

The individual events were dominated by the "old" guard. The Mens Singles saw Saive, Primorac, Kreanga, Chila and Samsonov taking five of the 8 quarter-final slots, with none of the younger players Fejer-Konnerth, Crisan, or Smirnov winner of the European Top 12 in Remes progressing any further.

The Womans Singles had the same established names Boros, Toth, Struse, Steff, Palina, Palina and Pavlovich along with two Chinese Lia Jiao playing for the Netherlands and Liu Jia for Austria.

Although neither progressed to the semi-finals defensive players Palina and Pavlovich did reach the quarter-finals.

The next European Championships are scheduled for Belgrade in 2007.

## GEOFF TAYLOR REFLECTS ON THE ACTION AT AARHUS

**THE programme for the European Championships had Michael Maze and Finn Tugwell on the cover, and together with Allan Bentsen they took the Mens Team Event by storm, twice coming back from 0-2 to win matches 3-2 against Poland in their first match and Austria in the final.**

Relative poor showings by Sweden and Germany saw them lose to the Czech Republic and Romania. The Germans left Christian Suss out of their team, which after their runners-up placing to China at the last World Team Championships, led me to believe that they might capture this title for the first time.

England finished in 16th place and were relegated to the Challenge Division, Holland who they beat to reach the Premier Division finished 24th. The implications of this is that there will be no more European matches in England until the team ascends into the top sixteen, with teams such as Greece, Hungary and Slovakia amongst the opposition this looks unlikely in the foreseeable future.

The Womens Team Event was won by Romania, who together with Hungary and Croatia seem to continuously produce competitive women players.

England finished in 20th position with wins over Ireland and Bulgaria, like the men the short term goal is to get back into the Premier Division of the top 16 teams.

Joanna Parker showed her potential to win matches at this level, England has a history of producing

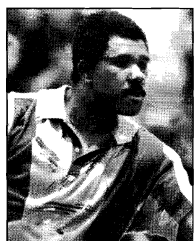
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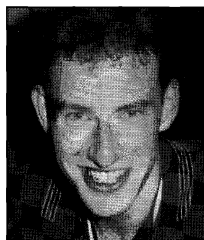


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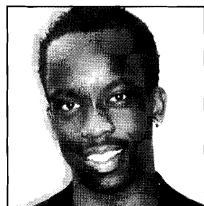
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Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open

# DAZZLING DOUBLE FOR MATTHEW WARE & ELEVATING EFFORT BY CATHERINE HAYES



**CATHERINE HAYES (left) and MATTHEW WARE winners of their respective Junior Singles trophies at Cippenham**

**THE Hayes family from Slough are currently in a rich vein of form collecting table tennis titles at will. The plaudits of the previous few weeks had mostly fallen to 16-year old David Hayes, but on Easter Saturday he was upstaged by his 14-year old sister Catherine.**

Whereas David, top seeded and firm favourite for the Boys' Singles title at the Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open Championships, fell by the wayside in his semi-final, sister Catherine elevated herself from third seed to win the Girls' Singles. Whilst for Catherine it was her first ever open title, for the Cippenham club it was business as usual as a home player has won the girls' event for eight consecutive years.

Catherine won her group as did two of the other three seeds, Jenny Dobson and Jodie Sparrey. However, top seed Frances Potjewyd was beaten into second place in her group by the other Sparrey sister, Megan. Now in the top place in the draw, Megan took full advantage of her position to fend off challenges from Katie Bradford and sister Jodie to reach the final. In the bottom half

of the draw the top two seeds Potjewyd and Dobson clashed in the quarter-final with Dobson winning the match to inflict the second defeat of the day on the top seed.

Meanwhile, Catherine Hayes saw off Nicola Duncason and then Dobson in the semi-final to set up a final with the unseeded Megan Sparrey. After losing the first game at deuce and bouncing back 11-9 in the second, Hayes lost the third and had to regroup to eventually win the title 11-4 in the fifth game.

In the Boys' Singles the host club had both the top two seeds but neither made it into the final. Number one seed David Hayes made short work of his opponents in his group and progressed through to the semi-finals where he met the much improved Matthew Ware. In the bottom half of the draw second seed Ollie Shaw was eliminated one round earlier in the quarters by Ashley Stokes. Stokes went on to beat his London Progress club mate Michael Persaud in the semi in a clash between the seventh and eighth seeds. Hayes had match point in the fifth to beat Ware but the Dorset player and third seed showed great

resilience to defend that position and cause the biggest upset of the day beating a player more than 1,500 points ahead of him on the national ranking list. Fourth seed, Ashley Shaw, the second of the Cippenham brothers, also fell by the wayside in the last 16, beaten by Suchira Gallage who, in turn, went out next round to Persaud.

In the final Ware came back from 2-1 down to defeat Stokes 11-7 in the fifth to celebrate a unique double of being both cadet and junior open champion at Cippenham in the same season.

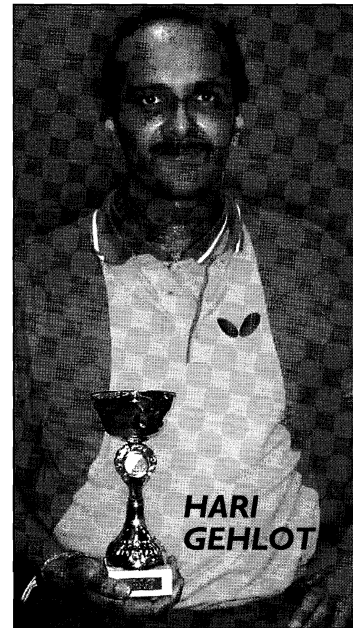
### Results

BS: Matt Ware (Ha) bt Ashley Stokes (Mi) -5,9,-10,7,7

GS: Catherine Hayes (Bu) bt Megan Sparrey (Mi) -10,9,-4,9,4

BCons: Nick Rate (Ca) bt Ruihao Zhang (Ha) -5,11,5,-9,6

GCons: Sarah Warwick (Ha) bt Abigail Moore (He) 3,9,-11,6.



## Double for Berkshire

READING duo Hari Gehlot and Sharon Mitchell took both the major honours at the ninth running of the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open Championships on 27th February. Gehlot's passage through to the title was a fairly uneventful one as he did not drop a single game in the knock-out stage but in the preliminary round group Jeff Rigby (Ox), Mike Wilkins (Bu) and Graham Outtrim (Ha) all managed to take one game. By the time the main event came, though, Gehlot's slick left-handed attacking prowess was well harnessed and John Fannin (Sy), Tom Carr (He) and 2004 champion Fred Dove (E) all succumbed three-straight before Dave Crowley was dealt with likewise in the final.

## PRESTON TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

# PENNINGTON TAKES HIS FIRST TITLE AT THIRD ATTEMPT

**AFTER being runner up on two previous occasions Ronnie Pennington of Penwortham Gryf wins the Open Singles Championships.**

It comes after a break from table tennis as he has been working abroad for the past two seasons. He beat the evergreen Bill Ingram in 5 fast and quick hitting sets, Ingram being the only player to take Ronnie close during the competition. Although in the last set Pennington raised the pace and Ingram could not keep up with him. Pennington was a worthy Champion and looks likely to dominate for the next few years. In the semi finals Pennington overwhelmed Steve Crook in 3 straight sets, Crook who was trying desperately to win in his last Champions before leaving the area could not live with the pace Pennington puts on the ball. In the other semi final Ingram beat Barry Crook in a five gruelling sets after going two sets up he seemed to tire and Crook levelled but Ingram in typical style, got himself together and won the fifth set 11-5.

The Veterans event was won by Andy Michnowiec, who beat defending Champion Tony Rigby in four sets. Rigby, who had been in fine form all day, beat Bill Ingram in a four sets in the semis in a hard fought top spinning game but could not maintain his form in the final and found Michnowiec too steady.

This was Michnowiec's first singles win, however he could not retain his doubles crown as he and Barry Mason went out the semis to Pennington and Andy Clark. In the other semis the favourites Felton and Rigby could not maintain their fine league form and lost in five sets to Ingram and Steve Crook. The final however was a one sided affair Clark and Pennington proved too quick for their opponents and won in three straight sets.

The Handicap event was won by Phil Petts, who easily beat Reg

England. However England can be pleased with his day, after a lean season in the league. Petts as expected also won the Division One title beating Mike Parker in the final.

The Division two title again went to the favourite Kevin Parker, beating Ian Castle in the final in three close games, but Parkers experience showed against his young opponent. In the Juniors Jericho Mayor retained his title against the much improved John Ranson. Mayor beat the unseeded Aaron Seager-Harris in the semi final, Ranson beat team mate Mark Williams in the other semi. The Cadet title went to Ben Drulia who proved too strong for Aaron Seager-Harris. Both of these youngsters look to have a bright future if they continue to practice hard and improve.

Results:

Open Semis

- Pennington bt Steve Crook 11-2

11-6 11-5

- Ingram bt B Crook 11-4 11-9 5-11

8-11 11-5

Open Final

- Pennington bt Ingram 9-11 11-7

11-4 6-11 11-6

Doubles Final

- Pennington/Clark bt Crook/Ingram

11-7 11-9 11-8

Veterans Final

- Michnowiec bt Rigby 9-11 11-3

11-2 11-8

Handicap Final

- Petts bt England 11-7 11-9 11-8

Div 1

- Petts bt Mike Parker 11-4 11-6 11-7

Div 2

- Kevin Parker bt Ian Castle 11-8

11-9 11-8

Juniors

- J Mayor bt J Ranson 11-7 13-11

11-8

Cadets

- B Drulia bt A Seager-Harris 11-3

11-7 11-7

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# TABLE TENNIS IN ACTION



WITH the Masters fast approaching it is easy to forget the less glamorous side of table tennis. For every superstar we see on our screens there are hundreds of players that play purely for the enjoyment of the game, a proportion of which come from deprived backgrounds.

Table tennis in our school systems is a way of introducing youngsters to the game and is a cost-effective way of keeping them off the streets and fully engaged with something positive. What makes table tennis such a great asset is that it is a space-efficient game,

**Will Power, who is helping to organise the much-anticipated Masters in Croydon, on a special initiative in schools**

whilst the cost of a table, although a struggle for some school budgets, is much cheaper, for example, than a tennis court or swimming pool. If an interest is developed at a young age then progression to an extra-curricular club is often a natural continuation, providing cheap entertainment and the opportunity to develop as a player, often giving the individual confidence they may

not have otherwise discovered. Out of school clubs in particular can give youngsters more self-assurance and an opportunity to communicate and integrate with all ages of the community, preparing them better for adult life.

It is for this reason that the ETTA is so keen to establish a firm hold in schools, whilst trying to develop future

champions. One such initiative led by Brian Spicer and Matthew Syed is aimed at schools in Croydon and other London boroughs. This programme of events, called the "Outreach Programme", visits secondary schools and aims to inspire interest in the sport by giving exhibitions and master-classes. These spectacular demonstrations are followed by question and answer sessions designed to promote interaction with the children, at the same time giving them insight into the dedication and determination needed to be a professional sportsman.

In addition to the school outreach programme there will also be a "disability day", which will be organised in co-operation with Judy Rodgers, the National Equity Officer of the ETTA. Table tennis is a fantastic sport for the disabled and our top stars have competed successfully at many international events including the Commonwealth Games and the Paralympics.

Thanks must be given to the sponsors of these events and those who work so tirelessly to organise them, without whom talents such as Darius Knight would never have been found.

## TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE BBC MASTERS AT CROYDON

DUE to the overwhelming success of last years event tickets for the upcoming Croydon Masters are selling fast. The international event, part of the Japanese Super Circuit is the richest of its kind throughout Europe and has the calibre of players to match. This year's event boasts the legend himself Jan Ove Waldner, probably in his last appearance on these shores, with a supporting cast including the incredible Kalinkos Kreanga and the super-fast Ryu Seung Min along with a whole host of other top stars. This annual event held in the Fairfield Halls produces an electric atmosphere second to none that seems to bring the best out of the players when vying for the top prize of \$70,000. The interest shown in this table tennis extravaganza means that bookings should be made early to avoid disappointment.

For more information go to the event website: [www.mps-sports.com](http://www.mps-sports.com)

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MOST readers will be aware of the plight of the red kite and the red squirrel, rarely seen these days in their natural habitat, the English countryside. What many readers will find alarming, even shocking is that they have been joined by another familiar member of the English scene, namely the English umpire.

This once loveable creature dressed in its winter coat of blue was for many years a common sight either at the table tennis table, gesticulating in some incomprehensible manner or sipping tea from a plastic cup, whilst nibbling a plain digestive. Often they could be observed in small groups, males and females, but rarely with young. Very occasionally larger groups would be observed, but this was usually associated with their peculiar feeding habits, a characteristic of their profession or in the annual migration to some obscure tournament located at the seaside.

Recent studies however, have indicated a dramatic fall in their numbers. Figures

# ENDANGERED SPECIES

presentational matters; who cares anyway, there are no umpires for Ludo, so why does table tennis need them?

Tournament Organisers will tell you of the mad scramble to enlist umpires for their next event and even the NURC, faced with bizarre scheduling by the Calendar Working Party, is literally pulling

its hair out.

Paradoxically the shortage of umpires should persuade organisers to examine their recruitment packages such as work schedules, meal breaks and travelling allowances etc. Unfortunately, in many instances, this has not happened. Too often it is a case of "get here for 8.30am,

we will try to get you to lunch between Noon and 12.30 and then the finals are due to start at 8pm but we are running late so please bear with us."

This of course is not the whole story. There are events where great concern and consideration is shown for the hard working band of umpires. No evening work, and dinner provided by the management with the best seat in the house for matches. The message is clear. Forget global warming; the answer is in front of you. Players, coaches, organisers and administrators take heed: it may be later than you think!

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released recently compare recorded sightings in 1994 in the Birmingham area adjacent to the National Indoor Arena with official NURC studies. Even as late as 1997 in the Manchester area the drop in numbers was not considered significant. Academics have suggested that the figures are not representative because of creative accountancy caused by observers including a sub specie known as 'umpire prestige'. These are non active umpires who appear magically at the mention of the words Open or International.

Experts have been unable to glean any pattern in the decline in so much as the reductions appears to be generally widespread although packs have been recorded in areas as diverse as Merseyside? Lincolnshire, the Midlands and even in the South East.

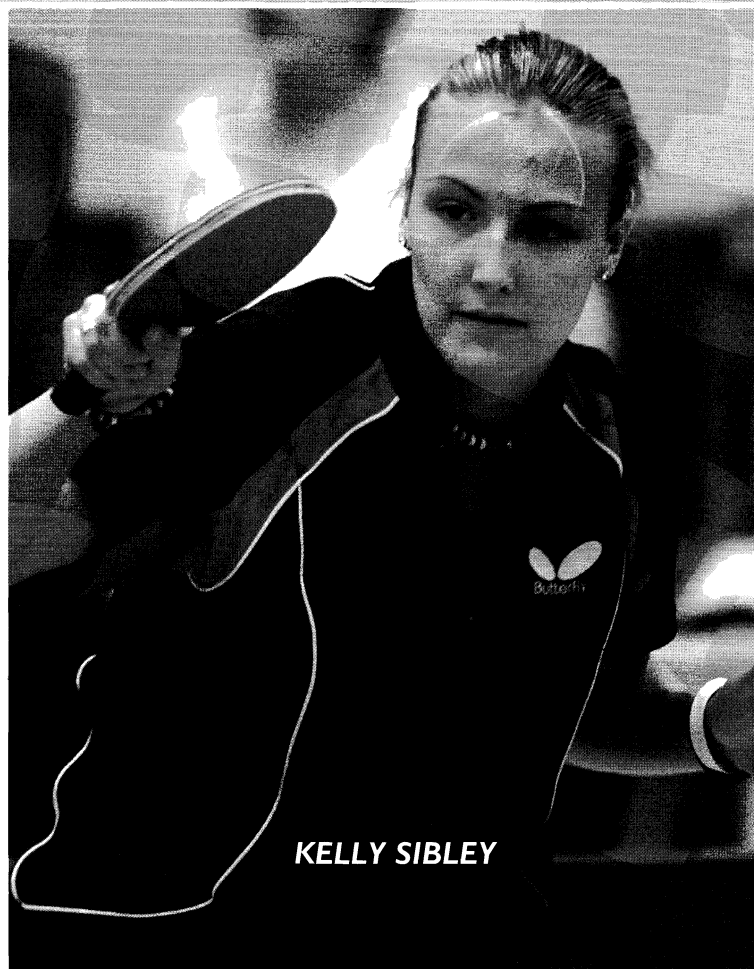
A good deal of debate has taken place to try and find the cause of this decline. Global warming has been suggested because umpires are quite adept at working in sub zero temperatures. Another suggestion is the erosion of the natural habitat so that special foods such as sausage rolls, curled up sandwiches and plain quiche are unobtainable. This is palpably untrue. Another popular theory concerns the growth of predators and its effect on the food chain; also there is the law of supply and demand. Some will say why do we need umpires? The players can score themselves. Forget matters of control or discipline. Ignore



# THE DOME, DONCASTER



PAUL DRINKHALL



KELLY SIBLEY

## TRIPLE TRIUMPH FOR DRINKHALL & SIBLEY

**SATURDAY** saw two of England's rising stars Paul Drinkhall and Kelly Sibley win treble gold medals in the Junior events, at the Junior/Cadet National Championships held at The Dome, Doncaster, writes John Wood.

Drinkhall beat his old rival Darius Knight in the Boys Under 18 final, following a very close and exciting battle, which went all the way to the wire. Paul led the fifth game 5-0 before Darius could respond, and took another point to go into an apparently unassailable lead of 6-1, but then the boy from London made a remarkable comeback to level this deciding game 6-6, with stunning angled forehand

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Pictures by LESLEY HALL-WOOD & MIKE JOHNS**

drives. The two boys then went point for point to deuce where at 11-11 Knight served off the table (making the score 11-12 to Drinkhall) and showed his frustration by kicking the table, so umpire David Goulding then awarded a winning point to Drinkhall, who won 13-11.

This decision by the umpire was correct by the rules of table tennis, as Knight had received two previous cautions during this final, but it was a very sad way indeed to decide the destiny of the Junior Boys Singles trophy after such a

fantastic display of excellence.

In the semi-finals Cleveland's Drinkhall overcame a stiff challenge from Lancashire's talented Adam Bleakley 3-1. The other semi saw Knight beat Durham's David Meads 3-1.

Meads did however, taste a moment of glory when he caused a bit of an upset by winning a five set thriller, against Tim Yarnall in the quarter-finals 5, 7, 4, 3, 10.

Knight bounced back to taste victory when he paired up with Drinkhall to take the Junior Boys Doubles trophy, beating

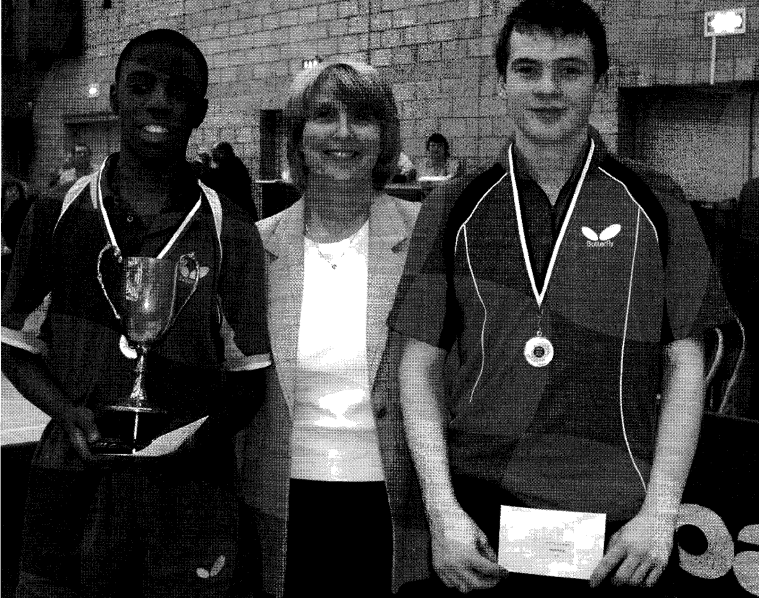
Gavin Evans and David Meads 6, 6, -5, 8 in the final.

