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A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

BOOST to TORCH TROPHY



CCPR relights flame for Torch Trophy Trust

THE CCPR (Central Council of Physical Recreation) today gave a timely boost to the Torch Trophy Trust's new fund to train young volunteers from the London Borough of Newham, one of the host boroughs for the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The CCPR was delighted and honoured to welcome its President, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, to the fund-raising luncheon with past Olympians and other sports personalities at St James's Palace on Friday 4 November 2005, in support of the Trust.

Brigid Simmonds, Chair of the CCPR said: "This new initiative has the whole-hearted support of the CCPR. It will provide bursaries for young people in the London Borough of Newham to attend courses run by the Newham Volunteering Programme. These

courses will teach the skills and disciplines necessary to act as volunteers in their community and at events before the 2012 Olympic Games as well as the Games themselves. The role of the volunteer is critical in sport and in ensuring a successful Games. The CCPR believes that this training programme will provide a rewarding and life enhancing experience and will encourage more young people not only to train as volunteers but will also encourage the young to participate in sport."

The Trust was founded in response to the 1948 London Olympic Games. It encourages and recognises volunteers in sport by providing bursaries to individuals and clubs to participate in courses to improve their skills as sports volunteers. It also presents annual awards to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution as volunteers in able-bodied and

disabled sport and youth organisations.

Sir Bobby Charlton CBE, President of the Torch Trophy Trust, commented: "The importance of the volunteer in sport was never more apparent to me than in the staging of the Manchester Commonwealth Games. They added so much to everyone's enjoyment. I am delighted that the CCPR has given us this opportunity to raise funds to encourage and train young people from a borough which will play such a fundamental part in staging the London 2012 Olympic Games."

In addition to inaugurating the new fund, The Duke of Edinburgh also presented the 2005 Torch Trophy awards to Sabha Dyer, aged 17, from Newham, and Kate Ward, aged 24, from Wolverhampton, see picture above.

A BABY GIRL FOR RYAN JENKINS

MALI Gwen Jenkins was born 7.15am on the 14th November 2005, weighing at 7lb 14oz, to proud parents Anwen and Ryan. "She's gorgeous", said Ryan, her doting dad.

TAMCA CARBON BLADE ?

IF there is anyone out there in the table tennis world, with an old Butterfly Tamca Carbon blade to sell? Then please contact John Wood. Telephone: 01460 54121 or email: johnwood@macace.net

WOODY'S World

SADLY, this my last issue as Editor of Table Tennis News, but it was not my decision to vacate this post, a vocation that I have professionally carried out to the best of my ability for the past 15 years.

I have endeavoured to carry on the tradition of TTN's first Editor George Yates. That of making 'County Notes' and 'County Championships' an integral part of this magazine. Since then the British League and Grand Prix tournaments have been regularly reported on both with words and photographs. Slowly I have introduced new columns such as 'Grass Roots', 'Trade Page' and 'Top of the Table' from the ETTA National Ranking List.

I shall miss the busy and sometimes hectic life of being your Editor. I shall miss meeting old and new friends around the tournament scene, both at home and in Europe, but now it is time for a change.

Your new Editor will be Richard Pettit under the guidance of Jim Beckley the ETTA's Vice Chairman, Public Relations.

As from the 1st December 2005 your new look TTN will be produced completely at Hastings, so all copy and photographs should be sent there.

This issue of TTN reports on the marvellous achievement of our Cadet Boys in Santo Domingo, in the ITTF World Cadet Challenge & World Junior Circuits Finals, at the end of October, pages 10 and 11.

The future of English table tennis looks to be on sound ground with official opening of the British Academy of Sport, in Bristol, by the Rt. Hon. Ruth Kelly MP, the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, see page 39.

In keeping with the festive season there is a Christmas Book Review on pages 18 and 19.

The Mens and Womens Singles honours at the Butterfly Bath Open Super Grand Prix went to Alex Perry and Natalie Bawden. This was the top prize money of this season so far, which saw the Alex receive a huge cheque to the value of £700, whilst Natalie won a prize of £250, see pages 20 & 21.

Greetings of the season, a happy and successful new year and farewell.

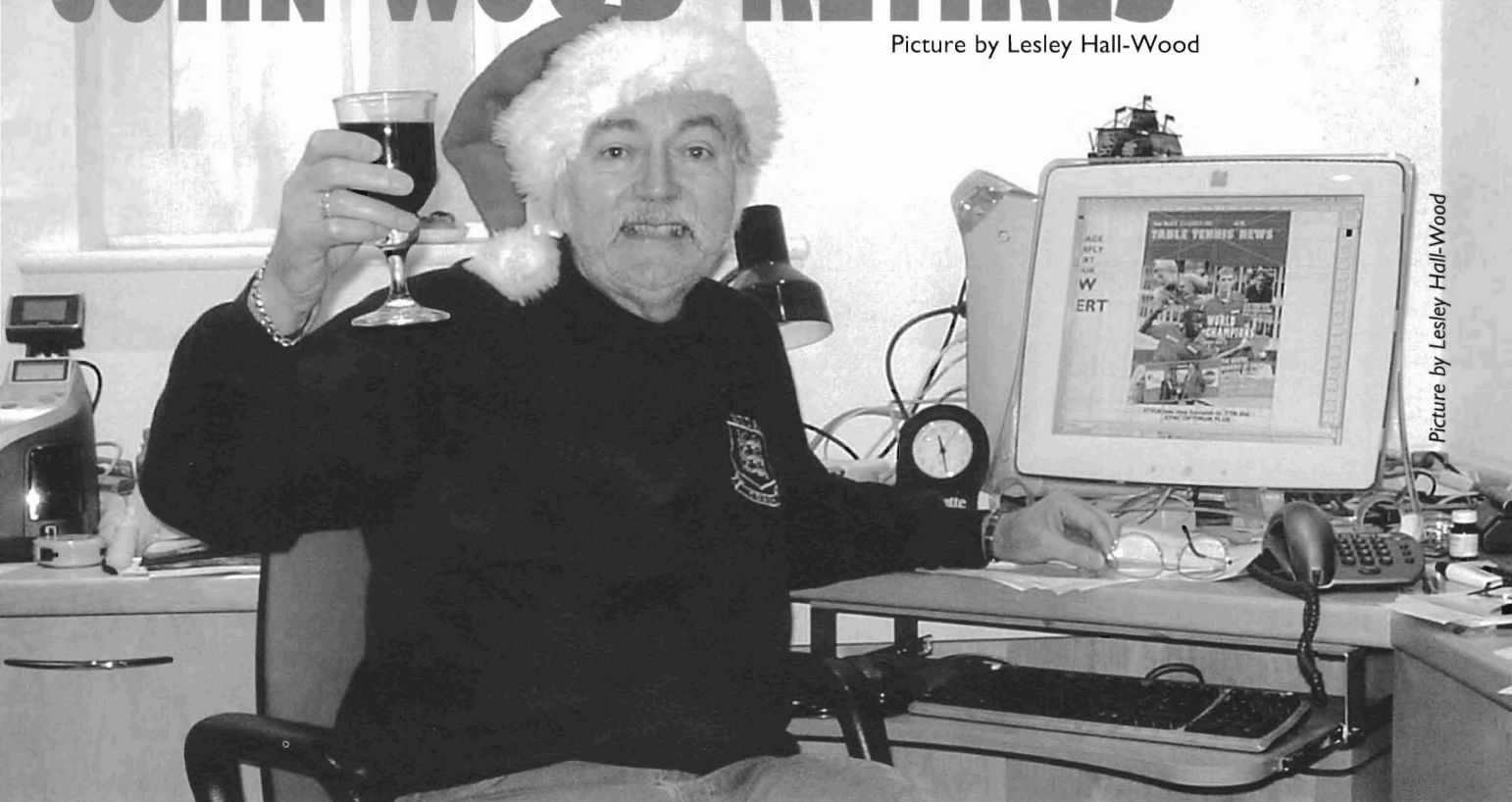
John Wood

Greetings of the Season



JOHN WOOD RETIRES

Picture by Lesley Hall-Wood



JOHN WOOD has been Editor of TTN for almost 15 years, that's a long time to be editing a magazine that once the season begins comes out almost every month, writes Jim Beckley Vice-Chairman Public Relations.

He will be the first to admit it has been a rollercoaster ride. Everyone has their own ideas of what a magazine should do, what it should include and what it shouldn't and the editor is always at the sharp end.

Pressure becomes second nature and John coped admirably. But times are changing. A new management team came in with new ideas and whilst having a magazine published outside head office was possible, it made more economical and practical sense to go in-house.

John took on the job in January 1991 from Jim Beckley, following several short term Editorships and brought stability to the post.

I recall we had to work quickly, following a short period when I held the fort after Alan Pickard's brief Editorship. John had been the ETTA's unofficial photographer for some time and following an interview at the Bonnington Hotel in London he accepted the position as Editor.

Like some previous Editors, John was doing the job from his home in Hertfordshire. Reports were re-routed from Hastings and although it wasn't the perfect arrangement John made it work.

Besides being a professional photographer John is also a talented cartoonist and over the years many of his cartoons appeared in the magazine. The general layout also improved, the magazine used more pictures (mainly John's) and TTN began to take on a more professional look.

In his capacity as editor he travelled widely to major events all over the country. World championships, European Championships they were all recorded on John's camera. Whatever the occasion he was able to present to readers a flavour of the events he covered.

His last major assignment was the English Open held in Chatham, Kent. There he was part of the ETTA team taking photographs, writing stories and producing a special issue of the magazine.

John was also something of a character which I'm sure helped in his professional life. A dry sense of humour and always with a twinkle in

his eye, I for one enjoyed his company. After a long day we would end up chatting over a drink or two until the early hours.

John then moved from Hemel Hempstead to the idyllic location of Charlestown in Cornwall and along with his wife Lesley, who became the magazine's proofreader, still managed to get the magazine out, more or less on time, quite a feat. His last move was from Cornwall to Broadway in Somerset where he now resides.

In his time he has produced well over one hundred magazines and that takes some doing, believe me. He also created a personal relationship with many of the leading players and officials, always a sign of a good editor.

John, I'm sure, will remain in table tennis perhaps in some capacity for his new county of Somerset, I hope so.

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VETERANS' DIARY



SANDRA & COLIN PLAYERS OF THE WEEKEND

Sandra Harper (BATTs) and Colin Carslake (Fullerians) were the surprise winners of the Female and Male Player of the weekend at the first session of the Veterans British League, split this year between Fenton Manor and Trentham High School.

There were also awards for Wolves Vets and HEL who picked up the Male and Female team of the weekend respectively.

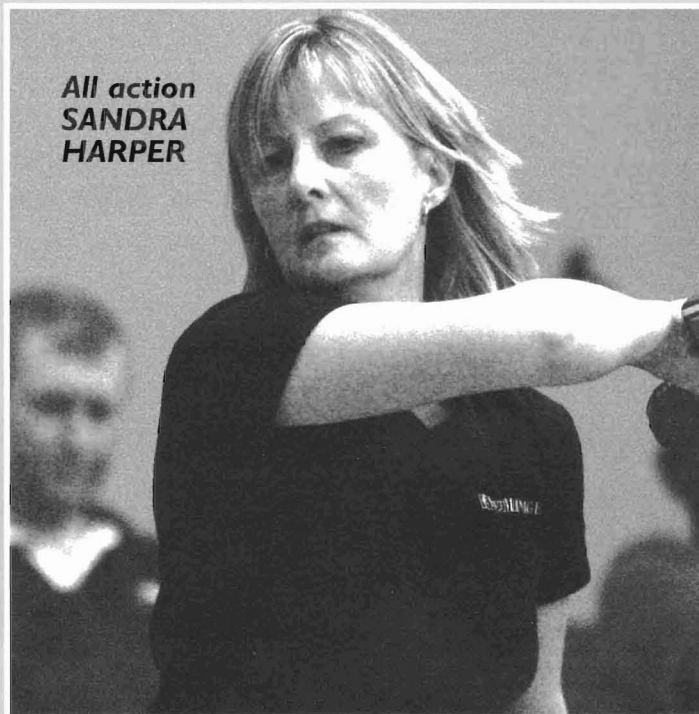
My own award might have gone to Richard Yule. The ETTA's chief executive and all round fitness guru who finished the two day session with an 80% average. "I haven't played any serious table tennis since the last time I played in the league," he told me before going on to beat Potters Keith Williams in three. If you believe that you'll believe anything!

STAR OF TV

Keith Fellows is in the news again. Following our story some months ago (TTN 304), about his move up the ladder in the world of doubles, I'm

reliably informed that he is now to play the main role in a TV programme which delves into

by Jim Beckley



All action SANDRA HARPER

teachers spare time (didn't know teachers had any spare time).

Anyway Keith has been chosen by Teachers TV, a dedicated TV company for the teaching community, and guess what they decided they'd like to film Keith doing, playing table tennis of course.

They have already filmed him at Riverside Community College where Keith works and they continued to follow him around at the Norwich Masters following him around playing against the likes of you and me.

I'm told that Keith, a natural actor if ever there was one, enjoyed every minute.

"It takes up a lot of time for only a very minutes actual airtime but it was interesting and I enjoyed it," said our hero.

SHOELESS & CAR LESS HARRY

Veteran Harry Ross nearly didn't play at all. On the second day of the Midlands Masters he turned up ready to play but then found he had left his shoes at the hotel.

Car less Harry began to panic but help was at hand in the shape of Mike Sefton who bundled Harry into his car and raced back to the hotel and got back in time for Harry to play – and lose! Hard luck Harry, we all have these senior moments....

VETTS WEBSITE

If you want to know about anything vets then take a look at the VETTS website. The site is still in its early stages, yet it's popularity is increasing day by day. When I went to have a look, it showed that it had just reached the 10,000 hits mark and that's not bad for a website that has only been up and running for a few weeks..

Behind the site is John Fairweather who works tirelessly to have it updated regularly. It is clearly a labour of love for John but most websites start out that way and grow from there.

Not sure whether publishing the various draws for the Masters events is a good idea though. My insider tells me there are certain people, no names no packdrill, who will take advantage of that and not turn up if they think they could lose points.

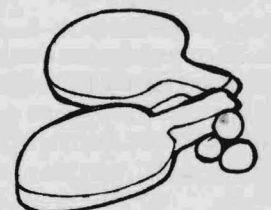
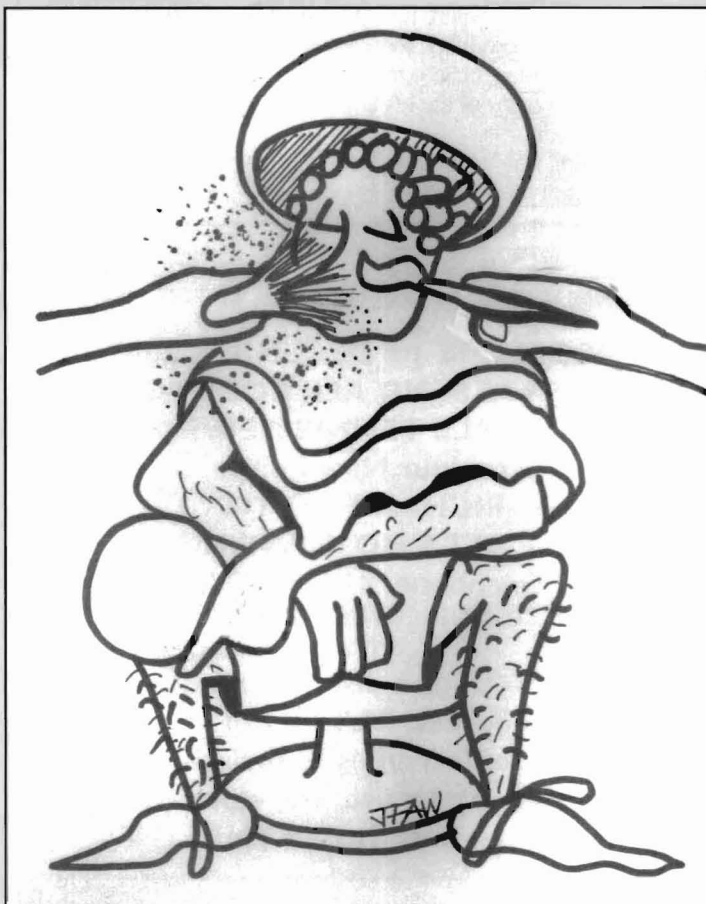
SCHOFIELD'S GOLD

Even when they go on holiday the Schofield's take their bats with them. The husband and wife team of Derek and Doreen travelled to Utah and returned home with a hatful of medals, most of them gold.

The Huntsman World Senior Games, an event for over 50s, is a multi-sport event with table tennis just one of many sports. Between them Derek and Doreen claimed five gold medals plus a couple of silver and we had the rarity of both Doreen and Derek playing together in the doubles. Another Vett Diane Johnson along with partner Ron Bradburn picked up more gold.

But before he left Derek had become something of a local celebrity, not for the number of gold medals he had won as you may think, but for a picture that appeared in the local newspaper the Spectrum.

"I was shaking hands with a lot of young people and a local photographer stepped in to take our picture. That evening we saw it in on the front page," mused Derek.



POSTBAG

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

IS THERE ANYONE OLDER?

I WAS wondering if there was anyone older than Jennie Jones still playing league table tennis.

I first met Jennie when as a umpire I was asked to officiate at the Womens Institute 'Play-offs' to determine who should represent Cornwall in the South West Finals in Wellington, Somerset.

Her partner Doreen Davis a fellow Feok W.I. member and very good friend easily won the competition.

I was very taken on the quality of their table tennis and as Secretary of Peoples Palace TTC in Truro, I suggested that they should join our club and play in the West Cornwall League.

This they did and have never looked back. They have never regretted this decision and have since thanked me and have said how much they were enjoying playing in the League, after initial reservations.

They joined the club in 1995/96 season and have played every season since.

I am sure Jennie will not mind me, as a friend, revealing her age to everyone, she is 87 years young and planning to play this season as often as possible.

The club have presented Jennie with thanks for her efforts and good sportsmanship over the years. This follows the honour of winning the West Cornwall League Trophy for 'Endeavour' for season 2004/5.

If anyone out there knows anyone older then please let me know by contacting me at address below.

Fred Ingram

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A PAPERLESS FUTURE ?

BILL GATES of Microsoft has a vision of a paperless future, but until that happens, am I alone in regretting the recent absence of tabulated finals results in Table Tennis News?

I particularly noticed this in the September/October issue, when I looked at the reports on the Betfred Masters. As I had contributed the supporting report, I did not append the main results, wrongly assuming that they would be with the lead article. Then on reading through the mag I found results almost nowhere.

A justification for lack of results might be that you can get them instantly from the ETTA website www.englishtabletennis.org.uk and other sites, and that the role of the magazine is to allow space later for considered reflection on the event. However, that assumes that every TTN reader has access to the internet (and the results were given) and can remember these when they read the magazine.

It might also be said that if you are keen on getting results you will read the text for them, but I not sure that it works like that. Might many people simply not bother? How I think people often read a report is: first, glance the headline and opening paragraph (and maybe sub-headings), and then the end for the results, to get a feel for what happened. Then, if interest is fired, read (parts of) the body for elaboration. In other words, the results give the (quantitative, objective) framework or essence of the event, while the report gives the (qualitative, subjective) flavour. The former informs and complements the latter.

The hard-copy magazine is an historical document, and eventually, if an electronic report is erased, possibly the only record. On their own, how meaningful will reports without some appended results – and I don't mean

reams of results, taking up lots of space - be to someone looking at them in say 30 years time? I accept that it in part depends on the writing quality.

Finally, recognition to other players who did very well can be recorded in results, even though no mention is made of them in the text. If we cannot be bothered to tabulate the key results of major competitions for posterity, are we saying that they were unimportant - of no value?

Ken Muhr

Hawkhurst, Kent

P.S: Farewell and thanks to departing Editor John Wood, for loyally keeping TTN going over many years.

UNAUTHORISED

AS MANY readers will know, the names of the West Middlesex TTL and mine are currently being banded around on e-mail by Jon Kaufman of London Progress who obviously bears a grievance but decided to go public rather than talk to the Committee. Given what Jon has said and insinuated in his emails, it is necessary for the WMTTL committee (with full backing from our


President, Jack Melnick) to give their version of events.

Firstly, Jon had no authority to publicise a league bulletin which contains personal details for several team secretaries - supplied for league use only' If I had known the bulletin was to be circulated nationwide, I may have included more detail for those of you who were not present at the Handbook Meeting and are not party to what was discussed. Representatives from all WMTTL clubs were in attendance although Jon was not present

On 11th Sept, I emailed Jon asking whether Progress could enter a second team into a rather depleted Div 3. On 13th Sept, Jon replied. "Players by the dozen but reliable team captains is another matter. If these new teams could play all their matches at Southall on a Friday evening we could manage two or three extra teams but this may be problematic for the league and the other teams."

In reply I said, "With so many other clubs competing in the division I'm afraid we can't allow for you to play

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COACHING COURSES supported

For a number of years SportBreak have been organising some of the best coaching courses in the country. Catering for all standards from the lower divisions of local leagues to players in the countries top 100. Led by such names as Alan Cooke, Carl Preat, John Hilton, Kevin Satchell, Nick Mason and Mike Johns, the courses have been held at either the luxurious Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk or at the Guernsey Table Tennis Centre with residents staying at the 3 star Hotel Hogue Du Pommier, some 100 meters from the venue.

We are delighted to announce that for the 2005/6 season we have secured the services of probably the greatest name in English table tennis, Des Douglas. Places on all courses are limited and go very quickly, so don't delay – book now. For further information or to book, please contact SportBreak on 01606 45766.


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Players	£355	Non Players £205

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Head Coach: JOHN HILTON		
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Players	£395	Non Players £215

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all at home" and suggested that maybe they could produce a rota for their players at the start of the season.

On 28th Sept at the Handbook Meeting, the Progress Rep. (also a member of the league committee) said that they could not enter another team as their juniors could not travel to away matches. (The first the committee had heard of a junior team.) It was suggested that Progress mixed the adults and juniors in their teams as other clubs already do. Nothing more was heard from Jon or Progress until Jon's emails dated 31st Oct in which he circulated the bulletin far and wide because I had said, "It is very frustrating when a club registers 10 players or more for each of their teams and therefore would be quite capable of entering more teams but will only do so if they can play all their matches at home! The league has refused this request in order to be fair to everyone!" No mention of either Jon's or Progress' name was made. The WMTTL is and always has been fully supportive of junior players playing in the league but will not give preference to juniors from 1 club if other juniors are involved.

Not satisfied with using the league bulletin to provoke a national debate on juniors playing in senior leagues and leagues playing in one venue, on 1st Nov Jon found it necessary to become a little more personal, "her own club has a creditable community record over a 60 year period. That should be acknowledged. However, we believe their development strategy to be fundamentally flawed and we are not afraid to say so".

Over 10 years ago, Jon told my late father, Eric Blanch (league official and Life President of The Oaks Club), that we would "all being playing out of Progress one day!" With 8 teams, The Oaks has the largest number of teams playing in the WMTTL and must be the biggest obstacle standing in the way of Jon having his "Progress League". The Oaks must be more of a threat to Progress than we ever realised!

