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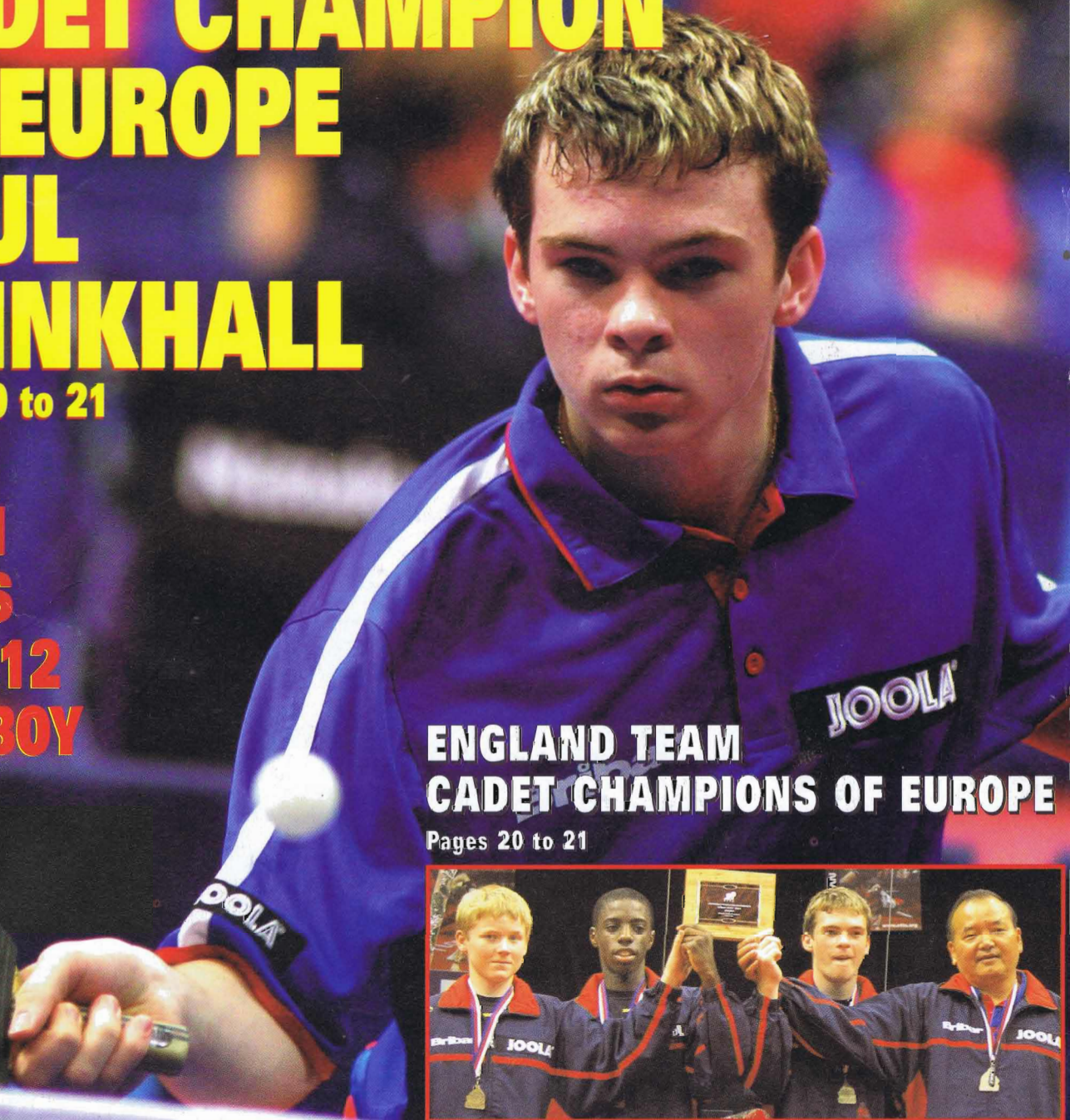


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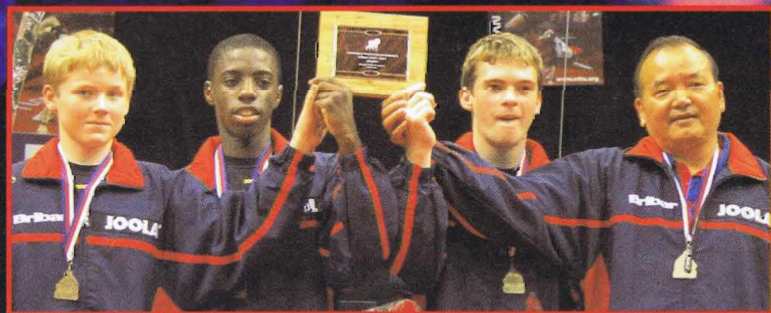
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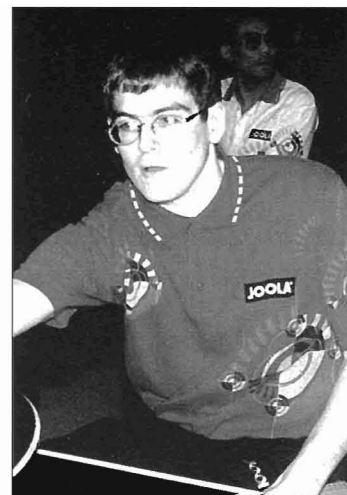
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IVOR MONTAGU AWARD FOR CHRISTINE LEWIS



CHRISTINE LEWIS is pictured receiving her award from the ETTA Chairman ALEX MURDOCH, at the ETTA AGM.

THE annual presentation of awards took place during the ETTA AGM at Hinckley, on 2nd July.

Richard Scruton received the prestigious award of 'Honorary Life Member'.

Ken Armson MBE and Doris Moors were added to the list of

'Vice-Presidents', for a period of three years.

Christine Lewis received the 'Ivor Montagu Award', for her work as Secretary/Organiser of the Women's British League Committee, since its inception 17 years ago.

Christine, who announced her

retirement at her last Womens British League weekend held in Cheltenham earlier this year, said "I was absolutely overwhelmed, I never ever dreamed of receiving such a high award."

Paul Drinkhall was the recipient of the 'Victor Barna Award', which is for the most notable performance by an

WOODY'S World

GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! That was the England Team at the European Youth Championships, held at Prague in July.

See Peter Charters' report on how England's Cadet Team won a Gold Medal and on the success of Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight in reaching the Cadet Boys Singles final, were Paul won Gold, on pages 20 and 21.

This huge achievement was followed by the news that Gavin Evans had won the European Mini Championships Under 12 Boys Singles, see page 19.

Sadly, I have to report the passing of well known and well liked tournament player Gordon Chapman, see page 36.

It was once said, "If Gordon Chapman was playing at a tournament then all is well with English table tennis."

John Wood

English table tennis player Berkshire's Match Secretary Brian Latham received the 'Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy'

Sandra Deaton, whose work as Regional Chairman and Management Committee as Vice-Chairman (Marketing), earned her the 'Malcolm Scott Award'.

'The Johnny Leach Most Improved England player of the Year Award' went Joanna Parker.

The 'A.K.Vint Staff Award' went to Jackie Sands. She said, "I am very pleased but I didn't expect it."

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Mid Kent Community Table Tennis Coach re-advertisement

The ETTA in partnership with other local groups is creating a full-time coaching post within the Mid Kent area with the aim of achieving more young members of Table Tennis Clubs.

Full-time – 37 hours per week including unsocial hours -
Salary £18k dependent on experience - Three year contract

For an application pack (person specification, job description and application form - CVs alone will not be accepted) - contact:
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THE LAST 3 MONTHS HAVE BEEN HISTORIC

THE SUMMER is over and the new season begins. The last 3 months have been historic with regard to all sports in Great Britain and table tennis is no exception.

ENGLAND TEAMS

The performance at the European Youth Championships of Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight and Gavin Evans winning the Cadet Gold Medal for England in the team event is a major step forward for our youngsters. This is the first time since 1986 that we have achieved this level of success. Paul followed this up with a Gold Medal in the singles and a Silver Medal in the mixed with Darius winning Silver in the singles and a Bronze in the mixed. I cannot find going back over 40 years, England winning this quantity of medals at any previous European Youth Championships.

Gavin Evans in winning the Gold Medal in the European Kids Championships compounded this success and our Cadet Boys team now stand at number two in the world behind China. This has resulted in them being invited to the prestigious World Cadet Challenge.

Our congratulations must not only go to the players but also to Steen Hansen (ETTA Performance Manager), his quality team of coaches and helpers and of course the parents.

Details of the European Youth Championships will be included in this issue. The selection process for the 10 players to represent England at the Commonwealth Games in 2006 is well under way and will be announced in the coming few weeks.

The event will be the toughest yet, not just for table tennis but also for all the sports representatives from England. In our sport we shall have to compete against many countries with players who originated in China, who now will represent Commonwealth countries.

OLYMPICS

Our congratulations must go to Seb Coe and his team of staff and volunteers alike whose contribution; determination and dedication were the major reasons for London winning the bid.

We all have little time to reflect and the job now begins to ensure that in Great Britain we actively and financially support and help potential medal winners to the podium across the board of all sports who will be at the Olympics.

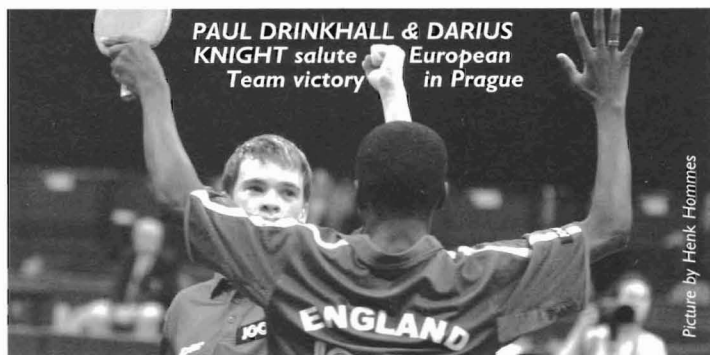
Table Tennis could and will be a major player not only with potential medal winners but also as a sport that can be played by all. The Olympics gives us the opportunity to increase our profile and participation in general. We should all be on the look out for chances to use the Olympics with Table Tennis being part of the nominated sports to increase participation. Your Management team and Chief Executive will be taking every opportunity to ensure that we are very much to the fore of the government agency's minds when they make their decisions in terms of funding to the National Governing Bodies of the Olympic sports.

Remember; let us all get the key message across to the public that, "Table Tennis is an Olympic Sport and will be part of London 2012" I shall keep you posted on developments whenever I can. For your information I am the British Olympic Table Tennis Representative on the BOA Committee.

TABLE TENNIS ON TV

The Fairfield Hall event showed table tennis at its best with excellent matches, well presented to a packed house of all age groups and organised so well. The coverage and presentation of our sport by BBC on Grandstand on the Sunday was fantastic and can only be good for the future of Table Tennis and more TV coverage.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We have completed the first stage of the Departmental reviews which were approved by National Council in July and this is part of the ongoing process to move our sport forward and support the table tennis fraternity at all levels. Much more emphasis is being put on Coaching, Development issues and communication.

In addition, at the National Council meeting a presentation was given relating to our Corporate Image and potential relaunch of our sport which is intended to increase our general profile and update our image to attract people to start playing.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At this year's AGM a new format and style for the Management Report was presented to the membership, which received an excellent response. The agreement to continue with the programme of Individual Registration was approved and the process is continuing this season to get a database of our membership. This shall be used to support and assist all those involved with our sport and to improve communications.

The proposition to change the AGM voting structure did not reach the required 75% majority and will be considered again for next year's AGM. It was disappointing to see that less than 50% of the Leagues voted on this proposition by way of attendance and proxies.

It is very important that those who play in the leagues must take a more active role in the running and future of our sport. It is the local leagues who appoint the League Representative Member (LRM) who can vote at the AGM. The leagues are involved in the appointment at their County Meeting of the County Representative Member (CRM), who is the National Councillor for your county and is a member of National Council. National Council determines the policies and direction of your ETTA. Both the LRM's and CRM's vote on rule changes at the AGM in accordance with the number of votes they hold. This is partly determined by the number of teams in each league. In addition a single vote is given to each member of the Management Team and Company Directors. All of these people are volunteers and work many hours on your behalf and the sport.