Drinkhall then completed his treble by winning the Junior Mixed Doubles final with Kelly Sibley, 9, 9, -6, 6, against Knight and Joanna Parker.

Warkwickshire's Sibley won her second trophy when she beat the No.1 seed Joanna Parker from Surrey in the Junior Girls Singles final 3-1. Attacker Kelly looked very confident against Parker's controlled defence. In fact she seemed to always pick the right ball to hit really hard to win 8, -8, 6, 7.

The girls semis saw Sibley beat Norfolk's Lauren Spink 3-0, whilst Parker also won 3-0 defeating Essex's Abigail Embling.





**Top two pictures: SANDRA DEATON Vice-Chairman of Marketing presents the Junior Boys Doubles trophy to DARIUS KNIGHT & PAUL DRINKHALL and the Junior Girls Doubles trophy to KELLY SIBLEY & LAUREN SPINK. Bottom two pictures: ETTA Chairman ALEX MURDOCH and Deputy Chairman MIKE JOHNS present the Cadet Girls Doubles trophy (left) to JORDYN LAYFIELD & CATHERINE HAYES and the Cadet Girls Singles Runners-up Medal to EMMA VICKERS and the Winners trophy to SARRA WANG**

But Sibley had her biggest battle of the day when she faced Sarra Wang from Essex who almost caused the biggest upset of the tournament, when following four action-packed games she lead the 5th and deciding game of this quarter-final 8-3. But Kelly showed her real class by clawing her way back into contention with true grit, going onto win 12-10.

The Junior Girls Doubles final saw Sibley win her third gold medal, when she partnered Lauren Spink in overpowering the No.1 seeds Parker and Abigail Embling 3, 11,-8,-1, 9.

## CADET EVENTS

Paul Drinkhall also won two gold medals on the Sunday in the Cadet Boys Singles where he once again beat Darius Knight and in the Cadet Boys Doubles he teamed-up with Knight to take the trophy,

beating the Evans brothers Gavin and Myles 6, 4, 4.

In the Cadet Boys semis Drinkhall defeated very young rising star Gavin Evans from Nottingham 9,-11, 10, 8, whilst Knight saw off a spirited challenge from Cornwall's Darren Reed 2, 8, 5.

The Cadet Girls Singles title was won by Sarra Wang who made up for her Junior Singles quarter-final disappointment by beating Emma Vickers from Derbyshire 12,-10, 9, 9, in a very tight final.

In the semi-finals Wang beat Caroline Hallows from from Cheshire 8, 6, 9, whilst Vickers had to come from behind to beat Essex's Rachel Jamieson -6,-6, 4, 10, 6.

This years Cadet Girls Doubles Champions are Jordyn Layfield and Catherine Hayes who beat the No.2 seeds Wang and Rachel Greener in the final 7,-5, 9, 9, having earlier knocked out the No.1 seeds Emma Vickers and Caroline Hallows in the semis.

## RESULTS

### Junior Boys Singles

**S/f:** P.Drinkhall bt A.Bleakley 9, 7,-8, 6; D.Knight bt D.Meads 6, 10,-3, 7. **Final:** Drinkhall bt Knight -6,-8, 4, 10, 11.

### Junior Girls Singles

**S/f:** K.Sibley bt L.Spink 9, 11, 15; J.Parker bt A.Embling 7, 11, 6. **Final:** Sibley bt Parker 8,-8, 6, 7.

### Junior Boys Doubles

**Final:** Drinkhall/Knight bt G.Evans/D.Meads 6, 6,-5, 8.

### Junior Girls Doubles

**Final:** Sibley/Spink bt Parker/Embling 3, 11,-8,-1, 9.

### Junior Mixed Doubles

**Final:** Drinkhall/Sibley bt Knight/Parker 9, 9,-6, 6.

### Cadet Boys Singles

**S/f:** Drinkhall bt G.Evans 9,-11, 10, 8; Knight bt D.Reed 2, 8, 5. **Final:** Drinkhall bt Knight 12,-7, 6, 5.

### Cadet Girls Singles

**S/f:** S.Wang bt C.Hallows 8, 6, 9; E.Vickers bt R.Jamieson -6,-6, 4, 10, 6. **Final:** Wang bt Vickers 12,-10, 9, 9.

### Cadet Boys Doubles

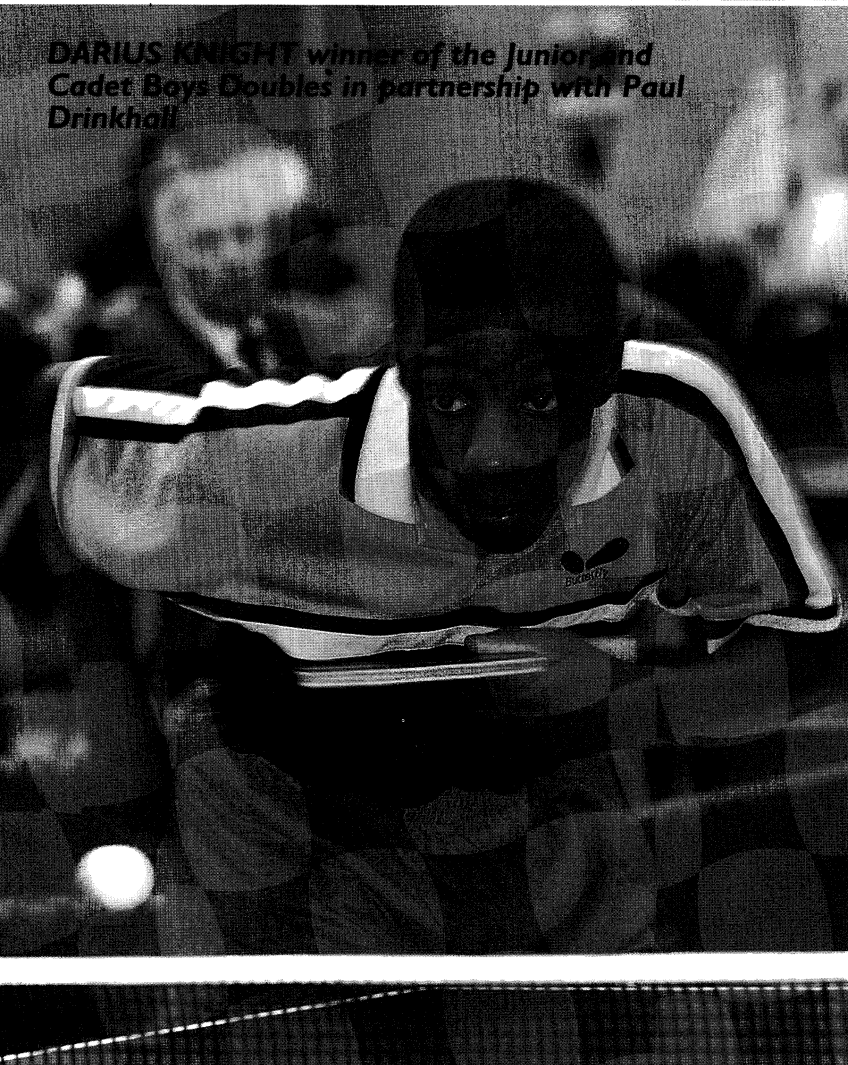
**Final:** Drinkhall/Knight bt G. & M. Evans 6, 4, 4.

### Cadet Girls Doubles

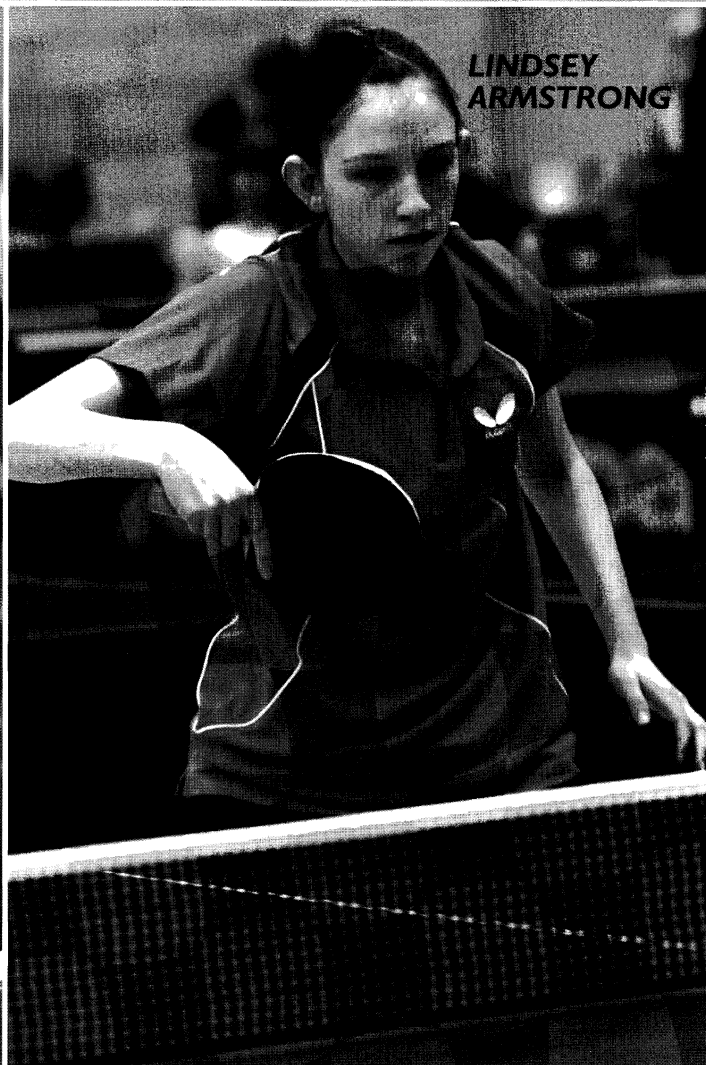
**Final:** J.Layfield/C.Hayes bt Wang/R.Greener 7,-5, 9, 9.



*DARIUS KNIGHT winner of the Junior and Cadet Boys Doubles in partnership with Paul Drinkhall*



LINDSEY ARMSTRONG



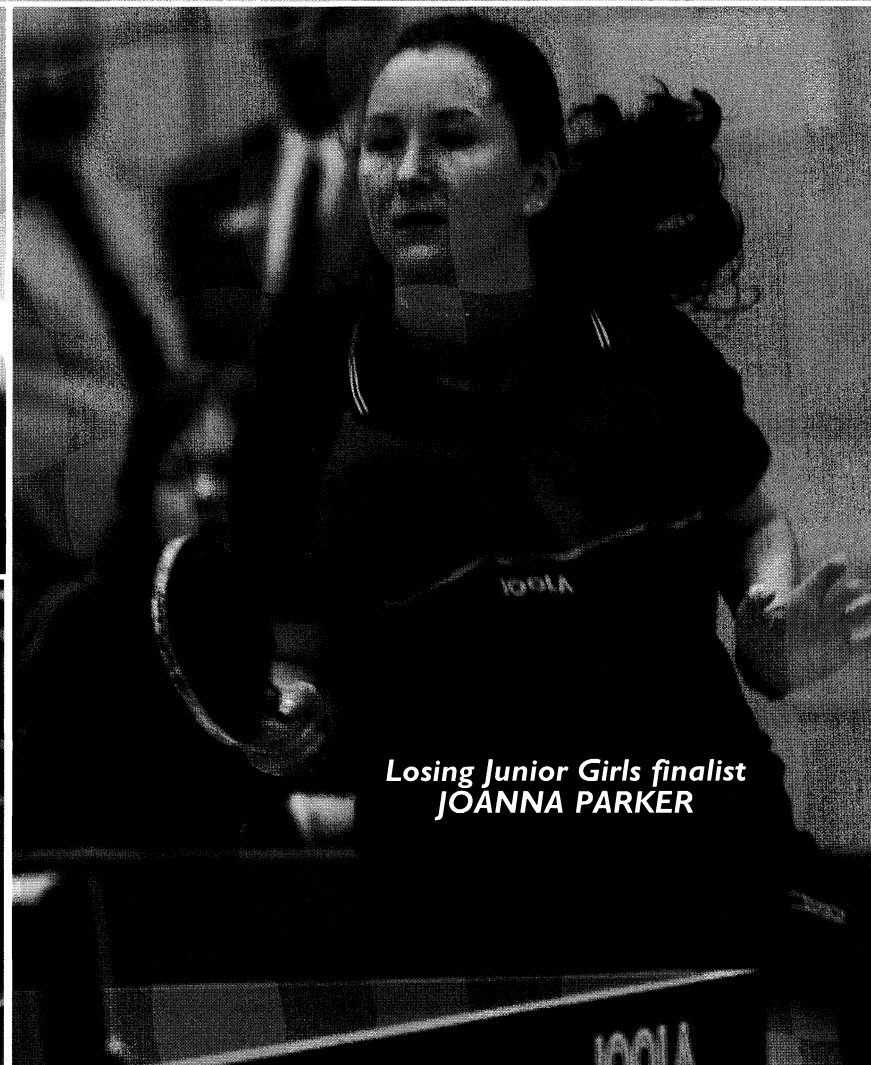
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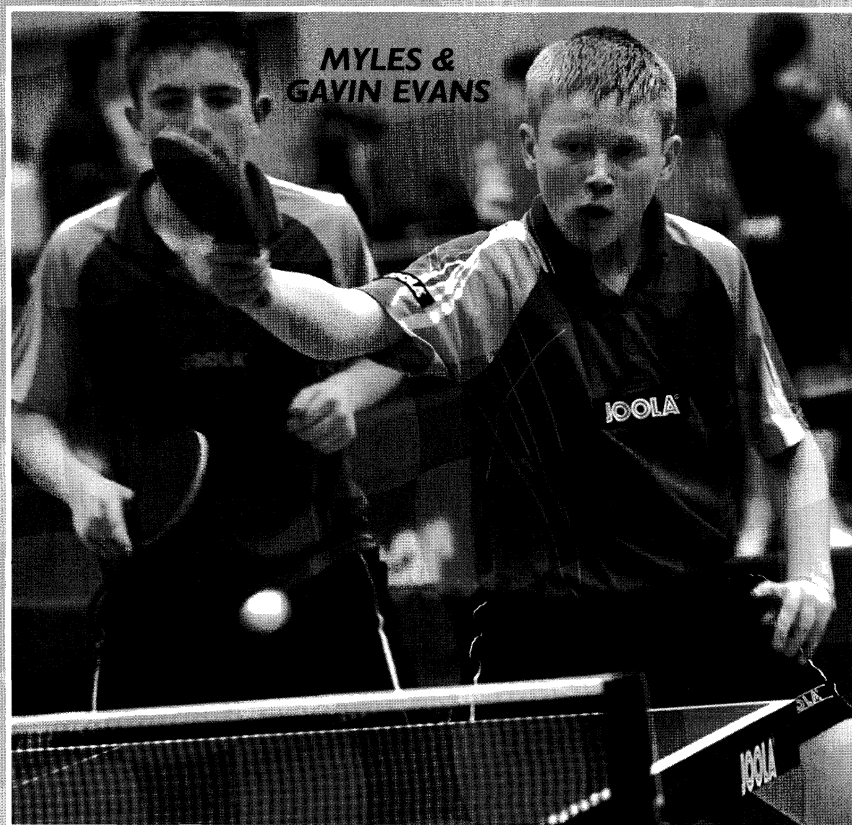
Umpire DAVID GOULDEN



Losing Junior Girls finalist JOANNA PARKER



MYLES & GAVIN EVANS



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Former England star **EDDIE HODSON** of the hard-bat era, is pictured right with two local Doncaster lads **CHRISTOPHER SENIOR** and **BILLY GASKELL**. Eddie, who was celebrating the anniversary of winning the Scandinavian Junior Open Boys Singles, almost 50 years ago to the day, was assisting his grandson Josh Lovett, who was competing in both the Junior and Cadet events.



**ANTHONY PICH**, 12 years old, from Club Mid Cheshire, who at the age of 10 was probably the youngest qualified umpire in England. Gail McCulloch said, "I had to have a umpires jersey specially 'made to measure', as he was so small". Unfortunately Anthony has been out of action with illness for 12 months, but he is now hopefully on the mend.

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THE London Progress Club have dominated the British League Premier Division for so long that it is hard to remember them not actually winning it.

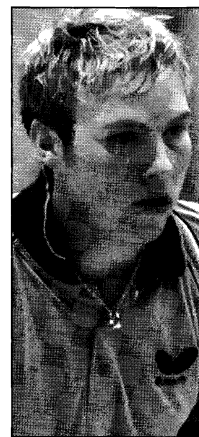
The last team to win the trophy was Darlington way back in the 1997-8 season, writes Steve Kerns.

This year's Progress success, their 7th, was sealed at their splendid home venue at Southall College, Middlesex in front of a sizeable crowd and it owed a lot to the all-round strength of their side. They scored an impressive 24 points out of 28 and this gave them a two-point cushion over Harvey Barnets I with Ormesby a further point back.

Only a defeat in the last round of matches to Barnet with the title already won prevented them from remaining undefeated the whole season. Their big test came in round eleven against Ormesby who were unable to field their top player Paul Drinkhall who somewhat reluctantly opted to defend his titles at the Junior National Championships, a tough decision for anyone to have to make. Let us hope that a clash of two events of this magnitude does not happen again.

Ormesby in fact made the best possible start to the match as Paul's older brother Bryn produced a stunning performance to beat Terry Young 12-10, 4-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-9. Just the start Ormesby were after. However, they were unable to capitalise on it as Progress Captain Jason Sugrue saw off Craig Bryant 3-1, and Marco Essomba, who like Jason has been a part of all seven of their Premier division winning teams came through a frantic and edgy action-packed five-ender against England no. eight Junior Danny Reed 9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 10-12, 11-9. A vital win and with Darren Blake avenging his first half defeat by beating Steve Bailey 12-10, 11-13, 12-14, 11-5, 11-8 Progress were in the driving seat. Bryn Drinkhall produced a second excellent performance as he beat Marco Essomba 11-9, 11-7, 11-9 which earned him the 'Player of the Match Award' but Progress were now firmly in control and duly won the match 6-2.

Things were looking even better for Progress after round twelve as they hammered a three-man Seasiders team 8-0 and at the same time they saw both of their main rivals drop points. Harvey Barnets were held to a draw by a determined BATT'S Team Peniel I who were having to fight hard to avoid relegation whilst Ormesby fared even worse, losing out to Darlington 5-3. It was John Holland who excelled for Peniel as he beat defensive star Szabolcs Szentkiralyvolgyi 3-1 (you can see why his name appeared on the scoresheet as "Szabolcs") and Gergely Urban 3-0. With Martin Kubrt and Neil



Ormesby's **BRYN DRINKHALL** 'Player of the Match Award' against London Progress

Charles both beating Costas Papanioniou this represented an excellent point for BATT'S. It just wasn't Ormesby's day and they found themselves well beaten by Darlington who won all four of their matches to jump from eighth to fourth place. Craig Bryant's opening win over Richie Venner gave Ormesby a glimmer of hope but it proved short-lived as a Carl Prean double and singles wins for Mark Smith, Michael Marsden and Richie Venner enabled Darlington to surge into a 5-1 lead. With the match lost Bryn Drinkhall beat Mark Smith 3-1 to bring an air of respectability to the proceedings whilst Danny Reed also came up trumps with an excellent win over Michael Marsden.