We do have a fabulous 60 year history through which we have had many ups and downs but we must be doing something right because we are thriving and so is our weekly coaching session for juniors. My father always said that those difficult times have made us stronger as a club. In principle, the object of our club has remained the same since our Constitution was first drawn up in 1948, "to provide facilities for its members to develop their personalities in a pleasant and sociable atmosphere"

I and many others do believe that The Oaks' has something special which will keep us here for many years to come, hopefully at our current venue, Old Actonians' Assoc. of Sports Clubs where we have been for nearly 7 years and where we are part of a much larger organisation.

My time is now extremely precious as Martin and I have 2 young children and I am expecting our 3rd in March and they are my priority. Nevertheless, no matter what Jon Kaufman's says or does he will never deter me from doing my bit for table tennis locally!

Gill Iesh
Secretary, WMTTL
Chairman & Life Vice President,
The Oaks Club

JOHN WOOD'S LAST ISSUE OF TABLE TENNIS NEWS

I KNOW that this is your last issue of Table Tennis News and would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for all your work and valuable co-operation over the last decade or more. Your helpful attitude and enthusiasm for the magazine and the sport has been an example to all and I wish you every success in the future.

Best wishes
Alan Ransome

WATERSIDE WARRIORS COMPETE AT BATH

GLADIATORS came from all parts of the land in search of fame and fortune to fight for titles, and gold, at the City of Bath, ... Super Grand Prix.

For so many, the games were a non starter due to over subscription, plus bad weather had set in, and many chariots containing several horses of power, could not penetrate the thick snowfalls, and were stuck in parts of Wales, the West country, and the Midlands, writes Aurilious Pimplious Geoffrious (Geoff Ware).



Much excitement was in the air with the arrival of Caesar (alias Steen Kyst Hansen) after his long travels from Scandinavia, and with much turmoil in Rome. The Senate were clearly unhappy at recent World domination coming from China. Caesar had decided to visit the fresh legions at Bath, primarily to seek new talent, amid joyous news, and much rejoicing, coming from the Britains, after their successful bid to host the Olympiad in 2012.

All the top athletes in the sport of Pingus Pongus were out to prove their worth at the Games of Bath. Caesar was amongst his advisors, desperately looking for new young blood to fight for their country, in the years ahead.

Following many individual battles it emerged that a new young talent had sprung onto the scene, almost from total obscurity, and word had quickly spread to Caesar, to look out for this young girl warrior.....

Like the hot water springs oozing from the River Avon outside the Arena, Much steam was coming from the heads of this new girls opponents, in frustration, and anger, at what was happening to them!

Even the most experienced of hardened competitors were struggling with her grit and determination, plus the concept of a backhand of long pimples that gave back their spin, and even their very best topspin attacks could not penetrate her armour. As she grew in confidence, her adversaries, one by one, fell by the wayside.

So who was this "new kid on the block", asked Caesar ?? The Tournament elders, Harvius Webbus and Stroodus Mickus advised Caesar that the young 14 year old wench was Hannah Hicks from the Hamlet of Leckford, in the shire of Hamp. After a short deliberation, the verdict was unanimous. This new star must be rewarded for her valiant efforts, and "player of the tournament" was bestowed upon Hannah, and 50 gold crowns came her way.

Her fellow Waterside gladiators, who themselves had played so well, namely Jennius Luscious Dobsonus, and Gingerous Pualus Mayus, who had earlier slain two opponents, and not forgetting Maximus Mattius Wareus..... who had defeated much opposition, during the two day event, and was the losing finalist in mens band,.....threeius.

Waterside mentors, Foxus Johnus, Macloudus Kennius, together with senior advisor, Rowdenus Fullinous, and supporters Katius Rulius Bradfordius, and Aurilious Pimplious Geoffrious, were all agreed.....

THE WEEKEND BELONGED TO HANNAH HICKS

So the tale was told. Celebrations rang through the local villages, and news was quickly sent by horseback, and carrier pigeons, to all corners of the Shire of..... Hamp..... Word was given that Hannah had donated all her 50 gold crowns to the starving and needy in the community, to exchange for much needed food and clothing, to get them through the cold winter, that lay ahead. The Elders decided, because of the huge generosity, Hannah had shewn, that celebrations must go ahead throughout the county.....Bonfires were lit....dancing took place.....much joy was spread throughout.....

Plans were soon agreed, and hundreds of local peasant farm workers got together with the areas, six stone masons, to commemorate this wonderful Gesture. It was decreed that a series of stone monuments would be made and be placed in the hamlet of nearby,..... HENGE.....

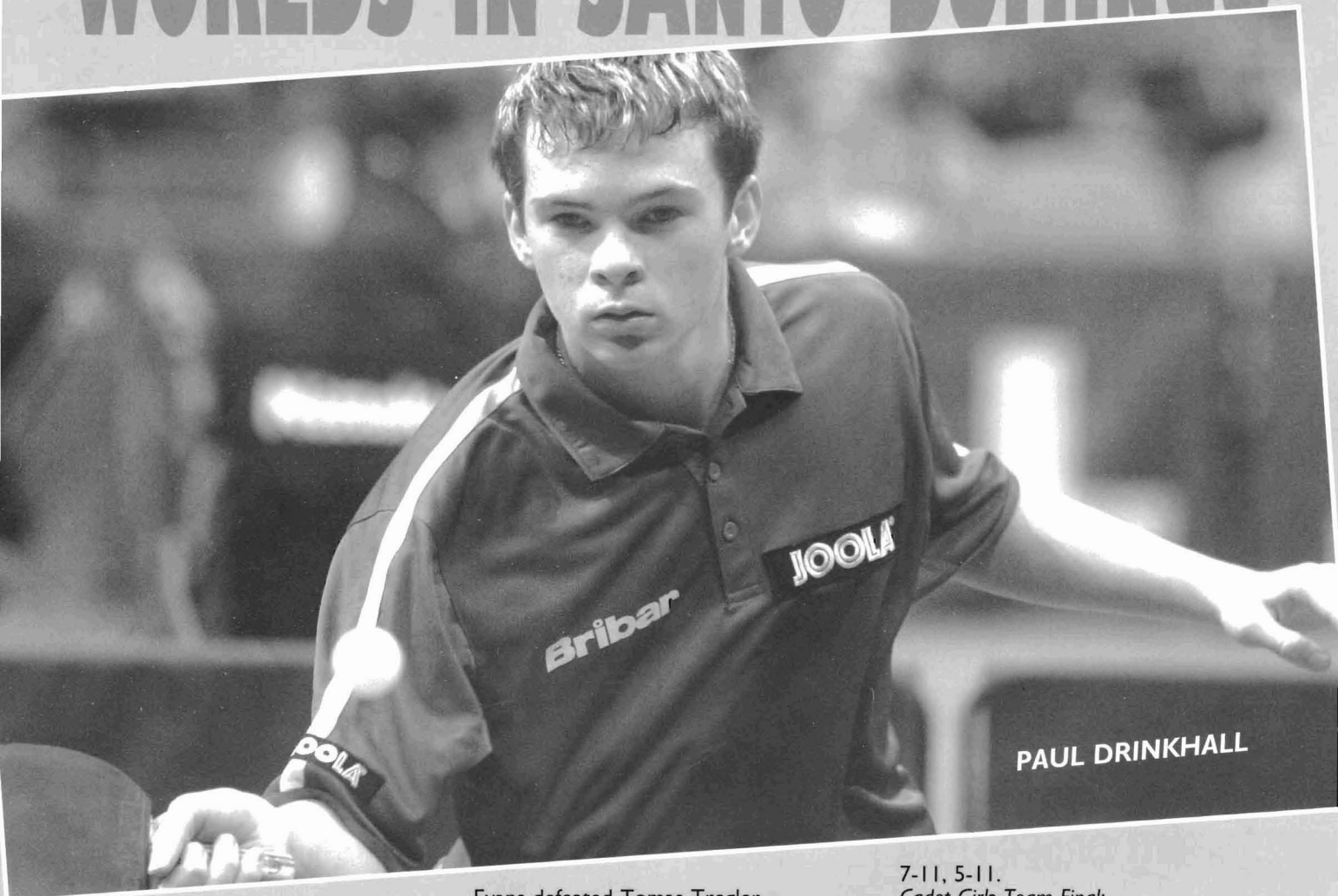
The letters, HANNAH HICKS....., Would be left in a large circle to remember the coming of Caesar, to the local community in nearby Bath, but more for the fact that this daughter of a local chicken farmer, gave up all her wealth for the benefit of others.

Whether these stones will ever stand the test of time, and all that the elements that nature can throw at them, remains to be seen.....?

And for Hannah Hicks.....!



ENGLAND CADET BOYS WIN WORLDS IN SANTO DOMINGO



PAUL DRINKHALL

ITTF World Cadet Challenge Europeans in the Ascendancy

ENGLAND and Europe won the Boys' and Girls' team titles at the ITTF World Cadet Challenge in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic in October.

In the final of the boys' event England beat Europe 4-1, whilst Europe succeeded by the same margin over Asia in the counterpart Girls' event.

The contest between England was very closely fought; every match went the full five games distance. Matters started well for Europe with Pierre Bezard beating Darius Knight but that was the end of their success. Paul Drinkhall, the European Cadet Champion, accounted for both Patryk Chojnowski and Pierre Bezard whilst in a nail-biting duel Gavin

Evans defeated Tomas Tregler.

In the Girls' final Europe made the better start with Amelie Solja defeating Sim Kai Xin but Asia levelled with the stylish Lee Ho Ching overcoming Ekaterina Kolodyazhnaya; Europe went further ahead with Maragaryta Pesotska defeating Neha Aggarwal and matters were brought to a conclusion with the powerful attacking skills of Ekaterina Kolodyazhnaya defeating the defender Sim Kai Xin in straight games to secure the title.

Cadet Boys' Team Final:

EUROPE 1-4 ENGLAND

Pierre BEZARD (EU) beat Darius Knight (ENG) 10-12, 11-6, 4-11, 11-6, 11-7.
Patryk Chojnowski (EU) lost Paul DRINKHALL (ENG) 11-8, 8-11, 11-9, 4-11, 4-11.

Tomas Tregler (EU) lost Gavin EVANS (ENG) 10-12, 7-11, 11-6, 12-10, 10-12
Pierre Bezard (EU) lost Paul DRINKHALL (ENG) 4-11, 11-3, 11-3,

7-11, 5-11.

Cadet Girls Team Final:

ASIA 1-4 EUROPE

Sim Kai Xin (AS) lost Amelie SOLJA (EU) 11-9, 8-11, 6-11, 5-11.

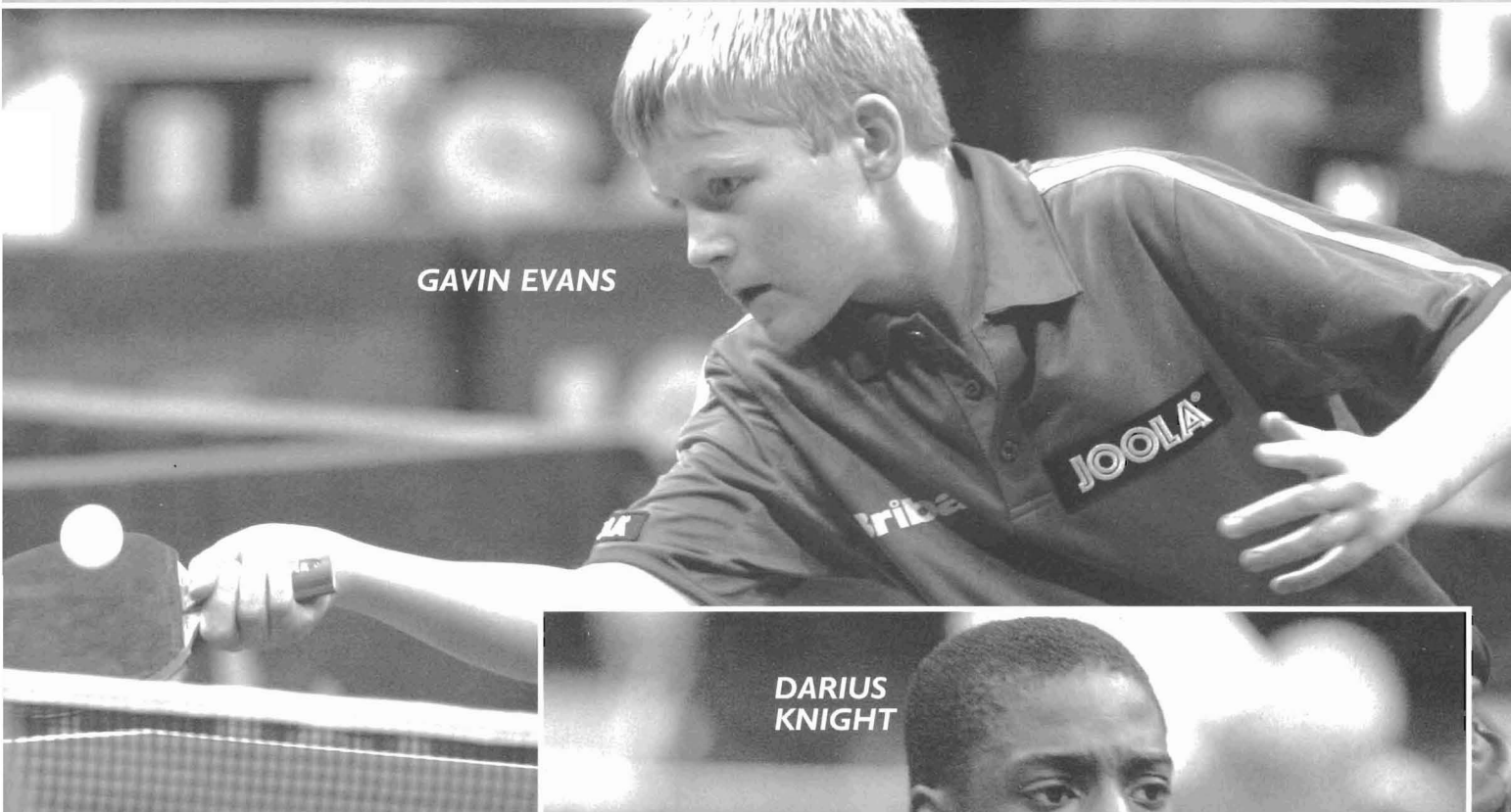
LEE Ho Ching (AS) beat Ekaterina Kolodyazhnaya (EU) 11-9, 4-11, 11-8, 11-6.
Neha Aggarwal (AS) lost Maragaryta PESOTSKA (EU) 13-11, 5-11, 6-11, 7-11.
Sim Kai Xin (AS) lost Ekaterina KOLODYAZHNAYA (EU) 10-12, 7-11, 10-12

CADET SINGLES & DOUBLES

There was success for Japan when fourteen year old Kenta Matsudaira beat England's Paul Drinkhall in the final of the Boys Singles, whilst in the counterpart Girls event, success went to Europe. The Ukraine's Maragaryta Pesotska defeated the player whom she partnered in the Cadet Girls Doubles event in Santo Domingo, Russia's Ekaterina Kolodyazhnaya.

ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals

Japan's Jun Mizutani and Romania's Elizabeta Samara won the Boys Singles and Girls



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Singles titles respectively.

Both left handers, Mizutani beat Croatia's Tomislav Kolarek in the final whilst at the same stage Samara accounted for Spain's Sara Ramirez. Earlier in the day Mizutani had beaten the player with whom he won the Boys' Doubles title at the World Junior Championships in 2004, Seiya Kishikawa; whilst Kolarek had overcome Portugal's Marcos Freitas, the player he partnered to the gold medal in the Boys' Doubles event at the European Youth Championships in July 2005.

ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals results:

Junior Boys Singles Final:

Jun MIZUTANI (Japan) beat Tomislav Kolarek (Croatia) 11-9, 10-12, 11-8, 11-6, 10-12, 11-7.

Junior Girls Singles Final:

Elizabeta SAMARA (Romania) beat Sara Ramirez (Spain) 11-7, 5-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-4.

ITTF World Cadet Challenge results:

Cadet Boys Singles Final:

Kenta MATSUDAIRA (Asia) beat PAUL DRINKHALL (England) 14-16, 11-4, 13-11, 12-10, 11-9.

Cadet Girls Singles Final:

Margaryta PESOTSKA (Europe) beat Ekaterina KOLODYAZHNAYA (Europe) 11-7, 11-6, 6-11, 11-4, 6-11, 11-5

Cadet Boys Doubles Final:

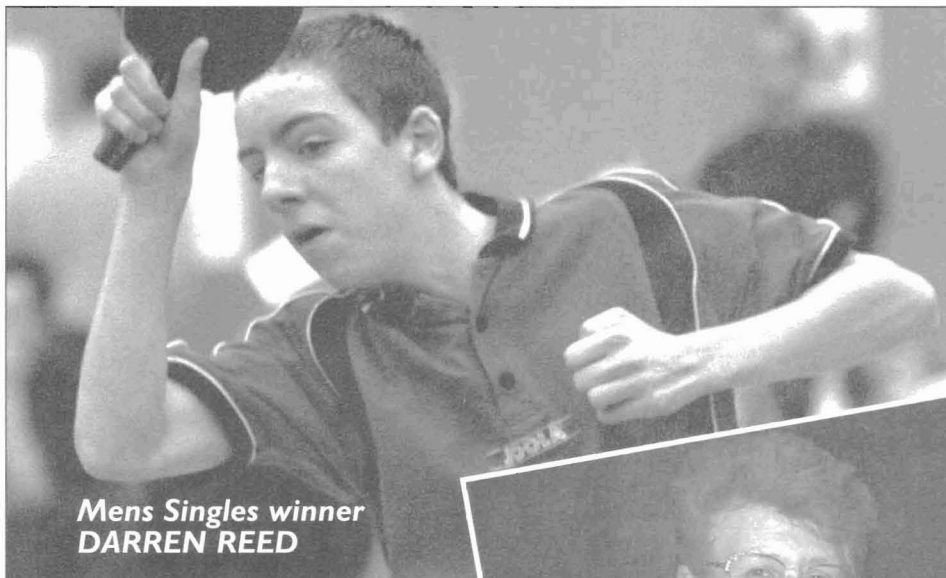
Kenta MATSUDAIRA/JUNG Young Sik (Asia) bt Paul Drinkhall/Darius Knight (England) 10-12, 11-7, 11-9, 11-8.

Cadet Girls Doubles Final:

Neha AGGARWAL/LEE So Bong (Asia) bt Chihiro Hara/ Misake Nakajima (Japan) 11-6, 11-5, 11-9.

PICTURES BY HENK HOMMES

REED & SMITH TAKE THE HONOURS IN CORNWALL



**Mens Singles winner
DARREN REED**

THIS year's Mens Open Singles Final, in the Cornwall Two Star Banded Open Satellite Grand Prix on in November, was contested by two rapidly improving 15 year olds, Cornwall's Darren Reed and Somerset's Shaun Hall, in a swash-buckling all-out attack battle, which saw Reed thrill an enthusiastic home crowd by narrowly winning in the 5th 13-11.

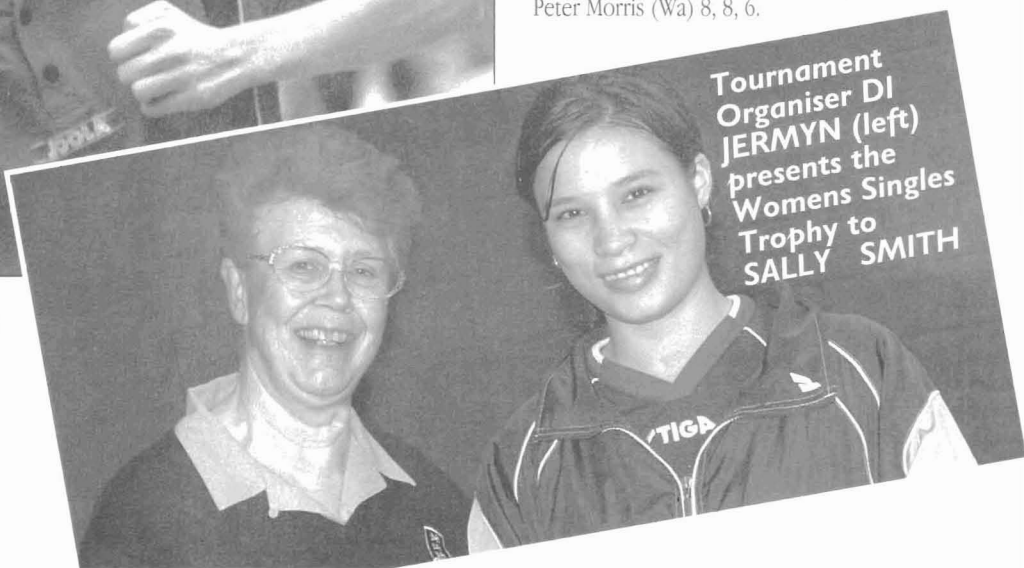
The final see-sawed all the way through with one then the other having the advantage.

This was an excellent display of table tennis and with such young talent producing such a mature performance, it augers well for the future of the game in the South West.

A very disappointed Hall had the satisfaction of having beaten, for the first time in a ranking tournament, his father Steve in the semi-finals.

In the Women's events Sally Smith (Dv) was the most successful, winning the Under 21s, Bands 1 and 2 and the Open Singles where she beat the ever-steady Kate Alken (Co) in the final. Kate was also runner-up in Band 2.

In Men's Band 1, Adrian Noott (Co), playing



**Tournament
Organiser DI
JERMYN (left)
presents the
Womens Singles
Trophy to
SALLY SMITH**

**Words by
DI JERMYN & JOHN WOOD
Pictures by
JOHN WOOD**

extremely sharply, ran out the winner having been runner-up in the Men's Band 2 to Martin Rogers (Dy). Jonathan May (Dv), returning to table tennis after a break of ten years, won both Men's Band 5 and 6 beating Paul Savins (Bd) and Joe Clifford Junior (Dv) respectively in the finals. May also reached the semi-finals of the Men's Open Singles on the Sunday where he lost to Darren Reed (Co).

A small but strong entry enjoyed extremely competitive table tennis held at the Cornwall County Table Tennis Centre in St.Austell.

Thanks go to John Jermyn, referee, and his deputy Kevin Fudge, for running a well organised and successful tournament.

Results

Open Men - Darren Reed (Co) bt Shaun Hall (So) 11, -9, -8,6,11.

Open Women - Sally Smith (Dv) bt Kate Alken (Co) 5,6,12.

Under 21 Men - Darren Reed (Co) bt Chris Smith (Dv) 9,7,7

Under 21 Women - Winner: Sally Smith (Dv)
Runner-up: Sarah Hall (So)
Veteran Men - Steve Hall (So) bt Ian Brown (Sk) 4,7,4.
Men's Band One - Winner: Adrian Noott (Co)
Runner-up: Steve Hall R/R
Men's Band Two - Winner: Martin Rogers (Dy)
Runner-up: Adrian Noott (Co) R/R
Men's Band Three - Winner: Ian Brown (Sk)
Runner-up: Shaun Hall (So) R/R
Men's Band Four - Andrew Hodges (Wi) bt. Peter Morris (Wa) 8, 8, 6.