The majority of our members are league players and they represent the grass roots and backbone of the ETTA. It is your ETTA and it is important that each LRM exercise his or her voting rights in accordance with their league's directives either by attending the AGM or by utilising their proxies.

I hope this gives you an update on a few items. I will continue to increase communications via whatever means possible. I wish you all a competitive and enjoyable season and hope to meet you during my travels.

Alex Murdoch
ETTA Chairman

VETERANS' DIARY



MEMBERSHIP ON THE INCREASE

LATEST figures from membership secretary Val Murdoch show that members are continuing to join the society in record numbers.

At the AGM in July Val was able to tell us that we had 899 members and at approximately 5 percent increase a year means the society will be celebrating its 1000th member sometime in 2008.

Who will that be? Well, of course, we don't know but he or she is likely to be about 38 now and the chances are it will be a male player.

All of which must give a considerable amount of pleasure to our president Derek Schofield who was in that small group of people who formed the Vets Society in January 1984

But Val's figures also show that you have a better chance of winning some glassware if you are a woman.

Of the 899 registered members, only 205 are women so if you believe in the numbers game that's a considerable advantage for the ladies. Blokes, you can't win....

MAGGIE RETURNS

I'M reliably informed that Maggie Willson will soon be back as the

by Jim Beckley



CLIVE OF FOREST GATE

the 300 mile round trip from her home in Norwich to present the award which this year was given to Peter Bradley.

Peter's work in organising more Masters events than anyone else and this year the extra burden of organising the Southern Masters which incorporated Der Club members made him a popular winner with the voters.

LORD CLIVE

THOSE who may have thought that our own Clive Carthy had somehow been upgraded in the world of dignitaries, can rest assured that his newly acquired handle of Lord, isn't all what it seems.

At the recent Stoke Grand Prix, Lord Clive Carthy was among the early entries and appeared on the score sheets. But my insider tells me that any reference to a real Lord is only imaginary.

Apparently on the entry form it requests a player to enter a nickname and for a laugh Clive entered 'Lord'.

Let's wait and see whether Clive gets the same treatment in the future...

ALEX WINS OVER 60

GLASSWARE

OUR active chairman was, for once, among the prize winners at the Masters tournament in Sunderland. In his first over 60s event Alex reached the semi-finals and collected some glassware for his efforts.

When he spoke to us he was as pleased as Punch at getting that far in the competition but also bemoaned the fact that over the years it must have cost him an arm and leg in achieving his latest success.

"This is new territory for me and to get this far was a real bonus. But over the years I've been entering these events it must have cost me thousands of pounds."



Our picture above shows Hilda Watts presenting Peter Bradley with his award

VETTS Social Secretary. After a couple of years away, she will be back in business helping organisers etc get the best from their social activities.

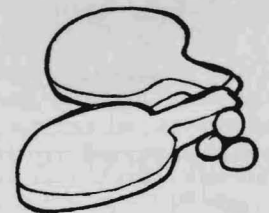
However, in those two years times have changed. Of the eight Masters events we run each year, now only three, The Midland, Southern and Nationals, have dinners. The efforts and costs of getting people to attend it seems has taken its toll.

But if one person can revive our lost past then I'm sure Maggie can.

MIKE WATT'S AWARD

THE Mike Watts Award goes from strength to strength. This year there were more entries than ever which is a great acknowledgement to one of the Vets most popular members.

As always Mike's wife Hilda made



100 CLUB DINNER ANOTHER BOWLING SUCCESS AT BARWELL

Pictured right is the 100 Club Chairman MIKE HOLT and his wife SUSAN, at the annual dinner




FOLLOWING the AGM held at the Island International Hotel at Hinckley on July 2nd approximately 50 members of the ETTA 100 Club attended their annual dinner held for the second time at the Barwell Indoor Bowling Club, just a few miles up the road from the Hotel.

The Chairman welcomed all the members and their guests including Guest of Honour Jane Adams formerly Marketing Manager with the Woolwich Building Society and a very good friend of English Table Tennis. Jane now retired was the guest of Chief Executive Richard Yule and now resides in Wales. He also thanked the Secretary Doreen Stannard for all her hard work in organising the event.

After an excellent meal all the guests took a short evening stroll to the Barwell Sports Club where the local Methodist Minister Rev. Jerry Cook and his team had organised an entertaining quiz for everyone to participate in. The winners were "Ex Man-Com" led by Alan Ransome, with Richard Scruton, Brian Halliday and Karen Tonge.

The following people were the lucky draw winners: £100 G Collins and T Carpenter, £50 D.Tremayne and Sylvia Tyler, £10 B.Johnson and D.Young.

The Secretary Doreen Stannard was able to inform the gathering that hopefully the Dinner next year would be at the House of Commons preceded by a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. The local Hastings MP Michael Foster had agreed to sponsor the visit to the Mother of Democracy.



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 Prean, 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.

COURSES 2005/6

Course 2005/6 "A WEEKEND WITH DES DOUGLAS"
Head Coach: DES DOUGLAS
 3pm Friday 25th to after breakfast Monday 28th November 2005 at Potter Leisure Resort.

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| Players | £355 | Non Players | £205 |
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Course 2006/1 SPORTBREAK MASTER CLASS
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| Players | £385 | Non Players | £199 |
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Head Coach: ALAN COOKE
 2pm Friday 9th to after breakfast Monday 12th June 2006 at Potters Leisure Resort

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| Players | £355 | Non Players | £205 |
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Course 2006/3 SPORTBREAK MASTER CLASS
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 2pm Monday 12th to midday Friday 16th June 2006 at Potters Leisure Resort

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OLYMPIC GAMES

A YEAR ago I had the privilege to write for the ITTF website www.ittf.com around 6 reports a day on the Athens Olympics. It was a fantastic event, and although the lightning fast men's singles gold medallist Ryu Seung Min (Korean) was undoubtedly the outstanding player, the highlight for me will remain the brilliant performances of super Swede Jan-Ove Waldner in reaching, at 38, the semi-finals. (The multi-tasking efforts of English announcer Ian Marshall were another minor miracle!)

Waldner and Ryu were of course to have a repeat performance of their Olympic semi-final, in the recent BETFRED Masters event at Croydon. Matthew Syed asked me to prepare player profiles for the official Masters Programme, and it was whilst researching information about the gentlemanly Ryu Seung Min, that I came across on www.megaspin.net my report of the Athens Olympics men's singles final for the first time since I had written it!

Many of my Olympic reports are still on the ITTF website, but for some reason this particular and significant one cannot have been there for long, because when I returned home to England I could not find it. Why it was pulled I don't know. However, on the Megaspin site a Korean had complained that I had implied that Ryu's gold medal was the first one for Korea in any sport, not just for table tennis.

And to be truthful, it was not my best report. My piece becomes too bogged down in point detail and a bit error prone: I can see how my tired brain could compact 'strong cross court attack' into 'strong course attack', but I do not suppose the reader could! Anyway, it was good to see it again and to be reminded of my small part in the 2004 Olympics. Will I have the same opportunity in London 2012 to report on Paul Drinkhall or Darius Knight's gold?!

Ken Muhr, Kent

ALL THIS FUSS

I CANNOT understand all this fuss about space for letters in the magazine.

The magazine is only bi-monthly so it could be

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TO THE EDITOR
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AT
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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

half a season before topics get discussed fully or answered.

You have an excellent website where letters of any size can be published. The magazine could print highlights only.

I notice on the ETTA website there is a "Chairman's Forum" which isn't a forum. A proper forum could be set up for members and readers of the TT News so that their comments can be instant, and replies can be made by other members and readers as well as officials of the ETTA and, of course yourself. Apart from monitoring for any abusive letters the forum would operate without any intervention. Lancashire Table Tennis Association has a forum which is working very well.

I suggest you have a look at it.
<http://www.lctta.org.uk/> click on Forum.

*Bob Johnson
Oldham Table Tennis League*

THANKYOU

I WOULD like to thank the thousands of people who kicked, threw, coached, encouraged, drove, swum or applauded during August to take part in the Year of the Volunteer's Sport Month.

Nearly 6 million sports volunteers give 1.2 billion hours per year - the equivalent of 720,000 full-time paid workers. These volunteers are coaches, umpires, van drivers, orange slicers, event organisers. They may be older people who run football teams for disadvantaged youngsters, or younger people who accompany people with disabilities to the gym.

Throughout Sport Month, Sport England teamed up with CSV, Volunteering England and the Home Office to ensure sporting volunteers were recognised for their effort, skills and enthusiasm. Volunteers from the Manchester Commonwealth Games were applauded at a reunion, while images of volunteers at the London Marathon are being exhibited around the country.

Sport in this country would be a lot poorer, a lot less fun, and in some cases non-existent without volunteers. And with London 2012 approaching, their spirit will be essential. So as part of the Year of the Volunteer everyone in sport would like to offer them a heartfelt 'thank you'.

*Elisabeth Salter
CSV's Year of the Volunteer Campaign Manager*

RANKING SYSTEM & GRAND PRIX POINTS

I HAVE a few suggestions on how to improve the Ranking system and Grand Prix circuit.

Firstly, let me say that I think the system is very good and I enjoy playing Grand Prix and British league etc.

1. I don't agree with the weighting system for

ranking points. I believe a win in a 1 Star tournament should count for as many ranking points as the same win in a Grand prix. If you beat someone it should not matter where you beat them.

2. I don't like the way you get 75 points for beating someone 500 points or more points above you, regardless of how high above you they are. You should get more points if someone is 600 points above you, more again if the difference is 700 and so on up to 2000 points difference. Any more would be unnecessary.

3. I think the amount of Grand Prix points awarded for Satellites should be the same as for the main Grand Prix, unless there are less entries. Often some of the larger Satellites have as many or more entries than the smaller main Grand Prix. If you have to beat 8 people to win a Satellite and the same number to win a main Grand Prix, you should get the same credit, in my opinion.

4. I think in so far as is possible, players not on the ETTA ratings list should be given a dummy ranking to avoid the situation of Dale Barham and players of similar calibre winning Bands 5 and 6. These bands are for weaker/up and coming players.

5. Players names should not drop off the ratings list if they don't play for 4 periods. A lot of players only play once or twice a year in ranking events. This does not mean they are not playing table tennis. I recommend leaving players on the printed list for a year after their last ranking event. ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch says he wants more players on the ranking list, well this is how to do it.

*Rory Scott
Brighton, Sussex*

RULE CHANGE?

WE were somewhat surprised to find the County Notes section of TTN issue No.310 being used to manifest support for a rule change to a players eligibility qualification to play in the County Championships, particularly because some very inaccurate statements of supposed fact were made under the heading 'Bizarre rule excludes Rachel'.

As fixture secretary for Darlington TTC in our local league as well as match secretary for Durham County's junior teams I can confirm that official records show that the player referred to by Cleveland's correspondent has in fact played 20 times in the Darlington League over the course of two seasons as well as having represented Durham County on 21 occasions at junior and cadet level.