It was now all over bar the shouting, and unless Progress failed abysmally they knew the title was theirs for the taking. They didn't disappoint on Sunday morning against BATT'S Team Peniel I either, although neither Jason Sugrue or Terry Young were able to get the better of the inform John Holland. Producing arguably the best individual performance of the whole weekend Holland scored two superb wins downing Sugrue emphatically 11-6, 11-7, 11-5 and Terry Young 2-11, 12-10, 11-4, 11-9. However, with Marco Essomba and Darren Blake firing on all cylinders the Progress victory was never in doubt. Progress were Champions and perhaps it showed in their last match as they lost for the only time this season, 6-2 to Harvey Barnets. Bolstered by the inclusion of Tim Yarnall in their line-up, another Junior star who had been playing in the Junior National Championships the day before Barnets roared into a 5-1 lead as Yarnall beat both Sugrue and Blake and ace-defender Szabolcs got the better of Leeroy Pye and Marco Essomba. It wasn't all doom and gloom for Progress and the two wins they picked up were in fact good ones, such is the quality of this Barnet side. Marco Essomba produced his best form of the season to beat Gergely Urban 13-11, 8-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-8 whilst Leeroy Pye



also did well to get the better of Niall Cameron 11-4, 9-11, 11-6, 7-11, 11-8.

With five teams potentially in danger of being demoted the battle to avoid relegation was always going to be as dramatic as the fight to win the League. Still rock-bottom after the third weekend Darlington finished the season at the same speed as one of Carl Preat's forehead loops. Not only did they win all four of their matches and in the process dent Ormesby's hopes of finishing second but they also impressed in their last match by beating BATTs Team Peniel 5-3 without Carl Preat in their line-up. They eventually finished fourth. More Bolton Wanderers or Everton than West Brom or Norwich in anyone's book. David Meads, who has been a major success this season carried on where he had left off by beating Ayo Ademakinwa and Martin Kubrt whilst Michael Marsden also impressed as he beat Kubrt and Neil Charles to cap an excellent performance. Darlington had earlier issued a statement of intent in round eleven as they hammered JAGS 7-1. Carl Preat missed out against Lorestas Trumpauskas, a brilliant win for the former Lithuanian international but it had little effect. Doubles for Richie Venner, Michael Marsden and Mark Smith left Darlington well on top.

Seasiders must have been very disappointed that they could only field three players after one of their players dropped out on Friday evening. It showed in their performances and they lost all four matches and are relegated. Only John Hilton was able to produce anything like his usual level of play. It was Hilton who picked up the Seasiders' game in their 7-1 defeat against Harvey Barnets, and it was a good win as well as he came from 2-0 down to edge out Szabolcs 12-14, 9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 11-9. Hilton also produced some vintage play in his side's 5-3 defeat against JAGS, as he beat Tom Cutler 3-2 and Lorestas Trumpauskas impressively 11-9, 11-8, 11-8 - Carl Preat - Were you watching? Greg Baker who had looked a little out-of-

sorts also did well to beat Clive Carthy 3-1, his best display of the weekend.

Joining Seasiders in the automatic relegation position are JAGS who have the honour of being one of the few sides to have beaten Progress in their seven year reign as Champions. It is even more ironic that Seasiders managed it twice last season. JAGS had the misfortune to meet an "up-for-it" Darlington side who were bang on form in round eleven and Ellenborough were equally formidable in round twelve. Gareth Herbert picked up his two singles and Ellenborough's excellent no. four Jon Nilsson also won twice as Ellenborough romped home 6-2. Ellenborough also enjoyed a good final weekend. They drew their opening match against BATTs Team Peniel where only Martin Kubrt's superb 3-2 win over Jon Nilsson in the last game prevented them from winning and they also held Ormesby to a draw. Gareth Herbert was undefeated in both matches although he had to pull out all the stops to get the better of Craig Bryant, eventually edging home 11-7, 11-9, 4-11, 10-12, 14-12. And once again Jon Nilsson, a possible contender for the Player-of-the-Season Award came up trumps with two excellent wins, 3-2 against Steve Bailey and 3-0 against Danny Reed.

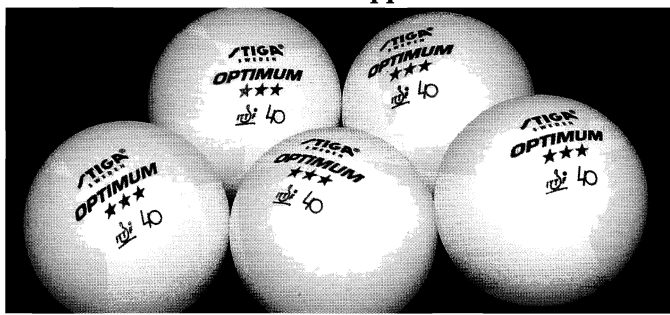
All in all, it has been a very memorable season. Congratulations are extended to the London Progress Club on winning again. Seven wins on the trot is a fantastic achievement in anyone's book. But there have been plenty of other plus-points as well. Not least the improved standard of play. We welcome back the likes of such luminary figures as Carl Preat, Gareth Herbert and Terry Young to British League play and we salute the younger generation of players who look like dominating in the future - Ormesby's Paul and Bryn Drinkhall and Danny Reed, Barner's Darius Knight and Tim Yarnall and Darlington's David Meads and Bradley Evans.

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Progress	14	11	2	1	79	33	24
Harvey Barnets	14	9	4	1	75	37	22
Ormesby	14	9	3	2	72	40	21
Darlington	14	5	2	7	54	58	12
Ellenborough	14	2	6	6	51	61	10
BATTs Team Peniel	14	1	7	6	48	64	9
JAGS	14	2	3	9	36	76	7
Darlington	14	3	1	10	33	79	7
<b>Division 1 North</b>							
ELGRE Nottingham	14	13	1	0	89	23	27
Darlington II	14	7	4	3	61	51	18
Derwent	14	6	5	3	65	47	17
Norwich Todd Foxwood	14	6	5	3	57	55	17
Sycamore	14	6	2	6	58	54	14
Grantham	14	3	3	8	45	67	9
Halton Croda	14	2	2	10	39	73	6
B.D. Fastbats	14	1	2	11	34	78	4
<b>Division 1 South</b>							
Horsham	14	9	3	2	74	38	21
London Progress II	14	10	2	2	70	42	21
DML Woolwell	14	8	2	4	69	43	18
Cippenham	14	5	5	4	60	52	15
Olop Impact	14	6	2	6	47	65	14
B.F.I.T. Wilshire	14	5	1	8	50	62	11
De Vere Netts	14	3	2	9	46	66	8
Byng Hall	14	2	0	12	32	80	4
<b>Division 2 North</b>							
Ormesby II	14	13	1	0	86	26	27
ELGRE Nottingham II	14	10	2	2	85	27	22
Rotherham Scorpions	14	8	2	4	62	50	18
Blackpool	14	6	3	5	62	50	15
Uxbridge Burton	14	3	5	6	52	60	11
Wirral	14	2	4	8	42	70	8
Halton Croda II	14	2	2	10	33	79	6
B.D. Fastbat II	14	2	1	11	26	86	5
<b>Division 2 South</b>							
London Progress III	14	12	1	1	82	30	25
University of Brighton	14	9	2	3	69	43	20
York Gardens	14	8	3	3	59	53	19
EBS-Orange Northampton	14	9	-	5	65	47	18
Horsham I	14	4	3	7	47	65	11
Generation 2	14	3	2	9	47	65	8
JAGS II	14	3	2	9	44	68	8
Ashford	14	1	1	12	35	77	3
<b>Division 2 South &amp; Midlands</b>							
Bedford Modern	14	13	1	0	86	26	27
Guildford	14	10	1	3	72	40	21
Oxford Fireplace Centre	14	8	4	2	69	43	20
Cippenham II	14	9	1	4	70	42	19
EBS-Orange Northampton II	14	5	1	8	57	55	11
Ajax Wolvey	14	3	1	10	43	69	7
Olop Impact II	14	2	2	10	37	75	6
Ashford II	14	0	1	13	14	98	1
<b>Division 3 South &amp; Midlands</b>							
Kingshurst Briar	14	10	2	2	71	41	22
Bedford Modern II	14	10	1	3	67	45	21
London Progress IV	14	9	1	4	62	50	19
Sutton Sharks	14	4	6	4	55	57	14
Oxford Fireplace Centre II	14	6	2	6	54	58	14
Kingfisher Reading	14	4	2	8	54	58	10
Guinness Polska	14	2	3	9	43	69	7
Guildford II	14	2	1	11	42	70	5
<b>Division 3 North</b>							
Mclymont National	14	13	1	0	94	18	27
Northfield	14	11	1	2	79	32	23
Grimsby	14	10	0	4	76	36	20
Seasiders II	14	7	0	7	55	57	14
Derwent II	14	5	2	7	53	59	12
ELGRE Nottingham III	14	5	1	8	49	63	11
Barrow	14	2	1	11	31	81	5
B.D. Fastbats III	14	0	0	14	10	101	0
<b>Division 3 South</b>							
Batts Team Peniel II	14	9	4	1	70	42	22
Harvey Barnets II	14	7	5	2	67	45	19
NWF	14	7	2	5	65	47	16
Horsham III	14	6	3	5	56	56	15
Hastings	14	4	4	6	58	54	12
Waterside	14	3	6	5	55	57	12
Guernsey	14	4	4	6	53	59	12
ROK	14	1	2	11	24	88	4
<b>Division 4 South &amp; Midlands</b>							
Club Cornwall	14	12	2	0	96	16	26
Ellenborough II	14	12	1	1	85	27	25
Cippenham III	14	8	1	5	66	46	17
East London Progress	14	6	2	6	60	52	14
ELGRE Nottingham IV	14	6	1	7	51	61	13
London Progress V	14	3	2	9	38	74	8
Britannia Ipswich	14	4	0	10	36	76	8
Guinness Polska II	14	0	1	13	16	96	1
<b>Division 4 North</b>							
Sheffield	14	13	0	1	74	38	26
Chesterfield	14	11	2	1	82	30	24
A.G.S. Phoenix	14	8	2	4	72	40	18
Darlington III	14	7	1	6	61	51	15
Cofton Hackett	14	5	1	8	51	61	11
Rotherham Scorpions II	14	3	2	9	38	74	8
Redlands Bats	14	3	1	10	42	69	7
Isle of Man	14	1	1	12	27	84	3
<b>Division 4 South</b>							
Mossford	12	11	1	0	79	17	23
JAGS III	12	8	2	2	59	37	18
York Gardens II	12	6	2	4	54	42	14
University of Brighton II	12	5	2	5	53	43	12
Byng Hall II	12	3	1	8	39	57	7
OIC Hollingbury	12	3	1	8	30	66	7
Guildford III	12	1	1	10	22	74	3

## The British League Official Ball



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**AS another season draws to an end it is natural to wonder if the competition can be improved or amended in some way to make it better, or more enjoyable for the players, or easier for the legion of volunteers who make the whole thing work, writes Stan Clarke.**

Some sections are struggling, notably the seniors, with a drop in the number of teams entered, this section really ought to be the "Shop window" for our sport, but for some years now there has been a worrying reduction in the number of teams entering, and many of the teams that do enter rely on juniors and veterans to make up their squads, nothing wrong in that, but where are all of the senior players.

A number of people have spoken to me about concerning the formulation of the various sections and have suggested that Counties should be restricted in the number of teams they can enter in any one section. In truth the problem, if that is what it is, really only relates to the veterans divisions, where some Counties have as many as six teams playing. Is this the function of a County championship or should we be looking at a competition that is more elite based? At the end of the day the decision lies in the hands of the Counties and their delegates to the C.C. conference.

#### SENIOR PREMIER DIVISION

After the first round of three matches newly promoted Sussex were in top place, on six points, having won all of their matches. Devonshire and Middlesex were tied on five points each, both having won two matches and drawn one. In the second round of four matches, played at Grantham, the draw for the first set of matches paired Sussex with Surrey, and after a bad start, when Jerome Jonah beat Ritchie Venner in the first set, they quickly ran into a 5/2 lead, before Darren Blake scored his second success of the match by beating the luckless Ritchie, but Rose Rainton ensured victory for Sussex when she beat Jane Barella, final score 7/3 Sussex. In their second match Sussex faced Yorkshire and the wheels really came of the Sussex buggy as they were hammered 8/2 by the "Tykes". Only Nigel Eckersley, who beat Simon Nouch, and Ritchie Venner, who beat Mark Smith were successful for the south coast team. A special mention for Nicola White, the Yorkshire junior, who was undefeated in the match.

The final outcome of the championship really rested on the first match of the Sunday morning when Sussex faced Devonshire. Nothing less than a win would be

# "SHOP WINDOW"

good enough for Sussex, as Devonshire had taken the lead in the division the previous evening and it proved to be a "Cracker" of a match, Craig Bryant drew first blood for Devon when he beat Adrian Moore, but Nigel Eckersley beat Chris Brown to level at 1/1. Lisa Radford beat Rose Rainton, but Ritchie Venner levelled the match at 2/2 when he beat James Whiteman, then Marketa Myskova beat Sara Coggon to restore the lead for Devon, only for Adrian Moore to level the match at 3/3 when he defeated Chris Brown. Again Devon took the lead as Lisa Radford beat Sara Coggon, only to be pegged back as Ritchie Venner beat Craig Bryant, 4/4. The next set was vital as the winner would be in the driving seat, Marketa ensured Devon of at least one point when she beat Rose to make the match score 5/4 to Devon, leaving the final and decisive set to be played between Nigel Eckersley and James Whiteman. Sussex must have feared the worst as Nigel lost the first game 12/10 after conceding a number of fault services, but the "Old looper" is made of sterner stuff and used all his experience to take the next three game to level the match score at 5/5.

In their final match Sussex had to beat Middlesex and hope that Devonshire would slip up in their match. They won the first two sets before Middlesex struck back to level the match at 2/2, but that was the last time Middlesex were in with a shout, as Sussex took the lead and maintained it to run out winners 6/4. Devonshire had started the weekend with a good win over Yorkshire 7/3, only Nicola White, Michael James and Mark Smith were able to offer any resistance. The second match paired Devon against Durham, one of the newly promoted teams, who had suffered a traumatic first round of matches, having lost all three, they did not improve their chances when they turned up for the weekend one player short. However it turned out to be a very close match as Devon won by the closest margin of 6/4. David Meads was the hero for Durham underlining his undoubted talents when he beat Craig Bryant in a set that required all five games, David edging out Craig 12/10 in the fifth, and beating Chris Brown in his second visit to the table. This win put Devonshire one point ahead of Sussex and the draw between the two on the Sunday morning maintained that advantage, so the

outcome of the championship rested on the result of their final match against Essex. No problem, as Devon raced into a 4/0 lead before Essex took the next three sets, but that was the end of the challenge and Devonshire secured the champions position with a 7/3 victory.

Middlesex slipped from joint second place when they were thrashed 9/1 by Yorkshire in their third match, only Egle Adomelyte avoiding the whitewash when she beat Nicola White in the fifth game of their match. The subsequent defeat by Sussex meant that they dropped to fourth place, overtaken by Yorkshire who finished the season in third position.

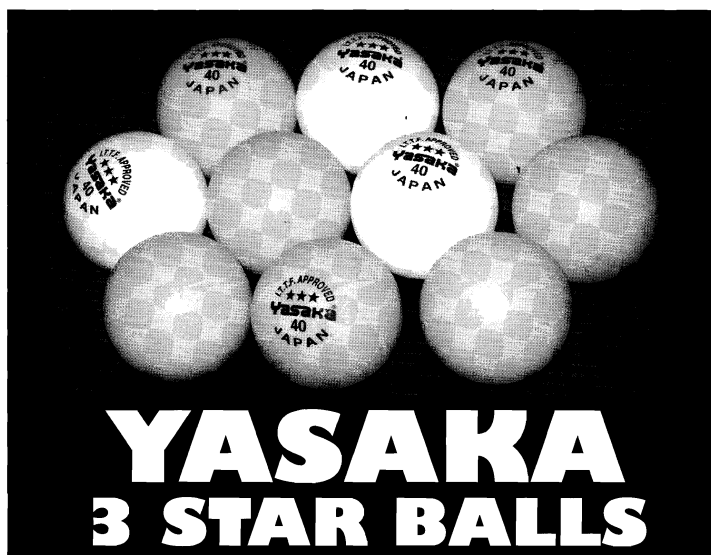
Essex comfortably avoided the relegation dog fight finishing in fifth place with six points from two wins and two draws.

Leicestershire fought hard to avoid relegation, in their first match the drew 5/5 with Durham, having been 5/2 down at one stage, Chris Rogers, Dave Gannon and Karen Smith winning in the last three sets to level the match. In their second match the

position was reversed as they held a 5/3 lead, but could not hold out for the win as Essex fought back to force the draw, Dave Gannon and Chris Rogers unbeaten in the match for the "Midlanders". Their first match on the Sunday morning was all important, a win against bottom placed Surrey would have given them the chance to avoid relegation. Alas it was not to be as Surrey won their only match of the season 6/4, which condemned Leicestershire to relegation. Their final match of the championships was one that I am sure Leicestershire would like to forget as they were soundly thrashed 9/1 by Yorkshire, so they are back in the 1st division next year. The question is can they continue their habitual yo-yo performance by regaining promotion to the top flight the following year?

Durham, who lost all three of their first round matches, successfully avoided relegation by picking up four points from two draws and one win. Surrey finished in bottom place with just the one win against Leicestershire to show for their efforts, rather surprising as they seem to have a very useful line up of players.

*Stan Clarke's report on the Junior Premier and the Veterans Premier will appear in the next issue of TTN.*



#### VETERANS OVER 60's TABLES

Over 60's Division 1A							
Worcestershire	5	5	0	0	43	7	10
Essex	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Yorkshire	5	3	0	2	31	19	6
Cheshire 1st	5	1	0	4	16	36	2
Bedfordshire	5	1	0	4	14	36	2
Cheshire 2nd	5	1	0	4	12	38	2
Over 60's Division 1B							
Middlesex	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Kent	6	5	0	1	40	20	10
Berkshire 1st	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Sussex	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Hertfordshire	6	2	0	4	26	34	4
Surrey	6	1	1	4	21	39	3
Berkshire 2nd	6	0	0	6	9	51	0

**OVER 60's**



SENIORS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Premier</b>							
Devonshire	7	5	2	0	45	25	12
Sussex	7	5	1	1	42	28	11
Yorkshire	7	5	0	2	48	22	10
Middlesex	7	4	1	2	47	23	9
Essex	7	2	2	3	33	37	6
Durham	7	1	2	4	30	40	4
Leicestershire	7	0	2	5	23	47	2
Surrey	7	1	0	6	22	48	2
<b>Division 1A</b>							
Lancashire	6	3	0	0	48	12	12
Derbyshire	6	5	0	1	37	23	10
Lincolnshire	6	2	2	2	31	29	6
Nottinghamshire	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
South Yorkshire	6	2	1	3	23	37	5
Cheshire	6	1	1	4	25	35	3
Yorkshire 2nd	6	0	1	5	17	43	1
<b>Division 1B</b>							
Gloucestershire	6	4	1	1	39	21	9
Berkshire	6	4	0	2	40	20	8
Wiltshire	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Kent	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Glamorgan	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Buckinghamshire	6	1	1	4	21	39	3
Devonshire 2nd	4	0	0	4	7	33	0
<b>Division 2A</b>							
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
<b>Division 2B</b>							
Somerset	4	3	1	0	29	11	7(95-55)
Cornwall 1st	4	3	1	0	29	11	7(99-60)
Worcestershire	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Avon	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Cornwall 2nd	4	0	0	4	6	34	0
<b>Division 2C</b>							
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
<b>Division 2D</b>							
Middlesex 2nd	5	5	0	0	38	12	10
Sussex 2nd	5	4	0	1	30	20	8
Surrey 2nd	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Kent 2nd	5	1	2	2	21	29	4
Essex 2nd	5	1	1	3	23	27	3
Berkshire 2nd	5	0	0	5	12	38	0
<b>JUNIORS</b>							
<b>Premier Division</b>							
Buckinghamshire	7	6	1	0	47	23	13
Derbyshire	7	5	1	1	46	24	11
Cheshire	7	5	0	2	43	27	10
Yorkshire	7	3	1	3	33	37	7
Devonshire	7	1	3	3	33	37	5
Kent	7	2	1	4	27	43	5
Durham	7	1	2	4	26	44	4
Glamorgan	7	0	1	6	25	45	1
<b>Division 1A</b>							
Lincolnshire	7	6	1	0	52	18	13
South Yorkshire	7	6	1	0	51	19	13
Essex 2nd	7	5	0	2	38	32	10
Nottinghamshire	7	3	0	4	26	43	6
Northamptonshire	7	2	1	4	29	40	5
Lancashire	7	2	0	5	32	38	4
Yorkshire 2nd	7	1	0	6	23	47	2
Cleveland	7	1	1	5	28	42	3
<b>Division 1B</b>							
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
<b>Division 2A</b>							
Worcestershire	8	5	3	0	53	27	13
Cheshire 2nd	8	6	1	1	52	28	13
Lincolnshire 2nd	8	5	2	1	47	33	12
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	8	1	0	7	25	55	2
<b>Division 2B</b>							
Hampshire	9	9	0	0	81	9	18
Cornwall 1st	9	8	0	1	77	13	16