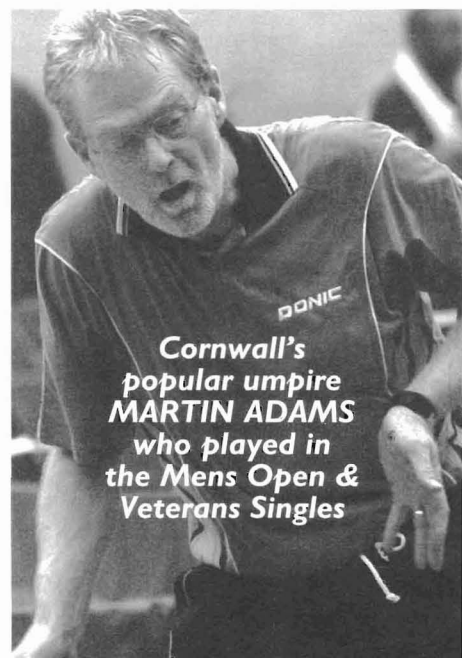
Men's Band Five - Jonathan May (Dv) bt Paul Savins (Bd) -6, 5, 8, 6.

Men's Band Six - Jonathan May (Dv) bt Joe Clifford Junior (Dv) 7,7,3.

Women's Band One - Winner: Sally Smith (Dv)
Runner-up: Liz May (Dv). R/R

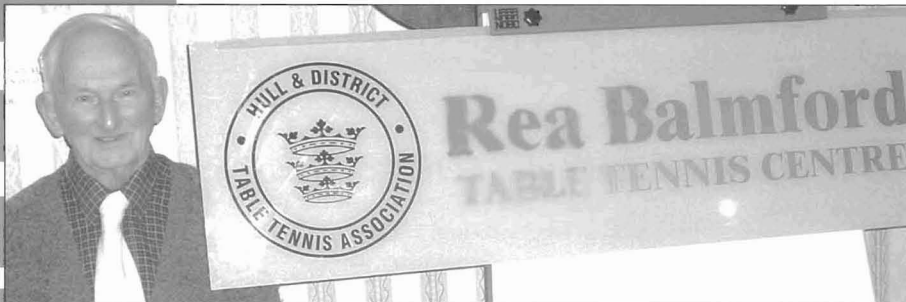
Women's Band Two - Winner: Sally Smith (Dv)
Runner-up: Kate Alken (Co) R/R

Women's Band Three - Winner: Martha Travis (Co) Runner-up: Yaina Andrew (Co) R/R



**Cornwall's
popular umpire
MARTIN ADAMS
who played in
the Mens Open &
Veterans Singles**

REA BALMFORD - A YORKSHIRE LEGEND



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On November 11th 2005 the Hull YPI Table Tennis Centre was officially renamed the Rea Balmford Table Tennis Centre. The contributions that Rea has made to table tennis, not only in Hull, but also in Yorkshire and nationally through the ESTTA Organisation, are immeasurable, writes Barry Snowden.

His story is a long one, so long that many of the early records of his career are lost in the memories of time. We have tried to recount what we can and hope that by the time you have finished our story you will agree with us that the honour we are bestowing on him today is richly deserved.

The first instances we have of Rea passing on his table tennis knowledge come shortly after the Second World War. He returned to University at Sheffield to finish his interrupted education and on completion returned to Hull and took up a position at Ainthorpe School as a Geography teacher.

He soon moved on to Thoresby and when that school closed he joined the staff of the newly formed Amy Johnson High School in the early seventies.

Throughout his teaching career he was well known in the sporting circles and was actively concerned in running schools football, rugby league and cricket. His love affair in cricket remains to this day and he is often seen at the YPI watching the matches.

It was table tennis that became his passion and in 1974 he coached the Girls under 19 team to the ESTTA Team Championship Finals. Many of Rea's former pupils are still playing table tennis to this day, and remember the teacher who used a rubberless bat as his cane and who threw the board rubber if the offender was too far away to be clipped!

It was during these school days that

he used to transport many of the pupils to tournaments (probably ones he organised) in his green Morris Minor. His nickname was Jet Balmford; I understand it was to do with his car registration plates JET 1. I am also reliably informed that no matter where the matches were in Yorkshire he always went through Pontefract, a pretty enough town but a long way to go when you're playing at York!

During his time at Thoresby in 1968 Rea was involved with the creation, and was a founder member, of the English School Table Tennis Association. His initial office there was as the Regional Competition Secretary, and he became Vice Chairman in 1969, a job he was to hold on two separate occasions during a 27 year span of involvement. During one of his non vice chairman spells, whilst he was the Humberside representative, a certain young lady called Janet Griffin was appointed as the new General Secretary. By the time the new season had started the

new general Secretary had become Janet Balmford. Not sure if it was a case of 'If you can't beat them, join them'!

Once the National Body was formed it was then up to individual cities and towns to form their own leagues. No prize on guessing which City was the first to be operational – yes, Hull with Rea at the helm. On his retirement from ESTTA in 1995 he was honoured as a Vice President. His work with ESTTA had impressed the hierarchy at the English Table Tennis Association and he was elected a Vice President in 1990, a position he still holds.

Many people would have been satisfied with that level of involvement, but not Rea. He was also a member of the Yorkshire TTA Management Committee and for many years he organised all the tournaments in Yorkshire. The Press Officer was another string to his bow and he regularly sent in reports to the local and county papers as well as the ETTA magazine.

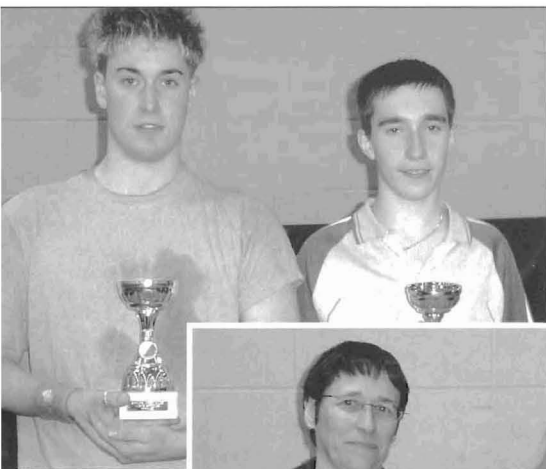
In 1990 he was awarded the L. E. Forrest Memorial Award for outstanding service to the game of table tennis. At around the same time he was made a Vice President of the county TTA and has subsequently been "promoted" to Life Member, just about the highest honour a county can give to a member. Rea is one of only three Hull officials to be given this honour.

Just to keep his eye in he was also the Local Press Officer from 1955 until 2001. Add to this his 50 or so years of involvement in the YPI Table Tennis Club and you can start to appreciate just how much this Association, and table tennis in general, owes to Rea.

SHAUN BEATS DAD



SHAUN HALL of Somerset and Wales, proudly beat his dad Steve, in a ranked tournament. It finally happened, when the two met in the Cornwall 2 Star Satellite Grand Prix in St.Austell, in the Mens Open Singles semi-final..



Picture left is **ROB LEMON** (left) the Mens Singles winner, with r/lup **DAVID HAYES**, whilst below is Womens Singles winner **SUE HAYES** (left) and r/lup **SALLY HUGHES** at the Cippenham Senior 2 Star Open Championships



HOME DOUBLE for LEMON & HAYES

Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open Championships (20.11.05)

By Graham Trimming

Cippenham players won both the main events as their club staged the Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open Championships in November. Last year's runner-up, Rob Lemon, went one better to win the Men's Singles title while Sue Hayes captured the Women's Singles title, as she did in the Cippenham Banded Open in the summer

In a good day for the host club's players, three Cippenham players, all of whom have come through the club's junior coaching scheme, made it into the semi-finals of the Men's Singles where they were joined by Guildford's Adam Laws. The competitiveness of the event was tight throughout with many observers suggesting that any of six or seven players could emerge the winner. The point was proved in the semi-finals as third seed David Hayes, the Irish national junior champion, beat top seed Robert Hansell and second seed Laws was defeated by Lemon after a very close tussle. That was just the starter for the spectacle of the final that Lemon won 15-13 in the fifth and deciding game, having saved three match points and coming back from a two-game deficit. Each of the five games was won by the minimum two points although there were wider margins during the games. Hayes at one time led 5-1 in the fourth game and, in the fifth Lemon led 7-2 before Hayes stormed back to enjoy those match points.

Winner in 2003 and 2004, Jack Boulton, seeded only five this time, also

reached his allotted position in the quarter-finals where he lost a most entertaining and close match with Hansell. The other three seeds were all displaced into second place in their groups. Sixth seed Fred Dove lost his opening match to Ray Jordan but still made it into the quarters where he lost to Lemon. Seventh seed Matt Squires lost to Everton Wilson while eighth seed Mark Banks only came third in his group after he lost to both Paul Baker and Sampson Reid. The same fate nearly befell Rob Hansell. He lost his opening match in the top group to up and coming junior Matt Ware. However, Ware lost to Marc Armstrong who in turn lost to Hansell. Hansell secured top spot in the group by virtue of games ratio while Armstrong was the unlucky player who was relegated into the consolation event. Ware and Jordan were the other players that made up the quarter-finalists.

The Womens Singles was run as one large round-robin of seven players following two withdrawals. Sue Hayes was the ultimate winner by virtue of her win over runner-up Sally Hughes; this being despite losing her last match to Sue Adamson. Adamson had earlier lost to both Hughes and Chloe Thomas. The event was organised by Paul Baker, refereed by Peter Hillier and attracted 69 entries.

Results:

MS: Rob Lemon (Sy) bt David Hayes (Bu) -10,-9,9,9,13
 WS: 1. Sue Hayes (Bu); 2. Sally Hughes (Sx) R/R
 MCons: Gavin West (E) bt Shaun Parsley (Sx) 6,9,9

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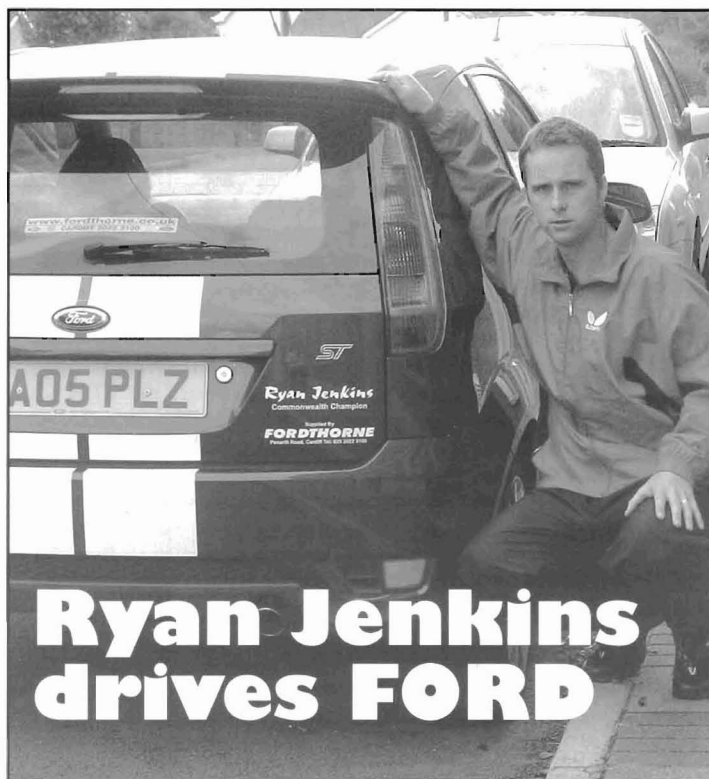
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Ryan Jenkins drives FORD

ALTHOUGH saddened, I am deeply honoured to be able to write about Bernard Rowley.

Bernard, to many of us, was not a priest, he was merely our friend.

I had known Bernard for over 30 years, having met him through our mutual interest in coaching table tennis.

Some of my earliest memories, are of the summer camps that Bernard organised every year at the convent in Littlehampton. Over the years, hundreds of youngsters spent time at these camps, improving their skills and having an enjoyable time. These camps were originally organised for boys from Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Essex and were manned by coaches from these counties. When I came on the scene, girls were included and we progressed from sleeping in tents, to rickety beds, to mattresses on the floor. Bernard masterminded it all and even persuaded the sisters to let the kids exercise their dog which was grossly overweight when we arrived each year and much slimmer when we left. That dog hated us!

These camps ran for many years until the site was sold to the developers and they attracted players from all over the country and the Isle of Man. Many coaches served their apprenticeship at Littlehampton - they were fun times.

Bernard had many administrative

BERNARD ROWLEY

roles in table tennis - he was the SE Regional Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the National Coaching Committee and currently Secretary of Surrey and their National Councillor, and Chairman of the Trade Committee. Bernard's fairness and strong sense of moral justice were invaluable in this latter role. His was the voice of sanity, when all around were going mad! But by his own admission, administration was not his real strength. Bernard was at his best, when working with and organising youngsters on his own patch. In every parish that Bernard lived, he found, converted or built a hall that could be used for table tennis. He badgered his parishioners to support various ventures both financially and in kind. There was a lot of wheeling and dealing that went on in Bernard's parishes! Through his commitment to table tennis, Bernard touched the lives of many. His players learned how to win graciously and to lose with dignity - qualities that will remain with them throughout their lives.

We generally expect a table tennis coach to stay in the game for about 5 years - so in table tennis terms, Bernard ran a marathon and his contribution is priceless.

Bernard's other great love was

boats. From his little dinghy at Littlehampton, to his 7 berth cruiser, wherever he was a boat was not far away. He had great pleasure by sailing on the QE2 to see his brother in America and even overcame his fear of flying in order to get home quickly when he was needed. And even when we were in Liverpool, many years ago, for the European Catholic Championships, Bernard took me on a ferry over the Mersey whilst the kids were discoing at the Cavern.

For the last 4 summers, Mike and I have spent time with Bernard on his boat, cruising up and down the Thames. The memories of Bernard at the helm - skipper of the boat with Mike as the 1st mate and me as the galley slave - spending wonderful quality time with Bernard, knocking back a glass or two of good wine on the deck in the evening, putting the world to right, will be treasured for ever.

In the words of St Leo the Great, 'Wisdom permeates all things. She is a breath of the power of God, a reflection of the eternal light. She is indeed more splendid than the sun, she outshines the constellations'

Bernard was a wise man and I shall miss his wisdom May he rest in peace
Gail McCulloch

to the Jack Carrington image of a coach. If you can imagine the above ensemble surmounted by a slightly older version of Harry Potter but with a hair style that Campo of Bolton Wanderers would have been proud of you would have a good picture of the younger Bernard. I worked with Bernard during the morning session as he supervised a number of tables and was impressed by his obvious enthusiasm and ability to communicate with the youngsters. Later he worked on one to ones with selected players and he seemed equally at ease. It was during these workouts that I became aware that the players were referring to him as Father and learned that he was a priest! When I reported back to Jack of my findings he said that he knew Bernard was a priest but he did not want me to be prejudiced! On the question of Bernard's image Jack asked me to talk to Bernard about improving this aspect. On the way home Jack admitted that he wanted to reward Bernard for all the good work he was doing in Sussex but could not get that image out of his mind. It was only a few years ago that Bernard told me that it was about that time he was awarded his Teaching Theory Certificate.

A couple of years after that first meeting Allen Fisher (of Kent) asked me if I would be interested in helping at a proposed "Summer Table Tennis Camp" at Littlehampton. I drove down one week-end to meet the organiser who was non other than Bernard who I instantly recognised because he was wearing the same gear as on his assessment day. Bernard wanted to set up a two week "Table Tennis Holiday", camping in the grounds of the Convent and using the table tennis facilities he had set up in the adjoining school. The following Summer the Littlehampton Camps were born and thanks to Bernard they were a resounding success. At first it was Sussex, Surrey and Kent boys with a few from other parts of the Country who Bernard invited on his travels and then Alan Shepherd came on board with his Essex players. Apart from running the Camp Bernard would be doing his "day job" plus organising the food, arranging for the boys to visit the local swimming baths, pitch and putt and trips to Arundel Castle to watch first class cricket. All this on the equivalent of fifty pence per day per boy. Nothing was too much trouble for him and the boys thrived on it.

Bernard went on to become heavily involved with the Sussex County Association and when he took over as their National Councillor he was asked to go on various committees

A PERSONAL REFLECTION

A LARGE part of the table tennis fraternity, particularly Sussex and Surrey, plus the parishes' of Littlehampton' Frimley and Thames Ditton will be saddened by the death of Father Bernard Rowley on the 2nd November. A Thanksgiving Mass was held at his Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, on the 14th November and a packed congregation included many of his friends from table tennis particularly those on the coaching side where he has left a lasting impression.

I must confess that I thought that I had known Bernard all my life but on checking the archives it seems that our first meeting was in 1968. Our meeting occurred when Jack Carrington asked me to accompany him on a trip to Uckfield (or was it Cuckfield) for a coaching day. On the way there he told me my main task was to make an assessment of Bernard for a coaching award. When I was introduced to Bernard in his faded maroon tracksuit bottoms, green table tennis shirt and old style black basketball boots I could see instantly that he did not measure up



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BERNARD ROWLEY
(left) is pictured on his 7 berth cruiser on the River Thames

but at first he declined because he thought he could make a bigger contribution from the floor. Eventually he succumbed, and although he was always a staunch member of the committee on which he was serving I think he was always a maverick at heart. I do not know what other offices he held for Sussex but for Surrey he was both Secretary and National Councillor. He was also for some time the Deputy Chairman of the National Coaching Committee and at his death was still the Chairman of the Trades Committee.

Bernard always spoke with pride and fondness of the young players he had helped along the way, from Suzanna Kavalleirou at Littlehampton to Edward Hatley at Frimley and many others. I never saw Bernard play a competitive match but whilst checking on the spelling of Suzanna's name I found the Sussex notes of March 1969 by John Woodford referring to an article he had submitted to the local "Evening Argus" about the Sussex entries in the English Open that year and the editor had given it the headline "PRIEST TAKES ON THE WORLD - at Table Tennis."

Bernard was one of that rare breed who you could always have a discussion with, disagree strongly and yet never get angry with. The talk after the funeral was all in praise of his contribution to table tennis as well as those more personal memories. Not being a Roman Catholic I did not have any knowledge of him as a priest but if his parishioners had the same treatment as the boys did at those camps, and I am sure they did, then he must have been very good at his job. I and all those many others who got to know him will remember Bernard with great affection and respect and he will never be forgotten.

I never met his brother and sister but to them and their families our sincere condolences at the passing of a lovely man.

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HISTORY OF U.S. TABLE TENNIS VOLUME III: 1953-1962

By **Tim Boggan**
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Book review by **John Wood**

TIM BOGGAN's latest volume on the 'History of US Table Tennis', which was first published last year, will make an ideal Christmas present for the table tennis enthusiast.

This edition is festooned with photographs and great graphics, that bring memories flooding back of the glory years of table tennis. It covers the early sponge years through to the 32nd US Open, where Dick Miles won his last US Championship title.

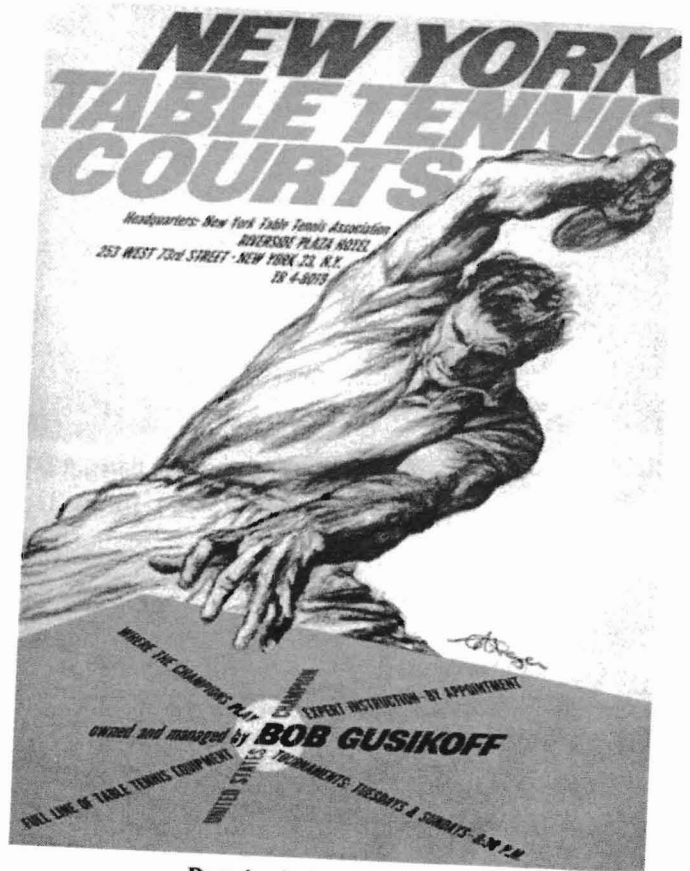
Although the book mostly records the progress of US table tennis, there is an abundance of reports on English players, too numerous to mention all of them in this review. Firstly on page 22 there is a photograph of Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach being greeted in Sapporo for their tour of Japan, with the adulation afforded only to the football stars and pop celebrities of today.

Page 79 records the US Team's efforts in the 1954 World Championships held in London, where they lost in the Swathling Cup to defending Champions England. In this match Richard Bergmann beat both Bernie Bukiet and Dick Miles. This was Bergmann's first victory over Miles in a Swathling Cup match. Aubrey Simons (England's 'Player of the Year-1953') was victorious against Bukiet and John Somael, whilst Johnny Leach also beat Somael, the father of Kate Alken a Cornish County player.

The 1955 English Open, which is featured on page 112, saw England's Di and Ros Rowe win the Womens Doubles title and Richard Bergmann lose to Jimmy Lowe, England's Junior Champion of 1950.

England's Ann Haydon gets several mentions, not only for her table tennis exploits but also for her Lawn Tennis successes in the USA.

Page 121 covers the ITTF Congress Meeting at the 1955 Utrecht World Championships, where members voted to permit the controversial sponge bat by 40-28 votes. This meeting was chaired by ITTF President Ivor Montagu.



Drawing by **Gus Rehberger**
Bobby opens his New York Courts

A scintillating book packed full of nostalgic table tennis memorabilia. Another winner for Tim Boggan.

Since Vol. III was published Vols. IV and V have been and VI will be ready by the spring of 2006.

In Vol. IV Stan Jacobson and Derek Baddeley get Tim's attention because as early loopers they toured the U.S.; Denis Neale even more attention, for

he played both in the U.S. and Canada (had a famous 1967 match with Bobby Gusikoff in Toronto).

Canadian players get many mentions because of Tim's access to all of Jose Tomkins Ransome's Canadian News.

Vol. V has a Foreword by Roy Evans dealing with the Ping-Pong Diplomacy and the U.S. visit to China.

THE MEANING OF SUCCESS

By **Jon Kaufman**
Book Review by **Steve Leven**

WOW, a new book on table tennis! And it's a compelling read. Jon – a schoolteacher and ex-trade union activist – tells the story of London Progress, the table tennis club he has built up over fifteen years to be the best in the country. He is frank and honest throughout, he tells it like it is. And the compulsion? Well, there's a whole frying pan on his shoulder and you want to read every page just to see if you're one of the chips in it.