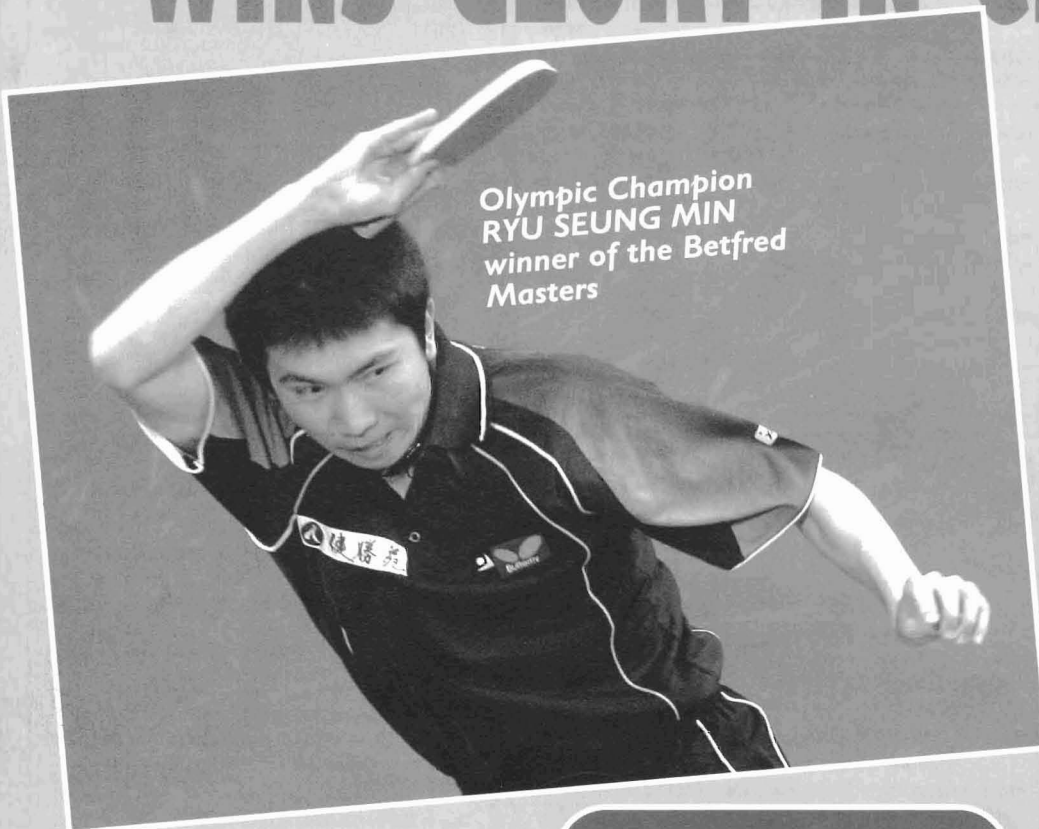
In fact her younger sister who is also mentioned in the article has also represented Durham on 3 occasions.

Cleveland's correspondent is a very experienced officer and administrator in the world of table tennis, however it should be incumbent on us all to make sure that statements made are based on accurate information especially if they are being used to argue a need to change rules.

I can also confirm that the two sisters in question were invited to play for Durham in season 2004/05 but declined the invitation to play for their County of birth, residence and original choice.

*Ian Robinson
Darlington TTC*

POWERFUL RYU SEUNG MIN WINS GLORY IN CROYDON



Olympic Champion
RYU SEUNG MIN
winner of the Betfred
Masters

OVER 2000 fans were present at the Fairfield Concert Hall, Croydon, on July 23 to watch the latest Matthew Syed spectacular - the Betfred Masters, part of the Kenschoen Super Circuit, won by Ryu Seung Min who beat Petr Korbel in the final, writes John Woodford.

The play was of the highest standard often leading to huge rounds of applause bearing in mind the last English Open held at Chatham was in the year 2000. Matthew's Masters tournaments have (from the fans at home viewpoint) taken the place of the English Open.

Table tennis in common with most sports is unpredictable. The holder Vladimir Samsonov the reigning European champion could have been the top seed. Looking at the world ranking list there could have been another final between Samsonov and Germany's Timo Boll.

On the grapevine I have it on impeccable authority that Samsonov was not a happy bunny when he saw the draw requiring him to play the eventual tournament winner Ryu Seung Min as his first opponent Samsonov's concern proved to be soundly-based as he battled through only to lose to the Olympic champion 8 in the fifth game.

Ryu is said to possess the hardest forehand drive in the world. Few if any of the fans at Croydon would dispute that statement. He is so

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fast on his feet that he barely needs to play a backhand shot, relying mainly on his forehand strike that is totally lethal.

The shock performer in the 90 degrees heat was Petr Korbel from Prague - to bring down Timo Boll and then eliminate Chiang Peng Lung 5, 5, 3 left the fans gasping.

The Syed comment on Korbel "This was the best performance I have seen from Korbel for many a year".

My view is that Korbel is player of vast experience and he is only 34, and has played in four Olympics - sustained experience that few can match.

Timo Boll is a player who has failed to impress me at some events, this was one. He was the World Cup winner in 2002 and has twice won the European Top-12. The German left-hander but was taken out in Croydon at 7 in the fourth by Korbel - another shock by the Czech ace.

Summing-up: The fans were delighted to see a player who can beat some of the top Chinese for

speed and accuracy. Ryu has his problems at times - in Shanghai he lost to Holland's Danny Heister in the second round.

After winning he said "Losing in Shanghai to the Dutch player was a disaster for me, but I am so pleased to regain my best form here and of course, to win a lot of money".

WONDERFUL WALDNER

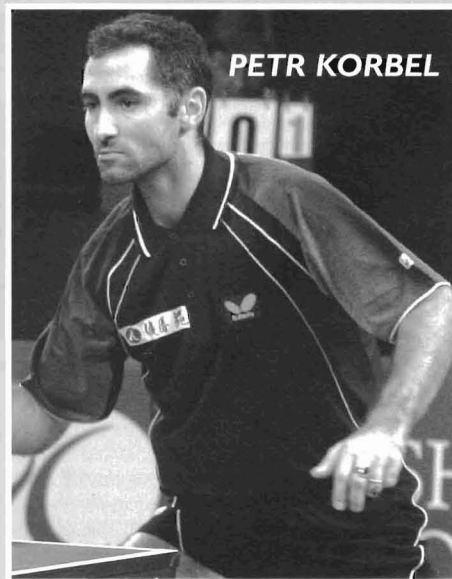
JAN-OVE WALDNER once again confirmed that he is the world's greatest player in modern times. He brought down the gallant English champion Alan Cooke 7, -7, 6, 5 before losing in the semis -7, -8, 3 to the winner.

The Swedish ace, a former world and Olympic champion left the arena towards retirement to a prolonged standing ovation, a tribute so fully deserved.

TELEVISION

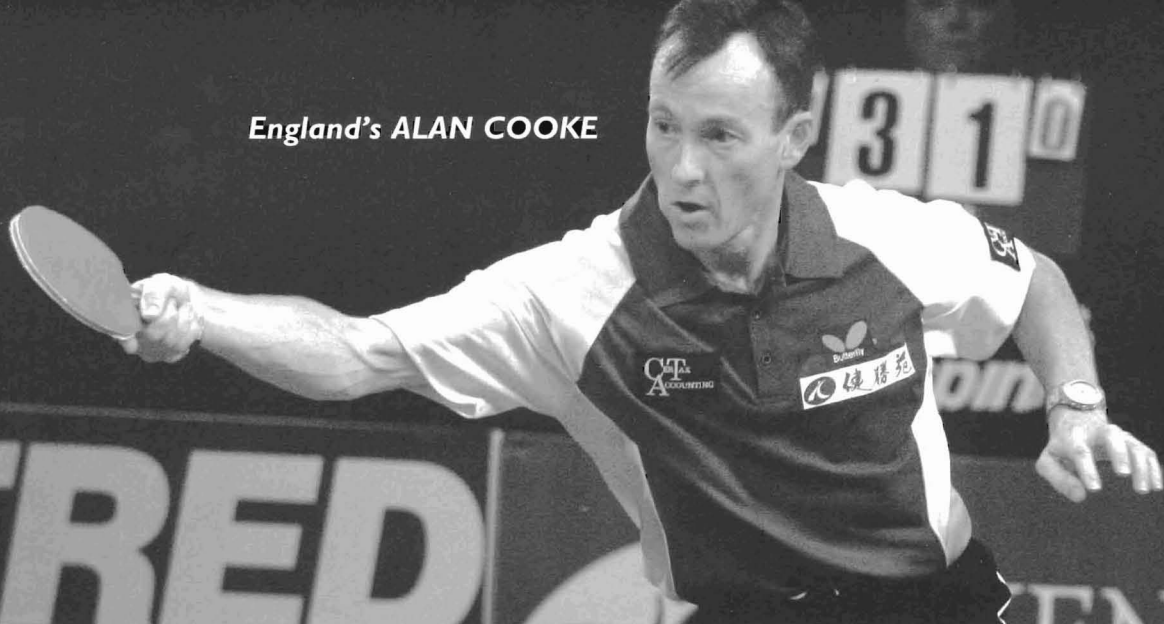
BBC Sunday Grandstand covered the event with professional ease. The only mistake was that they showed several shots taken when the audience were not in their seats during the intervals. One TV viewer told me "There did not seem to be a large audience" When play began at each session looking down from my lofty perch in Box A, almost all the 2,000 seats were full, just a few left up in the gods, at the rear of the hall.

I understand that the ETTA contributed £15,000 towards the £100,000 prize kitty, but what is needed now is some exploration on resurrecting the English Open following this four-year gap. If Matthew and his team can "net" Betfred, there maybe other possible English Open sponsors waiting in the wings.



PETR KORBEL

England's ALAN COOKE



Reflections on the BETFRED Masters

ALTHOUGH the speed and power of Olympic gold medallist, Ryu Seung Min, was awesome, I think that the most memorable feature of the BETFRED Masters, played in a hot packed Fairfield Hall, will be the performance of all time great Jan-Ove Waldner in probably his last competitive appearance on these shores, writes Ken Muhr.

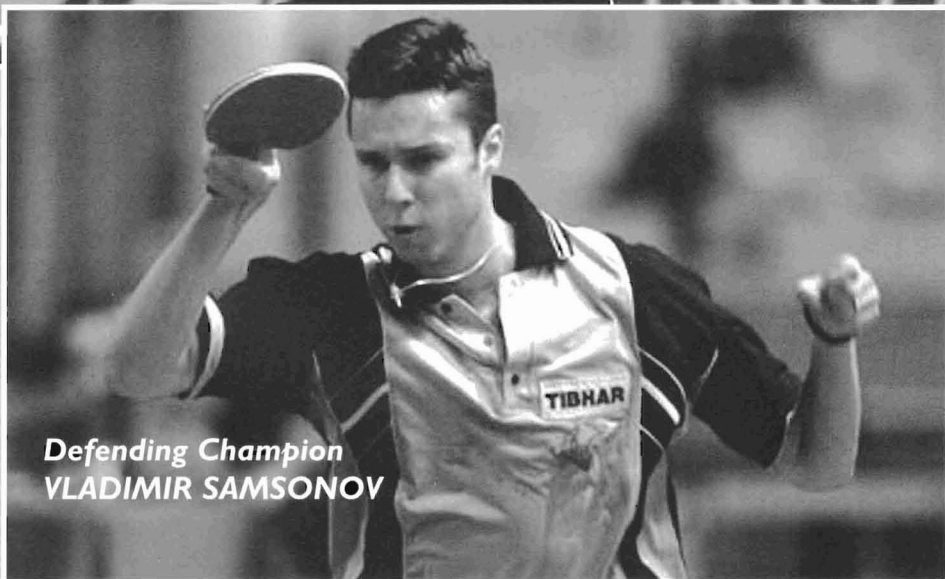
A bit slower and less consistent than at his peak, Waldner, now 39, was nevertheless pretty good and 'up for it'. Strangely, he seemed to physically dwarf English national champion Alan Cooke (also 39) in their first round encounter. As he has aged Waldner has broadened out (though he looked in good nick), whilst Alan seems to have shrunken recently. There were some good rallies and Cookie performed creditably, but J-O never seemed likely to lose and finished with some crowd-pleasing lobbing points to Alan's smash.

Waldner's best match was against Austrian 'defender' Chen Weixing, which he won from two games to one down. Employing a wide repertoire of serves and service returns, blocks and beautifully varied spun attack to the extremities, Waldner was mostly able to keep Chen on the defensive and his very dangerous forehand loop quiet – Chen just could not get his forehand in with any consistency.

So in the semi-finals the Swedish veteran met again the man he had lost to at the same stage in the Athens 2004 Olympics, Ryu Seung Min – with the same result. 22 year old penholder Ryu, who is not only super fast and accurate, but who also has excellent touch, was simply too good. Despite the comfortable score-line against him, Waldner kept trying things to break Ryu's rhythm and wasn't disgraced. The crowd rose in applause to acknowledge the man.

The match that probably should have been the final was the quality encounter between Ryu and elegant Belarussian Vladimir Samsonov: the Olympic Champion versus European Champion

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THE BETFRED MASTERS - CROYDON

and Masters title holder, both making their first appearance at the 2005 event. Samsonov looked the only player capable of containing the Korean's aggression, as well as being able to send him the wrong way, but he lost a close match with some uncharacteristic misses at the end of the fifth game.

Chiang Peng-Lung from Chinese Taipei was impressively sharp whilst beating the experienced Chinese star Ma Wenge, but didn't have to play particularly well to overcome a jaded looking and very disappointing Kalinkos Kreanga (Greece). He then appeared not particularly motivated in going down to the on-form Czech, Petr Korbel, who pinned him down on his penhold backhand. It at least prevented an all penhold final.