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES

Results received up to 13th April 05  
compiled by Leslie Smith

Devonshire 2nd	9	6	1	2	51	39	13
Dorset	9	5	1	3	49	41	11
Gloucestershire	9	4	1	4	39	51	9
Avon	9	4	0	5	43	47	8
Devonshire 3rd	9	2	2	5	32	58	6
Cornwall 2nd	9	2	1	6	38	52	5
Wiltshire	9	2	0	7	32	58	4
Devonshire 4th	9	0	0	9	8	82	0
<b>Division 2C</b>							
Hertfordshire	8	8	0	0	67	13	16
Essex 3rd	8	6	1	1	58	22	13
Norfolk 1st	8	5	2	1	61	19	12
Suffolk	8	5	1	2	55	23	11
Bedfordshire	8	3	1	4	36	44	7
Norfolk 2nd	8	3	0	5	28	52	6
Norfolk 3rd	8	2	0	6	27	53	4
Huntingdonshire	8	1	0	7	13	67	2
Cambridgeshire	8	0	1	7	13	65	1
<b>Division 2D</b>							
Middlesex 2nd	9	8	0	1	66	24	16
Kent 2nd	9	7	2	0	63	27	16
Sussex 2nd	9	6	2	1	64	26	14
Buckingham 3rd	9	6	2	1	51	39	14
Oxfordshire	9	3	1	5	41	49	7
Surrey 2nd	9	3	1	5	38	52	7
Kent 3rd	9	3	1	5	34	56	7
Berkshire	9	3	0	6	43	47	6
Sussex 3rd	9	0	2	7	23	67	2
Avon 2nd	9	0	1	8	27	63	1
<b>CADETS</b>							
<b>Premier Division</b>							
Lincolnshire	6	4	2	0	39	21	10
Yorkshire	6	3	1	2	32	28	7
Surrey 1st	6	2	3	1	31	29	7
Somerset	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Durham	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Sussex	6	1	2	3	28	32	4
Lancashire	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
<b>Division 1A</b>							
Cleveland	6	5	0	1	41	19	10
Cheshire	6	4	0	2	42	18	8
South Yorkshire	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Northampton 1st	6	4	0	2	33	27	8
Leicestershire	6	3	0	3	34	26	6
Nottinghamshire	6	0	1	5	14	46	1
Northampton 2nd	6	0	1	5	10	50	1
<b>Division 1B</b>							
Gwent	7	7	0	0	57	13	14
Berkshire	7	4	2	1	40	30	10
Warwickshire	7	4	0	3	42	28	8
Glamorgan	7	2	2	3	28	42	6
Sussex 2nd	7	1	3	3	29	41	5
Gloucestershire	7	1	3	3	26	44	5
Worcestershire	7	1	2	4	30	40	4
Surrey 2nd	7	1	2	4	28	42	4
<b>VETERANS</b>							
<b>Premier Division</b>							
Cheshire	7	5	2	0	52	18	12
Devonshire	7	5	1	1	45	25	11
Lancashire	7	5	0	2	43	27	10
Kent	7	2	3	2	33	37	7
Northumberland	7	3	1	3	31	39	7
Essex	7	1	2	4	29	41	4
Sussex	7	1	1	5	27	43	3
Surrey	7	1	0	6	20	50	2
<b>Division 1A</b>							
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
<b>Division 1B</b>							
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
Kent 2nd	7	2	3	2	32	38	7
Surrey 2nd	7	2	2	3	37	33	6

Middlesex	7	1	2	4	28	42	4
Avon	7	1	1	5	24	46	3
Hampshire	7	1	0	6	19	51	2
<b>Division 2A</b>							
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							

# MATCHPOINT



• **ETTA** Chairman Alex Murdoch, contrary to a few predictions has won a seat with seven others representing the ETTU on the board of directors of the ITTF.

• **AT** the annual meeting of the ETTU in Denmark he came fourth in the voting for eight candidates, whilst close colleague Martin Clark, the ETTA treasurer has won a somewhat smaller ETTU post as a "financial expert"

• **THE** former ETTA Deputy Chairman Tony Chatwin has been nominated for two technical committees continuing the first class work he has done at international level over the years.

• **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION:** I believe this is a hot potato that is getting even hotter and that National Council has approved the scheme in principle. Sport England want all sports to go down this road. I am told that this cannot happen in time for next season, but extreme efforts will be undertaken by ETTA Management to start it in the 2006-2007 season. Missiles are being stock-piled on the Isle of Wight.

• **90 STAFF** journalists working for the Daily Telegraph have been made redundant, including eight in Sport. Even we smaller sports are feeling the pinch. The table tennis budget at the DT has run out, so I have been asked following my trip to Denmark to cover Shanghai by computer links and telephone services.

• **THIS** can be done of course - the amount of space we get for the eight days of the tournament will be the same as if I was there, but the DT have also noted that England are only sending four juniors, no seniors - another factor against us in addition to the usual comparison with squash and badminton - they have British players in top class world listings, our best is around the 150 mark, apart from Matthew Syed who is not playing

competitively any more and is unavailable for international selection.

• **WATCHING** Vladimir Samsonov retain his European mens singles title in Denmark, reminded me that he is coming to Croydon for the Matthew Syed BBC Spectacular on July 23. Like Tiger Woods he is not always at his best but when he is playing well only the top Asians are likely to beat him. Croydon tickets are selling fast, so don't delay, book now.

• **REGULAR** reports reach me of very young players, not yet fully competitive for whom the future looks more than bright. One such prospect is Reading based Ayonija Sundararajan. She won a tournament in Cheltenham but was too late for entry in the Essex Junior 4 Star, as the tournament was already over subscribed.

• **IN LONDON** I am told there is a six-year-old girl who can barely see over the table, but who can hit around a hundred forehands in practice, keeping the ball on the table all the time.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

It should be noted at the ETTU Congress in Aarhus that the following appointments were made: Richard Scruton as Chairman of the ETTU Referees and Umpires Committee, Tony Chatwin as a member of the ETTU Technical Committee, Peter Charters as a member of the ETTU Youth Committee, Martin Clark as a member of the ETTU Veterans Committee and as a Financial Expert, Alex Murdoch was elected to the ITTF Board of Directors receiving 40 votes from the 46 country delegates who attended.

I note the comments about the DT staff cuts and wish to point out that both Malcolm Macfarlane and Barry Granger will be assisting in the results and PR process in conjunction with John Woodford. The very fact that Shanghai is ahead by 8 hours will be a benefit in supporting the process of press releases.

## EURO & WORLD NEWS



### THE EASTER CUP

The four boys pictured above, Myles Evans, Wing Yung Chan, Stewart Mudie and William Maybanks with their coach Matthew Stanforth, who under the banner of the ETTA Youth Development programme, went to Spain for a week with Sally Shutt and then onto Sweden with Steen Kyst Hansen. The benefit of these

experiences culminated in Flensburg, Germany, where they won the Boys Team event 'The Easter Cup', against strong opposition.

### GOLD MEDAL IN CARDIFF

THE England Schools Under 11 Girls Team won the Girls Team Gold Medal, in the British Primary Schools

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Championships held recently in Cardiff.

The other gold medals went to: Boys Team - Ireland, Boys Singles - Sam Hanley, Ireland and the Girls Singles - Alice Loveridge, Guernsey.

**Pictured below are the jubilant England Girls Team (l.to r.) AYONIJA SUNDARARAJAN (Bk), LUCY DAVIDSON (Dy), SALLY HOANG (E) and CHELSEA FURNIVAL (Sx).**





## BERKSHIRE

by Colin Dyke

THE biggest event in the calendar, The Berkshire Closed Championships organised by Sylvia and Allan Bruton, took place at the Kingfisher Reading Club in March. There was a good entry and keen competition in all events.

### Mens Singles

Hari Gehlot was the eventual winner of this event, despite being only a runner up in his group having been beaten by the group winner Newbury's Ray Powell -6, 4, 5, -6, -9. Hari then went up a gear beating No 1 seed Martin Adams in the quarters 7, -8, 11, 3 and then Steve Murgatroyd in the semis. In the meantime Mark Banks quarter final victim was sidespin maestro Trevor Organ and then accounted for Powell three straight. The final was a cracker with Hari just squeezing through at deuce in the fifth.

### Results

Quarter Finals: Hari Gehlot bt Martin Adams 7, -8, 11, 3 Steve Murgatroyd bt Clive Banham 10, -10, 9, -12, 8 Mark Banks bt Trevor Organ 7, 8, -10, 2 Ray Powell bt John Morris 7,8, 4

Semi Finals: Gehlot bt Murgatroyd 8, 2, 9 Banks bt Powell 7, 7, 8

Final: Gehlot bt Banks 8, -7, 5, -6, 10.

### Ladies Singles

There were shocks galore in this event with unseeded and unranked Emma Human eventually triumphing to take her first senior singles title. Having lost in the group to No 1 seed and holder Mary Allan she only qualified as runner up. At the same time County No 1 Junior and No 2 seed Lisa Bosley lost in her group to Denise Rolfe, ranked four places below her, by 7, 4, -10, -9, -9, also qualifying as runner up. Emma then comfortably beat group winner Denise in her semi final whilst the top 2 seeds Mary and Lisa contested the other semi final. At this stage Lisa hit her best form, surprising Mary with an artillery of attacking shots for a comfortable 3-1 win. However Emma then upped her play in a cracking final against Lisa scraping through at 9 in the fifth.

### Results:

Semi Finals: Emma Human bt Denise Rolfe 7, 9, 8

Lisa Bosley bt Mary Allan 8, 7, -6, 5.

Final: Human bt Bosley 12, -9, -13, 4, 9.

### Under 21 Singles

No 3 County Junior Abhay Gehlot just got the better of No 1 County Cadet and Junior Tom Maynard in this event after a great battle, coming back from 2 games down to win -6, -11, 6, 9, 6.

With both boys having many years left in this event they will no doubt appear in the final on a few more occasions yet.

### Veterans Singles

Hari Gehlot was never really troubled in this event although Nick Heaps at one stage in the final looked as though he might cause an upset before Hari pulled away comfortably.

### Results:

Quarter Finals: Hari Gehlot bt Trevor Organ 8, 6, 2 Colin Dyke bt Clive Dawson 5, 7, 9 Nick Heaps bt John Morris 3, -2, 6, 13 Ramesh Gehlot bt Geoff Civil 9, 6, 10

Semi Finals: H Gehlot bt Dyke -8, 4, 10, 10 Heaps bt R Gehlot -10, 5, 3, -10, 9

Final: H Gehlot bt Heaps 7, -9, 3, 8

### Mens Doubles

Semi Finals: Derek Wood/Nick Heaps bt Martin Adams/Clive Banham 7, -9, 6, -9, 12

Mark Banks/Steve Murgatroyd bt Hari Gehlot/Ramesh Gehlot 10, 6, 7

Final: Banks/Murgatroyd bt Wood/Heaps 5, 5, 8.

### Ladies Doubles

Final: Lisa Bosley/Mary Allan bt Emma Human/Jacque Lovell 7, -7, 8, -11, 8

### Mixed Doubles

Unseeded Phil Prady and Jacque Lovell almost sprang a surprise here losing narrowly after being 2-1 up in the final, Hari Gehlot and Mary Allan eventually coming through.

Semi Finals: Phil Prady/Jacque Lovell bt Ramesh Gehlot/Emma Human 13, 5, 11 Hari Gehlot/Mary Allan bt Derek Wood/Denise Rolfe 5, 5, 4

Final: Gehlot/Allan bt Prady/Lovell -8, 6, -9, 3, 6.

**Reading Closed tournament:** A report will appear in the next edition of TTN.

**County Scene:** I hope to round up all the County matches in the next issue.

## CHESHIRE

by Alan Blears

WITH nothing from the seniors and the junior teams, report not having reached me in time, I have the chance to expand on the schools scene.

Cheshire youngsters are spread over three education counties for the schools' individuals. I have no details of Wirral players from the Merseyside area, but was present at both the Greater Manchester and Cheshire tournaments.

After a very poor entry in 2004, the Greater Manchester organisers were pleased if almost overwhelmed, by a record entry this year. Members of the two Stockport clubs, Raven and Hillcourt, featured strongly in the results, with the most unexpected success being that of Dan Brown who won the boys' U-13 section after playing for just five months, once a week!

Stockport successes were:-

Girls U-11 W. Natalie Dodd, R/U: Sarah Weatherby

Boys U-11 W. Joshua Boulton

Boys U-13 W. Dan Brown, R/U: Jacob Crabtree

Girls U-16 W. Caroline Hallows

Boys U-16 W. Matthew Weatherby

In Cheshire, there was also a good boys' entry, but the girls' events were hit by the absence of several leading players owing to injury, family illness, and an inter-national call by Irish leprechauns. Nevertheless the county will have a representative in the finals in each age group.

The most extra-ordinary match was the boys' U-11 final, where Matthew McCormick came back from the depths of despair to win the title. 8-3 down in the 5th game to Stephen Jackson, and giving a fair rendition of "Noye's Fludde", he somehow squinted through the deluge to win 14-12. Stephen, though, is too good a player not to recover quickly from this disappointment.

Full results:-

Girls U-11 Corinna Bebington

Boys U-11 W. Matthew McCormick, R/U Stephen Jackson

Girls U-13 W. Helen Dennett, R/U: Annie Hudson

Boys U-13 W. Chris Pattinson

Girls U-16 Lynsey Pich

Boys U-16 Mark Roscaleer, R/U: Jacob Shaw

Girls U-19 Amy Walker

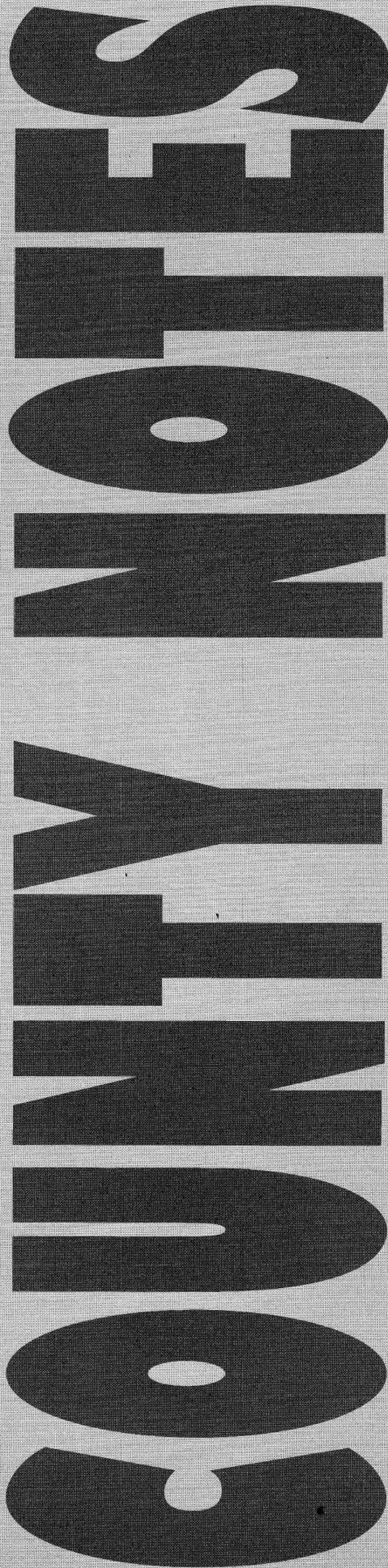
Boys U-19 Dave Billington, R/U: Alex Clare

### Stiga Junior Grand Prix

Five times in six events Rebecca Yip was the bridesmaid, losing to a different opponent each time, but overall she was comfortably the bride and pocketed a sizeable amount of the generous sponsor's dough - a just reward for her consistency and commitment to the series. Rachel Baker was runner-up in the U-13 girls, having entered just two of the events.

German "invasion"

In March, the Raven club in Stockport played host to a party of young German table tennis players. As well as ping-pong, the group visited Bramhall





## COUNTY NOTES -2

Hall. Manchester United's ground (why not City's?), and the Stockport air raid shelters museum – which must have been an interesting experience for the Anglo/German group.

### CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

#### RECORD FIVE TITLES FOR PAUL

Ormesby's Paul Drinkhall set a new record by taking a clean sweep of all five titles in the English Junior Table Tennis Championships in Doncaster on 16/17 April, but not before saving three match points and winning the Junior Boys championship on a dramatic red card incident. For Paul, it sets a new record to add to his already impressive list being the first player in the history of the sport to take all three Junior titles and both Cadet championships at the same time.

The Boys' final could not have been closer. Paul's title looked in danger as his arch rival, Darius Knight of Surrey, won the first two games. Paul fought back to win the third but trailed 9-7 in the fourth. He saved a match point before levelling the score at 2 all. The decider was a seesaw. It looked to be going Paul's way when he led 5-0 at the change, but Darius fought back to win 7 out of the next 8 points and go on to earn two more match points at 10-9 and 11-10. Paul recovered to win the next two points, then Darius's frustration erupted. He had already been warned twice by umpire, Dave Goulden, and when he kicked the table the red card was produced and the match declared in favour of Paul. Paul went on to win both the Junior Boys Doubles and the Cadet boys doubles with Darius and the Mixed Doubles with triple Girls champion, Kelly Sibley of Warwickshire. Paul and Darius played again in the final of the Cadets, but this time the victory for Drinkhall was more comfortable by 3 sets to 1.

#### BRIITISH LEAGUE DISAPPOINTMENT

Whilst Paul was playing in Doncaster, his club team were having to face their more important weekend for 15 years, the final matches in the British League without their young No. 1. Ormesby started the weekend on level points with 6 times champions, Progress, who were playing the final round at their new club. Despite a terrific performance by Bryn Drinkhall to beat Commonwealth Gold medalist at 11-9 in the 5th and Marco Essomba 3-0, the Ormesby team were beaten by 6-2 by Progress. Danny Reed came close to winning two matches before losing to Essomba at 11-9 in the 5th and Darren Blake at 11-8 in the decider.

After losing to Progress, Ormesby lost to Darlington by 5-3 for whom Carl Plean was the star. The following day the club beat London Jags 7-1 but then in the final match could only play a draw with Ellenborough, for whom Gareth Herbert was outstanding, winning both of his games. Overall Bryn Drinkhall at No. 1 was the most successful Ormesby player, winning 6 of his 8 sets, whilst Danny Reed and Craig Bryant did well to win 4 each and Steven Bailey won 2.

With Paul Drinkhall in the team the whole squad would have been strengthened and it was quite conceivable that the Ormesby team, newly promoted into the Premier Division, could have lifted the title at the first attempt if it had not been for the bizarre date clash between the National Junior championships and the British League. It is the role of competition organisers to ensure that all players or teams have a level playing field and clearly this was not the case with this competition. Hopefully the matter will be rectified for 2006. As a sport we need to encourage our juniors to play top senior table tennis whenever possible and for our clubs to give the youngsters a chance.

#### DANNY AND RACHEL WIN MASTERS

Danny Reed and Rachel Greener won the Junior Boys and Cadet Girls competitions respectively at the Masters Qualification (formerly the National Junior and Cadet trials) at Crystal Palace on the 9th April. Danny won the Junior Boys event with a victory over Ben Barlow of Yorkshire 3-2 in the quarter finals, top seed Adam Bleakley of Lancs. 3-2 in the semi and Nottinghamshire's, Adam Frost 3-1 in the final. Rachel Greener won her first major tournament in the Cadet Girls with wins against Sally Hughes of Sussex in the quarters, Rachel Baker, Lancs, in the semi and Jessica Macken of Essex in the final.