The book, however, is a story of one club's, and one man's, pursuit of national and international sporting success. And London Progress are seven times British League champions, so you can't argue with that. The subtext is that Progress are a multi-ethnic, multi-table and predominantly youth-oriented club who are pleased to do things differently. That differences have caused run-ins with authority is of

A FRYING PAN ON HIS SHOULDER

little concern to them. Rather than being a chronological history of the club, in each succeeding chapter Jon skits from telling the story to describing characters or events. This is one of the successes of the book, which only mentions one actual table tennis game score in its 202 pages.

Jon – admirably – has published the book himself. This has, however, led to a number of production downsides. First of all, there's not a picture in the whole book, not even the cover, which consequently lends the look of an academic paper to the whole tome. It would have been good to lift it by including some pictures of the players celebrating

another trophy or the venues at which the club has resided. Meanwhile, several of the chapter headings are in a different font to the others, there are a host of spelling mistakes (in German and French as well as in English) and the apostrophe key on Jon's keyboard appears to have a mind of its own. Last but certainly not least, there is neither an index nor a list of contents, a shocking omission for any book.

Despite some philosophising in the closing pages, the 'meaning of success' isn't really defined here. There is much on the ethos of the club which has delivered sporting

trophies and enriched and enhanced people's lives and in some ways the question is posed as to what success means. The world of table tennis has a lot to learn from the Progress story, and whilst all may not be as rotten with the world as Jon makes out this book is a welcome addition to the contemporary table tennis library.

Editor's Note: The above was the first review of Jon Kaufman's thought provoking book that I had received, the second by Ken Muhr was three times as long as Steve's, so unfortunately Ken's has been heavily edited due to lack of space.

THE MEANING OF SUCCESS

By **Jon Kaufman**
Book Review by **Ken Muhr**

This 200-page book narrates, in a fast, engaging, snappy style the origins, history, rapid expansion and almost heroic endeavours of England's most successful table tennis club of recent years – 7 times

British League Champions - in breaking down the old barriers (of race and social discrimination) and winning against the odds.

I found it very difficult to review, partly because I fear that I am unable to do justice to the important issues it raises, and partly because Graham Trimming has already done an excellent, comprehensive job in *The Table Tennis Collector*, Summer 2005.

However, I do have a special interest in London Progress, being once connected with the precursor club, Brent Juniors, as well as with other West London Clubs like Gunnersbury Triangle & Fulham (and latterly the Harrow Centre of Excellence, at which Progress coaches and players participated). I knew many of the early characters so accurately and mostly affectionately described.

Right from the beginning the club had a Black flavour and I like the way Kaufman proudly describes how it

embraced in a real sense, without conscious thought, social inclusion, long before politicians jumped on to the concept. "Colour never came into it. Neither did class or culture... the club was genuinely becoming a melting pot." He also makes it clear that he loathes any bigotry and fundamentalism, whatever the religious persuasion. But at Progress, 'ping' is secular and takes precedence over difference.

It is the suggestion of racism unfairly applied that disturbs me most. Although there still is in English society some deep prejudice, I simply don't believe that it is a prominent feature in table tennis. Where it exists, I (perhaps naively) believe that it is largely of the unthinking, unintended or patronising kind (as opposed to the 'I'm not racially prejudiced but...' kind).

Even the apparent coldness or 'disdain' of old white middle class opposition supporters outside the

London metropolis, could partially reflect discomfort or uncertainty at facing (exuberant Progress) people beyond their normal experience. Might any local antagonism to Progress be based more over fear that their best players will be recruited (poached?) by the all-powerful big club?

Yet I finished the book wondering whether Kaufman's contempt, for the table tennis establishment at least, is partly tongue-in-cheek, for effect - to shock. The 'revolutionary' mellows a little, to reflect, "We shouldn't hate the old guard too much. The old always resent the new... We too will no doubt hang on beyond our sell-by date. And in their own way the existing generation of county and league administrators have given many free hours of genuine service to the sport." Later he also reflects, "Actually, England isn't such a bad place to live in. It's ability to absorb newcomers over time with relatively

little fuss and bother, puts it among the more tolerant of nations."

They may irritate and unsettle some people, but maverick activists like Jon Kaufman at Progress and Keith Wilson in Darlington do a fantastic job and service in energising and reviving table tennis, and developing the sport in hard-to-reach and excluded communities. Whether you agree or disagree with Kaufman's philosophy, I think you will find this unusual non-illustrated book a riveting read. Like an aunt of mine who took the Guardian despite being Conservative, you might read it to challenge your thinking, and in that it is highly recommended.

A real table tennis book, obtainable for £10 (or a discretionary price) direct from the author: Jon Kaufman, 24 Locket Road, Willesden, Middlesex, HA3 7LZ. Mobile: 0780-308 2661 E-mail: jonk@ufman.fsnet.co.uk

A LOAD OF OLD BALLS



A LOAD OF OLD BALLS
By **Simon Inglis**
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IN museums and trophy cabinets, in cupboards and attics, there are loads of old balls in Britain.

And now, in all their battered glory, Played in Britain - English Heritage's exciting series on the nation's sporting heritage - presents the best

of them, up close and personal. Stuffed with feathers, inflated by pig's bladders, handsewn and leather bound, chipped and cracked, but not always round, here are the balls which British sportsmen and women have kicked and thwacked, hurled and chased over the centuries.

In Hull we pick up what may well be the oldest British ball in existence - a late 13th century timber bowl - only to find half of it missing. Or

could it have been designed that way? Does the name rolly polly provide the clue?

From the Orkney Isles we weigh up the richly polished, leather panelled 'Kirkwall Ba' contested for every year by teams known as the Uppies and the Doonies. In deepest Sussex we follow the mysterious stoolball, contested by the Plumpton Shrimps and Hayward Heath Bluebells. On other pages we catch the cork and string balls swatted around the oldest tennis courts in the world by the likes of Henry VIII. Skittle balls, marbles, beachballs, billiard balls, table tennis balls, gutta percha golf balls from St Andrews and tennis balls from Wimbledon.

The table tennis section which is on page 46 states that when Major Wingfield took out a patent on his new game of lawn tennis in 1874 he gave it the unlikely Greek title of Sphairistike. But if the name failed to catch on, the game did and it was not long before manufacturers sought to emulate its success with an indoor version.

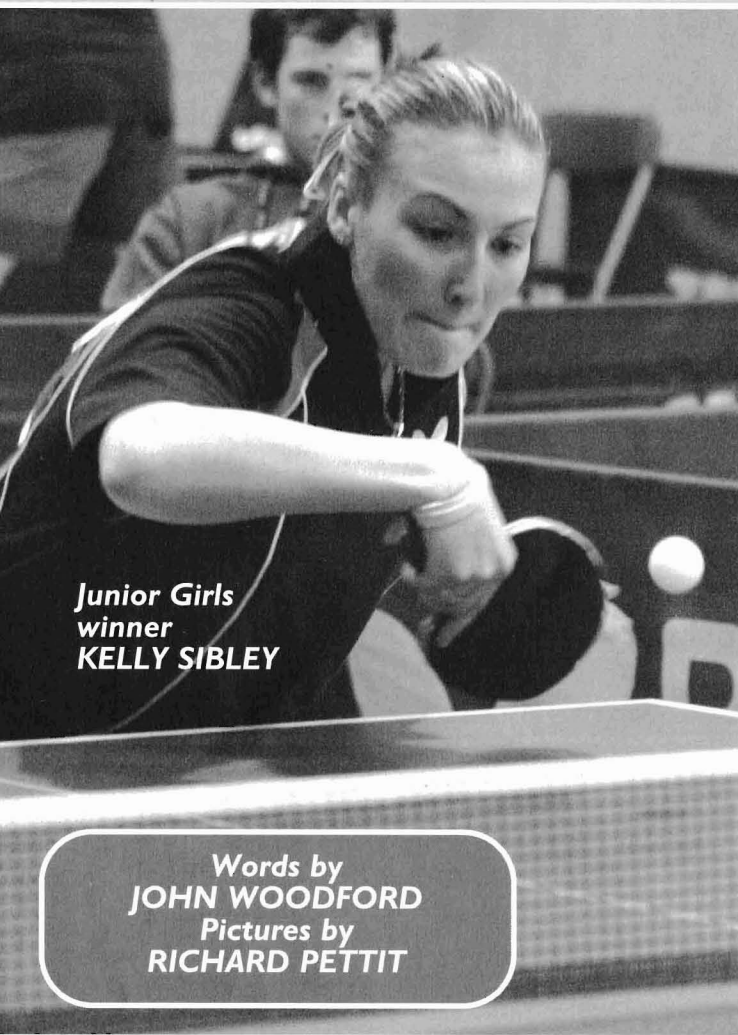
After several failed attempts from both sides of the Atlantic using flat markers, balloons and even 'Tiddledy Winks', in 1890 an English company, David Foster, brought out the first recognisable table tennis set, using strung rackets and a cloth covered rubber ball. A year later John Jaques of London launched Gossima. This featured battledores - vellum-covered

bats designed for shuttlecocks - and a webbed cork ball. Both games failed however. Foster's ball had too wild a bounce while Gossima's did not bounce enough.

The breakthrough came in 1900 when, according to one source, a man called James Gibb returned from the USA with some celluloid balls that, despite their crude seams, offered a much improved game. Developed, as we read earlier by the American inventor, John Wesley Hyatt, in 1863, celluloid was already in use for billiard balls (as well as for film stock).

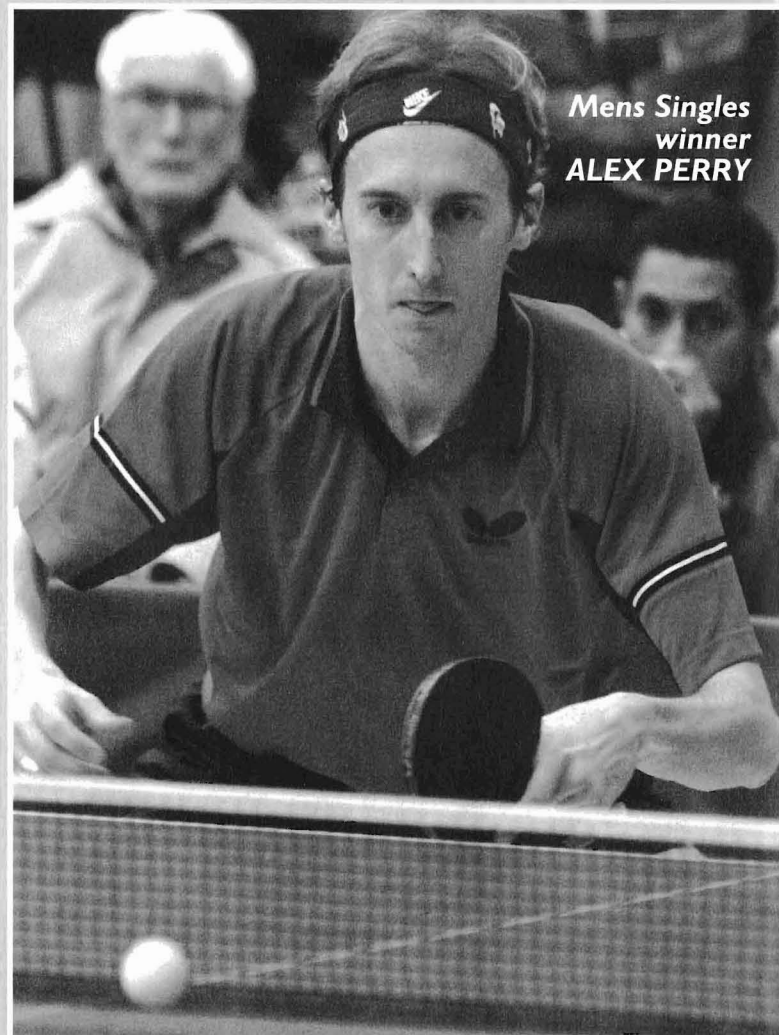
Not only were the new balls exceptionally lightweight, when struck by the drum-like surface of a battledore they made a distinct sound, one which led the London store Hamleys to register an inspired brand name for the game in 1900. Soon after they teamed up with John Jaques, who quickly mastered production of what would become the standard ball thereafter. 'Ping Pong' had arrived.

For a few heady years the world went Ping Pong crazy. At Ping Pong parties people sang Ping Pong ditties, danced the Ping Pong Polka and ate Ping Pong biscuits. This, of course, culminated in Ping Pong diplomacy between the USA and China in 1971; proof that sport and politics can mix if both sides know the name of the game.

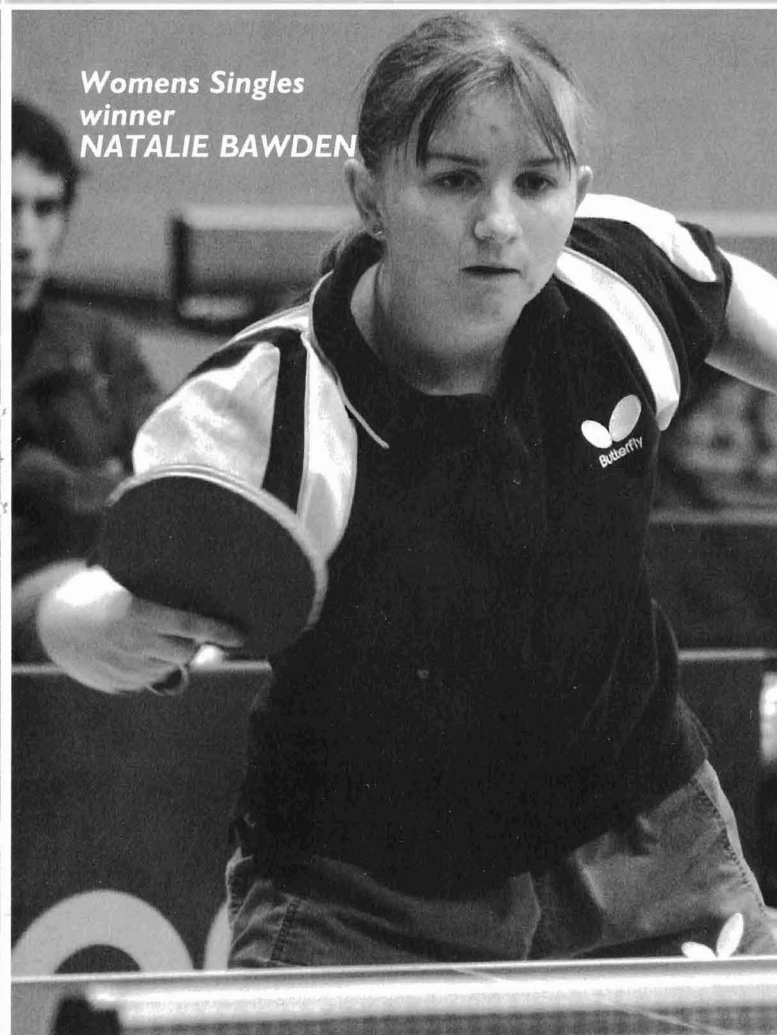


Junior Girls winner
KELLY SIBLEY

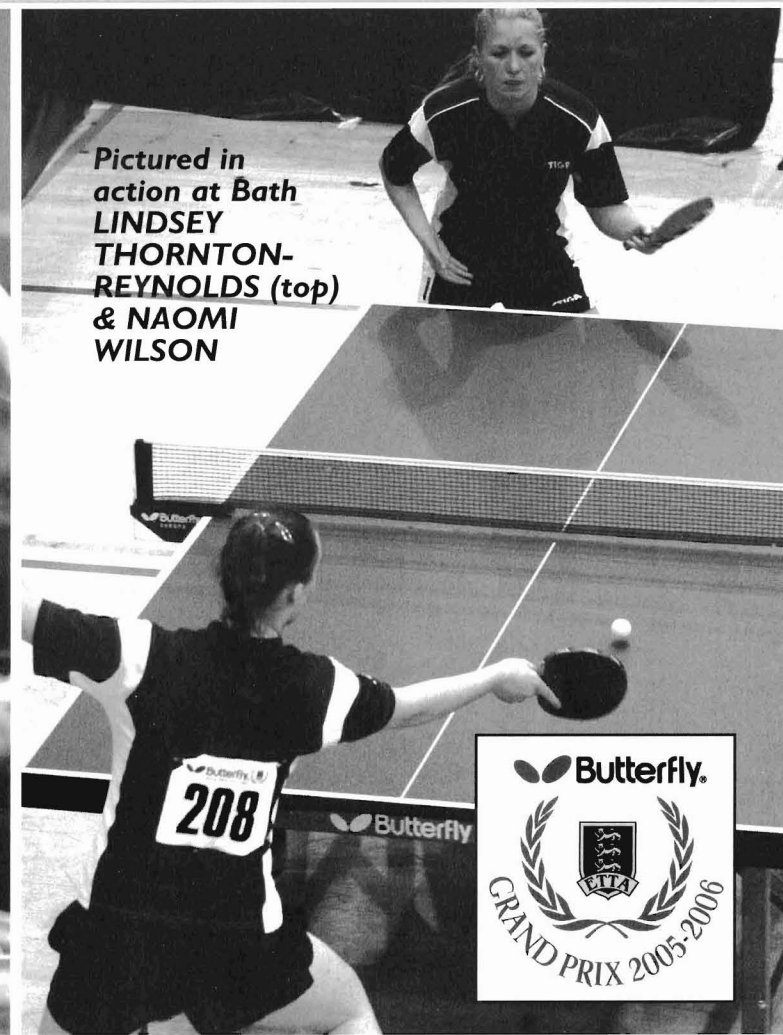
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Mens Singles winner
ALEX PERRY



Womens Singles winner
NATALIE BAWDEN



Pictured in action at Bath
LINDSEY THORNTON-REYNOLDS (top) & NAOMI WILSON



ALEX PERRY WINS CLASH OF THE GLADIATORS

ALEX PERRY, the reigning British and Irish champion lifted his game with the help of his lethal backhand attack to win the Butterfly Super Grand Prix Mens Singles title, at Bath Leisure Centre and to pocket the £700 first prize, in the absence of the top seed Alan Cooke, writes John Woodford.

Ryan Jenkins snatched the first game of the final 11-6, as it seemed yet another Welsh victory was coming. The crunch game was the second as Perry piled on the pressure with superb topspin, especially to, the Welshman's backhand. From then on it was downhill for Ryan, as he tried in vain to stem Perry's attack.

In the final two games Perry, originally from Devon, burst through to win 6 and 7.

After his victory, congratulations pouring in from his families at Nottingham, Derby and Devon, Alex said "This is my happy hunting ground, I won my England title here in 1999 and this is my second grand

prix win here, so a fair old hat-trick. I am happy to have done well here and also to beat Ryan - it needs tactical strength to beat him - fortunately, I was well-prepared."

Stephen Jenkins was put in Alan Cooke's place at the top of the draw, but Alex Perry tidied up the top half, entering the final 3, 8, 6 against Gergely Urban, whilst Ryan Jenkins secured his passage to the final against the semi-final challenge from Laurence Trumpauskas.

WELL PREPARED

Also well-prepared was Natalie Bawden from Essex - overpowering Kelly Sibley in the Womens Singles final 4, 6 and 9.

Asked for her comments after winning she said "I am disappointed at not being chosen for the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, when Kelly has been selected."

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

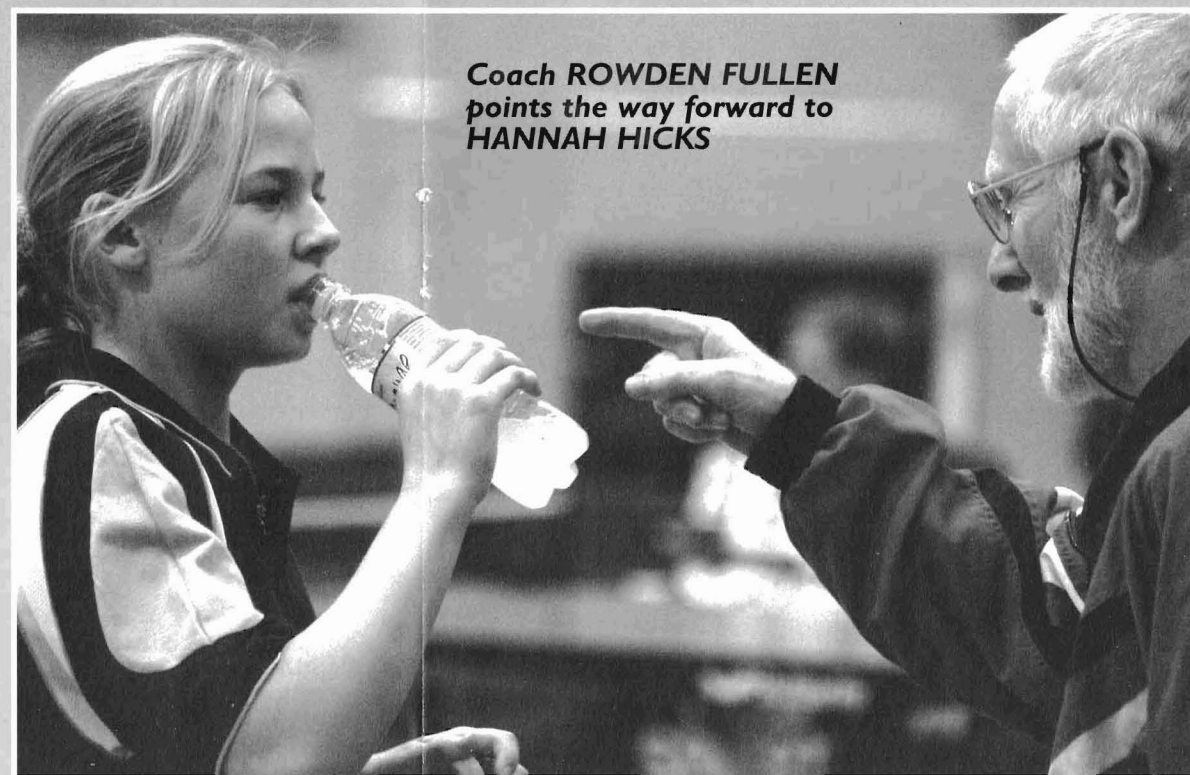
Hannah Hicks, 14 from Southampton

was the winner of the title "Player of the tournament" She played extremely well in the womens Under-21 event, taking games off much older and experienced players. She has only been playing a few months - her only win so far was at the Cirencester 1 Star. Her coach is Rowden Fullen who is more often in Sweden.

"ECK" OF A CRASH

Nigel Eckersley from Sussex lifted the Mens Veterans title with a comfortable victory 4, 6 and 5 against Colin Carslake of Essex, after the Sussex man's main rivals Clive Carthy and Steve Hall had bit the dust. Those two exited in the semis - Hall to Eckersley after a marathon match 2,-9,-5, 9, 6, and Carthy to Carslake.

But, what a day for the "Eck" - early morning black ice on a country road saw his new sports car slide into a ditch, requiring two recovery vehicles and a trip to Bristol airport to hire a replacement vehicle.



Coach **ROWDEN FULLEN** points the way forward to **HANNAH HICKS**

COMMONWEALTH TRAINING
When No.1 seed Alan Cooke failed to arrive at Bath - no-one amongst officials and players knew why - Many assumed he was ill.
But after many phone calls I found the reason was, in his words, "Heavy involvement in training for Melbourne leaving no time to prepare personally for playing in a major grand prix."
There was no re-draw, writes John Woodford.