Korbel, who has a good all-round, two-wing attacking game with no real weaknesses, is a hard player to beat unless you are in the peak of form, as former World No.1, the left-handed Timo Boll (Germany), found to his cost. Korbel kept up constant top-spinning pressure, whilst Boll made too many errors and lost.

In the final Ryu showed up Korbel's relative limitations— not quite enough speed, power, or variety, and hits the ball a little too late. Korbel employed some fine backhand loops when Ryu briefly lost his momentum and the third game, but otherwise the match went all the slick Korean's way. A bit of an anti-climax despite the sheer quality of Ryu's performance.

Although the standard of play was mixed, this BBC televised Masters with many of the World's best was overall another great event and triumph for promoter Matthew Syed – what would the profile for table tennis in England be without him? Richard Yule (and Steve Cram for TV) was once again good on the mike, and the musical interludes were far less intrusive. However, I wish the sad passing of Polish great, Andrzej Grubba, had been acknowledged with this



JAN OVE
WALDNER

discerning audience, perhaps by a minutes silence.

There seemed to be fewer younger spectators this time, which is a pity. However, many long time supporters of TT came to watch, some former stars, like Brian and Mary (Shannon) Wright, Connie Warren and prize winning novelist/journalist Howard Jacobson.

A pleasurable table tennis occasion.

Germany's TIMO BOLL



HISTORY OF JERSEY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Brief history

On October 8th 1923, representatives of seven clubs met at St. Simon's Institute to form the Association, the JTJA. In the years following the popularity of the sport grew and in 1935 Jersey became affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation. A number of international teams visited the Island including the Hungarians, Czechs, French, English, Japanese and Chinese champions. Island teams visited the World, European and Commonwealth championships. There were also visits to the island by top coaches.

Before 1939 there were three different leagues operating in Jersey, the Country Parishes, the Caesarean and the Free Church. The JTJA organised the annual tournaments. After the Occupation the JTJA took on the responsibility of running the leagues, starting with three divisions in 1946, increasing to five in 1948 and seven in 1950. Currently Jersey has 4 divisions with a 5th comprising youngsters and beginners for the 2005/2006 season.

Purpose built centre

The Association own a purpose built 6 table centre, with a canteen, committee and changing rooms. The venue is world class with many overseas visitors.

Current activities

Annual tournaments are run, usually during April of each year and include the following events for which perpetual trophies are awarded: mens, womens, veteran mens, veteran womens, over 50, over 60, under 21, under 17 boys and girls, under 15 boys and girls, under 13 and under 11 singles; Mens, womens, mixed and veterans doubles. The winners of each of these Island events compete against their Guernsey counterparts for the Channel Island Championships.

In this year's Island Games held in the Shetland Isles the Jersey pairing of Eugene Ellis and Paul Marshall won the Mens Doubles Gold Medal. They were joined in the Mens Team event by 15 year old Chris Corfield.

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Each player was to undergo a vigorous schedule that included set exercise routines to enhance ball control and improve stroke play.

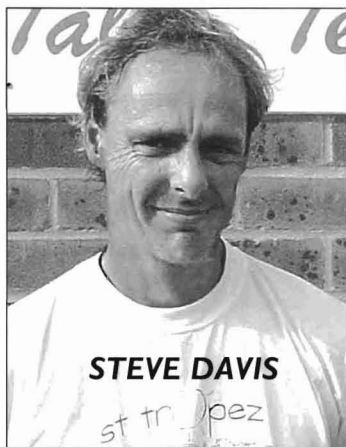
Nicky Jarvis oversaw this and anyone who has seen Nicky at work will know what an eye he has for spotting a bad stroke and correcting the error. After this the players were given a one to one with Desmond Douglas that was videoed so they could then analyse the way they were performing, Des was renown for his excellent anticipation when playing and tried to install this skill into each pupil.

NICKY JARVIS AT WORK

Having successfully negotiated the first the two practice programmes anyone thinking life was going to get

easier was in for a big surprise, as the third coach Andrew Eden was at hand to put them through a really rigorous multi-ball session. Andrew who is well known for not holding back with his commands and opinions soon had players short of breath as he produced ball after ball.

The first day's camp also included some fantastic demonstrations by the three coaches and ended with the pupils being split into teams for match play giving them a chance to use their new skills. An evening meal and drinks were most welcome as everyone reflected on the day's training and looked forward to doing it all over again on Sunday. It must be said that organiser Sharon Mitchell has produced another excellent Summer Camp, an event that is becoming more and more popular each year.



STEVE DAVIS

THE curtain was brought down on a successful 2004-5 season for Cippenham Table Tennis Club with the final event of the campaign on 3rd July. Players from as far afield as Wales travelled for the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open Championships.

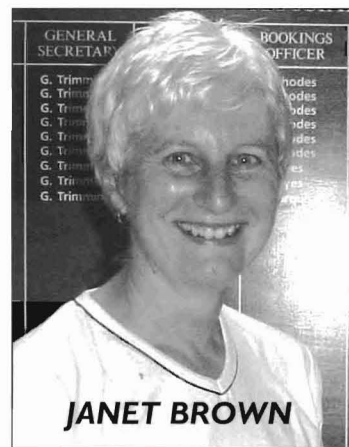
It proved another successful event for the 52 competitors, organised by Club Chairman Graham Trimming and refereed by Mick Strode. The men's singles, pronounced by the organisers beforehand as being wide open, did not disappoint. Top seed Chris Pickard was displaced into second place in his preliminary round group. However, this was a particularly strong group eventually won by Derek Holman, twice Cippenham Veterans' Open champion in June 1997 and January 2002. Such was the strength in depth that Paul Elliott, one of the top players for Chalfont in the Slough League in the season just ended,

Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open Championships

finished last out of six with only one win, that against Andrew Misseldine who finished third. The others were Welshman Roger Grech, and Clive Banham who went on to win the consolation event.

Second seed Fred Dove, winner on the event in January 2004, did manage to win his group but had to recover from two games down in his first match against John Barnes. As a result of his loss to Holman, Pickard ended up in the bottom half of the draw and then beat Dove in round two. One round more and both the top seeds were out as Steve Davis got the better of Pickard 12-10 in the fifth and deciding game. In the third quarter Tony Needham was making good progress, eliminating Geoff Grange and Richard Burton before falling to the power of Davis in the semi-final.

Holman, now at the top of the draw had a fairly straight-forward passage to the final by comparison. Delighted at the way he was playing, for the very first time in spectacles, Holman saw off the last Cippenham club hope Mike Rhodes in round two and then beat Joel Clancy 3-0 and



JANET BROWN

Dave Adamson 3-1 to set up a final show down with his Graham Spicer Club team-mate Davis. The first two games went the way of the exuberant Holman before Davis turned the match around. It was good and exciting table tennis all the way to the wire with Davis eventually claiming his second title – the first was in March 1999 – 11-9 in the fifth. Following the withdrawal of top seed Regina Donovan the women's event was re-drawn into a single group of eight players, providing all with an excellent day's table tennis. The winner was Janet Brown who worked her way peerlessly through the event until dropping one game to eventual runner-up Jan Curtis and two to third placed Audrey Robinson.

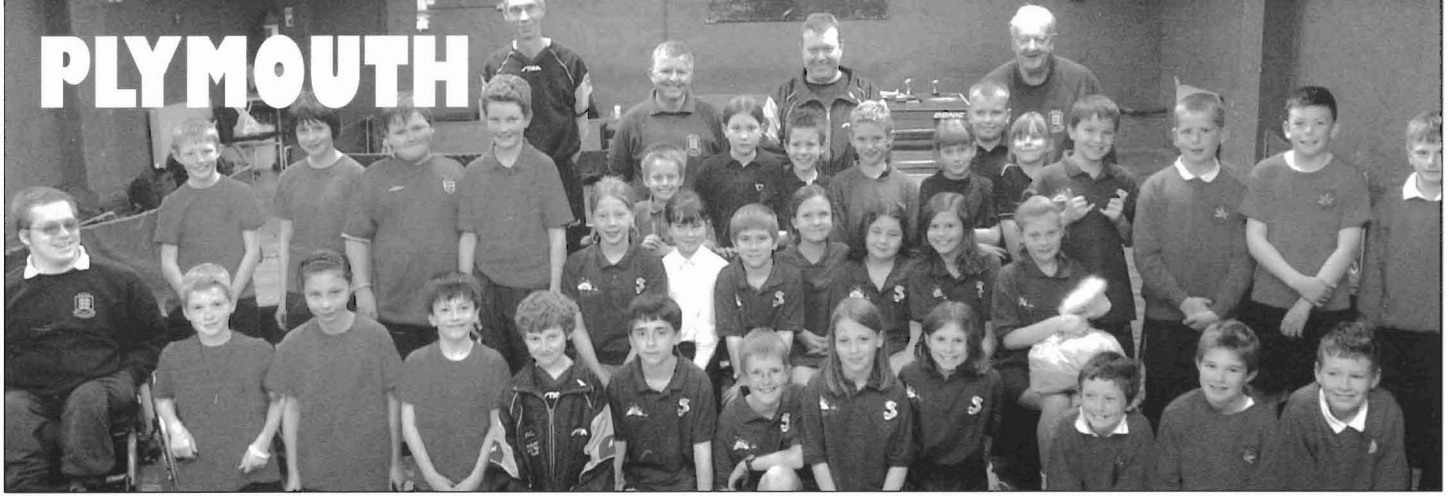
Results:

MS: Steve Davis (Sy) bt Derek Holman (Sy) -7,-9,6,6,9

WS: 1. Janet Brown (Ox); 2. Jan Curtis (Ox)

MCons: Clive Banham (Bk) bt Earl Jeffers (WAL) 5,7,7

PLYMOUTH



PLYMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE fifth Annual Plymouth Primary Schools Championships were held at Plymouth League H.Q., on two evenings after school from 4pm to 6pm, organised by John Smith (Woolwell TTC).

The Individual event was run on the first evening with 34 children from 5 primary schools.

On the second evening a couple of

weeks later the Team event with 33 children (11 teams of 3 per team) from the same schools again, enjoyed two hours of pleasurable table tennis, with the presentations made by Matthew Powell, our Level 2 disabled coach.

Every child received a certificate acknowledging their participation in these championships.

GREATER LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE GREATER LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYED AT THE LONDON PROGRESS TOURNAMENT CENTRE, SOUTHALL COLLEGE 14TH/15TH MAY 2005

AFTER enjoying the academic environs of the Royal Masonic Girls School at Rickmansworth and then Dulwich College, the tournament this year was held at the home of London Progress, writes Alan Shepherd.

In recognition, perhaps, the entry rose by about 50% to near 140.

It also attracted such international luminaries as Terry Young (England), Marco Essomba (Cameroon), Jason Sugrue (Ireland), Barbara Kiss (Hungary) and Kairi Sayo (Japan). Unfortunately Jason had to pull out at the last minute due to an injury.

Saturday was devoted to the junior events. Hot favourite for the Under 18 Boy's title was Essex player Umair Mauthoor, who was recruited for his county senior team last season. His task was made easier when No.2 seed Surrey's Dorian Robinson withdrew. However, firstly Paul Hizer (Essex) and then Ruhan Muhith (Middlesex) made Umair work hard to progress to the final, via 3-1 victories.

In the lower half of the draw Essex junior County players Michael

Copleston, Yasa Mauthoor and Timi Famojuro, battled hard to repel the claims of Morpeth School players Rashid Benallal and Raihan Muhith.

Surprise finalist from these contenders was the enthusiastic Timi Famojuro, ranked 129, but he could not oust the No.9 ranked Umair.

The Girls Under 18, a 'Round-Robin', which was dominated by the Middlesex pair of Jodie and Megan Sparrey. On this occasion it was Jodie who came out on top.

In the Cadet Boys Singles Final Ruhan Muhith had a comfortable win over Suchira Gallage.

Sunday saw the arrival of the big guns. The stars on view in the mens event were obviously Terry Young and Marco Essomba, but very tough opponents were on hand, in Gergely Urban, Mark Smith and Abdul Wuraola. Terry waltzed through to the final, but Marco had a much harder time against both Evan Sharp and Gergely. Terry Young won a close final 5, 11, 14.