I understand that there are major changes to the ranking trials system which are being proposed for next season, which would abandon the junior section of it except for the Masters. We are of the opinion that the system of Junior County, Regional and National trials is an extremely important part of the National junior programme and would be sorry to see it go after running successfully for close on 50 years.

#### PAUL CLEANS UP IN THE MIDDLESBROUGH

The day after Paul Drinkhall's return from the European Championships in Denmark, Paul supported his own local tournament the Middlesbrough Closed Championships on the 2nd and 3rd April, which was played at the new Ormesby club and won the Men's Singles, but only after a very close contest with his brother, Bryn.

Paul defeated Scottish international and former champion, Keith Rodger of Northfield, in 3 straight games in the semi final and went on to play his older brother, Bryn, the former English Junior Champion, in the final. The match between the two brothers could not have been closer. Paul won the first two at 11-8 and 11-9, Bryn replied by winning the third and fourth at 11-9 and 11-6. The deciding game was close throughout with Paul clinching the decider with his second match point at 12-10.

Bryn Drinkhall played some of his best table tennis to reach the final, beating his Ormesby team mate Steven Bailey in 3 straight games in the semi final and English Junior International, Danny Reed, in five close games in the quarters.

The Women's Singles was won by Ormesby's Rachel Greener, who was also successful in the Cadet Girls' Singles but Rachel's hopes of a hat trick in the Ladies events were foiled when Karina Lefevre upset the form book by beating Rachel at 12-10 in the final game of the Junior Girls' Singles. To win the Women's and Cadets' events, Rachel beat Jennifer Lowther 3-1 and 3-0 respectively. However, Rachel still won 3 titles as she went on to win the Mixed Doubles with Danny Welsh.

11-year old Karina Lefevre also excelled to win 3 titles. In addition to the Junior (Under 18) Girls' Singles, Karina also won the 3rd Division Championships, beating her team mate Mark Besford in the final and took the Under 12 Girls' Singles, against her sister, Katherine, 3-0. Katherine came into her own in the event that received the biggest entry, the Handicap Singles, where she won the title, defeating Lauren Parfitt of Northfield in straight games in the final.

The main Doubles Event was won by Steven Bailey and Danny Reed who beat Keith Rodger and Mark Simon by 3-1 in the final. However, Rodger did not go away empty handed as he won the Men's Veterans event, beating Nunthorpe's Robin Donnelly 3-0 in the final game.

The prizes for the competition will be presented, together with the League awards, on 17 May at Middlesbrough Municipal Golf Club. The competition, which is one of the few in local table tennis to offer prize money as well as trophies to

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the winners, was supported by Huntsman, Invista, Beaumont Accountancy, North East Tyres & Exhausts and Tees Sport.

#### RESULTS

##### MEN'S SINGLES

S/F: Paul Drinkhall (Ormesby) beat Keith Roger (Northfield) 4, 11, 4; Bryn Drinkhall (Ormesby) beat Steven Bailey (Ormesby) 9, 6, 3.

**FINAL:** Paul Drinkhall (Ormesby) beat Bryn Drinkhall (Ormesby) 8, 9, -9, -6, 10.

##### WOMEN'S SINGLES

**FINAL:** Rachael Greener (Ormesby) beat Jenny Lowther (Ormesby) -8, 4, 8, 1.

##### DOUBLES:

Steven Bailey & Danny Reed (Ormesby) beat Keith Roger (Northfield) & Mark Simon (Ormesby) 7, 4, -8, -9.

##### MIXED DOUBLES

Danny Welsh & Rachael Greener (Ormesby) beat Simon Donnelly & Stephanie Donnelly (Nunthorpe) 8, 5, 8.

##### VETERANS MEN

Keith Rodger (Northfield) beat Robin Donnelly (Nunthorpe) 4, 13, 1.

##### HARDBAT

Paul Drinkhall (Ormesby) beat Bryn Drinkhall (Ormesby) 31-27.

##### POT LUCK DOUBLES

Robert Besford & Tim Surrey (Ormesby) beat Mark Simon & Andrew Dawson (Ormesby) 9, 8, -9, 8.

##### DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Division 1:** Simon Donnelly (Nunthorpe) beat Michael Young (Kader Nomads) -10, 9, -4, 3.

**Division 2:** Robert Evans (Kader Nomads) beat David Poultney (Teesville) 6, 7, 10.

**Division 3:** Karina Lefevre (Ormesby) beat Mark Besford (Ormesby) 9, -9, 9, -10, 9.

## CUMBRIA

by Gordon Brown

HATS off to the Dowdales School Under-13 boy's team on winning their age group title in the English Schools Table Tennis Association team championship finals at Hinckley in March.

Coach, Duncan Crawford was full of praise for the team comprising his own son Scott Crawford, Mathew Bruce, Grant Schwer, Tom Smith and Josh Hewson. Scott and Tom were unbeaten all day. Duncan's coaching is certainly paying dividends at Barrow League Senior individual titles were contested but the juniors provided the league individuals programme.



The school was also to the fore. His daughter Helen Crawford won the Under-17s girls and Scott too the Under-14s boys. Bruce won the Under-17s boys and another pupil, Katie Shepherd the Under-14s girls, as well as being runner-up in the Under-17 girls.

Triumphs were reversed in the Under-14s boys, where Bruce was runner-up, and the Under-17s boys, where Scott Crawford was second.

Also, in the National Championships, Dowdales were fourth in the Under-16s girls and Queen Catherine School, Kendal, reached the Under-16s boys, but despite a gallant effort failed to win a match.

Further to my recent praise of the table tennis talent of Dowdales School, Dalton-in-Furness in gaining success in the England Schools TTA and Barrow-in-Furness League championships, I now hear that their team of Scott Crawford, Matthew Bruce and Richard Hardingham won Division One of the Barrow Junior League.

Parkview A were second and Dowdales B third, while St Bernard's collected the Division Two title with a team of Jo Donaghue, Simon Bassett, and Callum McMahon. Second and third were Parkview C and Parkview B respectively. At the time of writing, Barrow Table Tennis Centre were inviting applications for a part-time community coach who would work 10 hours a week for an initial period of two years. The role would be to promote and coach the sport in local schools with the express aim of recruiting more young people into the sport. Anyone interested should contact the table tennis centre chairman, Roger Harris on telephone number 01229-835712.

## DERBYSHIRE

by Colin Deaton

DERBYSHIRE players excelled in a victory in the National Regional Squad Championships played at Stokes Fenton Manor Centre. Successfully defending their title, the East Midlands team performed as a good all round outfit, with coaches Nicola Deaton and Derek Marples playing their part. Their strength was particularly visible in the under 11 event where Chesterfields Lucy Davidson and Derby's Abi Milwain swept through the entire day being undefeated. Milwain really caught the eye and her fighting qualities were most impressive.

The day previous to this at the same venue, the English Schools Individual Championships were featured, where once again Derbyshire players played a prominent part. Adam Frost from Derby reached the under 19 boys final, and so did Liam Pitchford from Chesterfield in the under 13 boys event losing to Kim Daybell, (Yorkshire) in a five game thriller final.

Perhaps the shock on this tournament was the defeat of Chesterfields pocket rocket, ten year old Lucy Davidson. Lucy was seeded No.1 but lost to Emily Bates of Lincolnshire in the quarter final. A fine performance in the under 11 boys was recorded by Matlocks Ben Goodwin. Ben plays for the Cromford club in the Matlock league and he won all four of his group matches which included a win over the Yorkshire champion who had previously always beaten him. However, his next opponent from Durham played with long pimples. He lost the first two games, but then fought back tremendously to win the next three. Ben finally lost to the Kent champion. Ten year old Goodwin is one of the best young prospects that the Matlock league has produced in several years. His grandad who unfortunately passed away in the previous week, was top league veteran player Brian Millett. Brian had coached Ben and had been his total inspiration. He would have been proud of this gritty

performance of finishing in the top eight of the Individual School Championships.

In the National Junior and Cadet Championships played at Doncaster, Adam Frost (Derby) and Allan Fulwood (Chesterfield) both reached the third round, whilst Liam Pitchford (Chesterfield) reached the last sixteen in the cadet boys singles. Lucy Davidson gained three maximum wins to gain a place in the quarter finals of the cadet girls singles before losing to Emma Vickers. Emma was seeded number two in the cadet girls singles losing in the final to the number one seed Sarah Hoang (Essex) 1-3.

The Derbyshire Junior team competing in the National Junior Championships premier division at Grantham played well and fought hard to take the runner up spot, therefore taking home some trophies.

Derbyshire Performances at Grantham were Adam Frost ( Derby) 7 out of 8, Allan Fullwood (Chesterfield) 6 out of 8, David Arrowsmith (Derby) 4 out of 4, Sam Perry (Chesterfield) 2 out of 4, Emma Vickers (Derby) 5 out of 8 and Emily O Sullivan (Derby) 6 out of 8.

Burton's activities in the coaching field are now under the responsibility of Regional Development Officer Chris Newton, who has taken over this aspect of the club. Neil Houghton was the former coach in charge at Burton but has now moved on to richer pastures in a club in the Chesterfield area. Neil had done a good job at Burton and I do not blame him for taking on a coaching commitment a little nearer home.

Finally, Alex Perry who coaches in some of the schools in the Chesterfield area is to present the awards at the Chesterfield and District League finals and presentation evening.

## DEVONSHIRE

by John Vincent

LISA Radford, who plays for the China Fleet Club in the Beacon Electrical Plymouth & District Table Tennis League, Division 1, did tremendously well in the English Senior Closed Championships in Sheffield. She won her group by defeating the higher ranked Kim Mudge and Gemma Chapman. Then she was on fire beating Lauren Spink 4-0 to reach the last 8. Although she lost 4-0 to Natalie Bawden the England No. 4 she still played impressively. In the Under 21 event she had a tough group where she managed to beat Claire Wilson but lost 3-1 to Number 2 ranked Kelly Sibley.

Lisa's team-mate at the China Fleet Club, Paul Giles, was runner-up with Brian Johns in the Veterans doubles losing to Champions Joe Kennedy and Clive Carthy 3-2. In the semi-final of the singles Paul lost to Nigel Eckersley.

### SENIOR PREMIER WEEKEND

Devonshire are champions for the second year running finishing just 1 point in front of Sussex. Marketa Myskova won 8 out of 8, Craig Bryant 6, Lisa Radford 5, including two victories over top 22 ranked players Joanna Roberts (Yorkshire) and Rose Rainton (Sussex), Chris Brown 3 and James Whiteman 2.

This was a brilliant team performance.

The team results were:-

Defeated Yorkshire	7-3
Beat Durham	6-4
Drew with Sussex	5-5
Beat Essex	7-3

### VETS PREMIER DIVISION

In their first season in the Premiership Devonshire came runners-up to Cheshire missing out by 1 point. Their final weekend results were:-  
Beat Essex 6-4  
Beat Sussex 7-3

Lost to Lancashire 4-6  
Beat Northumberland 7-3

Paul Giles had an excellent weekend winning 7 out of 8, Paul Whiting took 5, Mike Short 3. We are grateful to Penny Perry for deputising for the injured Elaine Short. Penny won 1 singles and helped win some doubles.

### JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP DIVISION

Devonshire favourites to be relegated produced a brilliant performance to finish 5th in this Division. Their results were:-

Lost to Buckinghamshire	4-6
Beat Glamorgan	7-3
Drew with Yorkshire	5-5
Drew with Durham	5-5

Our girls Lisa Radford and Sally Smith each won 7 out of 8 only losing to the Welsh International Naomi Owen. Richard Marshall won 3 including a fine win over Andrew Leighton ranked No.15 Junior. Harry Cutler and Chris Warn taking 2 each.

Devon Coaching Officer, Kevin Buddell, has worked wonders with this team.

### LEACH CUP & BROMFIELD TROPHY

The same Plymouth team that won the Leach Cup last year, i.e. Darren Reed, Richard Marshall and Chris Smith are through to this year's finals in Derby.

The Plymouth girl's team of Lisa Radford, Sally Smith and Laura McLeod will also be in Derby competing in the Broomfield Trophy finals.

### NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to Woolwell T.T.C. on receiving the "PARTICIPATION CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD" from the ETTA at Lilleshall. John Smith started the Club in 1998 and has built up the membership to over 100. It is the biggest club in the Plymouth and District League with 12 teams. The club's Women's team are currently English Champions and are looking forward to again playing in Europe.

## DURHAM

by Michael Wilson

### Sunderland Closed Championships

The number of entries were down, on the relative high number of players who entered last year, however, the overall standard of play was still of a good level. There were however a number of surprises, and no doubt the biggest one was in the Open Singles where Keith Weatherby, who has over the last few weeks recorded some impressive victories, but none will compare with him winning his first Sunderland Open Singles Title. Although seeded number 4 he had to overcome the 5th seed (Mark Jackson) and the number 1 seed (Andrew Wilkinson) and that was just to reach the Final. In an excellent match Keith Weatherby beat David Godbold 13/11, 11/4, 11/5. Another interesting series of results was by the Dixon's family where the triplets Chris beat brother Phil in the junior final and sister Jennifer was runner up to Lynne Harrington in the Ladies Final. Some 'Dixon' achievement!!

Under 11 and Under 13 Singles – Richard Dawson  
Under 15 Singles – Anthony Barella  
Under 18 Singles – Chris Dixon  
Open Singles – Keith Weatherby  
Women's Singles – Lynne Harrington  
Veteran Singles – David Godbold  
Over 55s – Geoff Salter

### Durham County Closed Championships

Under 13 Boys - Graeme Barella  
Under 15 Boys – Mark Simpson  
Under 18 Boys – Andrew Leighton  
Under 18 Girls – Sarah Robinson  
Under 21 Men – Andrew Leighton  
Veteran Men – David Godbold  
Men's Singles – Andrew Wilkinson  
Women's Singles – Lynne Harrington  
Men's Doubles – David Godbold and Eddie Smith



**ESSEX**

by Steve Kerns

**COLCHESTER CLOSED (by Martyn Green)**

RIK James claimed his eighth Colchester Men's Singles title defeating Steve Kerns in the final in three straight sets to celebrate his fortieth birthday in style. In the shock of the tournament Dave Cole, the previous Champion was sensationally beaten in the Quarter-Final by Steve Pennell at 13-11 in the fifth end of a spell-binding game. Sue Welham won the Ladies Singles crown for a record eighteenth time but failed to defend her Mixed Doubles title with James. They were narrowly beaten by Dave Cole and Hazel Hume at deuce in the fifth end. The Ladies Doubles paired two players with over fifty titles between them and Sue Welham and Marlene Smith beat Hazel Hume and Holly Subbings 11-9, 13-11, 13-11 after a very tense Final encounter.

Elsewhere a determined Mike Shore showed plenty of promise for the future in the Junior Boys Singles Final as he took a shock 2-1 lead against the experienced Michael Andrews, before succumbing in the fifth set.

Other results included -

Mens Singles - Rik James beat Steve Kerns 7,10,9.  
Mens Doubles - Rik James/Steve Edmonds beat Alan Burgess/Steve Kerns 6,8,10.

Mixed Doubles - Hazel Hume/Dave Cole beat Sue Welham/Rik James -10, 9,-6,9,11.

Cadet Singles - Mike Shore beat Greg Green 6,9,9.

Junior Boys Singles - Michael Andrews beat Mike Shore 7,-10,-6, 4, 6.

Junior Girls Singles - Holly Stubbings beat Jemima Killick 3,7,7.

Junior Doubles - Greg Green/John Li beat Dan Pigeon/David Hitchen 3,7,7.

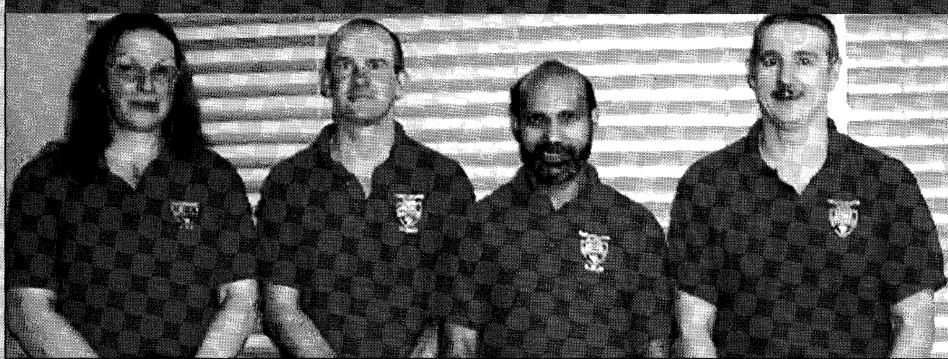
Over 40s Singles - Steve Kerns beat Ken Lewis 9,8,6.  
Over 50s Singles - Ken Lewis beat Ian Whiteside 6,11,-6,-1,5.

Over 60s Singles - Fred Button beat Roger Warren - 9,1,-7,6,2.

**ROMFORD CLOSED (by John Mansfield)**

County scribe Steve Kerns came through a strong field to take the Mens Singles title at his first attempt with deuce in the fifth wins over Dan Cannon and Matt Spero, and he beat Gidea Park Catholic team-mate Stuart Kimm 7,11,-6, 7 in the Final. Kimm "completed the set" adding the Veterans Singles title to the Junior Boys Singles and Mens Singles titles he had won previously. He beat Kerns 8,8-9,-7,8 in the Final this time. Kimm had also beaten last year's Mens Singles Champion Mark Wicker 3-2 in both the Semi-Finals of the Mens and Veterans events. Unseeded Dan Cannon

**HEREFORDSHIRE VETERANS  
HELEN GREEN, ANDY CASTLE, HARRY JUTLE & MARK OWEN**



and Yassir Mauthoor impressed greatly as they took the Mens Doubles title beating the established pairing of John King/Matt Spero 14-12, 11-7, 16-14 in a tense Final. The Handicap event featured many of the League's leading players and it was last year's County Closed Restricted Mens Singles Champion Dan Cannon who came through to beat Roland Zaunmayr 21-19, 21-14 in a Final which was played off scratch.

Other results included -

Jubilee Singles (Division Four) - Clyde Marklew beat Chris Penrose 5,9,-8,8.

Minor Singles (Division Three) - Django Fung beat Alf Ruocco 10,5,6.

Restricted Singles(Division Two) - Paul Whatton beat Paul Barker 12,9,4.

Steve Kerns Press & Publicity Officer Essex County Table Tennis Association.

**HAMPSHIRE**

Jeremy Wilson

HAMPSHIRE'S junior table tennis are heading for the first division of the national county championships.

They retained their unbeaten record with 8-2 and 6-4 victories in Cornwall and then a 9-1 beating of Gloucester to extend their lead at the top of Division Two.

The squad of county champion Ashley Willetts, Matt Ware, David McBeath, Garth Kinlocke, Jenny Dobson and Annabelle Morle are the most promising crop of young juniors from Hampshire for many years.

McBeath has enjoyed England under-13 recognition this year, a first for a Southampton player.

He was also a winner at the recent Hampshire Schools, championships, taking the under-13 event for boys.

There was further success for Hampshire when young Matt Ware took the recent Cippenham 2 Star title with some outstanding victories.

Redbridge Community School in Southampton, meanwhile, staged the south and east regional finals of the schools table tennis championships which included some of the country's best young players.

Teams from the Peniel Academy dominated the event, organised by county secretary Harold Albery, winning four out of the eight events.

For Hampshire, Romsey's Mountbatten School finished runner-up in the under-13 girls event, while Basingstoke's Queen Mary College reached the final of the under-19 boys.

In the county cadet inter-town league, teams from Southampton are first and third in the table following the second round of matches.

Southampton's first team enjoyed comfortable victories over Gosport/Fareham and Portsmouth.

Gosport/Fareham,s Annabelle Morle, however, remains the only unbeaten individual player as she defeated some of the county,s best boys to retain her impressive 100 per cent record.