Following winning the tournament Nigel said, "After this morning's fiasco, I did not find it easy to collect my thoughts in time to beat Steve Hall in the semis 2,-9,-5,9,6 and Colin Carslake in the final".

The veteran womens event was won by Jenny Harrison of Essex, following a round-robin event, with Kent's Kim Mudge in second spot.

RESULTS
Mens Singles Alex Perry bt. Ryan Jenkins 6,10,6,7
Womens Singles Natalie Bawden bt. Kelly Sibley 4,6,9

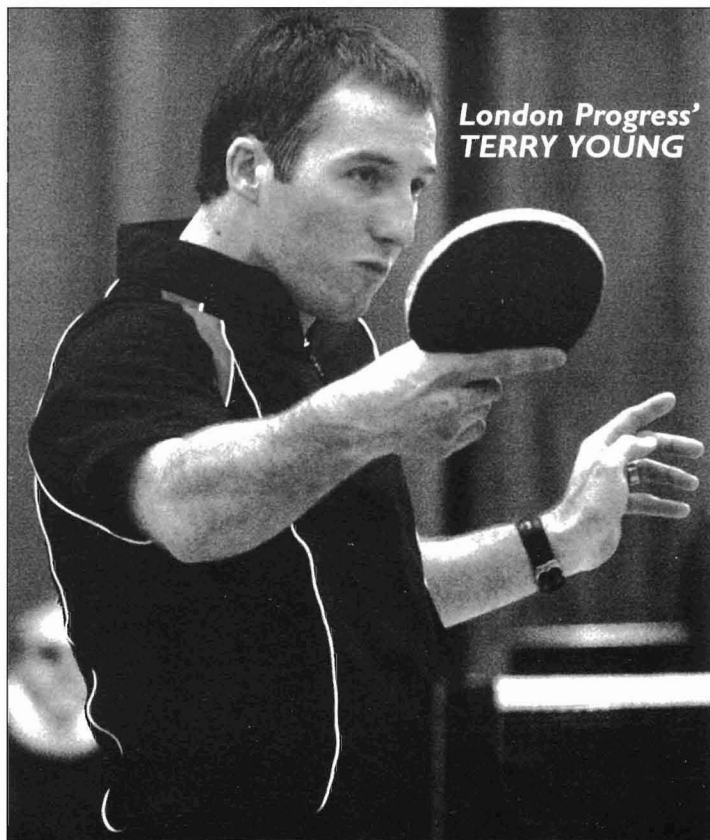
Mens Band 1 John Murphy bt. Na Ning 9,-5,8,5
Mens Band 2 Chris Doran bt. Allan Fullwood 9,9,7
Mens Band 3 Aaron Fennell bt. Matthew Ware -6,5,9,-11,7
Mens Band 4 Chris Hewitt bt. Jon Durham -6,9,8,-10,7
Mens Band 5 Eser Maniga bt Sam Lewis 4,-13,11,4
Mens Band 6 Joshua Lovett bt. Paul Savins 5,9,-2,-9,10
Womens Band 1 Gemma Chapman bt. Angie Bristow 3, 6,-11,-6,10
Womens Band 2 Isabel Sanjurjo bt. Claire Nelson -4,5,8,-8,7
Womens Band 3 Isabel Sanjurjo bt. Lisa Standen 8,7,5
Junior Boys Singles Zhao Jing Wei bt. David Hayes 6,6,4
Junior Girls Singles Kelly Sibley bt. Caroline Hallows 7,6,-9,10
U21 Mens Na Ning bt. Zhao Jing Wei 9,8,2
U21 Womens Wu Yue Jiao bt. Egly Adomelyte 5,5,7
Veteran Mens Nigel Eckersley bt. Colin Carslake 4,6,5
Veteran Womens r/r 1st Jenny Harrison 2nd Kim Mudge

LONDON PROGRESS IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN

THE second weekend of British League Premier division matches, played in Blackpool over the weekend of 19/20 November 2005 saw the seven times Champions London Progress I totally dominate the action. After this showing only a distinctly brave or plain silly person would bet against them taking the title for a record-breaking eighth successive time, writes Steve Kerns.

In the Saturday morning fixture, second-placed Darlington fielded a young side and it was the youngest player of all who notched up their sole success as Gavin Evans saw off Darren Blake 3-1. However, Darren won't have been too concerned as his team-mates Terry Young, Jason Sugrue and Marco Essomba took the remaining seven games. Bradley Evans was also on good form and his "emergence" continued as he pushed Terry Young all the way before succumbing 11-9 in the fifth.

In round six third-placed Ormesby (who by their high standards had a disappointing weekend) came closest to taking a point off London Progress. Even without their top player - Paul Drinkhall, the Ormesby players really had the bit between their teeth in the first three games as they surged into a shock 3-0 lead. All three successes were "out of the top draw" as well as Craig Bryant beat Jason Sugrue 3-1, Bryn Drinkhall scored a superb 3-1 victory over Terry Young and Danny Reed added a 3-1 win over Darren Blake. You might have thought that Progress were in trouble but they weren't having any of it. Marco Essomba opened their account with a 3-0 win over Steve Bailey and Terry Young brought them right back into the match with a 3-0 success against Craig Bryant. From then onwards it was Progress who were calling the shots and Jason Sugrue came through in four ends against Danny Reed whilst an impressive Marco



London Progress' **TERRY YOUNG**

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Progress I	8	8	0	0	55	9	16
Darlington I	8	6	1	1	42	22	13
Ormesby I	8	3	4	1	37	27	10
BATTS Team Peniel I	8	3	3	2	36	28	9
Harvey Barnets I	8	2	3	3	27	37	7
Ellenborough	8	2	2	4	30	34	6
Elgre Nottingham I	8	0	2	6	19	45	2
Horsham I	8	0	1	7	10	54	1

Essomba saw off Bryn Drinkhall 3-1. The advantage was now firmly in the Progress court (or perhaps more accurately with the Darren Blake service) and Darren secured their victory with a 3-0 victory over Steve Bailey.

Essomba was again on good form in round seven as Progress beat Harvey Barnets I 6-2. Marco beat both Niall Cameron at 11-9 in the fifth end, and Lorestas Trumpauskas (3-1) whilst team-mates Terry Young and Jason Sugrue also bagged a couple of wins. Terry had to work hard to get the better of Lorestas 3-2 whilst he enjoyed a contrasting straight-forward 3-0 success over Adam Bleakley. Jason who like Marco has been ever-present in Progress's seven title winning sides also downed Bleakley 3-1 and he followed this up with an excellent 3-0 victory over the powerful Mark Smith. Progress were on a roll and in such form there was little surprise that they were able to complete their weekend with a workmanlike 8-0 victory over bottom-side Horsham I.

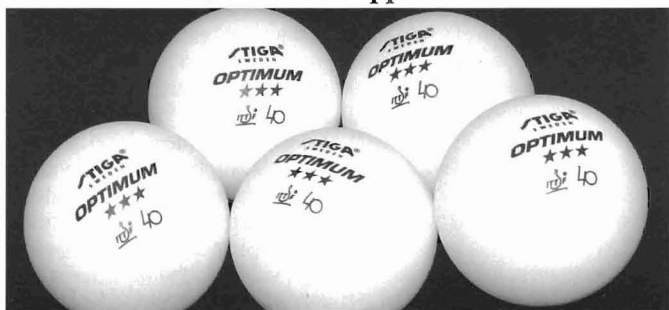
London Progress apart, it was a young and talented Darlington team

who impressed the most. Darlington put their defeat to Progress firmly behind them in round six by getting the better of BATTS Team Peniel 5-3. Gavin Evans was on razor-sharp form as he beat both Neil Charles (3-0) and Clive Carthy (3-2) whilst brother Bradley also saw off Clive 3-0. Team-mate Michael Marsden contributed with a 3-1 victory over Charles and David Meads added a 3-1 success against Michael James to complete a very impressive Darlington display. The ever reliable John Holland was their only stumbling block as he beat both Marsden and Meads 3-1. The same Darlington team were equally impressive in round seven as they beat Ellenborough 6-2. It took a player of Gareth Herbert's stature to pick up the London Club's two wins. Darlington added Andrew Leighton to their ranks in round eight as they hammered ELGRE Nottingham 8-0. Michael Marsden didn't put a foot wrong as he blasted his way to 3-0 wins over both George Pittas and Lee Neil whilst the improving Leighton also impressed as he beat Lee Neil (3-0) and Mark Green (3-2).

The British League Official Ball



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YORKSHIRE & ESSEX UNBEATEN

The Senior Premier Division held at Crippenham on 29/30 October saw both Yorkshire and Essex unbeaten (they actually drew 5-5 when they played on the Sunday morning), writes Barry Granger.

In that match, Yorkshire won three of the women's singles (Joanna Roberts 2, Nicola White 1) but could only muster two men's. Lorestas Trumpauskas (unbeaten in all his six matches for Essex) defeated Mark Smith 8 in the fifth (Mark's only defeat the weekend) and both Clive Carthy and Gary Tendler defeated Richard Smith. At 5-4 up, Clive Carthy just failed to secure the win when he lost -10, -11, 2, 4, -8 to Simon Noutch.

Devonshire, although gaining only three points in their matches, were grateful for the classy Craig Bryant who won all his six matches, against Middlesex, Lancashire and Gloucestershire. He could not, however, prevent Middlesex beating his side 6-4 when the Middlesex no. 3 Darek Zurowski beat Chris Brown at 5-4. Zurowski also had a tremendous win in the match against Sussex when he beat Adrian Moore 8, -5, -12, 9, 9 though Sussex still managed a 6-4 win over Middlesex thanks to two wins from the evergreen Ritchie Venner

Currently Lancashire and Gloucestershire are holding up the division not having any points, although Lancashire may count themselves unlucky as they lost 4-6 to Durham. They won four out of the six games that went to five, but not the close one where Dave Griffith lost to Andrew Leighton 10, -11, -8, 8, -9.

JUNIOR PREMIER

IN the Junior Premier played the following weekend, newly promoted Lincolnshire did well to win one, draw one and lose one. They beat Yorkshire 6-4 and drew with Devonshire, winning four of the boys' matches against Devon. Against Devon, Stewart Mudie inflicted the only defeat of the weekend on Richard Marshall 7, -9, 10, 7 in winning both his matches. Chris Smith salvaged Devon's pride by beating Michael Bates 9, -6, 8, 8 to get the draw

However, the weekend was really a tale of two teams – Buckinghamshire and Essex. Both teams remained unbeaten, with all three Evans' brothers from Bucks unbeaten throughout. The results leave just a single game separating the two teams in the table and it certainly seems that the champion will be decided from these two as Essex have already beaten third placed Devon 7-3 and Bucks inflicted fourth placed Lincolnshire's only defeat by an 8-2 margin.

Sarra Wang was the only undefeated girl winning six out of six (although Gemma Yarnley of Kent played two won two, but did not play on Sunday)

All teams except Kent won at least one match, although Yorkshire's 6-4 win over Derbyshire came with the help of two close fifth end wins by Elaine Li over Kerry Mansell and Luke Carrington over Allan Fullwood.

When all teams return for the remaining fixtures in March to Grantham for the combined Junior and Senior Premier divisions, we will surely see many fine matches and the



Pictured above is the Yorkshire Veteran 1st team (l.to.r) Tim Dyson, Linda Simpson, Keith Rodger and Steve Cooper

2005/6 champions will be crowned, but there are many points to be won before then.

Veterans Premier Division

1st Weekend Halifax TTC 5th/6th November 2005

THE first weekend of the veterans premier county championships was held at Halifax TTC under the watchful eye of organiser Barry Snowden with assistance from umpires John Hardcastle and David Wilson from Yorkshire with Lancastrian Eric Pentland being given dispensation to cross the border and Ron Douglas making the journey from County Durham, writes Barry Snowden.

Devonshire were always going to be the team to beat as they boasted a team including Paul Giles, Paul Whiting, Mike Short and Penny Perry.

The south coast team were unbeaten in their three matches recording victories against Kent, Essex and Northumberland and sit proudly at the top of the division as they only dropped 9 sets as Giles recorded an unbeaten 6 sets and was well supported by Whiting and Giles who each only dropped one singles set apiece

Devonshire are joined at the top of the table by surprise package Yorkshire who also had three wins out of three as they recorded victories against Cheshire, Dorset and Kent.

Yorkshire who could consider themselves fortunate to be back in the premier division this term after finishing runners up to Cheshire seconds in the division below last term but with the regulation not allowing two teams from the same

county to be in the premier division it was runners up Yorkshire who benefited at the expense of Cheshire seconds.

Mick Stead lead the way for the home county with four wins for four on Saturday and was well supported by team mates Tim Dyson, Steve Cooper and inspirational skipper Linda Simpson as they recorded a 7-3 victory against an under strength Cheshire followed by a 6-4 victory against Dorset.

Sunday saw Stead replaced by Keith Rodger and Yorkshires' successful weekend was completed with an excellent 6-4 victory against Kent.

Essex are currently lying in third place on four points with a 7-3 win against Dorset and a thumping 10-0 victory over Lancashire.

Having already faced Devonshire the Essex team could prove a dark horse should Devonshire slip up as their squad has a very solid look about it lead by Clive Carthy, John Payne and Steve Wicker who all recorded 3 wins from 6 ably assisted by the excellent Lucy Wang who had a 100% record in the singles.

One interesting fact about the Essex performance is that they used the same doubles combination in all three matches and only dropped one doubles set as Payne and Wang gave second best to Giles and Perry when Devonshire beat Essex.

- The veterans premier division moves on to Ashford in 2006 for the completion of the division and although it is hard to see the winner coming from any county outside the top three the remaining counties all have the players to cause an upset in any match and the weekend at Ashford looks certain to be a thriller.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIAL BALL

BUTTERFLY 3 STAR BALLS

SENIORS

Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Essex	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Devon	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	16	14	4(60-57)
Sussex	3	2	0	1	16	14	4(63-60)
Durham	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Lancashire	3	0	0	3	11	10	0
Gloucester	3	0	0	3	9	11	0

Division 1A

Leicestershire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Derbyshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5(69-44)
Nottinghamshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5(70-45)
Cleveland	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Lincolnshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
S.Yorkshire	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Cheshire	3	0	0	3	11	19	0
Cambridge	3	0	0	3	5	25	0

Division 1B

Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	14	6	4(49-26)
Surrey	2	2	0	0	14	6	4(49-33)
Middlesex 2nd	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Wiltshire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Berkshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Buckinghamshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0(32-43)
Somerset	2	0	0	2	6	14	0(23-45)
Kent	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

Division 2A

Northumberland	5	5	0	0	38	12	10
Durham 2nd	5	3	1	1	25	24	7
Derbyshire 2nd	5	2	1	2	26	23	5
Leicestershire 2nd	5	0	3	2	21	29	3(82-97)
Cumbria	5	1	1	3	21	29	3(81-99)
Warwickshire 2nd	5	1	0	4	18	32	2

Division 2B

Cornwall 1st	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Cornwall 2nd	1	1	0	0	7	3	2(23-11)
Devonshire	1	1	0	0	7	3	2(25-15)
Avon	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Worcester	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Somerset 2nd	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

Division 2C

Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2D

Sussex 2nd	2	2	0	0	14	6	4(49-22)
Essex 2nd	2	2	0	0	14	6	4(48-28)
Hertfordshire	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Berkshire 2nd	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Kent 2nd	2	0	0	2	7	13	0(29-44)
Surrey 2nd	2	0	0	2	7	13	0(28-45)
Dorset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JUNIORS

Premier Division

Buckinghamshire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Essex	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Devon	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Lincolnshire	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Derbyshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Cheshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Yorkshire	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Kent	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

Division 1A

Durham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northamptonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worcester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 1B

Hampshire	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Sussex	4	3	1	0	25	15	7
Surrey	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Somerset	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Glamorgan	4	1	2	1	18	22	4
Middlesex 1st	4	1	1	2	20	20	3
Middlesex 2nd	4	0	0	4	10	30	0
Bucks 2nd	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

Division 2A

Cheshire 2nd	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Lincoln 2nd	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Cleveland	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Yorkshire 2nd	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Lancashire 2nd	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Staffordshire	4	1	1	2	20	20	3
Northants 2nd	4	1	0	3	11	29	2
Durham 2nd	4	0	0	4	13	27	0

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES

Tables for 2005/2006 Season compiled by Leslie Smith

Northumberland

Division 2B

Devon 2nd	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Cornwall 1st	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Cornwall 2nd	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Glamorgan 2nd	3	1	2	0	18	12	4
Avon 2nd	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Avon 1st	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Dorset	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Devon 3rd	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Devonshire 4th	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

Division 2C

Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex 3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex 4th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2D

Surrey 2nd	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Sussex 2nd	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Berkshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Kent 3rd	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Sussex 3rd	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Gloucestershire	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Bucks 3rd	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Kent 2nd	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Oxfordshire	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

CADETS

Premier Division

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 1A

Cheshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
South Yorkshire	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Leicestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shropshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 1B

Middlesex	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Sussex 2nd	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Wiltshire	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
Glamorgan	4	2	1	1	18	22	5
Gloucestershire	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Surrey 2nd	4	1	1	2	17	19	3
Berkshire	4	0	2	2	18	22	2
Worcester	4	0	1	3	13	27	1

VETERANS

Premier Division

Devonshire	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Essex	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Kent	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Cheshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	11	19	2(52-67)
Northumberland	3	1	0	2	11	19	2(45-70)
Dorset	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

Division 1A

Leicester	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Worcestershire	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Middlesex	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
Norfolk	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Hertfordshire	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Oxfordshire	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Cheshire 2nd	4	0	2	2	13	27	2
Yorkshire 2nd	4	0	0	4	14	26	0

Division 1B

Surrey	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Sussex	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Berkshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4

Surrey 2nd	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Kent 2nd	2	0	1	1	6	14	1
Wiltshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Avon	1	0	0	1	1	9	0
Dorset 2nd	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

Division 2A

Essex 2nd	4	4	0	0	29	11	8
Essex 3rd	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Yorkshire 3rd	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
S.Yorkshire	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Nottinghamshire	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Lincolnshire	4	0	2	2	17	23	2
Cambridgeshire	4	0	2	2	13	27	2
Hertfordshire 2nd	4	0	1	3	11	29	1

Division 2B

Herefordshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Essex 4th	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Sussex 2nd	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Berkshire 2nd	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Buckinghamshire	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Somerset	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Hampshire	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
Kent 3rd	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

Division 3A

Durham	3	2	1	0	20	10	5 (90-44)
Leicester 2nd	4	2	1	1	24	16	5 (93-64)
Norfolk 2nd	3	2	1	0			

MATCHPOINT

By JOHN WOODFORD



• **VERY** young players, extremely talented continue to arrive in England from the sub-continent India. My attention has been drawn by Reading coaches to Ayonja Sundararajan from somewhere near Madras - she has won her last three tournaments here Blackpool, Grantham and Stockton-on-Tees, with Neubauer rubbers. She is 12 and now the England No.1 Under 13 Girl.

• **HELSHAN WEERASINGHE** is only eight. He is resident in Brighton, was unbeaten against opponents in the most recent National Cadets League at Tunbridge Wells and has beaten several adults in the 4th division of the Worthing league. He also plays in the premier division of the Brighton league

where his current coach is Rory Scott.

• **HAVING** reported on table tennis events in New Delhi in the past and just escaped before my stomach seriously rebelled, the recent bombings have no doubt made all sports wary of the constant invitations to visit the sub-continent with all its troubles including earthquakes killing thousands.

• **OUR** biggest danger of seeing table tennis events run there is the Commonwealth, especially as the administrator in India is also secretary of the Commonwealth. His hand is permanently raised when it comes to finding venues.

• **THERE** is a possibility that one event some way ahead is destined for

India on our calendar, so the best of luck to our Ashes-winning cricketers who are now there. Just before they left one player was quoted as saying "things are not as bad as they were in Pakistan and India some years ago" - I beg to differ. Earthquakes high on the Richter scale do not happen frequently, but terrorist bombings (specially in capital cities) are increasing.

• **PREPARING** for the 2008 Olympics, China's efforts are immense. According to one report gymnastics is a likely banker for the host nation, along with Diving, Table Tennis, Badminton, Shooting and Weight-lifting.

• **OUR** best hopes of upsetting the Chinese appellation on their home

tables at this time rest with Timo Boll. His last appearance at Croydon was disappointing, but recently he has beaten most (if not all) the leading world-ranked players. Whether that can happen in Beijing three years hence is anyone's guess.

• **THE** overall coaching set-up in China is immense - 20,000 "specialist" sports schools, 540 athletes including table tennis attending, not to mention 79 specialist sports colleges, again including table tennis.

• **CHINA**, as we know is seeking to dominate the economic world. It is now setting its sights on swamping the world of sport - they are front-runners in a few but they have a long way to go to break through the other 25 Olympic sports.

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England name team for Melbourne

ENGLAND'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM

Andrew Baggeley (22) and Sue Gilroy (35) will defend their Commonwealth Games titles in Melbourne, from the 15th to 26th March 2006. The pair feature in a ten strong Team England squad for Melbourne announced by the English Table Tennis Association, writes Jim Beckley.

Baggeley from Milton Keynes won a brace of gold medals in Manchester 2002. He won the men's doubles title partnering Gareth Herbert and was a member of the England team that won the men's team gold.

He will be joined in the men's team by a combination of youth and experience. Paul Drinkhall (15) from Cleveland, was a member of the England team that won the team title at the World Cadet Championships in the Dominican Republic and also won silver medals in the singles and doubles with Darius Knight.

Alan Cooke (39), is the most experienced member of the team. Cooke, who played at the Seoul and Barcelona Olympics in 1988 and 1992 won the men's singles title at the 1989 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships and will celebrate his 40th birthday during the Melbourne

Games while Manchester's Andrew Rushton (22) completes the men's team.

England will once again hope the women's wheelchair singles competition for Elite Athletes with a Disability provides a rich vein of medals when they field two of the four medallists from the Manchester Games.

Sue Gilroy took the gold medal and Cathy Mitton took bronze. Both players are still in peak form with Gilroy winning the gold medal in the class 4 category at the European Championships in Italy last month while Mitton (49) the reigning world champion and a bronze medallist at the Paralympics in Athens last year, won silver.

The England team also includes Georgina Walker (20) and Helen Lower (35) who both played in Manchester as well as 18-year-old Joanne Parker and 17-year-old Kelly Sibley.

Team Coach Steen Hansen said: "All these players have shown tremendous commitment and are improving all the time. I am confident they will do well and enjoy the experience."

Team England finished second behind Singapore in the medals table at Manchester 2002 with a haul of three gold medals and a bronze.

Team: Andrew Baggeley (Milton Keynes), Alan Cooke (Chesterfield), Paul Drinkhall (Cleveland), Sue Gilroy (EAD player) (Barnsley),

Helen Lower (Wolverhampton), Cathy Mitton (EAD player) (Leeds), Joanne Parker (Chertsey), Andrew Rushton (Manchester), Kelly Sibley (Warwickshire), Georgina Walker (Derbyshire)

Liebherr Swedish Open

SEEDING JUSTIFIED

Germany's Timo Boll justified his number one seeded position at the Liebherr Swedish Open in Gothenburg, in November, when he won the Men's Singles title beating Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive in six games in the final.