The womens Singles saw Barbara Kiss sail through to the final, but finalist Kairi Sayo had a tremendous battle in overcoming Egle Adomelyte 11, 10,-3, 12. Barbara won the final 8, 12, 4.

I would like to thank the people that assisted me over the weekend, Len Pilford, Doreen Stannard and Jon Kaufman.

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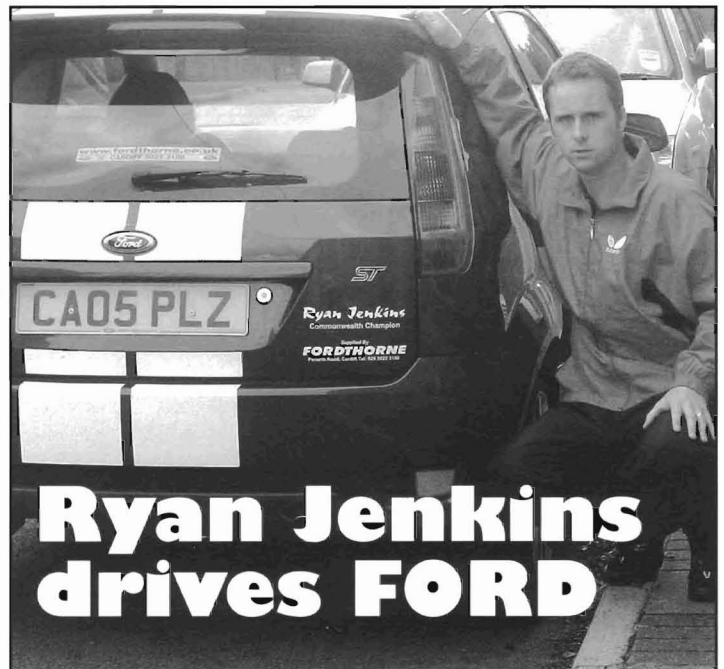
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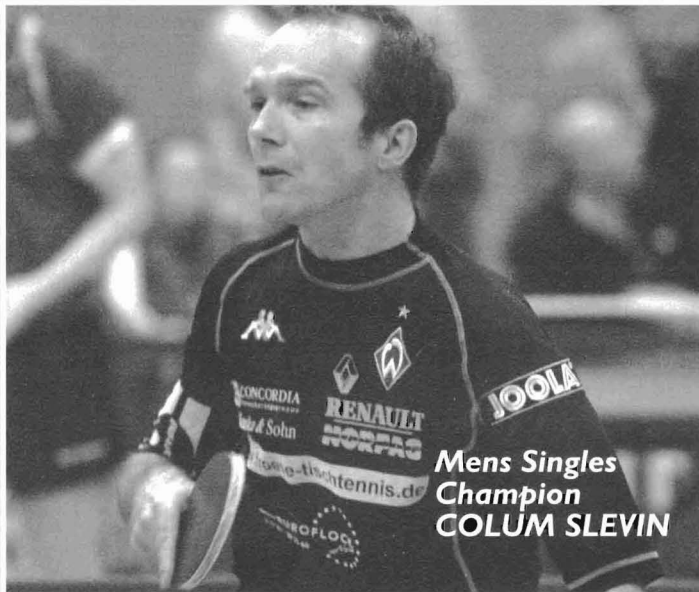
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Ryan Jenkins drives FORD

SLEVIN & BAWDEN TRIUMPHANT IN LIVERPOOL OPEN



**Mens Singles
Champion
COLUM SLEVIN**

THE City of Liverpool Butterfly Grand Prix Open men's singles title went to an Emerald Isle player for the first time in the 76 year history of the event, when No.2 seed Colum Slevin defeated Ryan Jenkins in the final, writes Don Davies.

Slevin ousted third seed and holder Euan Walker in a tremendous semi-final encounter. The tall Scot, who had accounted for Adam Bleakley 3-1 in the last eight, threw everything at Slevin, but he didn't succumb, his accurate shot placement inflicting the damage down the flanks, to qualify for the final. In the other semi Jenkins overcame Scotland's all action Gavin Rungay.

Pontypridd man Jenkins, drew first blood in the final, firing down a volley of fierce winners, to win 11-9. Slevin from then on through, hardly made a mistake in the next three games,

forcing errors from the well travelled world ranked 227 Welshman, to win 11-5, 11-7, 11-8. The final together with the semi-finals, were contested in tremendous fashion, and were a credit to the event and the sport in general.

Bawden top woman

Natalie Bawden from Essex, sailed into the final without the loss of a game. Facing her was Russian born Marina Zarzyaka, now living in Surrey, who lost the first two games to Lancashire's Lindsey Thornton Reynolds in the semi's. The final was a tense affair, and after Miss Bawden had won the first game 11-2, she was rocked back when Ms Zarzyaka won the next two 11-7, 12-10. The tension built up when Miss Zarzyaka was warned about the validity of her service action, but, the break in play when the Referee was called didn't appear to affect the focus of the England number six, who won the next two games 11-8, 11-8, to take the title for the first time. The winner's cheque was presented to Natalie by surprise visitor, former England No.1, Carl Prean.

Success for Shepherd & Bleakley

The 2004/05 Butterfly Grand Prix Under 21 Champion, Cheshire's Karen Shepherd, registered another Under 21 singles title beating Yorkshire's Nicola White, 11-3, 11-8, 11-8, in the final. Miss Shepherd

inflicted defeat on another Yorkshire player when she beat Joanna Roberts, 7-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-8, which earned her the Women's Band One title.

The Under 21 men's singles event produced a number of tremendous encounters, and in particular, the semi's and the final.

Bleakley's last four clash with Bryant, according to those at courtside, was the best match of the competition. The Devonian though couldn't overcome the England No.3 junior who qualified for the final with an 11-4, 14-12, 11-5 victory.

The final was a rip roaring affair, the Lancashire man, Bleakley, who turned 18 three weeks earlier, pipped Meads 13-11 in the opener and extended his lead via a 11-8 success in the next. The standard of play was exceptional and with Bleakley at match point, Meads extended the clash winning 12-10 in the third game. With a big crowd now gathered Meads continued to press but Bleakley couldn't be deflected and powered his way to victory with an impressive display, to win 11-8.

Carthy wins veteran's crown

Leading the charge for Liverpool was Chris Ford together with Dave Godbold (Durham), Clive Carthy (Essex), Dave Harvey (Glous), Ian Girdler Surrey plus Nottingham's

Trevor Kerry. Also in the draw was ETTA Deputy Chairman Mike Johns, (ranked 27), who, in 1963 was the 'Merseyside' junior champion and the men's singles champion three years later. He took his leave at the last 16 stage, beaten by Chris Pickard, who went out in the next round to Carthy after leading by two games to one. Ford, the highest ranked player in the draw, dismissed Wales' national veteran champion and 2002/3 Grand Prix Veteran champion Steve Hall in the last eight but then came a cropper, beaten in straight games by the tricky Carthy.

Carthy was involved in a lively, competitive final clash with Medellin (the runner up a year ago to Milan's Roberto Giontella) but always in command, won 11-8, 11-8, 11-5.

**OKEHAMPTON
2 STAR SATELLITE
GRAND PRIX**

SUCCESS FOR BARHAM & DONOVAN IN DEVON
Peterborough's Dale Barham won the Mens Singles title beating Steve Hall from Somerset in the final, in the first Grand Prix of this season, writes Lorraine Robinson.

Dale Barham went on to win two other titles, the U21 and Mens Band 1.

Steve Hall bounced back to take the Veteran Mens Singles crown.

The Womens Singles title was won by Regina Donovan from Wales, who beat Sarah Hall in the final.

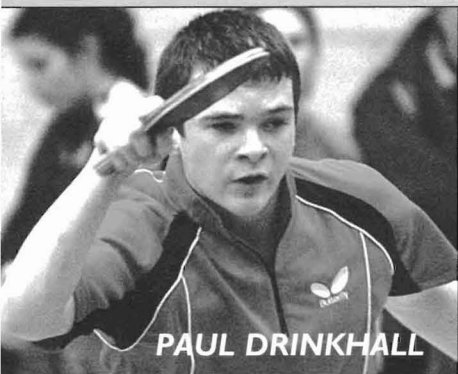
There was success for Devon's players too, when Penny Perry won the Womens Veterans and Richard Marshall won both the Mens Band 5 and 6.

This Grand Prix is a first for Okehampton TTC, which was completed in 2001. The centre which was built with Lottery funding as gone from strength to strength since it opened.



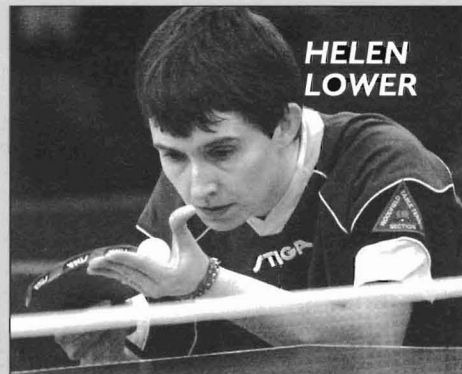
**Womens Singles
winner
NATALIE BAWDEN**





PAUL DRINKHALL

FANTASTIC VICTORY FOR DRINKHALL OVER JENKINS



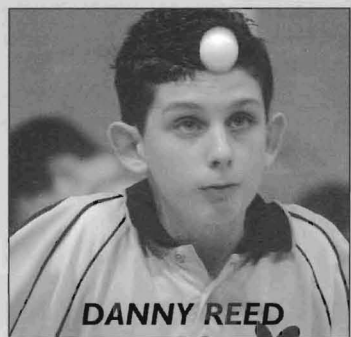
HELEN LOWER

PAUL DRINKHALL won his first Grand Prix Mens Singles title at Fenton Manor in Stoke, when he beat Ryan Jenkins of Wales emphatically 7, 7, 8, whilst Helen Lower also won in three against Linda March to take the Womens Singles title 3, 5, 5.

15 year old Drinkhall overcame Terry Young in the semis and Jenkins defeated Scotland's Euan Walker.

In the women's semis Lower also won in three against Marina Zarzyka as did March in overpowering Natalie Bawden.

Saturday saw a great blend of youth verses experience, creating some fascinating encounters, perhaps none more so than the Mens Band 1 singles semi-final, contested between Cleveland's Danny Reed and Abdul Wuraola. Reed, last season's most improved young player, displayed excellent tactics to win against the very experienced Wuraola, 10,-8,-8, 6, 11. Reed then went on to take the title, beating the up and coming



DANNY REED

talent of Adam Bleakley 7,-10,-9, 9, 8.

Somerset's Naomi Wilson won the Womens Band 1 Singles title defeating Claire Peters in the final 6, 8,-8, 4.

Bleakley bounced back from his Band 1 defeat, to surprisingly overpower the considerable talent of Darius Knight in the Mens Under 21 final, winning 8, 9,-8,-6, 7.

Claire Wilson took the Womens U21 crown beating Nicola White in the final 6,-4, 9, 9.

The Veteran Singles titles went to Abdul Wuraola, who defeated Clive Carthy -6, 4, 13, 8, and Judy Morley won the Womens round-robin.

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NORTH WEST FIND GLORY AT DSE IN STOKE



MARK PALMER

DSE's National Table Tennis Championships 2005 was held on Saturday 3rd September at Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent. Thirty players took part in the Tournament with many high class competitors fighting for the titles. Disability Sport Events was delighted to be part of a new partnership with the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), with the event combining this year's Stoke Butterfly Grand Prix and the DSE National Table Tennis Championships. This allowed disabled and non-disabled players to compete under the same roof, in a unique competition, writes Sarah Marl.

Not content with the unparalleled success of the Butterfly Grand Prix Series which embrace players of all

standards from 8-80. English Table Tennis went one step further. In partnership with DSE, this years Stoke Butterfly Grand Prix benefited from the skills and big personalities of the top disabled table tennis players as well as playing host to the usual three hundred non-disabled competitors.

Amongst the winners, Mark Palmer from the North West, initially won the Class 4-5 Singles, following a fantastic game with runner-up Shaun Newcomb. Shortly after, Palmer won the Class 1-5 Men's Open, then went on to win the overall male wheelchair player of the championships.