The Isle of Wight currently top Division Two after cruising to victory over Basingstoke.

They are closely followed by Winchester, spearheaded by Garth Kinlocke, who remains unbeaten alongside the Isle of Wight,s Robert Love and Jamie Lawson.

**Results from Hampshire Schools, individual**

**Championships:** Under-11 boys: Jonathan Evans bt Joshua Peppiatt. Under 11- girls: Bethany Wells bt Kate Ha. Under-13 boys: David McBeath bt Jamie Willsher. Under-13 girls: Becky House bt Stephanie Wells. Under-16 boys: Ashley Willetts bt John McBeath. Under-16 girls: Sarah Warwick bt Annabelle Morle. Under-19 boys: Alex Garlick bt Sajjad Jaffer. Under-19 girls: Sue Thompsett by Jenny Dobson.

**HEREFORDSHIRE**

by Harry Jutle

**COUNTY TABLE TENNIS RESULTS on Saturday 29-Jan-2005**

**Veteran Division 3D** Hereford 1st played their fifth match Home at Green Farm Table Tennis Centre, Allensmore, against Somerset 2nd resulting in a 8-2 win. After a poor start of 0-2 with Chris Martin losing the 1st singles in the 4th set, 2 at deuce to Mike Crook, and Andy Castle losing in the 4th set to Bill Bruton. Mark Owen went on to continue his undefeated run to beat Alan Stone and later Mike Crook in straight sets. Mark and Helen Green also won the 1st mixed doubles in straight sets against Wendy Pryce and Bill Bruton. All the rest won by the home side in the 4th set with Chris Martin reversing his previous result defeating Bill, Helen defeating Wendy. Mark and Andy in the Men's doubles beat Mike and Alan, followed by Andy beating Alan. Helen and Chris in the 2nd mixed doubles beat Mike and Wendy for the 8-2 win. They now have 9 out of possible 10 points to put pressure on Warwickshire, who had the same number of points, but led by a single game difference.

Scores: Mark Owen 11-6, 11-7, 11-5 and 11-4, 11-6, 11-4. Chris Martin 8-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-13 and 11-9, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8. Andy castle 8-11, 7-11, 11-9, 9-11 and 11-9, 7-11, 11-7, 13-11. Helen Green 11-9, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7. Mark and Helen 1st mixed doubles 11-7, 11-5, 11-5. Mark and Andy in men's doubles 7-11, 11-6, 13-11, 11-5. Helen and Chris 2nd mixed doubles 6-11, 11-5, 11-2, 11-7.

Veteran Division 4D Hereford 2nd played their fourth match away against Berkshire 5th resulting in a 4-6 loss. They faced a uphill struggle going 0-4 down, with Harry Jutle losing the 1st at deuce in the 5th set against Dave Gilham, Bob Trimble in straight sets to Clive Banham, Norman Merchant to Mike Harris in the

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4th, 1st 2 at deuce, and the 1st mixed doubles in the 4th set at deuce by Carol Milnes with Norman against Carol Byers with Clive. Bob then beat Dave in straight sets, followed by Carol Milnes losing to Carol Byers in straight sets for a score of 5-1 to the opposition. Harry and Norman in the men's doubles beat Mike and Clive in the 5th set, followed by Norman beating Clive in the 5th set at deuce. Harry forced Mike into the 5th set to finally lose it. Bob and Carol Milnes in the 2nd mixed doubles beat Carol Byers and Dave in straight sets for the final result of 4-6. This was a very tough, competitive match in which Hereford were unlucky to come away with a loss.

Scores: Harry Jutle 12-10, 7-11, 8-11, 11-7, 12-14 and 8-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-7, 8-11. Norman Merchant 12-14, 12-14, 11-6, 7-11 and 11-8, 3-11, 11-4, 5-11, 14-12. Bob Trimble 6-11, 10-12, 8-11 and 13-11, 11-8, 11-8. Carol Milnes 8-11, 2-11, 5-11. Carol and Norman in 1st mixed doubles 11-3, 3-11, 8-11, 10-12. Harry and Norman in men's doubles 8-11, 11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-9. Carol Milnes and Bob in 2nd mixed doubles 11-6, 11-7, 11-6.

**COUNTY TABLE TENNIS RESULTS on Saturday 19-Feb-2005**

Veteran Division 3D Hereford 1st played their sixth match away against Shropshire 2nd in Bridgenorth resulting in a 10-0 Win. They add another 12 points for a total of 11 out of 12 points. The team of Mark Owen, Chris Martin, Andy Castle and Helen Green were outstanding and continue to push for the title to win this division. Chris was pushed into a 5th set for one of his singles, 3 at deuce by Malcolm Langford. Helen beat Jane Bevan in 4 sets. Mark and Andy won the men's doubles also in 4 sets against Malcolm and Mike Dudley. Rob Mansfield was defeated in straight sets first by Andy and later by Chris. All the rest of the games were won in straight sets. This win puts great pressure on Warwickshire who led by a single game average difference. Scores: Mark Owen 11-0, 11-8, 11-4 and 11-6, 11-5, 11-7. Chris Martin 16-14, 9-11, 13-11, 11-13, 11-6 and 11-4, 11-5, 11-8. Andy Castle 11-6, 11-7, 11-8 and 11-6, 11-7, 11-7. Helen Green 5-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7. Mark and Helen in the 1st mixed doubles 11-7, 11-9, 11-3. Mark and Andy in the Men's doubles 11-4, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5. Chris and Helen in the 2nd mixed doubles 11-5, 11-6, 11-6.

Veteran Division 4C Hereford 3rd played home at Bromyard against Kent 6th resulting in a 2-8 loss. The team of Mike Wheatley, Bob Trimble, Neville Meredith and Sue Segust pushed 4 sets into the 5th set deciders converting 2. Sue Segust had her best County result to date and fought hard in the 3 fifth setters she was involved in. Sue beat Jill Shipton in the Ladies singles, lost the 1st mixed doubles with partner Neville to Jill and Wayne Youngs, but won the 2nd mixed doubles with Mike against Jill and Roger Pingram. Neville and Bob lost to Ted Tydeman at deuce in the 4th sets in their singles. Rest of the losses were in straight sets. Scores: Mike Wheatley 7-11, 3-11, 7-11 and 9-11, 8-11, 7-11. Bob Trimble 8-11, 5-11, 9-11 and 11-8, 2-11, 10-12, 6-11. Neville Meredith 9-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-13. Sue Segust 7-11, 11-8, 11-6, 8-11, 11-9. Sue and Neville in 1st mixed doubles 3-11, 11-8, 11-8, 10-12, 6-11. Mike and Bob in Men's doubles 9-11, 5-11, 11-3, 11-6, 8-11. Sue and Mike in 2nd mixed doubles 7-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-6, 13-11.

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

by Ann Fereday

It was a very warm day for the Over 60's Outing to Ashford on March 19th. Not for them the one match at a time; they were to take on Middlesex at 10.00, Surrey at 2.00 & Berkshire 1 at 6.00. Players would be needed for their ability & endurance. The

'elder statesman' of the declared men is Geoff Bax - he was fine to play all the matches. The others - David Seaholme, Alan Lamprell & Brian Gale preferred some rotation so as to rest various dodgy shoulders or wobbly knees. Though Brian managed the Over 40's for many years, this was the first time he had been picked for the Over 60's. Their lady was Ann Fereday. Ann was 65 years old when she was asked to play for the County for the first time! She wonders if that is a record?

The match against Middlesex started well with wins for David & Geof but after that there was only one more win for Alan so Herts lost 7-3. After 25 minutes for lunch there was a very good all round performance against Surrey resulting in victory by 8 sets to 2 with Ann winning her singles & both mixed doubles.

Berkshire 1 were very strong to take on without David who decided that all his bits had had enough now & retired. 6 of the 10 sets went to 4 or 5 games but a 7-3 loss was as fair a result as could be expected. At least the day finished on a high note with Brian & Ann still running about & winning the last mixed 11-6 in the fifth.

It was now 9.00 in the evening; 11 hours of play in a hot room. Who was Hertsman of the day? It must be Geoff Bax. Not only did he play all the matches he won 5 of his 6 singles. Well done Geoff.

**HERTS SENIOR CLOSED TOURNAMENT** took place the first weekend in March. This year it was run by John Barnes. Here is what he has to say about it: - Janice Laing won all her 4 events, though not without close matches.

First was the Ladies Veteran Singles after she had earlier been taken to 5 games by Jackie Channell. Sue Felstead finished runner-up. Janice & Sue then partnered each other to beat Sharon Gillett & Claire Rogers for the Ladies Doubles title. Jim Felstead then combined with Janice to take the Mixed Doubles against Mark McCarthy & Sharon Gillett. Finally Janice won the Ladies Singles again with Sue Felstead being runner-up.

In the remaining doubles finals, Alan Lamprell & Jim Felstead won the Veterans title against Geoff Bax & Jack Baxter. The Mens Doubles title went to Mark McCarthy & Richard Murrell who beat Dennis Robinson & Trafford Coker in 5 close games.

Unseeded Richard Murrell beat Chris Marlow twice in the Mens Singles. The first time was in their group, the second was in the fifth of a hard hitting final to take the title. In the remaining singles finals - Mark McCarthy won the Mens Veterans against Dennis Robinson, then Dennis beat Geof Bax to take the Senior Veterans trophy.

Some League Tournaments have taken place :-

**WATFORD & DISTRICT**

Division 2 Singles - Karl Seddon beat newcomer Dave Wade in the 5th

Mens Doubles - An easy win for T.Coker & A.Thomas over M.Lowens & A.Phipps

Division 1 Singles - New to the league - M.Symons beat A.Rahim

Mixed Doubles - An 11th title for Geoff & Sally Bax when they beat Jackie Channell & A.Thomas

Veteran Singles - A close, hard hitting final with A.Thomas beating M.Bonyadi in the 5th

Ladies Singles - Winner - Jackie Channell, runner up - Sally Bax

Mens Singles- William Maybanks retained his title beating M.Bonyadi in the 5th

Cadet Singles - Winner M.Lan

Junior Singles - Miss K Maybanks

Handicap Singles - Winner D Sims

Junior Doubles - M Lan & N Mofazzali

Runners up - Misses J Sims & K Mofazzali

**CHESHUNT & DISTRICT**

Ladies Singles - Just 4 ladies entered so they played a round robin. Winner Jenny Pomfret

Runner up Judy Piper

Mens Singles - Winner John Barnes

Runner up Keith Hartridge

Mens Doubles - Winners B Gale & K Hartridge

Runners up D Carter & J Torres

Veteran Singles - Winner Brian Gale

Runner up Dick Emmerson

**HERTFORDSHIRE JUNIORS**

The Under 18 team will be promoted to Division 1 next year.

In February they played their remaining 4 matches in Harlow. The team was -

Alim Hirji, Darius Atashroo, William Maybanks, Ameer & Haylee Potts, Joshua Roseberry & Nikki Shah

They won all their matches to make their final total - Played 8, Won 8, for 67 against 13

Well done to all of them.

**NORFOLK**

by Ray Hogg

UNABLE as we were to stage the senior county championships the juniors came to Watton Sport Centre. With 44 entries including some completely unknown to the organising committee, the future looks good as the emerging talent was on view.

Lauren Spink only played in double as she was playing for her school in an important netball match that day, and as expected won them both easily. In singles Amy Ajeto won U.18 and U.15, Sister Molly won U.13. Boys U.18 Adam Gigli seeded 1 U.15 grandson Chris Durrant, U.13, Alexander Oliver. Doubles Sam Shaw and Chris Durrant beat Adam Gigli and Brother Dan in a very tight match. Amy won the Victor Ludorum trophy for overall success and Chelsea Sadd and Rhodri Oliver were awarded Derek Barwick trophies for their overall attitude and helpfulness. Thanks to Sue Allen for her sponsorship - another ex player moved to golf.

Taverham TT club look like winning the Norwich premier division in its 40th year of trying. With Lauren Spink, Steve Beerling from Kent via U.E.A. and Gary Hewitt from Kings Lynn, I cannot see anyone stopping them. Sorry to read of the retirement of John Fell - yet another of the always present brigade at tournaments.

**NORTHANTS**

by Dennis Millman

THE 2005 UNISON sponsored 63rd Northampton Closed Tournament provided an excellent day's play with more than 60 players taking part in 25 events. It also marked a watershed with several emerging players beginning to get the better of those with greater experience.

Although this didn't apply in the closing stages of the Open Singles where Richard Elliott regained the title at the expense of veteran Michael Edwards, it did concern Martyn Hancox who made his presence felt when he dispatched Gary Webb at the group stage and then followed up with an impressive result against Paul Gatiss to reach the semi-finals.

Andy Wood also had a good day with a win against England No. 11 Cadet Chris Doran, followed by an 11-9 fifth end success against No. 2 seed Chris Gibbons but there was no stopping Elliott who took the title in straight games to add to the Wellingborough Men's Singles he had won three weeks earlier. Just seven days later Elliott completed a hat trick of titles when he regained the corresponding Kettering event.

Men's doubles is something of a speciality for Chris Gibbons and Michael Edwards and they proved the point by taking both the men's event 14-12 in the fifth against Elliott, partnered by Gibbons son David, and



also the veterans' doubles where their final opponents were Webb and Gatiss. Sarah Hollis might well be county champion but she again failed to take the Northampton crown when Clem Little reversed the outcome of last season's county final to win 11-2 in the decider. The finalists then combined together to take the doubles when opposed by Wendy Hancock and Katy Armstrong, while Hollis, now partnered by David Gibbons, made sure of the mixed event, with a third title coming in the Junior Girls' Singles. The early departure of John Alsop denied the spectators a veterans final but the semi-final between Webb and Chris Gibbons took its place and resulted in a win for Webb 11-6, 17-15, 11-5. The remaining veteran events featured tried and trusted exponents of the art, with Edwards beating Bill Fletcher in the Over 50's, Fletcher maintaining his supremacy over Greg Dobrowski in the Over 60's, and the Over 60 finalists pairing up to take the Over 50 doubles with Edwards and David George on the losing side.

Chris Doran was in a class of his own in the Under 18 and Under 15 singles but though he added the Under 15 doubles in tandem with Matthew Carter, it was Carter and Aron Chan who became the Under 18 doubles champions when they beat Marcus Dimmock and Matthew Burgess. Dimmock did make the winner's rostrum in the Under 13 Boys event and the same age doubles in which twin sister Jessica, who reached four finals, partnered him. She was unfortunate not to add the Under 18 doubles for girls where she and Hollis lost to Katy Armstrong and Beth Walter 19-17 in the fifth end.

In the remaining junior competitions Katie Hancox won both the Under 13 and Under 15 Girls' Singles while Joe Burrows beat Aaron Ark in a pulsating Under 11 final.

The usual fine entry in the Mystery Doubles produced some entertaining matches with the experienced David George, partnered by the up and coming Aron Chan, finally getting the better of Paul Wood and Ryan Harrison in four close games. In the Hard Bat event Chris Gibbons proved that a good player can adapt to any kind of equipment as he ousted No.1 seed John Alsop in five ends to retain the title. In the Division One and Division Two Singles the top seeds were also beaten with Division One's Dave Ewen going out to Paul Nicholls, who in turn lost out to that enthusiastic tournament player Jim Brogan. In the Second Division Chris Gibb overturned the seedings to beat Clem Little 10-12, 11-7, 4-11, 11-5, 11-3.

With 29 juniors and many staunch tournament devotees enjoying some thrilling encounters, not to mention some shock results, this turned out to be another rewarding day for Northampton table tennis.

## NORTHUMBERLAND

by Pauline Long

THE Thompson Insurance first team of Dave Godbold, Geoff Salter, Joe Kennedy (Kent) and Wayne Percival (Cheshire) are to be congratulated on winning the veterans' British League Premier Division title, having been promoted from Division 1 only the previous season. The second team of John Williamson, Chris Blake, Jimmy Scope, Mark Shingler and Allan Thompson finished fourth. Let us hope that the local County veterans will have carried their form over to the second Premier Division weekend, which was to be held on 2nd/3rd April, therefore clashing with the County Closed tournament on the same Sunday. Reports on both will appear in the next issue of TT news.

Dave, Geoff and John represented the Northumbria League in the second round of the Alec Brook men's veterans' team competition at Cromford, beating Matlock 5-1 but losing to a very strong Liverpool team 3-5. Geoff played very well in this match beating Keith Williams 11 in the fifth and John Rankin 8 in the fifth, while Dave won the other set against Rankin also narrowly in the fifth. Unfortunately no-one could get past Chris Ford, who won all his games in straight sets. The Wilmott Cup senior men's match against Leamington Spa and Lincoln was due to take place at Cramlington on 26th March.

Geoff also carried on his excellent form into the over 50's singles at the Northern Masters in Blackpool. He sensationally defeated top seed John Hilton 3-1 in the last four to reach the final, where he unfortunately lost in straight sets to Brian Johns. Other tournament successes included Jimmy Scope winning the over 50's singles plate at the Western Masters in Hereford and Gordon Bisset being runner-up in the equivalent over 70's event. "Benny" Robertson also reached the final of the over 50's men's doubles with a scratch partner.

The Northumbria League season was due to end during week commencing 4th April, and current leaders are as follows:

Premier Division: Birtley "A"  
 Division 1 Tyne Dock  
 Division 2: DWP "B"  
 Division 3 North Shields YMCA "E"  
 Division 4 North Shields YMCA "F"

The Team Handicap Knockout Cup competition had at the time of writing reached the last 16, with this round due to be completed by the end of March.

## OXFORDSHIRE

by Karl Busbell

### Junior County Championships

We had quite a good day at Cippenham winning one, losing one and drawing one.

We were involved immediately at 09:00am against Kent III - a little early I think for most of our players as they hadn't really had enough time for a good warm up.

Laura Gubbins began a very good day by winning both of her matches and Joe Cheong won the only match for the boys as Oxon lost 3-7.

The next match against Sussex III was much better for Oxfordshire. Adam Wells, Sam Clarke, Laura Christer and Laura Gubbins won all their matches, with Joe the only loser in a 9-1 victory.

The last match against Surrey II was tight all the way. Sam Clarke in his very last match for Oxfordshire, being 18 this year, beat Robin Kinchin. This was the only win for the boys. However Laurel and Laura completed an excellent day by winning both their matches - With Laura remaining unbeaten, winning all her six matches on the day. The last match was an excellent one between Joe Cheong and Robin Kinchin - Joe losing 8-11 in the fifth end, completing the 5-5 draw.

### League Reports

#### Oxford

Holders Kidlington A has retained their championship with two matches to spare. The quartet of Karl Bushell, Andrew Flint, Greg Boone and Fraser Harris were too strong and consistent for other teams.

Rutherford's "A" who inflicted the only defeat of the season on Kidlington A should secure second place.

#### Didcot

The league has been competitive all season with players competing from five counties and most of the top teams have strong squads. Unless they

make a mistake, Abingdon "A" should secure the title with Mark Banks, Harri Gehlot, Steve Murtangrod, Bob Syms and Peter Dasher seeing off the challenge of two strong Oxford Fireplace teams.

## SOMERSET

by John Wood

### HAT-TRICK FOR HUGHES

JON HUGHES, of Trinity Kings, retained the Open Singles trophy at the Taunton Table Tennis League's Closed Tournament at the end of March, with a five-set win over Phil Tillotson.

Hughes, 19, becomes the first player since Phil Payne in the early 90's to win the event three times in a row.

The league's newest player, Evan Vrysoulis, picked up the division one trophy with a straight-sets win over number one seed Alex Johnson.

But 14-year-old Alex faired better elsewhere, winning the junior final and retaining the ladies title in a round-robin event with Jackie Crook and Jean Watson.

John Troke reversed the events of last year by defeating Alan Stone in the Steve Hayman Challenge final. Earlier Troke accounted for John Crabtree, who with Stone had won the event three times each, in the previous six years.

A new name on the Vintage Veterans trophy is that of Derek Mayall - a straight game winner over Tony Brown.

The open doubles final also produced a new winning combination, Ed Martin and John Crabtree defeating holders Alan Stone and Dave Yarde.