It was the twenty-four year old German's second ITTF Pro Tour Men's Singles title of 2005; in September he had succeeded at the Volkswagen Open Japan beating the 2004 Athens Olympic champion, Ryu Seung Min in the final.

In the semi-finals Boll beat China's Hao Shuai, whilst Saive defeated Hao Shuai's colleague, the fourth seed, Liu Guozheng.

In the Women's Singles final, eighteen year old, Cao Zhen of China won her second consecutive Women's Singles title at an ITTF Pro Tour tournament; one week earlier in Magdeburg she had beaten colleague, Fan Ying in the final of the Liebherr German Open; one week later in Gothenburg at the Liebherr Swedish Open she overcame Hong

Kong's Tie Yana to capture the crown.

Defeat for Tie Yana in the Women's Singles final but success in the Women's Doubles final. Partnering Zhang Rui the duo beat their Hong Kong colleagues, Lin Ling and Song Ah Sim to win their sixth Women's Doubles title on the ITTF Pro Tour in 2005 and thus finished the year in number one spot on the ITTF Women's Doubles Standings.

In similar vein, the Koreans, Lee Jung Woo and Oh Sang Eun finished the year at the top of the ITTF Pro Tour Men's Doubles Standings. In the final in Gothenburg they beat the Polish pairing of Lucjan Błaszczyk and Wang Zeng Yi to win their fourth ITTF Pro Tour Men's Doubles title of the year

Men's Singles Final:

Timo BOLL (GER) bt Jean-Michel Saive (BEL) 8-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 13-11

Women's Singles Final:

CAO Zhen (CHN) bt Tie Yana (HKG) 11-7, 11-5, 6-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-8

Men's Doubles Final:

LEE Jung Woo/OH Sang Eun (KOR) bt Lucjan Błaszczyk/Wang Zeng Yi (POL) 11-7, 11-9, 11-8, 7-11, 11-3

Women's Doubles Final:

TIE Yana/ZHANG Rui (HKG) bt Lin Ling/Song Ah Sim (HKG) 11-6, 11-7, 11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-4

Full results and articles appear on the website www.itf.com

BEDFORDSHIRE

by Derek Willis

THE new season has begun and our three leagues: Luton & District, Bedford and Leighton Buzzard have commenced their fixtures. The two County Veteran teams are in the same division 3B this season, which should be interesting.

The results of the Veterans teams first Matches, which were played at Ashford T.T.C. on the 8th October were as follows:

BERKSHIRE III 2	BEDFORDSHIRE 1 8
HERTFORDSHIRE III 1	BEDFORDSHIRE 1 9
BEDFORDSHIRE II 3	MIDDLESEX II 7
BERKSHIRE III 3	BEDFORDSHIRE II 7

A very good start for Bedfordshire 1 with Steve Dobbins, Colin Luscombe, David Hyde and Sandra Harper winning all their Singles Matches.

BERKSHIRE

by Colin Dyke

ONE late great achievement in the County last season was for the Reading girls to lift the Hammersley Cup. Congratulations to them.

Some early season adjustment to the girls County Rankings took place and revised lists are as follows:

Junior Girls

1. Ayonija Sundararajan
2. Chen Chen Wang
3. Fiona Taylor
4. Catrine Schioler
5. Emma Ashley
6. Ellenore Reed
7. Beth Wallace
8. Gemma Davis

Cadet Girls

1. Ayonija Sundararajan
2. Chen Chen Wang
3. Fiona Taylor
4. Catrine Schioler
5. Emma Ashley
6. Beth Wallace
7. Gemma Davis

The Cadet team opened their season in Division 1B with four matches at Evesham. Results were oh so close losing to Glamorgan and Wiltshire both 6-4 and drawing with Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. Richard Andrews and Tom Maynard both played well winning all eight games on the weekend. Sam Davis, who is improving rapidly, won one game as did Emma Ashley, for whom it was her first ever county win. As we have girls at an early stage of development it is unrealistic to expect too much from the Cadets team this year, although the boys will ensure that all teams are taken close.

The Junior team started with a bang in Division 2D. Two terrific wins over Kent II (8-2) and Gloucestershire (6-4) got them off to a flying start. Match Secretary Mike Maynard has high hopes of success after these opening matches. Ayonija Sundararajan was unbeaten (4/4) whilst Abhay Gehlot, Ben Davis and Kuldeep Gehlot for the boys took 3 out of 4 each. The win over a very strong Gloucestershire team was particularly satisfying. Newbury's Catrine Schioler, who is coached by Denise and Chris Weller and whose first county match this was, pulled off a stunning three straight win over Emma Hiscoke to turn the match.

The Veterans 3rd team had a disappointing start losing their two opening matches to Beds I (2-8) and Beds II (3-7). Doubles only successes against Beds I although Ramesh Gehlot was unlucky to lose to Dave Hyde at 10 in the fifth. He and Nick Heaps managed a singles win apiece against Beds II, both beating Martin Verdun.

The Vets 5th team came away with nothing from their long trip to Devon 3, losing 7-3. Mike Harris

and Colin Dyke both beat the luckless Kevyn Rice in five whilst Mike Harris had a good 3-1 win in the last mixed.

At last some success at Veteran level when the 6th team beat Devon 4 by 6-4. One win each for all three men Clive Dawson and Peter Bennett (both over Phil Goulding), and Roger Woolven-Allen over Dean Taylor. Sylvia Bruton weighed in with a good win over Annabel Challenger and a mixed success with Dawson. However the key win was the men's doubles where Bennett and Woolven-Allen won a close set against Dean and Kevin Taylor at 5 in the fifth. This success could not however be repeated against Surrey 4 who were far too strong winning 10-0. Woolven-Allen came the closest losing at 10 in the fifth to Roland McLenan.

CHESHIRE

by Alan Blears

IT was good to see John Hilton, a local lad who will soon be approaching middle age, come runner-up in the Guernsey Open. His conqueror was a mere chicken of thirty-nine, name of Alan Cooke.

After round one of the Junior British League, Sophie Byron, Caroline Hallows and Derbyshire's Emma Vickers top the Girls' Premier Division, while Jordyn Layfield's team lie fourth. In Girls' Division 2 Club, Mid-Cheshire also leads the field with Lynsey Pich, Rachel Baker and Lancashire's Rebecca Yip involved.

Caroline Hallows and Matthew Weatherby had a good day in the Blackpool Junior Four Star. Caroline knocked out favourite Sarah Perks to reach the junior girls' final, where she lost in five games to Emma Vickers. Matthew enjoyed his best win to date in the cadets, defeating Chris Smith, ranked No.11. A relatively late starter at twelve Matthew is now closing the gap on his longer-serving contemporaries.

Eleven year-old Natalie Dodd now has the girls' overall lead in the Stiga Junior Grand Prix series after two events, having come runner-up in the second.

Natalie is one of five Stockport girls playing in the National Junior League N.W. Natalie, Amy Walker, Sarah Weatherby, Charlotte and Sara Baker made a good start in Div.2 East, winning two matches in a largely male field. The leading Cheshire team in the division are Hillcourt boys, with Dan Brown, Jordan Potts and Stephen Jackson winning four, drawing one and losing only to Failsworth.

In the N.W. alone there were roughly 150 youngsters playing on Day One, so how many are playing nationally on N.J.L. days? What a brilliant success this competition is in promoting junior table tennis.

A great deal of hard work goes into organising these events. In the N.W. six venues have to be booked, all requiring a match day organiser four times a year, so hats off to Ken Armson and his team.

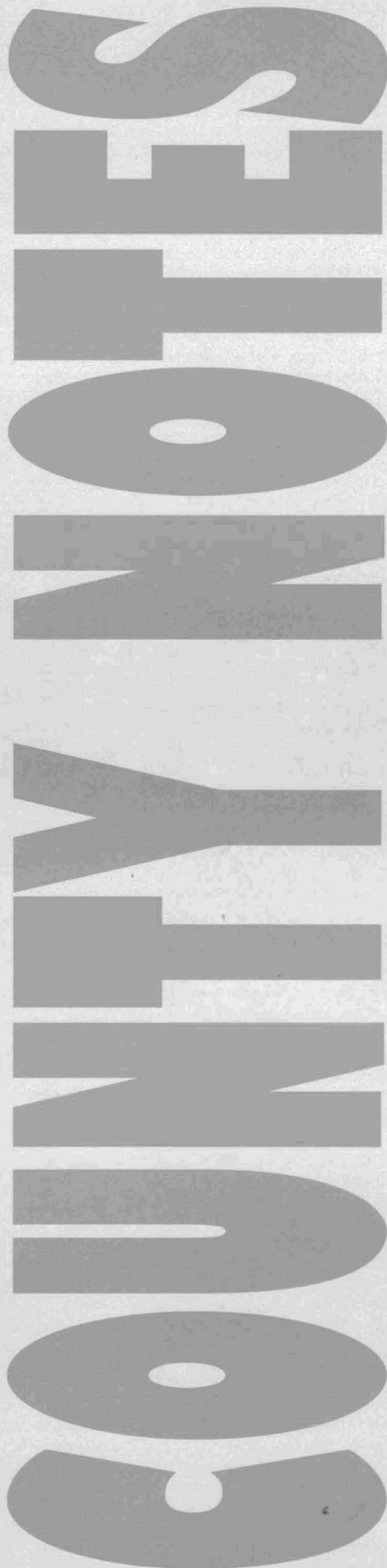
CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

Paul and Danny Picked for Linz

WITH Paul Drinkhall and Danny Reed both selected, Cleveland have two of the three male players picked to represent England in the ITTF World Junior Championships in Linz between 12 and 17 December

Selected with Paul and Danny is Darius Knight from London. England have no team in the team event so that the main events for the trio are the Individual Singles and Doubles competitions. Paul has already had experience of playing in World Championships as he was selected for the England Senior team for Shanghai in May and has played twice in the World Cadet Challenge in Madeira in 2004 and in the Dominican Republic earlier this season where he won the Silver medal in the Singles and Gold in the Team, but for Danny this is his first opportunity to represent England in a World event.



Date Clash Impact on British League

The loss of Paul Drinkhall from the Ormesby First Team for the second round of matches in the Premier Division of the British League which took place in Blackpool on 19/20 November had its inevitable effect. Losing their No 1 player not only weakens the top position in the team but with all players having to move up in the ranking order, it also affects the rest of the team's performance. Paul was missing due to being selected for an England training tour to Taiwan and China which coincided with both the Stockton-on-Tees Junior and the British League Blackpool weekend.

For the second year, Ormesby's chances of winning the title have been affected by date clashes with Paul's international commitments.

In the top of the table clash, despite taking a 3-0 lead, Ormesby were unable to capitalise against the current champions, London Progress, eventually going down by 5 sets to 3. In the other 3 matches, Ormesby had to be satisfied with a 4-4 draw with BATTs Team Peniel, Harvey Barnets and Ellenborough.

Danny Reed was the most successful player in the Ormesby team, winning 5 of his 8 matches, whilst Craig Bryant and Steven Bailey won 4 each. Bryn Drinkhall had a poor weekend by his standards, only winning 2 of his sets.

The Stockton-on-Tees Junior 4 Star was staged successfully at Thornaby Pavilion on 12 and 13 November with an entry increased by approximately 20% compared with the previous year. Much of this increase was due to an improved local entry which reflects the interest in table tennis development in the county over the last 2 or 3 years.

DERBYSHIRE

by Colin Deaton

THE second Derby Schools Table Tennis tournament was held at the end of November played at the Derby Moor School. Over 120 matches were played in the event, which had an entry of 52 players.

A good day was experienced by the Littleover club with their players in all of the boys finals. The under 19 final was the match of the day between Michael and Tommy Lowdon, which Tommy won in four. Ronan Kelly from Chesterfield lost in the under 11 final to Oliver King (Littleover) but surprisingly beat Adam Smith (Leabrooks) in the under 13 level final. All these five young players will be in the county squad at the regional ranking trials in Grantham. Kelly is only just 9 years old and is seen to be following in the footsteps of the international trio from Staveley of Pitchford, Lowe and Cullen.

The next Derby tournament will be on February 12th, played at Littleover School. Meanwhile, the Burton league continues to flourish. Regional development Chief Chris Newton is creating plenty of activity, particularly at the Uxbridge centre. Their two leading lights are James Ward who is ranked highly in the national under 13 list, and Natalie Slater is ranked number 12 in the cadet girls list. Burton league is growing quite rapidly, with 20 to 27 teams competing and last summer they were engaged in a summer league with ten teams, which was for the very first time. The Uxbridge club has grown from 6 teams to 17 teams in three seasons. They are also hosting several National competitions one being the national cadet league, which has 11 teams from Derbyshire and Staffordshire featured. At the first playoff weekend matches, Matlock's Cromford Club finished top and they will do well to stay there with three more weekends to go.

A real buzz has been created in the Matlock area by the opening of the new Whitworth centre. League matches are now being played there with

additional coaching being stretched to Saturday mornings. They have a nucleus of talent in the Matlock area, some of whom are nationally ranked. The area is to be given a boost in the new year, with the return to live in the area of Gerald Finney. Finney has had a few years living in Northamptonshire, but his services, particularly in the coaching set up will be a real asset to the Matlock area. Derbyshire's big event of the year is to take place on Sunday 15th January at the Staveley Middlecroft Leisure Centre. This will probably be the last time these Championships will be played there as the centre is to close down in May. This centre houses the Staveley clubs 20 teams which compete in the Chesterfield and District league. However, the good news is that adjacent to these premises a brand new sports hall has been approved and is to be built within the next 12 months. The ETTA have been involved in approving good lighting and covering of walls etc. This will be a further boost to the Staveley Club, which has grown to be one of the biggest clubs in Britain.

How encouraging to see so many Derbyshire players competing in the Bath Super Grand Prix. Some of them played a prominent part in the later stages of the band events. Alex Perry won the men's singles and is no stranger to the Chesterfield area where he coaches at local schools with the Gifted and Talented pupils. It can't be bad to have a Commonwealth Gold Medallist slipping in and running a coaching session during school hours. Long may it continue.

Finally, Nicola Deaton has been nominated by the English Table Tennis Association to attend a coaching conference in Linz, Austria on December 11th for four days. Nicola is the ETTA Female coach of the year and runs the High Performance Centre in Nottingham.

DEVONSHIRE

by John Vincent

VETERANS

PAUL GILES the Devon No.1 Veteran now Nationally ranked No.6 has started the new season on a high, winning the Midland Masters Over 40's Singles and Mixed Doubles titles. The event is one of five National Tournaments held each season.

Paul defeated Joe Kennedy (Kent) Nationally ranked at No.4 in the semi-final and Steve Hall (Wales) in a close five set final.

Paul partnered Shu Liang in the Mixed Doubles and in the final they defeated the Welsh No.1 pairing of Steve Hall and Regina Donovan to record a comfortable victory.

SENIORS

Lisa Radford, who was a Junior last season, raced up the Senior National Rankings to No.20. In the Cardiff Grand Prix she won the Girls Under 21 title from Scotland's No.2 Karen Egarr. Unfortunately, in the main event she had a tough group losing to both Helen Lower Nationally ranked at No.1 and Nicola White ranked at No.10.

Marketa Myskova the Devon No.1 had a good tournament giving Helen Lower a scare in a close 5 set semi-final, after leading 2-0.

JUNIORS

At the East Midlands Junior 4 Star in Grantham, Plymouth players produced some good results. Vicky Smith was runner up in the Under-11 Girls Final.

Richard Marshall benefited from having his coach Mike Hugh with him. He had a good win over William Maybanks and reached the Cadet Boys final to finish runner up to Wing Yung Chan (Surrey). In the main event Richard reached the last 16, before losing to the highly rated David Meads 3-1.

Sally Smith in the Junior Girls made the semi-finals

before losing to Lauren Spink who is Nationally ranked at No.2.

ESSEX

by Steve Kerns

LORESTAS UNBEATEN

ESSEX Senior First team enjoyed a fine opening weekend at the Cippenham Club in the Premier Division of the Senior County Championships. An initial 6-4 win over Durham, a 5-5 draw with Yorkshire and a superb 6-4 victory over Sussex sees them tied on five points with leaders Yorkshire, although Yorkshire head the table by virtue of having the superior games average.

Essex raced into a 3-0 lead against a young and talented Durham side as Lorestas Trumpauskas led the way for the Essex side with two excellent five set wins over two of the games most stylish protagonists - Michael Marsden and David Meads. With Sarra Wang (now ranked no. three in England at Junior level) and her mother Lucy both picking up one win and with Clive Carthy and Gary Tendler also contributing a single win Essex scraped home 6-4. It was Tendler who sealed the Essex victory with a 3-1 success over Andrew Leighton in the all-important last game of the match.

Sunday morning's fixture against Yorkshire produced some furious Table Tennis as Essex surged into a 3-1 lead. However, Yorkshire hit back in determined fashion and from 5-3 ahead Essex had to settle for the draw. Trumpauskas was again the most successful male player with two more excellent wins. First he put the improving Simon Nouch firmly in his place winning 11-9, 11-9, 11-5 and in his second singles he came through in five ends against fellow left-hander Mark Smith. England no. eight lady Abigail Embling replaced Lucy for this match and she made her mark with a 3-1 victory over Nicola White (the England no. 19 ranked lady player). Sarra Wang, also came close to notching up what would have been a superb win, but after fighting back from 2-0 down she just failed to pull it off against Joanne Roberts losing 11-9 in the fifth end. Essex will certainly feel that they had a chance to win this match, but it wasn't to be. In the ninth game Abigail missed out 3-0 against the inform Joanne Roberts and in the last game of the match Clive recovered from a 2-0 deficit to pull level with Simon Nouch, but it was a determined Simon who sealed victory at 11-8 in the fifth end, to leave the match tied at 5-5.

Sunday afternoon's opponents - Sussex have been something of a stumbling block for Essex in recent years, so to beat them 6-4 sets Essex up really well for the second half of the season. Trumpauskas carried on where he had left off with two more excellent wins, 3-1 against England no. five Veteran Nigel Eckersley - whilst his second victory, a real tussle which ended at 12-10 in the fifth end against Sussex no one Ritchie Venner gave Essex a vital 5-3 lead. Gary Tendler also excelled by beating Venner 11-8 in the deciding set whilst the girls added three vital and very hard-fought victories. Abigail had to battle really hard in both her games, but she eventually came through 11-7 in the deciding end against the hard-hitting Sarah Stedman, and 11-8 in the final game against the vastly experienced Rose Rainton. Sara Wang's 3-2 victory over Stedman which gave Essex a vital 5-3 lead proved priceless in such a tight match. One should spare a thought for the battling Sussex side as well, as they lost five of the six games that went to the fifth end. The ever-reliable Adrian Moore, proved to be the stumbling block as far as Essex were concerned as he beat both Clive and Gary 3-1.

VETERANS SECONDS LEAD THE WAY

Essex Veterans second and third teams enjoyed their "finest hour" at Halifax on 8/9 October (reports County Veterans Match Secretary Neil Brierley).

Seven wins from eight matches was the magnificent haul from the weekend which could hardly have been bettered when you consider our two teams had to play each other. Division Two has been a hurdle too far for many a year but we now have a real prospect of one of these teams reaching the heady heights of Division One South.

The makeup of the division included four County first teams but this clearly had a galvanising effect on our players. Notts must have been one of the favourites but they were dismissed 7-3 by both Essex teams. Notts no 1, the redoubtable Trevor Kerry (ranked 16 in England) was beaten by Ian Attridge, Mark Wicker and Steve Kerns. Steve also beat Lincs no 1 Andy Wignall (ranked 26 in England) which was crucial in the third team's 6-4 win. Not content, our third team also swept aside Herts II 9-1, thereby bettering the 8-2 victory by the seconds over the same team. Essex II also dismissed Cambridgeshire I comfortably by an 8-2 margin.

Sadly, as the regulations lay down, the two Essex sides had to meet early in the proceedings, and a titanic struggle saw order maintained with a 6-4 triumph for the second team. Two men won twice with Terry Guymer beating both Dave Bowles and Steve Kerns to finish the weekend with an excellent seven wins out of eight (losing only in five ends to Trevor Kerry). Mark Wicker was the other two-time winner as he beat both Ian Attridge and John Monk and Mark also captained his team by example with six wins out of eight from the two days. That was the same tally as Ian Attridge who was an equally assured performer in the role of second team number one. An inform Dave Bowles let nobody down with five excellent wins, an identical record to Kerns. A less than 100 % fit John Monk managed two plucky victories.

Rather ungallantly, I've left the ladies to last. Gill Locke, who seems to lose a maximum of one game a season, clicked into the form that won her the Northern Masters title in Sunderland in September, with a maximum four wins whilst Marjorie Dawson, on her long overdue return to the County scene, lost to Gill but still finished with two wins from her four matches.

NORTHANTS

by Dennis Millman

THE EBS Mobile Phones Ltd, Northants Super League got underway with Kettering, Towcester, Northampton and Wellingborough entering their top sides, though Kettering champions Burton Baptist A were surprise omissions.

The opening venue provided room for just three matches with the closest of these the all Kettering encounter between SAS Thrapston and Corby Town. Ian Bird was the best player on view with two of his three wins keeping SAS in touch with Corby had taken a 3-1 lead. Polish newcomer David Przybycz levelled the scores at three all but then Lee O'Boyle and Kenny Clarke won their second rubbers to put the result beyond doubt. Only one game went the distance with Simon Jarvis edging out Geoff Atkinson 11-6, 9-11, 13-11, 4-11, 11-5.

Best individual win of the day came from Harborough's Barry Thompson who gave his side an early lead with an 8-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-8, 11-6 success against Cold Higham's Gary Deakin. Thompson later went down to some sharp attacking play from Gerald Henson but the Towcester outfit could muster just one further win when Deakin, enjoying the rub of the green, surprisingly ousted David Grundy 11-9, 11-9, 11-1. Meanwhile Andy LeButt raced to an easy treble to give Harborough a 7-2 victory and the maximum four points.

Farthingstone were Towcester's other

representatives but they had the misfortune to meet Greg Yarnall and John Fuller in full flow. Yarnall's hat-trick came in straight games while Fuller initially beat Jamie Chamberlain 11-2, 11-7, 5-11, 4-11, 11-3 but then won two further rubbers by the shortest route. Ian Yarnall faced a sterner test but after going down in straight games to Jason Tustain and Chamberlain, he accounted for Sean O'Keefe in four ends to earn Westfield the vital fourth point.

Westfield and Harborough led with four points, one ahead of Corby, with Northampton's DCA Pumas and Wellingborough's Higham Band still to see some action.

When the County Championship opened the newly formed Veteran Firsts had Dave Welsman making his Northants debut and Margaret Welsman (formerly Maltby) returning to the county ranks after a successful spell with Surrey, at the end of which she was ranked No.5 in the Over 40's and No.1 in the Over 50's.

Steve Silk skipped the side which was completed by Chris Ross, whose straight game win gave Northants an early lead. Not for long, however, with Surrey Thirds Keith James and John Callcutt beating Silk and Welsman respectively. Margaret Welsman went two games down but recovered to end on the winning side in both singles and two mixed doubles. Ross remained unbeaten but Silk lost a second singles before Northants took the final pair of rubbers for a seven three success.