Meanwhile Lynne Riding also from the North West, won the Female Wheelchair Player, following winning her class. Therefore, Mark and Lynne made the ideal couple to play in the doubles competition, which they duly won.

In the Female Standing class,

first timer Ella Booker came away with the overall prize. Fifteen year old Ella from the West Midlands took part in her first National competition at the weekend and was amazed at her achievements. For her skills and attitude in her debut, Ella took the Female Player of the Championships

After North West's great achievements, they were awarded the regional team prize, followed closely behind by the Yorkshire region. Mark Sponiforth from the North West team also took the Player of the Championships.

Thanks go to Water Direct for supplying the bottled drinks for players on Saturday and to Tees-Sport for donating the Butterfly tables used for the event. Water Direct are the official sponsor for water at all our events Full results are available on DSE's official website: www.disabilitysport.org.uk

ENGLAND CRUSH OPPOSITION

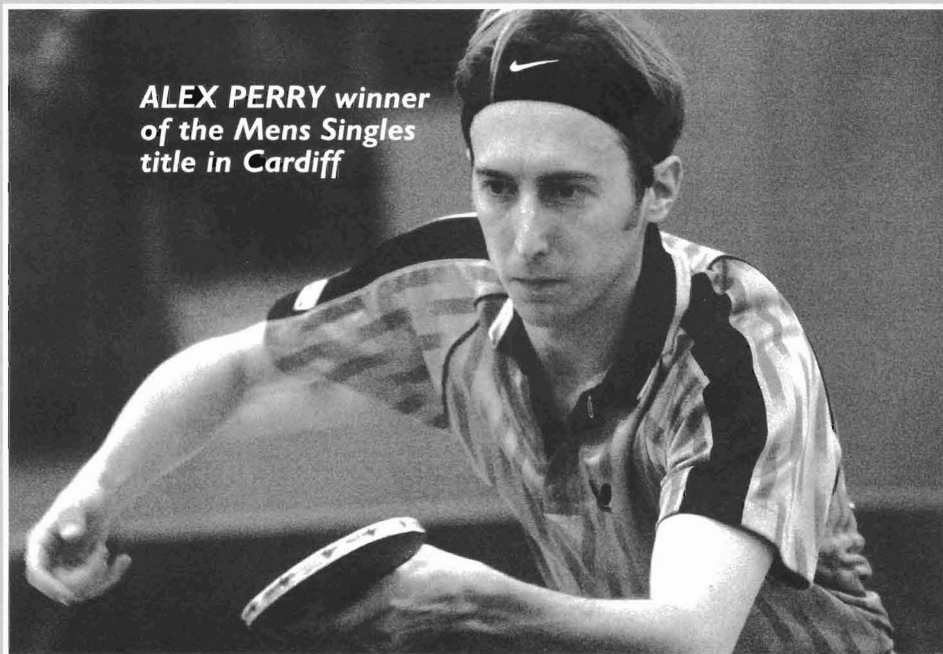
ENGLAND'S table tennis players, with half an eye on selection for the Commonwealth Games, claimed a clean sheet in the Team Events at the British and Irish Championships, at the Welsh Institute of Sport in Cardiff, writes Jim Beckley.

England's men consisting of Alex Perry, Andrew Rushton and Tim Yarnall, deputising for Andrew Baggeley, dropped only one set throughout the competition as they blasted their way to comfortable wins over every country with the exception of Wales who took a set from the Englishmen.

Our three women Helen Lower, Georgina Walker and Natalie Bawden did just as well remaining unbeaten in their two matches and only dropping a set to Wales and Ireland.

The combined event where men and women team up together resulted in England winning all five matches.

Alex Perry and Andrew Rushton rushed through the opposition in the individual singles event and only really felt under pressure when they met in the final with Perry coming back from behind



ALEX PERRY winner of the Mens Singles title in Cardiff

to win in five sets -7,-7, 5, 10, 10.

Helen Lower reached the final of the womens singles where she lost to Xu Jie, representing Wales, 6, 9, -6, 7.

In future players in these Championships will be required to hold a British or Irish passport.

GAVIN EVANS CONQUERS EUROPE

FOUR of England's top young players, Gavin Evans, Liam Pitchford, Martha Travis and Lucy Davidson, travelled to Strasbourg, for the Mini European Championships, writes Alex & Nicola Perry.

GAVIN EVANS was undoubtedly the star player of the boys under 12. He moved comfortably into the quarter finals with 3-0 victories over Kerebel (FRA), Balbukov (RUS), Barabarov (BLR) and Spiess (GER). Showing superior touch play and giving his opponents massive problems with his serves.

He dropped the first set in the quarter final against Swede Sam Coellin but showed excellent mental strength to recover and win comfortably in four games. In the semi final he had to battle against a vociferous French crowd supporting their local player and despite dropping the second set, Gavin ran out a clear four set winner silencing the 300 strong crowd by winning the fourth game 11-0!

He saved his best performance for the final with a devastating three zero victory over Swede Anthony Tran; a player who took Gavin to five sets recently in the cadet six nations. Gavin showed the signs of a true champion, being able to produce his best table tennis in the biggest game. He is well on course to being a star of world table tennis in the future.

LIAM PITCHFORD improved greatly over the course of the tournament and finished in an

excellent 10th place given that it was his first official competition in an England shirt. He was very nervous in the qualification event on the Friday, coming through an epic deuce in the fifth match against French player Florent Urignault before eventually qualifying via a playoff match after finishing second in his group.

In the main event on the Saturday he again came second in his group and came through a play-off match before registering an excellent win in the last 32 against Romanian Zoltan Veres. He then put up a strong fight in the last 16 against Swede Sam Coellin before losing in five sets.

Playing for positions 9 to 16 he showed that he thoroughly deserved to be there winning two out of his last three games to finish in a creditable 10th position. Liam looks to have a bright future in the game and quickly learnt to deal with the pressure of representing the national team.

MARTHA TRAVIS having been away on holiday for two weeks prior to the event, was short of practice coming into the Eurokids tournament. It certainly didn't show however and after winning a tough five setter in her first match she then went on to defeat the eventual bronze medallist Romanian Gabriela Mititelu in three straight sets.

After then winning her last 32 match she became involved in a titanic struggle against the strong Russian player Lada Sanatulova. Martha was looking good at 2 sets



GAVIN EVANS (left) is pictured holding his winners trophy with England Boys Team Captain ALEX PERRY

to 1 up before the Russian started using very aggressive psychological tactics to upset the run of play and eventually ran out a 3-2 winner.

These dubious tactics continued in her later matches with many of the crowd booing during her games.

Martha was then playing-off for positions 9 to 16 and like Liam, showed she can compete with best winning two out of her last three games to finish in 13th place. Martha demonstrated excellent mental toughness and focus under pressure throughout the tournament. She fought for every point and managed to stay calm something that many of the younger players struggle to do. Her final position was way ahead of

what was expected, so all credit to her.

LUCY DAVIDSON at the tender age of 11 had a lot to deal with given that it was her first ever trip abroad and the first time she had ever flown! She coped extremely well with situation however finishing second in her group on the Saturday morning. In a key play-off match to get into the top 32 Lucy let a 2 games to nil lead slip against the much bigger and stronger Belgian player Emeline Baume and eventually lost in five.

Unable to now finish in the top 32 Lucy showed some real grit to win her following three matches. One of which was a real showstopper with Lucy saving three match points to win 14-12 in the fifth. In her final play-off match for 33 and 34 position she played her rival from the British Isles, Guernsey's Alice Loveridge. The quality of the play was extremely high and Lucy held a 2 games to 1 lead before Alice stepped her game up another level to win 11-6 in the fifth.

Although she finished in 34th position, Lucy showed good technical ability and superb fighting spirit like Liam she learnt as the tournament progressed with regard to how to cope with the pressure and focus on tactics and was unlucky not to finish higher.



ENGLAND SQUAD: (l.to.r) Girls Team Captain NICOLA PERRY, LUCY DAVIDSON, LIAM PITCHFORD, MARTHA TRAVIS, GAVIN EVANS & Boys Team Captain ALEX PERRY



Triumphant England Cadet Boys Team, pictured following their magnificent victory in Prague. (l.to.r) GAVIN EVANS, DARIUS KNIGHT, PAUL DRINKHALL & Coach JIA YI LIU

CHAMPIONS OF EUROPE

48th European Youth Championships, Prague, July 2005 by Peter Charters

THE English flag being elevated and the national anthem resounding around the magnificent Sazka Arena in Prague, heralded a long overdue English Team victory at the European Youth Championships in July.

The English Cadet Boys Team of Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight and Gavin Evans with coach Jia Yi Liu guiding the way, relatively cruised (as much as can ever be done at this level) to the title of European Champions. This is the title that was so cruelly snatched from their grasp twelve months before in the Budapest Youth Championships when they had to be content with the silver medal. That final encounter was against France, who with England 2-0 in the lead, took the doubles and the reverse singles to deprive the English boys of the title. This year in Prague, the final opposition was the Czech Republic, who on their home soil threatened to give this talented England team a run for their money. However, Paul and then Darius put England 2-0 to the good and then finished the job with a doubles

victory that for only a moment left the supporters who had been in Budapest the previous year with a sense of déjà-vu. But the boys held their nerve and produced the gold medal that they deserved, and that all of Table Tennis England had been waiting for.

Jia did an outstanding coaching job in Prague. If Paul and Darius are young, to bring the even younger Gavin Evans off the bench during the team run to play some of the doubles encounters with Paul (and win), and to give yet another outstanding prospect the opportunity to contribute towards the success, was great team building management. Gavin's maturity for a twelve-year-old was remarkable as he looked and played as though unfazed by the experience and the responsibility that Jia had the confidence to give him. Paul showed great qualities of character in these doubles matches in the way he supported his younger team mate.

Credit must also go to Steen Kyst Hansen, who as the man in charge, and with the responsibility to 'make things happen' organised the preparation for the coach and his team to be ready for these championships physically, mentally and technically, to give them

the best chance of success.

In the Cadet Boys Singles, the English boys pressed home the point that they are the best in Europe when Paul and Darius met in the final. Both had had some nervous moments in the semis, Paul eventually getting the better of Poland's Piotr Chodorski 4-3 whilst Darius won 4-2 against Pierre Bezard of France to meet his England team mate in the final. Paul took the Gold and Darius the silver. Gavin, with 3 years left in the Cadet age group was seeded 14 and reached his predicted place in the last 16 where he lost out to the Czech Republic's number one Tomas Tregler.

The promise shown by our young boys augers well for the London Olympics in 2012. In the next 7 years, these players, the ETTA and all those concerned must ensure that the potential shown in Prague becomes a reality in London. England should be proud of these young boys, for talent is not enough and it is the hard work and commitment they have shown over recent years that won gold and silver medals in Prague. Get everything right and the whole of Great Britain could be celebrating in 2012.

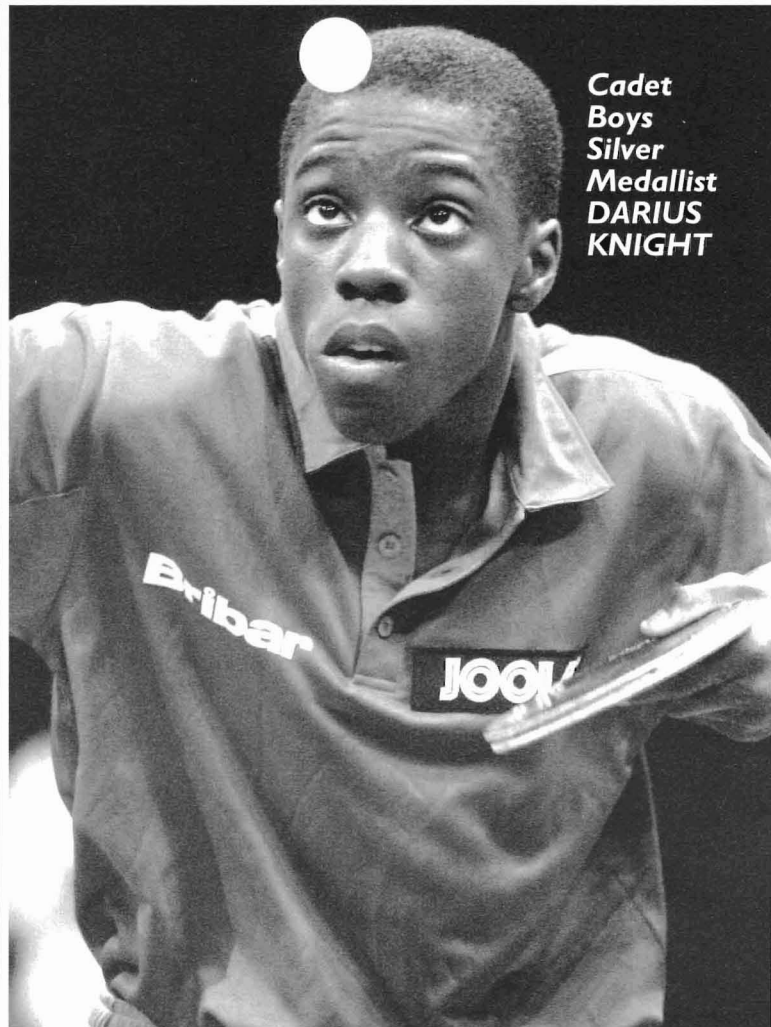
With 45 countries participating in Prague, the competition in every event was always going to be tough. The Junior Girls' Team of Joanna Parker, Kelly Sibley and Abigail Embling, could not live up to the high expectations of them. They had worked very hard to put themselves into a position where they could justifiably be confident of a successful Championships. If all three players performed at or near their best, the belief was that they were in with an outside chance of a medal, but it was not to be.