### Results:

Open singles final: Jon Hughes beat Phil Tillotson 11-8, 11-8, 13-15, 5-11, 11-8. Division 1 final: Evan Vrysoulis beat Alex Johnson 11-7, 12-10, 11-8. Ladies singles final: Alex Johnson beat Jackie Crook 11-5 11-3 11-5. Junior final: Alex Johnson beat Robert O'Connell 11-1, 11-1, 12-10. Steve Hayman final: John Troke beat Alan Stone 7-11, 13-11, 11-7, 11-6. Open doubles final: John Crabtree and Ed Martin beat Dave Yarde and Alan Stone 11-9, 11-6, 5-11 12-10. Vintage Veterans final: Derek Mayall beat Tony Brown 11-9, 11-5, 11-1.

### FAMILY RECORD

The Hall family have probably created a national record by winning the outstanding Somerset County Closed Mixed Doubles and Junior Doubles trophies, at Chilton School, Bridgwater on Wednesday 13th April. Thus making it a clean sweep of county trophies.

In the Mixed Doubles semi-finals Steve and Sarah Hall defeated Mike Hurley and Frances Potjewyd 8, 5, 10, whilst Shaun and Laura Hall over-powered Alan Stone and Alex Johnson 8-9, 5, 9.

The final saw Steve and Sarah battle their way through a very close match, beating Shaun and Laura 6-8, 7, 5, 3.

The Junior Doubles final was won by Shaun and Sarah Hall when they beat Frances Potjewyd and Alex Johnson 6, 7, 11, 11.

### VETERANS COUNTY SUCCESS

Our Senior team, have gained promotion to the first division of the County Championships by narrowly pipping Cornwall to the post by sets difference, in Division 2B. Full report next issue.

## SURREY

by Chris Andrews

AT the Safir International Junior Tournament in Orebro, Sweden, Joanna Parker and Darius Knight both reached the quarter finals in the doubles with their respective partners of Kelly Sibley and Paul Drinkhall.

At the European Junior Top 12 event held in Molfetta Bari, Italy, Joanna Parker came 6th. She defeated 6 opponents including Elisabeta Samara of



Romania who finished 2nd. Although Surrey has not won any Grand Prix's we have had some good results in the first half of the season. At the Liverpool Grand Prix Abdul Wuroala won the men's band 1 and Jerome Jonah won the men's band 2. The Clare Pengelly event had different winners, Selwyn Campbell won the men's band 2 and Chris Bush won the men's band 4. Diane Melville won the women's band 3 at the Bath Grand Prix and Chris Beckley won the men's band 2 and the veterans at the Cornwall 2 star.

In the Juniors Darius Knight won the cadet boys singles at the Stiga 4 star Blackpool Junior Open with Dorian Robinson winning the junior boys band 1. At the Cippenham 2 star James Ma won the boys consolation.

Henry Medellin beat John Hilton in a veteran's match and at the Vets North Eastern Masters Tom Adams won the over 40's plate.

The Surrey trials junior results 2004/5 were as follows:

Boys under 11's winner Ping Ho, runner-up Eden Fung

Boys under 13's winner Cian Sutcliffe, runner-up Andrew Ma

Boys under 15's winner Dorian Robinson runner-up Wing Yung Chan

## SUSSEX

by John Woodford

### VENNER WINS 9th TITLE

RITCHIE VENNER won the Sussex singles crown for the ninth time, at Fontwell. Venner, 39, from Hastings, produced a ruthless display to beat England No.3 veteran Nigel Eckersley (Uckfield) 11-7, 11-5, 8-11, 11-2.

Venner said, "I played well all day and having almost daily practice at Hastings with Paul Barry has made me sharper."

Eckersley said, "Giving him 13 years was a bridge too far. He had no weaknesses, he was too quick and his counter-hitting was brilliant."

Sarah Steadman retained the women's title after a classic battle with Rose Rainton, the six times former winner from Bexhill.

Steadman, from Arundel, won 11-9 in the fifth game after unleashing a series of searing drives. She is the hardest-hitter Sussex table tennis has seen for many years.

Steadman said, "There is only one way to beat Rose - attack all the way."

Venner also won the men's doubles with Mayur Majithia (Crawley). But his triple bid with Sheila King was thwarted in the mixed doubles final when Rainton and Barry romped home 11-7, 11-6, 11-6.

• DIANE KIRKWOOD, Chair of the Hastings League could be the new National Councillor for Sussex, replacing the retiring Carol Beames.

## WARWICKSHIRE

by Caroline Williams

### Birmingham Closed

Helen Turner and Ian Ferguson - the golden duo of Birmingham table tennis - justified their status by winning the singles titles at the Birmingham Closed Championship, staged at the North Solihull Sports Centre in March.

Ferguson was two games down to defending champion Mike Browne (Kingshurst) in the final, before showing the touch and power that has made him the leading player in the city for the past 10 years. The Curdworth attacking star won the final three games to win the title for the fourth time.

Turner suffered a shock defeat to Sarah Riach (Kingshurst) in the final round robin play-off for the ladies title, but victory over Alex Childs (Hockley Heath) clinched the event on games average.

Ferguson and Turner teamed up for a comfortable success in the mixed doubles, but the shock of the day was the defeat of Ferguson and Andy Hare in the men's doubles final by the Kingshurst duo of Browne and Jason Essex.

In a fine match the Browne/Essex combination succeeded by an amazing 18-16 scoreline in the fifth game, after saving five match points.

Tom Hearne (Baverstock) upset the form book by beating Navinder Matharu (Colebridge) in the U21 singles, then another Colebridge youngster in Scott Danter in the final.

13 year old Alan Caffery showed his remarkable talent in winning the cadet singles and giving Matharu a stern challenge in the junior singles final.

Caffery, along with fellow Kingshurst players Scott and Daniel Tune and Jamie Morgan clinched the Heart of England Cadet League the previous day for Birmingham, with both Caffery and Morgan having a 100 per cent record throughout the competition. Caffery than went on to win the individual singles competition.

Other winners at the Birmingham Closed included the following: Veteran Singles: Mike Browne (Kingshurst), Veteran O50 singles Roger Ellerington (Kingshurst), U12 singles: Rajinder Dansi (Wheeler Lane), Junior Boys Doubles: Scott Danter/Navinder Matharu (Colebridge), Restricted A Singles: Peter Boniface (Sutton), Restricted B Singles: Dean Hicks (Hockley Heath), Restricted C Singles: Alan Buck (Tile Cross), Junior Restricted Singles: Scott Tune (Kingshurst).

### Sad news

Graham Elsdon who was the guiding force behind the Hockley Heath club, died in Solihull Hospital in March after collapsing at the Colebridge club in Shirley, after competing in a Birmingham League fixture. He was a popular member of Ladbroke Park golf club and leading figure in the local community.

## WORCESTERSHIRE

by Ken Walton

CONGRATULATIONS go to the County Junior Team who clinched promotion to Division 1 next season and the Division 2A crown in the process, when they defeated Northamptonshire 10-0 at Middle Littleton village hall on March 13th 2005. Needing to win by the maximum score, they managed to reach their goal with the help of the opposition, who were a player short! Let's hope they can maintain the standards next season.

Evesham High School will be the venue for the Junior and Cadet Team Tournaments on July 3rd 2005 and 10th respectively. Mike Prior will be overseeing the smooth running of the events, as he does with all other Cadet and Junior matters.

Mike reports some encouraging performances from all age groups at the recently held Worcester Schools Team. Regional Finals took places in February and although none of the teams progressed to the later stages, players will hopefully take some useful learning experiences with them into next years competition.

The County AGM date has been set for July 4th 2005 at Studley Road WMC, and one of the items for discussion will no doubt be the "funding" for players representing the County teams next season. Anyone outside a first team, may have to fund themselves in respect of travel, venue, overnight stays etc, and this will no doubt cause much concern to numbers of players, who may even stop playing for the County altogether.

Lee Horton continued his red hot streak when he followed up his County Singles Victory, with the Men's Singles title at the local Wolverhampton Table Tennis League tournament, defeating the

excellent Andy Rich in a close final. Should he be back in the Senior County First Team, the debate goes on, with only reliability perhaps, standing in the way?

On a personal note, I shall be making my annual pilgrimage to the Isle of Wight during May, and look forward to catching up with John and Carl at the excellent Carl Preat Centre. Why not try it yourselves if you visit the Island.

## YORKSHIRE

by Barry Snowden

### White Rose Affairs

#### DEWSBURY COMEBACK FINALS HIGHLIGHT

FINALS night at the Yorkshire Clubs event proved to be the most exciting in years as the Seniors, Juniors and Veterans team events all reached their climax at the excellent Dewsbury Table Tennis Centre.

The senior event was the pick of the finals and went down to the last set as Bramley faced the daunting task of playing last seasons winners Dewsbury at their own venue.

Mick Stead gave Dewsbury the lead when he took the opening set with an 11-7 2-11 11-5 11-8 victory over Simon Pugh but the team were quickly level when Richard Smith made short work of Darren Lindley 11-4 11-7 11-9 and it was Bramley who moved into a 2-1 lead as Simon Nouch beat Tony Bottomley 11-8 11-9 9-11 11-2.

Stead brought the sides level with a straight games victory over Smith only for Bramley to take the lead once again as Pugh beat Bottomley 11-7 11-9 11-6 and Bramley moved into a two set lead when Nouch beat Lindley 11-9 11-7 8-11 11-9.

Bottomley opened his account in the next set and pulled a set back for Bramley when he beat Smith in four and Stead levelled the match score when he beat Nouch 12-10 11-8 6-11 11-5 as the score reached 4 sets all.

Lindley opened the final set with a surprise 13-11 victory over the higher ranked Pugh only for Pugh to restore the balance as he took the second game 11-7. Lindley took the third 11-9 and the expected comeback from Pugh never materialised as it was Lindley who also took the fourth game 11-9 and with it the match much to the delight of his team mates.

The Veterans event was won for the first time by Xystus who went one better than their runners up spot last season.

Leeds team Victoria were the fancied team as an under strength Xystus were lacking the services of regulars Kevin Beadsley and Barry Snowden and it was Victoria who took the opening set as Nigel Pennock beat David Adams 11-6, 9-11, 11-3, 11-2.

Things looked bleak for Xystus as Steve Kosmowsky lost the opening game of the second set 11-1 to Steve Winnard but like the true battler he is, Kosmowsky knuckled down and won three games on the trot 11-8 11-5 11-9 to level the match at one set all.

The next set proved pivotal as David Wood beat Keith Powell 11-7, 3-11, 11-8, 11-4 as Xystus now lead surprisingly 2-1 which was extended to 3-1 as Kosmowsky beat Pennock 11-6 11-5 12-10.

Powell pulled a set back for Victoria with a comfortable three game win over Adams but Xystus were not going to let their initiative slip as Wood beat Winnard 11-5, 11-8, 8-11, 11-6 to give Xystus a 4-2 lead and it was man of the match Kosmowsky who completed victory for Xystus when he beat Powell 11-9, 11-1, 11-9.

The junior event proved to be something of an anti-climax as Bramley made up for the disappointment of their senior sides as Nouch, Minesh Tanna and Chris Parker comfortably beat the Ryedale trio of Edward Fambly, Charlie Elliott and Finn Needham by 5-nil.



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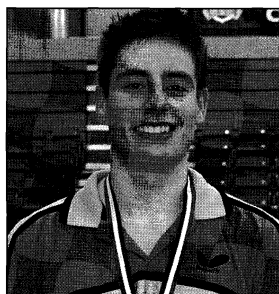
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(1)	1 COOKE, Alan (DY.)	5206	
(2)	2 PERRY, Alex (DV.)	4846	
(3)	3 HERBERT, Gareth (BK.)	4695**	
(4)	4 YOUNG, Terry (BK.)	4671	
(5)	5 RUSHTON, Andrew (LA.)	4602	
(6)	6 PREAM, Carl (IW.)	4600**	
(7)	7 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4492	
(8)	8 DRINKHALL, Paul (CY.)	4483	
(9)	9 EDEN, Andrew (LA.)	4346	
(10)	10 YARNALL, Tim (NP.)	4165	
(11)	11 BRYANT, Craig (DY.)	4163	
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(13)	13 TAYLOR, Jonathan (LA.)	4111***	
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(22)	15 KENNY, Mathew (Y.)	3942	
(23)	16 HILTON, John (CH.)	3914**	
(24)	17 BLAKE, Darren (SY.)	3901	
(25)	18 WURAOLO, Abdul (SY.)	3864	
(26)	19 MEADS, David (DU.)	3863	
(27)	20 VENNER, Ritchie (SK.)	3830	
(28)	21 BLEAKLEY, Adam (DA.)	3827	
(29)	22 SMITH, Mark Richard (Y.)	3785	
(30)	23 MARPLES, Shaun (DY.)	3776	
(31)	24 JAMES, Michael (Y.)	3774	
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(33)	26 GRETSCHEL, Tomasz (MI.)	3760**	
(34)	27 MARSDEN, Michael (DU.)	3733	
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(37)	30 SMITH, Eddie (ND.)	3693*	
(38)	31 ROSENTHAL, Louis (CH.)	3677	
(39)	32 PITTAS, George (NG.)	36771*	
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(41)	34 NILSSON, John (HE.)	3660**	
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(94)	87 HENRY, Andy (DY.)	3269*	



**TIM YARNALL moves up six places to No.10 on the Senior list**

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(148)	135 DAVIES, Stephen (LI.)	3032
(149)	136 WOOD, Paul (NG.)	3028*
(150)	137 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	3028*
(151)	138 DOVE, Fred (E.)	3023
(152)	139 CARSLAKE, Colin (E.)	3015
(153)	140 CRAWFORD, Luke (Y.)	3013
(154)	141 MOIR, Michael (LA.)	3011*
(155)	142 BARROW, Peter (MI.)	3010*
(156)	143 DIXON, Stephen (LA.)	3002*
(157)	144 WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3001*
(158)	145 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2997
(159)	146 KERNES, Stephen (E.)	2993*
(160)	147 BAXTER, Danny (MI.)	2987**
(161)	148 WILLIAMS, David (MI.)	2982*
(162)	149 WELSH, Daniel (CV.)	2973
(163)	150 HARPER, Mick (BD.)	2970*

## Senior Women

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 PARKER, Joanna (SY.)	4446	
(2)	2 LOWER, Helen (ST.)	4418	
(3)	3 WALKER, Georgina (DY.)	4346	

(4)	4 SIBLEY, Kelly (WA.)	4220
(5)	5 BAWDEN, Natalie (E.)	4141
(6)	6 HOLT, Andrea (LA.)	4077
(7)	7 PARKER, Katy (LA.)	4057**
(8)	8 EMBLING, Abigail (E.)	3982
(9)	9 SPINK, Lauren (NK.)	3764
(10)	10 ROBERTS, Joanna (Y.)	3538
(11)	11 WHITE, Nicola (Y.)	3454
(12)	12 THORNTON, Lindsey (LA.)	3446
(13)	13 KEAST, Lesley (LI.)	3444
(14)	14 SMITH, Karen (LE.)	3418
(15)	15 PEERS, Clare (CH.)	3416
(16)	16 SHEPHERD, Karen (CH.)	3412
(17)	17 WILSON, Naomi (SO.)	3389*
(18)	18 HOWARD, Alice (CH.)	3387
(19)	19 BONGERS, Jose (ST.)	3324**
(20)	20 CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.)	3305
(21)	21 RAINFORD, Rosemary (SK.)	3278
(22)	22 COHEN, Michele (SG.)	3275
(23)	23 RADFORD, Lisa (DV.)	3263
(24)	24 JOHNS, Jan (CH.)	3256**
(25)	25 UZAL, Shelley (E.)	3245*
(26)	26 BRISTOW, Angie (K.)	3229
(27)	27 HARPER, Sandra (BD.)	3213
(28)	28 LAMBERT, Helen (DV.)	3185****
(29)	29 LLOYD, Gemma (CH.)	3180
(30)	30 WEIL, Emma (E.)	3161*
(31)	31 WANG, Lucy (E.)	3156**
(32)	32 SPARKES, Rebecca (SK.)	3137*
(33)	33 BALDI, Andrea (YS) (Y.)	3124*
(34)	34 GRAHAM, Cherith (LA.)	3111
(35)	35 HORSNELL, Sarah (MI.)	3103
(36)	36 NARENDRA, Aparna (MI.)	3083
(37)	37 HARRISON, Jennifer (E.)	3074**
(38)	38 LANGFORD, Clare (CH.)	3068
(39)	39 MORLEY, Judy (GS.)	3068
(40)	40 CHEEKES, Jane (DY.)	3052*
(41)	41 DURHAM, Jane (CV.)	3039
(42)	42 BUOYE, Brenda (LA.)	3034**
(43)	43 SEYMOUR, Tamar (OK.)	3020*
(44)	44 INGHAM, Katy (CH.)	2989**
(45)	45 HURRELL, Rebecca (MI.)	2982
(46)	46 WILSON, Claire (DV.)	2975
(47)	47 PEARCE, Diane (K.)	2971**
(48)	48 YARNEY, Gemma (K.)	2967
(49)	49 VICKERS, Emma (DT.)	2964**
(50)	50 MUDGE, Kim (K) (SY.)	2958
(51)	51 STEDMAN, Sarah (SK.)	2952*
(52)	52 BROWN, Sarah (E.)	2941**
(53)	53 MAY, Elizabeth (DV.)	2940**
(54)	54 NOUTCH, Sarah (Y.)	2940
(55)	55 CAIRNS, Samantha (MI.)	2935**
(56)	56 CHEESMAN, Zoe (Y.)	2931**
(57)	57 COGGON, Sara (HE.)	2920
(58)	58 PERRY, Lucy (DV.)	2914
(59)	59 VAJDI, Carmen (SY.)	2902
(60)	60 KING, Sheila (VA.)	2886
(61)	61 PERRY, Penny (DV.)	2878
(62)	62 ROBINSON, Suzanne (GS.)	2869
(63)	63 NOLAN, Terri-Anne (CH.)	2867
(64)	64 CRICK, Lisa (BK.)	2840
(65)	65 BROWN, Grace (E.)	2834**
(66)	66 RIDER, Sandra (Y.)	2833**
(67)	67 SORRENTINO, Annabelle (CH.)	2832
(68)	68 BARELLA, Jane (SY.)	28231
(69)	69 FARQUHAR, Melanie (BK.)	2805****
(70)	70 LAING, Janice (HE.)	2802



**JOANNA PARKER No.1 on both the Junior Girls and Womens lists**

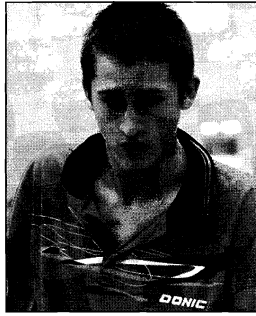
(71)	71 BURGESS, Suzanne (CH.)	2792**
(72)	72 SPARKES, Aimee (SK.)	2790*
(73)	73 HOLMES, Sarah (SY.)	2788**
(74)	74 RHODES, Helen (YS.)	27851*
(75)	75 JOHNSON, Susan (BK.)	2780
(76)	76 MASSINGHAM, Nicola (LI.)	27741*
(77)	77 MEADS, Joanne (DU.)	2770
(78)	78 DIGNUM, Margaret (WO.)	2760
(79)	79 ECKERSLEY, Carol (SK.)	2751**
(80)	80 STRAWSON, Jane (LI.)	2744
(81)	81 BROWN, Janet (OX.)	2732
(82)	82 BENTLEY, Ruth (NG.)	2728*
(83)	83 LEE, Janice (SY.)	27211**
(84)	84 MCEVOY, Denise (CH.)	2718**
(85)	85 SMITH, Rachel (BK.)	27141**
(86)	86 DAWSON, Marjorie (E.)	2695***
(87)	87 COX, Jody (LI.)	2689
(88)	88 GRAY, Victoria (SK.)	2688**
(89)	89 HOOKER, Muriel (BU.)	2685
(90)	90 RAINFORD, Helen (DY.)	2684
(91)	91 ROUNCE, Jill (Y.)	2678*
(92)	92 DONNELLY, Stephanie (CV.)	2671*
(93)	93 WANG, Sarra (E.)	2659
(94)	94 REID, Lynda (WO.)	2659*
(95)	95 BARNARD, Kimberley (LA.)	2649*
(96)	96 KENNARD, Nikki (E.)	2632
(97)	97 STEEL, Pauline (SK.)	2631**
(98)	98 EMMERSON, Clair (SK.)	2616*
(99)	99 MITCHELL, Sharon (BK.)	2614**
(100)	100 DARE, LINDSEY (HE.)	2605