Against Middlesex Seconds it was Silk's turn to remain unbeaten together with Mrs Welsman again adding both doubles to an easy singles verdict. Welsman lost to Paulo Cheng, while Ross after easily accounting for the Middlesex No.1 went down 11-9 in the decider to Geoff Grange. With no further problems Northants won eight two.

The Veteran Seconds also began with a victory when they beat Yorkshire 5ths 7-3. Gordon Shaw and Chris Gibbons were unbeaten in singles and doubles with Gary Deakin adding a straight game win against Brian Quinn. Clem Little contributed to a mixed doubles win as last season's Promotion winning side made a fine start to the new campaign.

In Kettering's Premier Division Higham Band kept in touch with leaders Burton Baptist A with four successive wins thanks in the main to a 100% return for Richard Elliott.

The Burton trio of Dave Welsman, Chris Ross and Steve Silk also remain unbeaten despite a current lack of suitable reserves. Welsman, in his first season in Kettering, also has an unbeaten record.

The Burton club, even without last season's No.1 Graeme McKim, presently lead in three divisions with their remaining two sides in close contention. Leading positions:

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Burton Baptist A	5	3	2	0	39
Higham Band	4	4	0	0	35
Kettering Town A	5	3	1	1	30
Harborough Athletic	4	2	1	1	26

Wanderers A surprisingly lead Wellingborough's Premier Division with Kevin Bird, Grant Timms and Tony Wharton well to the fore. However, all their challengers have games in hand and it could still be anyone's title.

Leading positions:

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Wanderers A	4	2	1	1	25
Higham Band A	3	3	0	0	24
Turvay A	3	2	1	0	21
Thrapston A	3	1	2	0	17
Chesterwell A	2	1	1	0	13
Westfield A	2	1	1	0	13

NORTHUMBERLAND

by Pauline Long

THE senior County team of Eddie Smith, Andrew Wilkinson, Dave Godbold, Caron Guthrie and Christine Burke have finally taken the Division 2A title after finishing as runners-up for the past three seasons.

In their series of matches played over the weekend of 15th-16th October at Leamington Spa, they had wins of 8-2 over Leicestershire II, and Warwickshire II, and 7-3 over Cumbria, Derbyshire II and Durham II, with all the men remaining unbeaten to gain promotion to Division 1A next season. Well done to all players.

Both the veteran (premier Division) and junior (Division 2A) teams were due to play their first series of matches over the weekend of 5th-6th November.

Other local players attended the Midland Masters Veterans' tournament in Wolverhampton, held over the same weekend as the senior play-offs. A power cut during part of Saturday afternoon meant that the men's doubles events had to be cancelled, with entry fees being held over until the next available tournament. Jimmy Scope and Pauline Long reached the final of the men's over 50 singles plate and the women's over 60 singles plate respectively, but both lost out in five-game thrillers.

Current early season Northumbria League leaders are as follows:

Premier Division:	Washington "A"
Division 1	North Shields YMCA "A"
Division 2	Alnwick "A"
Division 3	Byker CC "B"
Division 4	Cramlington Lions

The week of 17th October was set aside for the first round of the Team Handicap Knockout Cup competition, and this was taking place at the time of writing.

By the time this report appears in print, the festive season should be rapidly approaching, so on this assumption all good wishes are extended to players, officials and friends for Christmas, and a healthy, happy and hopefully peaceful New Year in 2006.

SOMERSET

by John Wood

Senior County Championships

CHRISTINE COWELL was the star of the month for Somerset 2nds, when she won all her Womens singles matches against Cornwall I and 2 teams in the County Championships, Senior Division 2B at St. Augustine of Canterbury School Sports hall in Taunton, on Saturday 5th November.

In the match against Cornwall 1sts, which we lost 2-8, her explosive form on 'Guy Fawkes Day' saw her defeat Cornwall's Michelle Turner 11-7, 13-11, 11-3. Christine then went onto to beat Cornwall's ace defender Shirley Luckhurst 11-6, 11-6, 6-11, 11-7.

She then took the limelight against Cornwall 2nds, beating Yaina Andrew 11-3, 11-9, 11-9, and Di Jermyn 11-3, 11-8, 13-11.

Somerset's defender Andrew Hewitt flew the flag for the county beating Cornwall's Matthew Nicholls, following a pulsating five setter, a classic battle of attack and defence, which saw Andrew narrowly win 11-2, 11-5, 5-11, 9-11, 11-9.

The other players for Somerset 2nds were Michael Hurley, Richard Jones and Rebecca Seal.

Cardiff Grand Prix

The Cardiff Grand Prix saw two Bridgwater girls gain prizes. Naomi Wilson, who has benefited from training in Cardiff, was the Runner-Up in Band 1. The level of competition was very high and Naomi just lost to Siwan Davis a Welsh International. Naomi also got through to the quarter-finals in the Women's Open event.

Frances Potjewyd, who is still a Junior, was Runner-Up in the Band 2 Singles. She had three maximum wins against Stella Davis, Carol Homewood and the No.1 seed from Ireland, Amanda Mogeys to get to the finals. Unfortunately she lost to Isabel Sanjurjo in a close and exciting final, but was pleased to receive some prize money!

Somerset County Juniors

The juniors made the first excursion of the two this season, for county matches in Chichester.

By the end of the day they had all but assured their place in division 1B, for next season.

An 8-2 win over Bucks 2nds got them off to a great start with the two girls Claire Howe and Frances Potjewyd, plus Shaun Hall winning all their games, with one each for Takuya Takaiski and Jamie Hutchinson.

Sussex proved to be somewhat tougher opposition, with the girls taking only one of their four encounters. The boys, with two from Shaun and one each from the other two boys saw us secure a 5-5 draw.

Claire sustained an injury and after winning one match had to retire against Glamorgan. However Frances responded well and won both of hers, but the match was lost 4-6.

Treatment did the trick for Claire and she and Frances then won all four of their matches against Surrey. A great win for Takuya and a nail-biting last gasp victory for Shaun at 12-10 in the fifth gave Somerset another win.

SUFFOLK

by Andrew Dosher

PRIDE of place this month goes to the two Collins brothers Ryan & Jake, in particular Ryan. During the summer months they were at the Britannia club practicing regularly & I understand have had coaching by the Stevenson twins in Norwich.

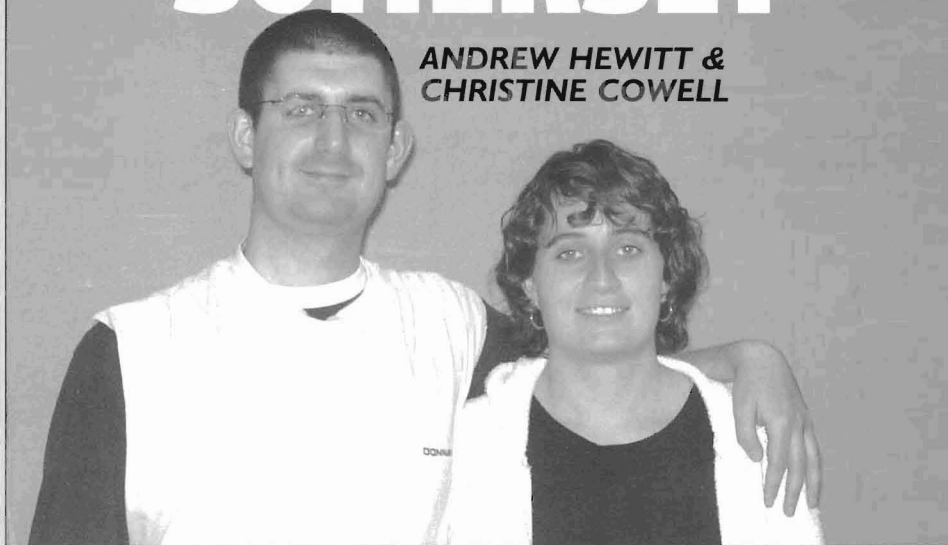
At the first local major event of the season the Britannia Ipswich top 12, Jake qualified by his average over last season in the Ipswich league, with Ryan just missing out, not to be deterred Ryan came along as a substitute & was rewarded as Charles Fulcher wasn't able to play.

The script was written & Ryan caused as big an upset as I have come across & beat the top four seeds Lee Barnes, Wayne Shaw, Andrew Warner & Fred Dove, to win the title losing to only Nigel Hodder in the group stage.

Ryan was again looking good at the Suffolk Closed Championships, in the men's singles despite losing to three time winner Richard Hutchinson at the group stage; he knocked out defending champion Lee Barnes in the first round, before beating

SOMERSET

ANDREW HEWITT & CHRISTINE COWELL



Andrew Warner & Wayne Shaw to get to the final

Dave Cole (new to these championships) was Ryan's opponent in the final, & despite being off the English ranking list & only playing division three in the Ipswich league (to help some youngsters) he was rightly seeded number one. Cole had come through against former Essex player & team mate Tony West & the author of this column.

The final was a classic as favourite Cole scrapped the first two sets & then was blown off the table with the power of Ryan who had no problem attacking his serves & attacking shots. Fortunately Cole who at the end of the fourth set appeared to have run out of ideas got off to the perfect start in the final set & restricted his opponent to one point, which doesn't do justice to Ryan who could so easily have won.

Lee Barnes won the under 21 singles with victory over Aaron Self, who had earlier beaten Ryan on route.

Claire Emmerson was unfortunate to lose against Vicky Gray in the semis of the woman's singles holding a match point; Gray defended her title by beating Aimee Sparkes 3-0 in the final.

Tony West won the restricted final for the third time beating Malcolm & Ryan Collins en route. His final win was over Ian Brown.

Peter Avenall tells me that the Stowmarket table tennis clubs, who have a team in the Junior National League division one, have been progressing with a number of excellent performances. Their players Chris Doran, Stuart Mudie, Michael Harvey & Aaron Self finished second after the first weekend, apparently they are somewhat unlucky to lost 5-1 against Waterside in the first match as the games were very close, against Hull St Mary though Stowmarket came through 4-2, & then repeated this over London Progress. On the Sunday they went 3-1 against a strong Barnet team which saw Chris Doran beat William Maybanks 3-1, before Barnet fought back for a draw. In their last match they won 6-0 over Wirral Premier.

In the Ipswich & District league Washbrook are just ahead of the pack & have both Jimmy Farrow & Lee Barnes winning regularly, but with The Collins trio of Malcolm, Ryan & Jake playing for Norbridge it could be their year as they are all very competitive & with some of the other teams playing different players they are going to be tough to stop if they all play every week, in a recent game against last years champions Rosary they won 7-3 with Ryan playing superbly to beat Andrew Warner.

Suffolk Juniors and Vets Championships take

place simultaneously on 22nd. January 2006 at the Stowmarket Club.

SURREY

by Chris Andrews

ENGLAND'S World domination at the World Cadet Challenge team event was due in no small part to Surrey. In the early rounds Darius Knight beat Asia's No.1 player Kenta Matsudaira of Japan who beat Paul Drinkhall. In the Dominican Republic the England team didn't just have to beat the best teams in the World. That would have been easy. They had to beat Continents and they beat Asia, North America, Latin America and the rest of Europe. The Surrey player also reached the quarter-final of the Singles and won a Silver medal in the doubles partnering Paul Drinkhall.

At the European Championship 2007 Qualifiers in Bulgaria (Sofia) Joanna Parker was the only English player to remain unbeaten. The English ladies beat Estonia 3-0, Luxembourg 3-0, Bosnia 3-0, Bulgaria 3-0 and lost to Portugal 3-1. England finished top of their group and qualified.

Darius Knight has joined seven times British League Premier Division Champions and Joanna Parker is staying with her club 3B Berlin in Germany for a second year.

At the Bulgaria Open, Surrey's Darius Knight reached the semi-final of the plate event in the Singles, while Joanna Parker reached the quarter-finals of the main event with her partner Kelly Sibley.

A vast haul of medals were captured by Darius Knight at the Hungarian Junior Open (under 18's). Darius won the team Gold for England alongside Paul Drinkhall and Gavin Evans, a Silver medal in the doubles partnering Paul Drinkhall and a Silver medal in the Singles where he was beaten by Hungary's Attila Vadja.

Surrey's Grand Prix winners of the second half of last season were Kim Mudge Women's Veteran's Champion at Crystal Palace where Diane Melville won the Women's Band 3 event. The Men's Band 1 winner at Hereford was Abdul Wuraola, who also won the Stiga Blackpool 3 star Men's Band 1 event. Chris Beckley won the Men's Band 2 at Cheltenham and Abdul Wuraola was named 2004/05 season Men's Band 1 Champion. Wing Yung Chan won the Junior Boys Band 1 at the Liverpool 4 star Junior event and Steve Davis was the winner of the Cippenham Vets 2 star where he beat Derek Holman.

At the Grant Solder Summer School Helena Foylan

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won the Junior B tournament and was also awarded a prize for being the most dedicated player.

Surrey's 2nd Cadet side played in Worcester on the 15th October 2005. The team was Cian Sutcliffe, Andrew Ma, Matthew Seager, Rhea Badresa and Laura Higham. They performed very well considering many were representing their County for the first time.

Junior Dates for Diary: 27/11/05 Surrey schools individual at Sutton Youth Centre, 3-4 Dec 05 Regional trials (u11, u13, u15 and u18), 18/12 05 Cadet National League, 2/1/06 Surrey Junior Closed at Sutton Youth Centre, 8/1/06 London Junior Ranking Tournament Zone at Graham Spicer (New Malden), 28/1/06 London Junior Ranking Final, 29/1/06 Surrey Schools Pairs Competition at Sutton Youth Centre, 5/2/06 Cadet National League, 12/2/06 Surrey Grand Prix at Graham Spicers (u11, u13 and u15), 5/3/06 Junior Ranking Tournament zone at Graham Spicers, 12/3/06 Surrey Grand Prix at Sutton Youth Centre, 12/3/06 Cadet National League, 25/3/06 London Junior Ranking Final, 8/4/06 London Junior Ranking Tournament zone at Graham Spicers, 22/4/06 Surrey Grand Prix at Graham Spicers (New Malden, u11, u13 and u15), 6/5/06 London Junior Ranking Finals, 13-14 May 06 Junior British League at Wolverhampton. Contacts; Surrey Grand Prix at Graham Spicers – Pete Corner 020 8979 2963, Surrey Closed & Grand Prix at Sutton – Martin Rogers 020 8647 4053, Surrey Trials – Jane Barella 020 8240 6086 and Surrey Schools – Neil Williams 01372 813648

SUSSEX

by John Woodford
WHIZZ-KID

AN eight-year-old whizz-kid is taking Sussex table tennis by storm - the story of the month.

At the last National Cadet League session at Tunbridge Wells, Helshan Weerasinghe, originally from Sri Lanka, defeated all fifteen opponents. He has beaten a number of adult players in Division 4 of the Worthing League and is also appearing in the Brighton League, premier division. His early coaching came from Lancing's Ray Forder but I am assured that Rory Scott is now his coach. Ray Forder said recently "I have coached 5,000 kids over twenty years - he is the best 8-year-old I have seen. If he carries on to make progress he might be good enough to play in the 2012 London Olympics".

Meanwhile, at the other end of the age-game, Ritchie Venner has made his county debut as a veteran and will be competing for the first time in a major veterans event at Norwich in the Eastern Masters at Norwich in December.

So far, Ritchie has held onto his No.1 England veteran ranking, but he will need to play in more veterans events to hold that position.

Liam Vine (Littlehampton) is holding onto his No.1 junior ranking. At the end of this season, several Sussex juniors will be upgraded to seniors ranking, one of them is Lisa Standen (Hastings) who is travelling to many tournaments around the country.

Venner is the reigning county champion Peter Bartram is the holder of the Seaman Cup, after beating Venner in the final.

Warwickshire

by Caroline Williams
Sad News

LEAMINGTON LEAGUE were saddened to hear that one of Colebridge's leading players, Barry Hunt, collapsed and died during a table tennis league match at the Colebridge Club in Shirley. He had played in the Warwickshire veterans side, for Birmingham in the Midland League and had

represented Colebridge in the British League. He was a leading member of the club at Colebridge with an easy going personality and a tremendous example to the young players. Barry was first and foremost a team man and is best remembered for that, rather than for his individual record. He played for over three decades in the Birmingham League, including clubs such as Holdens and Olton and West Warwickshire.

He joined the Colebridge club in 1995 where he switched to playing in the Leamington League.

Leamington is bigger!

Leamington is now the largest league in Warwickshire having overtaken Birmingham for the first time. Leamington now has 64 teams to Birmingham's 59. Part of the success is due to Leamington's 2-aside league which has grown this year to 28 teams. This format is particularly popular with young players because the match consists of 5 games (4 singles and the doubles), no late night finishes and little waiting around for the players as they each play 3 out of the 5 games.

County handbook

Warwickshire now has its own mini-handbook issued to every league player in the county. The mini-handbook consists of a single A4 sheet three-folded listing of officers, league secretaries, event organisers, a diary of events, county championship tables for the relevant divisions, closed championships winners and runners-up, useful table tennis website addresses and information about ETTA and ITTF.

YORKSHIRE

By Barry Snowden
White Rose Affairs

THE Yorkshire Inter League competition has now got underway and once again the lack of a senior event is a worry to all but the increase in Veterans and a healthy picture in the Cadets and Junior competitions is some consolation.

The first weekend of the veterans first division was recently held at the impressive Dewsbury Table Tennis Centre and after the first round of matches all nine teams were off the mark and it was Doncaster who were leading the way with three wins out of three from last years winners Huddersfield who were a point adrift but lurking in third place are Bradford who only played the two matches and also have a 100% record.

In this most competitive of divisions Doncaster were made to work hard for their points as a 7-3 victory over Hull No 2 was followed by two 6-4 victories against Keighley No 1 and York No 1.

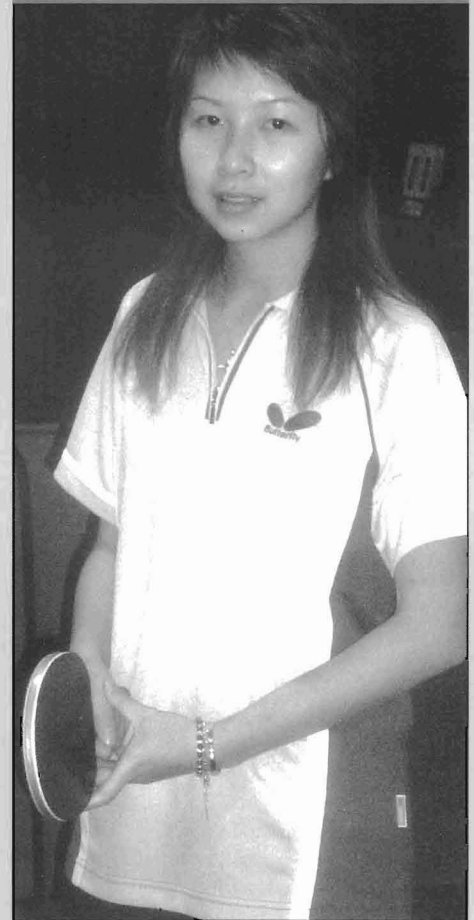
Such is the competitive nature of the event that after Bradford there is only one point separating the remaining 6 teams with Halifax, Hull No 1 and No 2 on two points with Keighley No 1, York No 1 and Dewsbury No 1 all on two points and that of twelve matches played none resulted in a victory of over 7-3.

There were shocks also as county first teamer Tim Dyson lost his first ever match in this competition as he was beaten by Keighley's Keith Lee with fellow county players Alan Dickinson and Geoff Brook both dropping surprising sets to Trevor Pitts and Brian Quinn respectively. Pitts also performed with distinction as he beat Bradford's county stars Neil Harris and Steve Kosmowsky.

17 year old Rishworth School student Elaine Li has been selected to play for Yorkshire Juniors Table Tennis team in the first weekend of fixtures in the English County Championships Premier Division which will take place at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre, Slough, Berkshire on the 5th and 6th November 2005

Elaine is from Hong Kong and is in her fourth year

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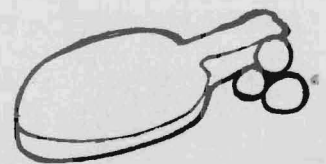


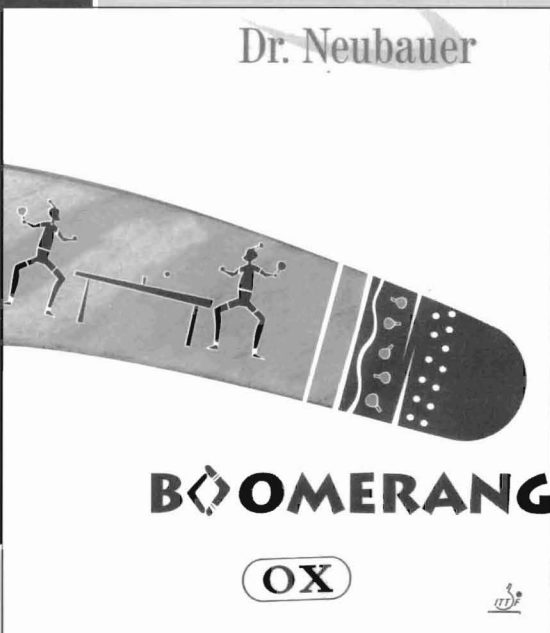
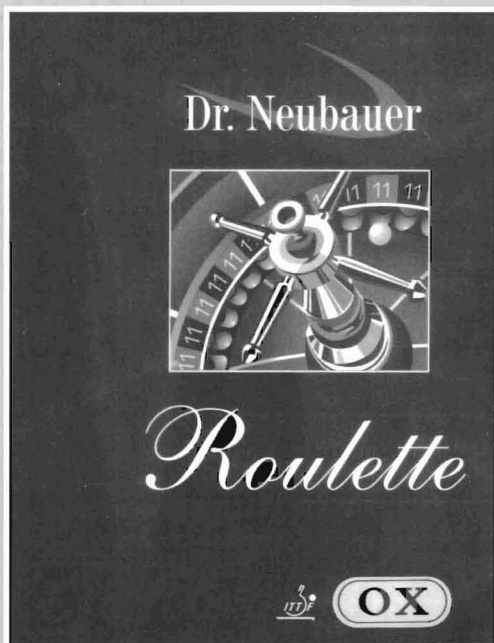
YORKSHIRE'S Elaine Li

at Rishworth after her family learned about the school through an agency in her native Hong Kong. She is studying ICT, Business Studies and Maths at Rishworth and with one more year to go after this year she is hoping to go onto university in this country.

Elaine learned to play table tennis in Hong Kong and has now been playing for about seven years. Whilst in her early days at Rishworth she heard about the Halifax Table Tennis Centre and under the guidance of head coach Alan Dickinson her game has improved to such a standard that Elaine was runner up in last seasons' area junior trials and with her still being a junior this season, her selection for the county first team was a formality.

The Yorkshire team travel to Cippenham to play three matches over the first weekend with a Saturday afternoon fixture against Derbyshire which will be followed by two matches on Sunday, firstly against Buckinghamshire and then complete their fixtures with a match against Lincolnshire.