England started with a 3-1 win over France but this was followed by a 2-3 reversal to Hungary. A loss to Croatia followed before a comfortable 3-0 win over Lithuania gave the England girls some hope. However, two more losses to Poland and Slovakia committed England to a play-off for 13th/14th place against Belarus. Unfortunately the result went against England who therefore ended up in 14th position, which for the talent in this team was disappointing. But they never gave up and showed the fighting spirit on the table expected of all England teams.

Kelly went furthest in the Individual Singles. She beat Pryvalava from Belarus



**Cadet Boys Gold Medallist
PAUL DRINKHALL**



**Cadet
Boys
Silver
Medallist
DARIUS
KNIGHT**

CADET GOLD & SILVER

and Karova (Bulgaria) to reach the last 16 but she there lost to the outstanding Romanian Elizabeta Samara. Joanna lost in her first outing to Maria Karlykova from the Ukraine, whilst Abigail lost to Andreea Mamaliga of Romania.

A young Junior Boys' Team finished in 16th place and with only Adam Bleakley moving into the Senior ranks next season the remaining trio of Tim Yarnall, Danny Reed and David Meads will all be available for Junior Team selection next summer. All four contributed to the results but after early promise the players would be disappointed with the final finishing position of the team. Some pluses emerged from this side, in particular Danny gave indications of a potentially bright future.

England started with a 3-1 win over Luxembourg and 3-0 wins over Montenegro and Finland followed. Yet another 3-0 win against Belgium put England into the top 16 category but they then lost to Russia 1-3 and to the Ukraine 0-3. They missed out 2-3 to the Czech Republic and in their match a 1-3 reverse to Spain put the England boys into 16th place.

All four Junior boys went to at least one

round of the Individual Singles. Adam beat Zeimys of Lithuania and Bednarkiewicz of Poland before being eliminated by Zombori of Hungary. Tim was the winner against Redini of Italy but missed out to Gordic of Serbia. Danny also went one round, beating Sejdlu (Kosovo) but found David Ovich

from Belarus too difficult. David defeated Almaas of Norway but the Czech Republic's Obeslo stopped David's further progress.

Sarra Wang for the Cadet Girls' Team can be pleased with her overall performance at these Championships. She performed at a consistently good level throughout the event but could not prevent her team from finishing in a disappointing 30th position. Young Emma Vickers found the going at this level really difficult. Losses to Portugal (2-3), Denmark (1-3) and despite a 3-1 victory over Scotland in the first groupings it meant that the English girls

had an uphill battle to finish in a good position. There followed wins over Norway 3-1 and Montenegro 3-0, which kept alive the English girls possibility of a middle order finishing place.

However, a 0-3 loss to Moldova resulted in a play-off for 30th position with Estonia. Whilst Sarra and Emma lost the doubles, they took the singles to end up taking the 30th spot.

In the Individual Singles Emma beat Sabina Ahmadova in the first round and then lost to Andrea Daubnerova of Slovakia in the second. Sarra lost to the Hungarian Rita Csaki at the first hurdle.

- David Edwards and Michael Payne represented England well in the Umpire's Chairs at these Championships.

- The Sazka Arena in Prague, looking like some grounded flying saucer, was a wonderful venue for these Championships. It houses 18,000 seated spectators with the latest technology including a huge video cube, closed circuit TV system and state-of-the-art acoustics and illumination. The hall was built in 2004 especially for the World Ice Hockey Championships.

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THE ENGLAND TEAM

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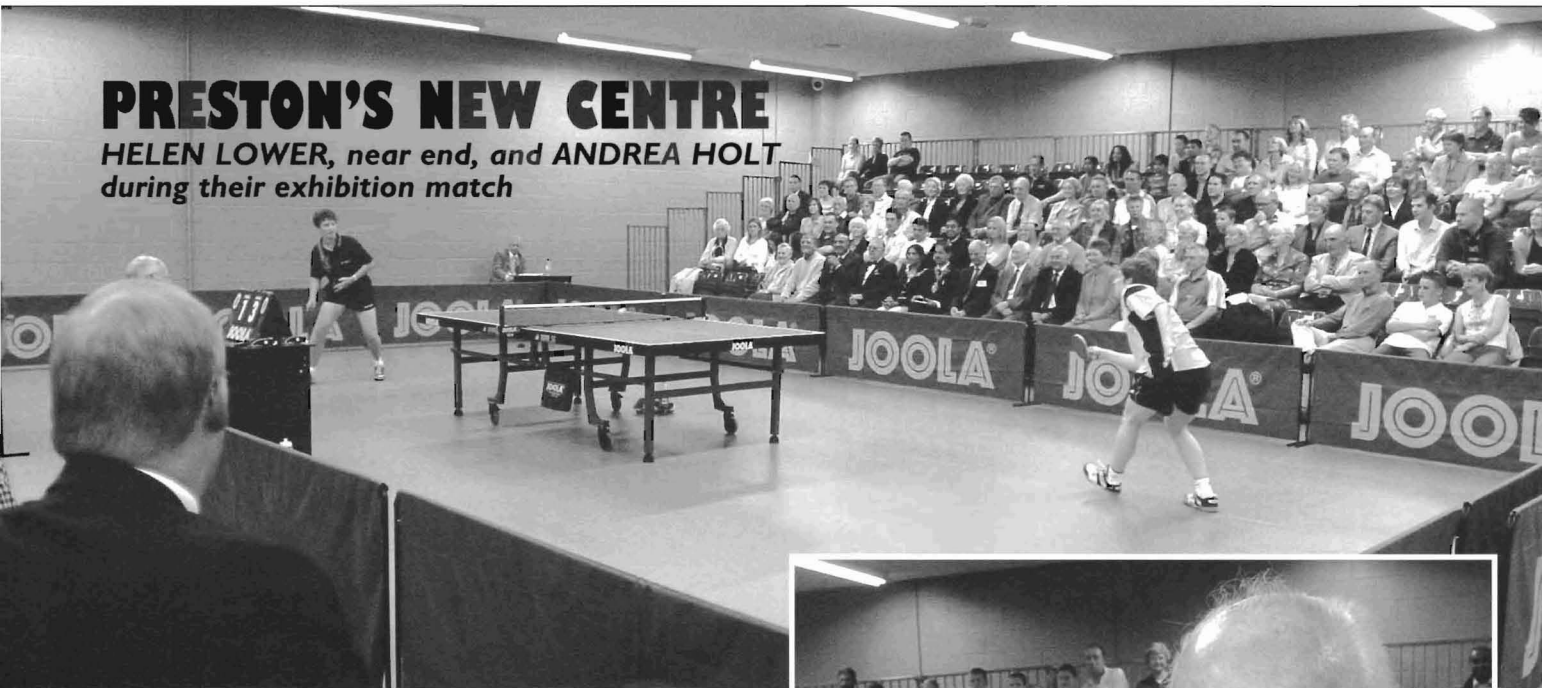
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A DREAM FULFILLED

PRESTON'S NEW CENTRE

HELEN LOWER, near end, and ANDREA HOLT during their exhibition match



MORE than 200 people turned up to witness the official opening of Preston Table Tennis Association's new state-of-the-art centre, writes Bryan Walker.

Housed in the former St. Augustine's Church in Avenham, the Friday evening event proved a huge success.

The opening is the culmination of a vision led by association chairman Jim Clegg who has led the development all the way.

The result is arguably the best table tennis facility in the North West. Among the guest list was Sir Tom Finney who said he was most impressed with the new facility, and hoped it would inspire a new generation of youngsters to take up the sport.

Alex Murdoch, Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) and a Lancastrian by birth, remarked it was exactly the sort of centre the authorities are encouraging.

Alex also presented a shield to Sir Tom to commemorate the occasion, before handing Jim the ETTA's award for outstanding achievement to coaching, a prestigious honour which goes to only one recipient nationally each year.

Speeches were also made by the Mayor of Preston, Cllr Bhikhu Patel, and Cllr Vali Patel from Lancashire County Council.

This was followed by a stunning and entertaining exhibition by four of the

top players in the country, probably the best seen in Preston.

First on the table was England women's current No.1 Helen Lower and her predecessor Andrea Holt, who competed for Britain in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games.

They were followed on to the table by Alan Cooke, the current men's No.1, and the evergreen Desmond Douglas who was England's No.1 for 11 years.

Their match was breathtaking at times and treated an audience of young and old alike.

For a bit of levity, the evening finished with a 'challenge' match between Cooke and the Preston Association's own Tony Rigby.

It ended up with Cooke playing with a frying pan, and he still was pretty useful!

The evening was compered by Brian Kean, a former Scotland international.

Jim Clegg said: "It has been such a long haul, such a lot of work to get this centre. But I looked around on Friday and I have got to say it has been worth every ounce of effort.

"Preston now has a venue which will be the envy of just about everywhere else.

"With the dedicated team of coaches we have, I'm sure we will get youngsters in their droves coming along and we can produce some real champions of our own."



Guest of Honour SIR TOM FINNEY with ETTA Chairman ALEX MURDOCH

TABLE TENNIS STARS OF THE FUTURE DESCENDED ON LILLESHALL

MORE than 500 talented young table tennis players from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands descended on Lilleshall, the National Sports Centre, managed by Leisure Connection, last summer.

The talented youngsters, aged between 14 and 16 were taking part in the English Schools Table Tennis International Championships, an annual event hosted by each country in rotation. It's the second time that the event has been hosted by Lilleshall, which is also the national centre for table tennis, a fact that is helping to create a growing interest in the sport locally.

Lee Moore, Leisure Connection's manager at the centre, explains: "The centre currently hosts a 30-strong community club that meets weekly and comprises people of all ages and abilities. Lilleshall is the current training base for the English Table Tennis Association and the youth squad had been busy here preparing for the Junior European Table Tennis Championships in Prague. That, together with events like the English Schools Championships is encouraging more youngsters to take up the sport."

Adds Lee: "Table Tennis is an Olympic Sport and who knows, with events like this and if we can get enough people interested in taking it up, we may be able to challenge the likes of China and Korea for medal prospects at the 2012 Games in London."

Managed by Leisure Connection, Lilleshall is owned by Sport England, which is committed to creating opportunities for people to start sport, stay in sport and succeed in sport. Its vision is to make England an active and successful sporting nation.

ALIVE & KICKING

THE HISTORY OF THE WALTHAM FOREST TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

IN 1948 the Walthamstow & District United Social Clubs League was founded and was in being until 1960 when it was renamed the Walthamstow Table Tennis League. Clubs that were absent from the new league included Halex, St. Marks, Connaught L.T. club, Guardian House, Woodstone, Forest Rise, Langite, B.M.P., Leecroft Athletic Social club, Fuller Electric, H.T.B., Davis & Tirminns and A.T.C. However, nine new clubs appeared namely, S.W.Essex Technical College, Eton Manor, The Royal Oak, Nomads, Rectory Manor, Forest No. 11 Group, Wanstead Youth Centre and Winchester Road Youth Centre. There were 39 sides competing in the Walthamstow and District U.S.C. league on its demise, whilst 30 sides contested the new league.