## Junior Boys

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 DRINKHALL, Paul (CY.)	4562	
(2)	2 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	4293	
(3)	3 YARNALL, Tim (NP.)	4145	
(4)	4 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	3978**	
(5)	5 EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3870	
(6)	6 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG.)	3618	
(7)	7 MEADS, David (DU.)	3613	
(8)	8 REED, Daniel (CV.)	3550	
(9)	9 MAUTHOOR, Umair (E.)	3401	
(10)	10 NOUTCH, Simon (Y.)	3346	
(11)	11 GREGORY, Christopher (SP.)	3180**	
(12)	12 FROST, Adam (DY.)	3092	
(13)	13 BARLOW, Ben (YS.)	2770	
(14)	14 PAGE, Tom (CH.)	2716	
(15)	15 HALLING, Tony (E.)	2699	
(16)	16 LEIGHTON, Andrew (DU.)	2696	
(17)	17 LEWIS, Christopher (SY.)	2679	
(18)	18 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2669	
(19)	19 FULLWOOD, Allan (DU.)	2441	
(20)	20 ARMSTRONG, Marc (MI.)	2379	
(21)	21 ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.)	2323	
(22)	22 EVANS, Myles (NG.)	2237	
(23)	23 REED, Darren (CO.)	2213	
(24)	24 CHAN, Wing Tung (SY.)	2120	
(25)	25 BUSH, Chris (SY.)	2094	
(26)	26 DEWHURST, Paul (E.)	2051	
(27)	27 WESLEY, Richard (NG.)	2009*	
(28)	28 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y.)	1983	
(29)	29 DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1910	
(30)	30 BARNES, Lee (SK.)	1883	
(31)	31 JODDAS, Matthew (YS)	1847	
(32)	32 REES, Daniel (E.)	1820	
(33)	33 PANG, Dickson (NP.)	1807****	
(34)	34 SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)	1781	
(35)	35 ARROWSMITH, David (DY.)	1773	
(36)	36 WILSON, Andrew (CV.)	1738	
(37)	37 MUDIE, Stewart (LI.)	1700	
(38)	38 PIPER, Damien (YS.)	1694	
(39)	39 MAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1688	
(40)	40 CRAWFORD, Jonathan (CU.)	1677	
(41)	41 MUDIE, Andrew (LI.)	1671	
(42)	42 PERRY, Sam (DI.)	1584	
(43)	43 HIRJI, Alim (MI.)	1574	
(44)	44 NICHOLLS, Russell (SP.)	1574***	
(45)	45 TAYLOR, Jonathan J (CH.)	1574	
(46)	46 BRAY, Thomas (LA.)	1570	
(47)	47 MARSHALL, Richard (DV.)	1549	
(48)	48 WARE, Mathew (DO.)	1478	



(27)	23	O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DY.)	2111
(24)	24	DAVIS, Stella (GS.)	2104*
(25)	25	REES, Bethany (E.)	1994
(26)	26	LAFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	1957
(33)	27	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	1883
(28)	28	LIGHTOWLER, Katie (Y.)	1772
(29)	29	STEEPLES, Susie (LI.)	1705
(30)	30	LINZ, Caroline (BU) (SY.)	1548*
(32)	31	HOWE, Claire (SO.)	1509*
(34)	32	SKEGGS, Kelly (E.)	1473
(35)	33	FURNIVAL, Stacey (SX.)	1359
(36)	34	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1358
(37)	35	PINNELL, Amanda (ST.)	1346
(41)	36	DUNMALL, Chloe (K.)	1272
(39)	37	CUNNINGHAM, Jeana (YS.)	1256***
(40)	38	STANDEN, Lisa (SX.)	1236
(38)	39	POTJEWYD, Frances (SO.)	1175
(42)	40	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1129
(46)	41	ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	1110
(43)	42	HUBBARD, Sarah (K.)	988
(45)	43	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	980
(44)	44	CRAWFORD, Helen (CU.)	972*
(48)	45	LOVE, Felicity (E.)	971
(47)	46	WALDEN, Kelly-Jayne (WA.)	937***
(56)	47	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	932
(57)	48	MCCORMICK, Samantha (DU.)	905
(59)	49	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	892
(49)	50	DOBSON, Jenny (HA.)	887
(52)	51	STUBBINGS, Holly (E) (SK.)	880
(50)	52	TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	850
(53)	53	SHADBOLT, Lisa (SY.)	837*
(54)	54	WILKINSON, Hayley (LA.)	833****
(55)	55	RULE, Katie (BU.)	829*
(58)	56	PICH, Lynsey (CH.)	811
(64)	57	HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	804
(51)	58	MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	791
(60)	59	CURRIE, Francesca (Y.)	753
(61)	60	TRIMMELL, Jessica (SY.)	750**
(62)	61	MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	748
(63)	62	ARROWSMITH, Kathryn (DY.)	728
(70)	63	YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	714
(76)	64	SPARREY, Megan (MI.)	707
(68)	65	HAYES, Catherine (BU.)	700
(65)	66	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	677**
(66)	67	PRICE, Melissa (NP.)	666**
(74)	68	SPARREY, Jodie (MI.)	663
(73)	69	WOODLAND, Alison (SX.)	646
(85)	70	BROWN, Nicola (E.)	639
(67)	71	PINNELL, Emily (ST.)	634
(72)	72	ARMSTRONG, Lindsey (MI.)	611
(78)	73	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	595
(69)	74	POTTS, Haylee (HE.)	579
(75)	75	CALLCUT, Charlotte (NG.)	540



**JOSH LOVETT No.24 Cadet Boy**

(12)	11	ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	1110
(11)	12	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	980
(17)	13	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	932
(18)	14	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	892
(15)	15	STUBBINGS, Holly (E) (SK.)	880
(13)	16	TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	850
(16)	17	RULE, Katie (BU.)	829*
(20)	18	HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	804
(14)	19	MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	791
(19)	20	MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	748
(24)	21	YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	714
(70)	22	SPARREY, Megan (MI.)	707
(22)	23	HAYES, Catherine (BU.)	700
(21)	24	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	677**
(33)	25	BROWN, Nicola (E.)	639

**Under 13 Boys**

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3870
(2)	2	MCBEATH, David (HA.)	1369
(3)	3	DAYBELL, Kim (YS.)	988
(4)	4	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)	881
(5)	5	NAYLOR, Mark (DY.)	851
(6)	6	ANDREWS, Richard (BK.)	781
(7)	7	SELFDRAGE, Oscar (E.)	699
(8)	8	FRIDGOLOVIC, Milan (GS.)	675
(9)	9	CULLEN, Sean (DY.)	633
(14)	10	LOWE, Daniel (DY.)	602
(10)	11	MITCHELL, Edward (BU.)	575
(11)	12	SMYTHE, Zane (SY.)	517**
(13)	13	MILES, Ashley (SK.)	474*
(12)	14	LI, Christopher (ST.)	472**
(13)	15	YOUNG, George (DY.)	468
(16)	16	WATSON-LAZOWSKI, Alex. (ST.)	462**
(16)	17	BRUCE, Matthew (CU.)	420
(15)	18	BARELLA, Graeme (DU.)	413
(17)	19	JOHNSON, Mark (YS.)	379
(30)	20	SENIOR, Christopher (Y.)	371
(18)	21	JAMIESON, Lloyd (HA.)	376**
(22)	22	DUNCAN, Tobi (BU.)	371
(23)	23	HO, Ping (MI.)	364
(19)	24	CRAWFORD, Scott (CU.)	358
(20)	25	MULLEY, Matthew (E.)	356

**Under 13 Girls**

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	FULLER, Mary (Y.)	980
(3)	2	TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	932
(4)	3	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)	892
(2)	4	RULE, Katie (BU.)	829*
(5)	5	BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	677**
(9)	6	RUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	595
(6)	7	POTTS, Haylee (HE.)	579
(7)	8	AIREY, Charlotte (NG.)	535
(8)	9	JONES, Dominique (LI.)	531
(11)	10	LEFEVRE, Karina (CA.)	495
(10)	11	SUNDARARAJAN, Ayonija (BK.)	494
(25)	12	BATES, Emily (LI.)	490
(15)	13	DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.)	413
(18)	14	FURNIVAL, Chelsea (SX.)	388
(12)	15	TOVEY, Emma (K.)	376
(17)	16	MARCH, Rebekah (E.)	346
(13)	17	WILSON, Kirsty (K.)	345
(16)	18	MCLEOD, Laura (DV.)	342
(19)	19	FARQUHAR, Rachel (BK.)	312
(14)	20	LEFEVRE, Kathrine (CY.)	298
(27)	21	PARFITT, Lauren (CY.)	268
(28)	22	KING, Yolanda (SX.)	266
(20)	23	SEAL, Rebecca (SO.)	265
(22)	24	SLATER, Natalie (ST.)	247
(21)	25	GREENER, Emily (DU.)	228

**Cadet Boys**

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	DRINKHALL, Paul (CY.)	4562
(2)	2	KNIGHT, Darius (ST.)	4293
(3)	3	EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	3870
(4)	4	NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)	2669
(5)	5	ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.)	2323
(6)	6	EVANS, Myles (NG.)	2237
(7)	7	REED, Darren (CO.)	2213
(8)	8	CHAN, Wing Tung (SY.)	2120
(9)	9	DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1910
(11)	10	DODDS, Matthew (YS.)	1847
(10)	11	SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)	1781
(12)	12	MUDIE, Stewart (LI.)	1700
(14)	13	PIPER, Damien (YS.)	1694
(13)	14	MAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1688
(15)	15	HIRJI, Alim (MI.)	1574
(16)	16	MARSHALL, Richard (DV.)	1549
(17)	17	WARE, Mathew (DO.)	1478
(20)	18	MCBEATH, David (HA.)	1369
(18)	19	WRIGHT, Anthony (CY.)	1336
(19)	20	JOHNSON, Paul (LI.)	1316*
(24)	21	RYDER, Adam (SY.)	1202
(21)	22	DEVILLE, Billy (E.)	1198
(22)	23	SMITH, Christopher A L (DV.)	1164
(23)	24	LOWETT, Joshua (E.)	1159
(31)	25	MCILLAN, Robert (SY.)	1041
(27)	26	MAYNARD, Tom (BK.)	1009
(26)	27	COLLINS, Ryan (SK.)	996
(28)	28	DAYBELL, Kim (YS.)	981
(25)	29	MUHTH, Raihan (E.)	975
(41)	30	COLLINS, Jake (SK.)	958
(35)	31	GALLAGE, Suchira (MI.)	942
(32)	32	LINZ, Andrew (SY.)	910
(36)	33	MARON, Raphael (MI.)	907
(29)	34	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)	888
(40)	35	NAYLOR, Mark (DY.)	851

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Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	SPRINGTHORPE, Lauren (LI.)	3824*
(2)	2	WANG, Sarra (E.)	2621
(3)	3	VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2560
(4)	4	HALLOWES, Caroline (CH.)	2315
(5)	5	JAMIESON, Rachel (E.)	2269
(6)	6	LAFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	1957
(7)	7	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	1883
(8)	8	DENNETT, Fiona (CH.)	1791
(9)	9	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1358
(10)	10	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1129

**Veteran Men**

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	HILTON, John (CH.)	3761
(2)	2	ECKERSELEY, Nigel (SX.)	3754
(3)	3	KENNEY, Joe (K) (E.)	3726
(5)	4	WHITING, Paul (DV.)	3673*
(4)	5	GILES, Paul (CO.)	3673
(6)	6	WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.)	3608
(8)	7	ROGERS, Chris (LE.)	3564*
(10)	8	JOHNS, Brian (CH.)	3532
(9)	9	PAPANTONIOU, Costas (MI.)	3522

(12)	10	BARR, David (BK.)	3522**
(11)	11	GOOBOLD, David (DU.)	3520
(13)	12	HUTCHINGS, Paul (LA.)	3488****
(14)	13	SATCHELL, Kevin (WI.)	3477**
(16)	14	HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3449****
(15)	15	CARTHY, Clive (E.)	3447
(18)	16	BEADSLY, Kevin (Y.)	3437**
(17)	17	GELDER, Tony (DU.)	3431
(19)	18	FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3387
(21)	19	GIRDLER, Ian (SG.)	3374
(24)	20	KERRY, Trevor (NG.)	3342
(23)	21	MEDELLIN, Henry (SY.)	3329*
(25)	22	ROBSON, Dave (DU.)	3316**
(22)	23	HALEY, Terry (SY.)	3312
(27)	24	GANNON, David (LE.)	3288**
(28)	25	HARDING, David (SY.)	3280
(33)	26	ADEMOKINWA, Ayodele (E.)	3279
(31)	27	CLAYTON, Tony (DO.)	3276
(35)	28	ROOFE, Eddie (WI.)	3269
(30)	29	BARTRAM, Peter (SX.)	3267****
(26)	30	PAINE, John (MI.)	3261
(29)	31	WIGNALL, Andy (LI.)	3243
(32)	32	SHORT, Mike (DV.)	3241*
(39)	33	GRAY, Diccon (K.)	3227
(43)	34	SALTER, Geoff (DU.)	3203
(37)	35	TURNER, Steven (LA.)	3195
(38)	36	ROHANO, Mark (K.)	3183*
(37)	37	WILLIAMS, Trevor (YS.)	3172
(40)	38	DYSON, Tim (Y.)	3165
(42)	39	RANKIN, John (LA.)	3152
(44)	40	WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3142*
(45)	41	RANDALL, David (E.)	3137****
(46)	42	RICH, Andy (ST.)	3136****
(48)	43	HARPER, Mick (BD.)	3096
(61)	44	BECKLEY, Chris (SY.)	3095
(47)	45	BIGGS, Philip (CH.)	3085
(49)	46	BURLETON, John (BU.)	3081****
(58)	47	GEHLOT, Hari (BK.)	3076
(50)	48	BOWEN, Philip (LA.)	3074*
(51)	49	PERCIVAL, Wayne (CH.)	3063
(52)	50	RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	3057*
(65)	51	GRANT, Bill (YS.)	3056
(55)	52	OWEN, Mark (HR.)	3039
(54)	53	BUSHELL, Karl (OX.)	3038**
(56)	54	LLOYD, Trevor (WI.)	3020
(57)	55	CARSLAKE, Colin (E.)	3015*
(59)	56	KING, Russell (NK.)	2998*
(57)	57	WALKER, Andy (SX.)	2997*****
(62)	58	GARRAWAY, Brian (DO.)	2974
(59)	59	GRIFFITH, David (LA.)	2973 N
(63)	60	REEVES, Dave (BK.)	2970*
(69)	61	KNIGHT, Chris (K.)	2951
(67)	62	ROBERTSON, Ian (ND.)	2946*

(66)	63	PICKARD, Chris (HE.)	2945
(68)	64	RADFORD, Peter (E.)	2940*
(70)	65	ROBINSON, John (SY.)	2933
(71)	66	COLLINS, Paul (CH.)	2925
(64)	67	BREWER, Chris (NK.)	2922
(78)	68	DOVE, Fred (E.)	2922
(72)	69	CRAIGHILL, Jeffrey (CH.)	2914****
(73)	70	DOBBS, Steve (CH.)	2912****
(75)	71	HILL, Brian (LI.)	2911
(74)	72	KERNS, Stephen (E.)	2910*
(76)	73	BANGERTER, Dave (SY.)	2904*
(77)	74	HOLMAN, Derek (SY.)	2901*
(79)	75	SAXBY, Phil (K.)	2887*
(81)	76	SEAHOLME, Stuart (HE.)	2878*
(80)	77	DAVIS, Steve (SY.)	2873
(82)	78	YARNLEY, Keith (K.)	2870*
(84)	79	FELLOWS, Keith (LE.)	2862*
(85)	80	NORTON, Roy (WO.)	2861*
(86)	81	GUYMER, Terry (E.)	2856
(87)	82	COOPER, Stephen (CV.)	2847*
(83)	83	RASUL, Farhat (SY.)	2845
(88)	84	MONK, John (E.)	2842*
(90)	85	SWIFT, Norman (BD)	2830***
(89)	86	PRIESTLEY, Richard (Y.)	2830*
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(92)	88	HORTON, Steve (WO.)	2822*
(105)	89	NEWMAN, Maurice (LE.)	2820
(93)	90	BURN, Brian (DO.)	2818
(96)	91	SHALLA, Ramesh (SY.)	2808
(94)	92	SHIRT, Richard (YS.)	2804
(97)	93	CLEMENTS, Brian (LA.)	2791
(95)	94	HARRIS, Neil (Y.)	2789*
(98)	95	DARE, Mark (HE.)	2780*
(99)	96	GRAHAM, Cosmo (Y.)	2778
(101)	97	WAITE, Peter (WA.)	2773*
(103)	98	HILTON-WHITE, (E.)	2763**
(102)	99	HILL, Barry (DO.)	2763*
(107)	100	ATTRIDGE, Ian (E.)	2751

**Veteran Women**

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1	HARRIS, Jill (ST.)	3603
(2)	2	HUANG, Shu (E.)	3496**
(4)	3	JOHNS, Jan (CH.)	3379
(3)	4	SMITH, Karen (LE.)	3378
(3)	5	SHORT, Elaine (DV.)	3374****
(5)	6	HARPER, Sandra (BD.)	3299
(6)	7	DURHAM, Jane (CV.)	3248
(7)	8	BUOY, Brenda (LA.)	3191
(9)	9	SIMPSON, Linda (Y.)	3158
(8)	10	MALTBY, Margaret (NP.)	3152*
(10)	11	SHIELDS, Helen (E.)	3138
(12)	12	PEARCE, Diane (K.)	3123

(13)	13	KING, Sheila (SK.)	3119*
(14)	14	WANG, Lucy (E.)	3082****
(15)	15	MUDGE, Kim (K) (SY.)	3029
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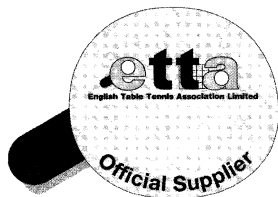
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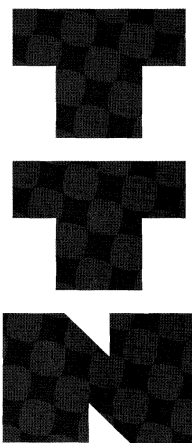
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14th-15th	VETTS National Masters - Thornbury	
15th	Lancashire Junior 3 Star	Tony Meredith 01253 397509
21st-22nd	National Team Finals - Derby	
28th-29th	Butterfly Norwich Open Grand Prix	
28th-29th	Regional Training	
<b>JUNE</b>		
4th-5th	English National U10/11/12/13 Championships - Kings Lynn	
5th	Cippenham Senior 2 Star Banded	
11th	Doncaster U18 tournament	
11th-12th	Regional Training	
11th-12th	Butterfly Stoke Open Grand Prix	
18th	Cippenham Young Players Summer 1 Star Cadet/Junior Festival	Ken Phillips 01628 636664
<b>JULY</b>		
1st-3rd	British Schools Home International	
2nd	ETTA Annual General Meeting	
9th-10th	Regional Training	
15th-24th	European Youth Championships - Prague	
23rd	The BBC Masters, Fairfield Hall, Croydon	
<b>AUGUST</b>		
20th-21st	Junior British League Qualifying Competition	
20th-21st	City of Liverpool 3 Star Grand Prix	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
3rd-4th	VETTS North Eastern Masters - Sunderland	
10th-11th	Senior British League Weekend (I)	
17th-18th	Senior British League (I) Premier Div.	
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24th-25th	Womens British League (I)	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
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