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DR. HERBERT NEUBAUER has produced two new rubbers and two new blades for the 2005/6 season.

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The other two new products are blades, Barricade and Bulldozer. Both of which are large size but very light.

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BAT TESTS

These bat tests were carried out by John Wood and Roy Harrison at the Ilminster TTC in Somerset.

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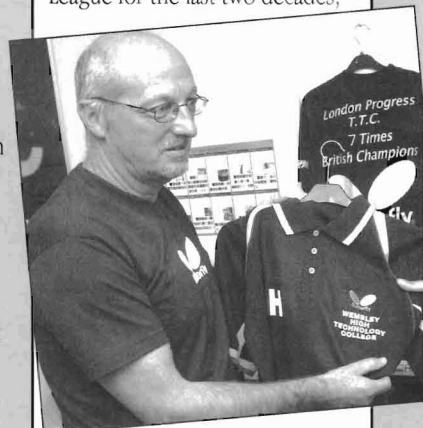
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ANOTHER new innovation from Tees Sport this season is a logo design service for clubs, leagues, County Associations or sponsors.

Tees Sport's new Sales Office Manager, George Picken (pictured below), has also taken on the role of Print Manager to provide this service. George has played in the First Division of the Stockton League for the last two decades,



currently representing the Hillprint team who use the Northfield Club facility. George has more than 25 years' experience as a graphic designer and has been responsible for the design of the Tees Sport catalogue, leaflets and adverts for most of that period. George has produced several logos of table tennis organisations and is able to offer this design service to customers of Tees Sport.

In addition, Tees Sport have now added an in-house print service for shirts, tracksuits or t-shirts with computerised machines and the appropriate software to enable the company to produce small scale clothing print runs as well as having local companies under contract to supply both larger print requirements and embroidery at very competitive costs.

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Meads stars at the Stockton-on-Tees Junior 4 Star Table Tennis Championships

FROM the third seeded position, **Darlington's David Meads produced one of his best tournament performances to date to win the Boys' Singles in the Tees Active Limited Sponsored Stockton-on-Tees Junior 4 Star Table Tennis Championships, played at Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend of 12th and 13th November, writes Alan Ransome.**

Meads upset the form book by beating one of England's top young prospects, Gavin Evans from Nottinghamshire, in the final. Meads' attacking play was too quick and accurate for Evans, with the Darlington player winning by 4 games to 1. The same approach was just as effective in the semi final when Meads beat the second seed, Danny Reed of Ormesby, also by 4 games to 1.

Meads remained unbeaten throughout the weekend as Darlington won the Junior Boys' team event, beating the London Club, Barnet, by 3-0 in the semi final and Ormesby by the same score in the final. In this match, Meads beat Damien Nicholls 3-1 whilst his team mate Bradley Evans beat Danny Reed 3-0. The Darlington pair won the doubles by 3-0 to seal the victory. In the semi final, Ormesby beat London's leading club, York Gardens, 3-0.

Although Gavin Evans was beaten in the final of the Junior Boys' Singles, he won the other two events in which he competed, the Cadet Boys' Singles where he beat Matthew Ware of Hampshire 3-0 in the final, and William Maybanks of Hertfordshire by the same score in the semi. Evans combined with his brother, Myles, to win the Cadet Boys' team event, competing for the Grantham Tornados Club. In the final they beat the Hampshire club pairing of Matthew Ware and Garth Kinlocke 3-1.

The Junior Girls' Singles was won by the second seed, Caroline Hallows of Cheshire, who won a 5 set final against the third seed, Rachel Jamieson of Essex in a close fought contest by 3 games to 2. The top seed, Emma Vickers of Derbyshire, was beaten for the second time in two days by Rachel Jamieson by 3 games to 2.

The first win for Rachel was in Saturday's Cadet final where she overturned the seeding, beating the Derbyshire girl in the final by 3-1.

Other than for the Boys' team final, the closest the Cleveland players came to a title was in the Grade One Girls' Singles. Rachel Greener beat Caroline Linz of Buckinghamshire by 3-1 and Mary Fuller from Yorkshire by 3-2, to reach the final where she met Melissa Wright of South Yorkshire and the Sheffield player took the title by 3 games to 1.

The Mini Cadet Boys' Singles was won by Liam Pitchford of Derbyshire who beat Durham's Graeme Barella by 3-1 in the final. The Mini Cadet Girls' Singles was won by Aoyinja Sundararajan from Berkshire who used her oversized bat with long pimples to full effect to beat Lucy Davidson of Derbyshire in the final.

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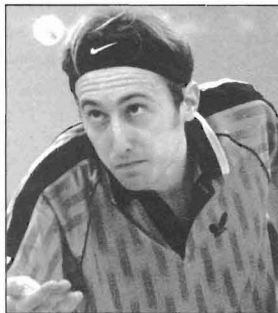
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(3)	3 PERRY, Alex (DV)	4971	
(7)	4 RUSHTON, Andrew (LA)	4786	
(5)	5 HERBERT, Gareth (BK)	4732*	
(6)	6 DRINKHALL, Paul (CV)	4637	
(8)	7 YOUNG, Terry (BK)	4616	
(9)	8 PREAN, Carl (IW)	4581*	
(10)	9 KNIGHT, Darius (SY)	4513	
(11)	10 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA)	4351*	
(12)	11 HOLLAND, John J (DY) (E)	4259	
(14)	12 YARNALL, Tim (NP)	4206	
(15)	13 BRYANT, Craig (DV)	4185	
(16)	14 DRINKHALL, Bryn (CV)	4116	
(17)	15 BARHAM, Dale (CA)	4115*	
(19)	16 REED, Daniel (CV)	4087*	
(23)	17 MEADS, David (DU)	3976	
(24)	18 HILTON, John (CH)	3955	
(27)	19 WURAOIA, Abdul (SY)	3949	
(25)	20 SMITH, Mark Richard (Y)	3948	
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(29)	23 JAMES, Michael (Y)	3802*	
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(78)	74 ROMANO, Mark (K)	3319	
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(85)	76 LAWS, Adam (SY)	3309	
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(86)	80 FROST, Adam (DY)	3277*	
(87)	81 BUTLER, Mark (DO)	3272*	
(95)	82 LEWIS, Christopher (SY)	3271	
(88)	83 COX, Philip (K)	3270*	
(89)	84 LIGHTWOLFER, Richard (Y)	3269*	
(91)	85 GREEN, Mark (NG)	3262	
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(93)	87 CLAYTON, Tony (DO)	3249****	



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(97)	90 MEDELLIN, Henry (SY)	3227*
(98)	91 FORD, Christopher (LA)	3226*
(106)	92 GRAY, Martin (CA)	3225
(94)	93 WILLIAMS, Trevor (YS)	3224
(100)	94 DORAN, Christopher (NP)	3210*
(109)	95 LEMON, Robert (SY)	3177
(102)	96 KATZ, Dov (MI)	3176*
(104)	97 SPRACKLING, James (MI)	3173
(105)	98 CLARKE, Martyn (CV)	3168*
(107)	99 HARDING, David (SY)	3167*
(108)	100 BARRY, Paul (SX)	3158*
(110)	101 RAMAGE, Jason (NG)	3148*
(120)	102 DENNISON, John (E)	3139
(112)	103 MOSS, Richard (Y)	3134*
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(42)	43 CHEESMAN, Zoe (Y)	3017*
(117)	108 BUDDLE, Kevin (DV)	3104
(118)	109 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y)	3089*
(119)	110 BOWEN, Philip (LA)	3087*
(114)	111 DONOGHUE, Mark (Y)	3082
(115)	112 JOHNS, Mike (CH)	3080
(135)	113 ROGERS, Martin (NG)	3075
(126)	114 REED, Darren (CO)	3070
(125)	115 BOULT, Jack (SK)	3064
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(142)	117 PAGE, Tom (CH)	3060
(113)	118 PAYNE, John (MI)	3049
(136)	119 BARRROW, Peter (MI)	3045
(127)	120 RICH, Andy (ST)	3035*
(129)	121 MOIR, Michael (LA)	3024*
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(131)	124 ADEMAKINWA, Ayodele (E)	3018*
(133)	125 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA)	3014****
(64)	65 KING, Sheila (LA)	3013*
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(65)	67 VALDI, Carmen (SY)	2863*
(64)	68 CRICK, Lisa (BK)	2850
(66)	65 BURGESS, Suzanne (CH)	2848****
(66)	66 FLOWERDAY, Anne (MI)	2832
(68)	67 SPARKES, Aimee (SK)	2828*
(68)	68 STITCH, Julie (CU)	2823
(69)	69 JOHNSON, Susan (BK)	2761
(75)	70 WANG, Sarra (E)	2754

(73)	71 MEADS, Joanne (DU)	2751
(70)	72 STRAWSON, Jane (LI)	2743*
(71)	73 GRAY, Victoria (SK)	2740*
	74 BARELLA, Jane (SY)	2691
	75 DAWSON, Marjorie (E)	2695
(79)	76 BARNARD, Kimberley (LA)	2694
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(83)	83 HAYES, Sue (BU)	2597
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(84)	86 RAINFORD, Helen (DY)	2551
(86)	87 DARE, Lindsey (HE)	2550*
(87)	88 SMITH, Heidi (K)	2548*
(92)	89 ATKINSON, Clare (LI)	2544
(89)	90 DARK, Shirley (SO)	2535
(90)	91 EMERSON, Clair (SK)	2523
(91)	92 KENNEDY, Joanne (DY)	2465
(93)	93 LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH)	2454*
(94)	94 GREENE, Rachel (DU)	2447*
(95)	95 TUCKER, Emily (BU)	2443****
(96)	96 PHILLIPS, Alison (ST)	2439*
(98)	97 MURDOCH, Valerie (HE)	2404*
(97)	98 DAVIS, Stella (GS)	2402
(99)	99 MAYBANKS, Jeanette (HE)	2371****
(100)	100 HUNT, Janet (WO)	2363*

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(1)	1 DRINKHALL, Paul (CV)	4870	
(2)	2 KNIGHT, Darius (SY)	4557	
(3)	3 EVANS, Gavin (NG)	4195	
(4)	4 YARNALL, Tim (NP)	4165*	
(5)	5 REED, Daniel (CV)	3913	
(6)	6 MEADS, David (DU)	3872	
(7)	7 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG)	3723	
(10)	8 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP)	3219	
(9)	9 BARLOW, Ben (YS)	2784	
(11)	10 LEWIS, Christopher (SY)	2672	
(12)	11 CHAN, Wing-Yung (SY)	2606	
(14)	12 FULLWOOD, Allan (DY)	2387	
(13)	13 REED, Darren (CO)	2377	
(15)	14 EVANS, Myles (NG)	2309	
(17)	15 SHAHLAEI, Harry (GS)	2239	
(17)	16 BUSH, Christopher (SY)	2070	
(16)	17 ROBINSON, Dorian (SY)	2049	
(18)	18 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y)	2019	
(31)	19 SIMPSON, Mark (DU)	1940	
(23)	20 BARNES, Lee (SK)	1890	
(20)	21 DORAN, Christopher (NP)	1884	
(27)	22 WILSON, Andrew (CV)	1829	
(24)	23 REES, Daniel (E)	1812	
(21)	24 HIRJI, Alim (MI)	1798	
(22)	25 DODDS, Matthew (YS)	1792	
(25)	26 CRAWFORD, Jonathan (CU)	1777	
(30)	27 WARE, Mathew (DO)	1774	
(29)	28 BRAY, Thomas (LA)	1770	
(32)	29 MARSHALL, Richard (DV)	1758	
(26)	30 MUDIE, Stewart (LI)	1723	
(50)	31 STOKES, Ashley (MI)	1703	
(57)	32 MAYBANKS, William (HE)	1691	
(19)	33 DAYBELL, Kim (YS)	1624	
(33)	34 TAYLOR, Jonathan J (CH)	1612	
(58)	35 MAUTHOOR, Yasa (E)	1572	
(28)	36 PIPER, Damien (YS)	1572	
(65)	37 ARLISS, Stephen (YS)	1497	
(43)	38 CHACHOUADES, Joseph (MI)	1440	
(36)	39 SKIPP, Nicholas (CV)	1421	
(54)	40 DEVILLE, Billy (E)	1408	
(44)	41 DURHAM, Jonathan (CV)	1376	
(56)	42 SWART, Ben (HE)	1366	
(53)	43 PITCHFORD, Liam (DY)	1329	
(39)	44 WRIGHT, Anthony (CV)	1327	
(37)	45 MCEBEATH, David (HA)	1316	
(62)	46 KINLOCKE, Garth (HA)	1309	
(38)	47 GIGLI, Adam (NK)	1307	
(52)	48 FEARGRIEVE, Adam (NG)	1288	
(42)	49 SHAW, Ashley (BU)	1286	
(40)	50 BROWN, Edward (E)	1282	
51	JOHNSON, Paul (LI)	1274	
(45)	52 WILKINSON, Philip (LA)	1274	
(61)	53 MAYNARD, Tom (BK)	1271	
(46)	54 SMITH, Christopher A L (DV)	1248	
(41)	55 MITCHELL, Tim (DY)	1232	
(49)	56 HARVEY, Michael (GS)	1229	



AYONIJA SUNDARAJAN leaps up to No.32 on the Junior Girls & to No.1 on the Girls U13 lists

(73)	57 GEHLOT, Abhay (BK)	1190
(63)	58 COOPER, Stephen (E)	1176
(51)	59 MUHITH, Raihan (LO)	1175
(55)	60 IVES, Daniel (K)	1175
(47)	61 RYDER, Adam (SY)	1164
(64)	62 COLLINS, Ryan (SK)	1146
(66)	63 GALLAGE, Sachira (MI)	1119
(59)	64 LOVETT, Joshua (E)	1084
(69)	65 BENALLAL, Rashid (LO)	1066
(149)	66 HUSSAIN, Emran (E)	1030
	67 MCMILLAN, Robert (SY)	1029
(84)	68 BLEAKLEY, Joshua (LA)	1006
(76)	69 MAROM, Raphael (MI)	995
(99)	70 LEE, Taejeon (E)	985
(72)	71 FEARGRIEVE, Craig (NG)	977
(68)	72 MORGAN, Peter (YS)	973
(74)	73 SMITH, Jamie (DY)	958
(83)	74 ROSCALEER, Mark (CH)	946
(94)	75 REID, Sampson (K)	940
(173)	76 HUI, Patrick Kah-Mun (SY)	944
(70)	77 SELF, Aaron (SK)	940
(67)	78 COLLINS, Jake (SK)	932
(71)	79 DUNN, Joe (YS)	939
(88)	80 WISEMAN, Ben (BU)	923
	81 DIXON, Philip (DU)	908
(75)	82 LINZ, Andrew (ST)	898
(92)	83 ADAM, Wahab (ST)	896
(105)	84 LOWE, Daniel (DY)	883
(86)	85 NAYLOR, Mark (DY)	874
	86 SHEN, Quain (MI)	874
(80)	87 PARKER, Christopher (Y)	866
(77)	88 VINE, Liam (SX)	861
(81)	89 KEARNEY, Alex (SG)	852
	90 POYNER, Simon (DV)	852
(89)	91 HOKAN, Simon (LO)	831
(82)	92 ANDREWS, Richard (BK)	831
(87)	93 TREVORROW, Matthew (CO)	829
(78)	94 SAXBY, Ross (BK)	824
(90)	95 ROBINSON, Stephen (Y)	789
	96 LOVE, Joshua (E)	788
(120)	97 BARELLA, Anthony (DU)	785
	98 DIXON, Christopher (DU)	780
(91)	99 DAVIS, Ben (BK)	775
(134)	100 ALVAREZ, Tony (MI)	773

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(1)	1 SIBLEY, Kelly (WA)	4325**	
(2)	2 SPINK, Lauren (NK)	3659	
(3)	3 WANG, Sarra (E)	2898*	
(4)	4 FARQUHAR, Melanie (BK)	2736	
(5)	5 VICKERS, Emma (DY)	2708	
(7)	6 YARNALL, Gemma (K)	2567	
(9)	7 HALLIAMS, Caroline (CH)	2542	
(6)	8 SMITH, Sally (DY)	2532	
(10)	9 JAMESON, Rachel (E)	2478	
(8)	10 PERKS, Sarah (NG)	2402	
(11)	11 O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DY)	2351	
(15)	12 LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH)	2262	
(12)	13 BYRON, Sophie (CH)	2246	
(13)	14 SEMIVIRATNE, Anusha (K)	2130	
	15 DAVIS, Stella (GS)	2076	
(14)	16 GREENER, Rachel (DU)	1925	
(18)	17 HOWE, Claire (SO)	1852	
(19)	18 LINZ, Caroline (ST)	1675	
	19 SKEGGS, Kelly (E)	1640	
(24)	20 WRIGHT, Melissa (YS)	1550	



NAOMI WILSON moves up 5 places to No.12 on the Womens list

Senior Women

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 LOWER, Helen (ST)	4518	
2	PARKER, Joanna (SY)	4475	
(2)	3 MARCH, Linda (HE)	4453	



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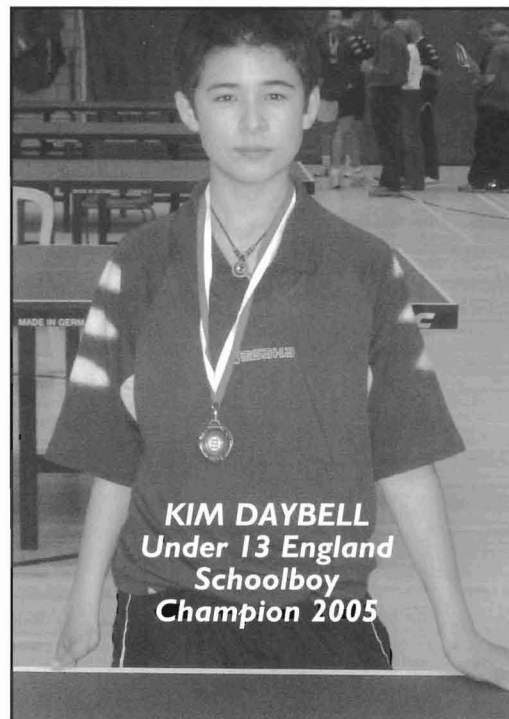
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A RISING STAR KIM DAYBELL



KIM DAYBELL
Under 13 England
Schoolboy
Champion 2005

THIRTEEN year old Kim Daybell has a mature style of play which incorporates spin, change of pace and an instinct to close rallies once the opening is created. Kim is known for his great sportsmanship and is appreciated by match officials who have often commented on his polite behaviour and demeanour.

He is a diligent worker at school and has been selected for the gifted and talented programme in both sports and Academia. He is a high achiever in all subjects at school and is top-setted for Maths, Science and languages.

Kim represents his school for Tennis and Badminton and in the latter sport he has achieved county status. The school team are Sheffield champions and were highly placed in the national inter-schools finals in June 2005.

A feature of Kim's school reports is an A for effort in all subjects and it is this general attitude to work which he transfers to his sport which is proving such an asset as he strives for national honours in table tennis where the 2012 Olympics are his ultimate goal.

Kim trains with his coaches for 6 hours/week, attends ETTA high performance training in Nottingham for 2 hrs/wk and has a further 4hrs of sparring/robot training. He is a member of the England youth development squad and attends weekend training camps at Lilleshall. He does 200 sit-ups every night before bed!

Kim also attends ETTA weekend training camps.

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17th	County Championships (3) Cadet, Junior, Senior & Veterans	
17th	Cheshire Senior 2 Star	Mike Johns 01606 45766
18th	Cheshire Veteran 2 Star	
18th	National Cadet League (2)	
22nd	Chesham 2 Star Cadet & Junior Tournament	Mike Atkinson 01494 785609 Mike Atkinson 01494 785609
28th	Chesham 2 Star Junior Tournament	
30th	Chesham 2 Star Junior & Cadet Tournament	
JANUARY 2006		
2nd	Chesham 2 Star U18 Boys & U16 Girls Graded Tournament	Mike Atkinson 01494 785609 Tony Meredith 01253 397589
2nd	Stiga 3 Star Junior Grand Prix	
7th	County Championships (4) Cadet, Junior, Senior & Veterans	
7th-8th	British League W/E (3)	
8th	Northfield 2 Star Cadet & Junior Tournament	
14th-15th	VETTS Western Masters - Hereford	
14th-15th	Cippenham Young Players New Year Festival	Ken Phillips 01628 62664
21st	National Junior League (3) South	
21st-22nd	Womens British League (2)	
21st-22nd	Youth Development Squad	
21st-22nd	ETTA Team Zone Finals	
22nd	Hyndburn Veteran 2 Star	
22nd	British League (3) Premier Division	
28th	Cheltenham (Cotswold) Cadet 2 Star	
28th	National Junior League (3) North	
28th-29th	Butterfly London Open Grand Prix	
29th	Cheltenham (Cotswold) Junior 2 Star	
29th	Egerton Veteran 2 Star	
FEBRUARY 2006		
3rd-5th	ETTA National Championships - Sheffield	
4th	Exeter 2 Star Cadet & Junior Tournament	Pat Lyon 01392 439926
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EDUCATION SECRETARY OFFICIALLY OPENS FILTON COLLEGE IN BRISTOL



THE much-anticipated official opening of Filton College's new West of England Institute of Specialist Education (WISE) campus took place on November 4th, amongst a colourful backdrop provided by the College's performing arts students, writes John Wood.

The Right Honourable Ruth Kelly MP, Secretary of State for Education and Skills, officially opened the £17.5 million vocational campus for Sports, Performing and Visual Arts in front of over 130 invited guests, local

dignitaries and media.

Kevin Hamblin, Principal and Chief Executive of Filton College said, "We are honoured that Ruth Kelly Secretary of State for Education and Skills has taken time out from her busy schedule to be with us today. Filton College is now one of the fastest growing colleges in the South West and we like to think that we're changing the face of quality provision for 14-19 year olds. We have invested nearly £30 million since 2001 to provide excellent new facilities that have ensured that both our main

campus at Filton Avenue and now the WISE development are fit for the 21st century."

Education Secretary Ruth Kelly said, "This new development will benefit thousands of young people in the South West and is an example of how we want to change the further education landscape in this country. "It offers new opportunity and choices to those who may not have felt entirely suited to the traditional educational system. We want a system that is not merely good but world class, which is built around the

needs of all young people, employers and our society."

Spread over thirty-seven acres, the state-of-the-art campus buildings designed by AWW Architects and constructed by the Cowlin Group Ltd have been designed to offer a light, bright, modern environment in which all learners can achieve their full potential.

The official opening ceremony was performed by the Secretary of State, followed by songs from Les Miserables by the students from the College's South West Academy of Dramatic Arts (SWADA) and students from Filton High School, after which the Secretary of State and guests received a tour of the new campus and its facilities, which included a visit to the Table Tennis Academy.

An academy that Welsh No.1 Ryan Jenkins regularly trains at, on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Pictured above is the main entrance to Filton College, (inset) is Rt. Hon. Ruth Kelly MP at the opening ceremony with Filton College Principal & Chief Executive Kevin Hamblin, whilst pictured left is Kevin Satchell (centre) the Director of Table Tennis, with students and in the foreground is new arrival from China, Wu Yue Jiao.