The new league lasted for two years until it was renamed the Walthamstow & District league in season 1962/63 in order to attract clubs from outside the immediate vicinity. The newly formed league began with two divisions made up of just 19 sides, playing matches in the format of six singles and three doubles. Eton Manor, Orford House, Marsh St. Nomads, Baird & Taflock Rectory Manor, Wellington Avenue Youth Centre, Forest No.11 Group, Edro, Wanstead Y.C. and Winchester Rd Y.C. were all missing from the newly named league.

By season 1971/2 the league had grown to six divisions (its highest ever) with the following new clubs now in the league: Bairds Taverners, Leyhall Metropolitan Water Board, Heathcote, Athan Old Boys, Highams Park Youth Centre, Ever Ready, Silverthorn Sports & Social Club, Pastures, London Ambulance, Hale End (G.P.O.), Leyton Police, Walthamstow Bus Garage, Leyton Youth Chingford Cricket Club, Foresters, Forest Community, Langite Nornads, Waltham Forest YMCA, Ever Ready, Covenanters, Gestetner, Athan, Walthamstow Speedway, Walthamstow Avenue, Warwick Youth Centre and Fuller Marsh St Y.C. had fallen by the wayside.

In 1980 Walthamstow became part of The London Borough of Waltham Forest. The league then became known as the Waltham Forest Table Tennis League and has continued

under this name until the present day.

Since the late 1970's the number of clubs competing steadily dwindled and by season 1997/8 when the league almost joined forces with the Ilford League, only three divisions remained, comprising six clubs with 21 sides. The league has slightly increased its numbers as at the end of season 2002/3. Seven clubs now compete with 22 sides involved. Woodford Wells and Leyton Youth Centre have gone but Leyton Bus Garage Stagecoach and Walthamstow Cricket Club are two newcomers.

The league has in fact maintained its composition better than all the other Essex leagues who have lost both clubs and sides with alarming regularity season after season. Two major clubs provide opportunities and encouragement for youngsters, namely Heathcote and Red Triangle, thanks to the efforts of Ken Levin and John Fitzgerald respectively.

Over the years many fine players have graced the league with their presence. The most notable being the league president, Bobby Stevens, who represented both England and Essex. Other county players have been Percy Curtis, the Tendler family, Kevin Caldon, John Dennison, Dennis Charlery, Clive Carthy, Stuart Gibbs, David Bowles and possibly more.

So the League is still very much alive and kicking. It enters both veterans and super veterans sides in the Essex county competitions and holds an annual tournament every May/June which attracts a 60/70 % turn out of entrants, far more than most leagues.

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TRAINING VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



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

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

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

This is where some clubs are beginning to look to the business world. Businesses and academics have spent decades amassing a wealth of knowledge on how to work more efficiently and effectively. The British Library houses over 130,000 books on management techniques, and now some forward thinking clubs are beginning to recognise the

value in drawing on this expertise. While clubs have traditionally focussed, quite rightly, on the development of their players and on giving members the chance to participate, properly training those responsible for the management of the club can have an even more dramatic impact on a club's success.

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

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

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

and better management of costs."

Sport at all levels faces these kinds of issues - marketing, development, funding, and accessibility, for example - not to forget attracting, retaining and getting the most out of staff and volunteers. London's successful Olympic bid is one of the highest profile examples of volunteer recruitment and development. Delivering the games requires 70,000 volunteers - 45,000 have already offered their services and Sport England will be playing a key role in training and supporting these volunteers through the Running Sport programme.

Of course the Olympics, despite its scale, represents only a small proportion of the volunteers that make sport happen in the UK every day. Sport England has been continuing its commitment to work at a strategic level with partners to provide appropriate and effective support to all volunteers in sport and to help develop sustainable club structures at a local level.

As Hollingbury Table Tennis Club has found out, it works. After rapidly growing to over 200 members, the club faced a number of new challenges - not least of which was finding sufficient resources.

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

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

But it is not just funding and promotion that volunteers can be trained in. Running Sport also covers

accessibility, volunteer management, and club development, delivering the "need to know" essentials in short but effective evening workshops across the country. Through a network of accredited and approved trainers - sport development professionals who understand the specific needs of people working in sports clubs - Running Sport equips volunteers with the most effective tools and techniques to apply in their own clubs.

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

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

To find out about Running Sport workshops in your area, visit www.sportengland.org/runningsport.

Quick tips - advice from Running Sport

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

For many more ideas, tips and tools on how to get more for your club get to a Running Sport workshop. Visit www.sportengland.org/runningsport.

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Winning Rubbers

Several readers of TTN have requested information on what has happened to the legality of Winning pimped rubbers, because they do not appear on the ITTF Approved Racket Covering List No.26, 1st July 2005 to 31st December 2005, writes John Wood.

So I sought guidance from the Chairman of the ITTF Equipment Committee, Odd Gustavsen

His reply was, "Winning Np-1 and Winning Np-8 will be on the next List (January 2006), but not Np-2."

I am personally affected by this decision, having played all last season with Np-2, so I will inform you on what I have changed to in the next issue.

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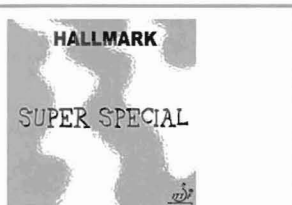
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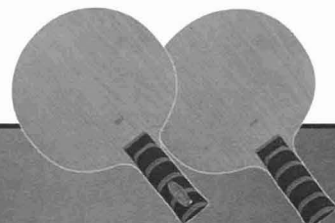


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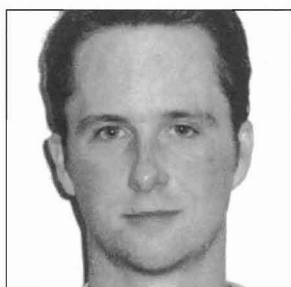
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OVER THE BRIDGE



by
RYAN JENKINS

NAOMI OWEN was very unlucky not to win the Luxembourg junior open last month. Leading 2-0 and with 2 match points, she just narrowly missed out with some fine play from her opponent in the final. Naomi will join my brother Stephen and myself at Waedenswil TTC (Switzerland) next season to further her play

Congratulations to the English cadet boys team on their grand performance in Prague. It just shows the gap that has emerged between our countries at these levels during the last 5 years. Maybe we need to look at what you guys are trying to accomplish and follow suit.

With a new season already underway, it was great to see some fantastic table tennis back on our screens with the British Masters at Croydon, well-done BBC. I emailed them and thanked them for their contribution - hope you all did the same guys!

There will be two academies opening up shortly near us. Firstly, there is the much-awaited Bristol Academy just over our waters, and secondly, a new academy which will open in the South Wales Valleys, which will be getting some funding from TTK Greenhouse and an insurance firm, called Chem-Dry Mid Glamorgan. This academy will be a fantastic venture that will pay dividends to schoolchildren in a potentially volatile area. It can only be good for the game in Wales.

Just over 7 months until the Commonwealth Games and the butterflies are descending...hard work beckons...Until the next time folks.

May the force be with you always.

Ryan Jenkins

MATCHPOINT

By JOHN WOODFORD



• **BALLIOL** College, Oxford has produced three prime ministers. It has also no doubt, produced many distinguished professional people including our own Matthew Syed, who was an outstanding scholar in his three years of studies.

• **THE** table tennis world is continuously intrigued to see whether Matthew is going to take up as a full-time professional sport (TV) commentating and presenting or journalism or politics.

• **HE** tells people he has not yet decided himself; that can be interpreted as waiting to see what offers materialise. The highly successful Masters tournaments, three in number at Sheffield and Croydon are currently taking the place of the English Open from the fans point of view.

• **AT** sometime in the future, we should be able to find an organisation able to sponsor the English Open, last seen four years ago at Chatham, Kent. That

sponsor was from the betting profession. At Croydon this time Matthew managed to "win" Betfred at the eleventh hour

• **IT** is sad to see many small countries round the world able to find sponsors to get them on the world professional circuit but England who gave the game (and many others) to the world cannot find English Open sponsors.

• **PAUL DRINKHALL** and Darius Knight won the cadet team final at the Canadian Junior Open in Vancouver on August 6 but did not enter the cadet singles.

• **AFTER** they had beaten Chinese Taipei 3-1 fans at home were looking for results from the singles. What they found was that our 'special ones' did not play in the cadets singles but did reach the semi-finals of the junior singles, further proof that they are capable of winning at junior level.

• **THAT** move by Steen Hansen was apparently a signal that they

are now junior players and all cadet events are in the past. Not so, they will play for England on a wild card in the World Cadet Challenge in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic October 13-20.

• **THE** reason for this I am told, is that the ETTA cut-off date is July, but the ITTF date is January 1. The sooner these dates are the same the better, but it is with good wishes that Paul and Darius go to the Caribbean in October when there will be at least one English spectator - Barry Granger - that world-traveller extraordinaire who will be supplying me with the results in the very last cadet event for our lads.

• **TALKING** of world travel, Paul and Darius have already experienced global travel on most if not all the continents. Hopefully they will catch up with Australia next March in the Commonwealth Games where we normally win medals at senior level. That is if they are both selected for Melbourne.

EURO & WORLD NEWS

Compiled by JOHN WOOD

Liebherr U.S. Open - July 2005

Title Retained

SINGAPORE's Li Jia Wei beat Hong Kong's Tie Yana in the final of the Women's Singles event at the Liebherr U.S. Open in Fort Lauderdale and thus retained the title she had won twelve months earlier in Chicago.

Meanwhile for Korea's Oh Sang Eun his run of good form continues, when in the final of the Men's Singles he beat his doubles partner Lee Jung Woo whilst in the Men's Doubles the duo combined to overcome their compatriots, Lee Chul Seung and Yoo Chang Jae in four games.

Volkswagen China Open September 2005

Wang Liqin Wins 18th Title

CHINA's Wang Liqin won the eighteenth Men's Singles title of his career on the ITTF Pro Tour when he emerged the victor at the Volkswagen China Open in Shenzhen in September 2005. The final saw him beat Wang Hao in five games.

Meanwhile, for seventeen year old Li Xiaoxia it was her first ever appearance in an ITTF Pro Tour Final and she made most of the opportunity. The Chinese teenager was in superb form and recovered from an opening game deficit to beat colleague Guo Yue in the final and take the title.

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Volkswagen Japan Open 25th September 2005

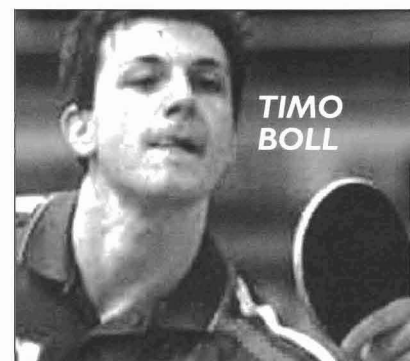
CHINESE MEN

MISS OUT

HAS it ever happened before in the ten year history of the ITTF Pro Tour, when the leading male players from China have been present and no Chinese male player has reached the final of either the Men's Doubles or the Men's Singles?

Germany's Timo Boll won the Men's Singles title and with colleague, Christian Suss, the Men's Doubles title at the Volkswagen Japan Open in Yokohama on Sunday 25th September 2005.

In the Men's Singles final Boll was full of confidence; left handed, his



TIMO BOLL

fast forehand topspins directed into the body of the right handed penhold grip player, Ryu Seung Min, reaped rewards time and again. It was the fourth time in World Ranking events that the players had met. Ryu Seung Min is the reigning Olympic champion but in all four meetings it is the German who has won.

In the semi-finals of the Men's Singles played on the morning of Sunday 25th September 2005 China's Ma Long and Wang Hao both lost.

Ma Long was beaten in seven games by the reigning Olympic champion, Korea's Ryu Seung Min, whilst by the same margin Wang Hao was defeated by Germany's Timo Boll.

BERKSHIRE

by Colin Dyke

BERKSHIRE are again contesting all competitions in the County Championships with two senior teams, one junior, one cadet and seven veteran teams. The Inter-town Competition is booked for Sunday 27th November but the County still require an Organiser to step in to the late Brian Latham's shoes.. A volunteer is eagerly awaited to ensure this popular and highly competitive competition goes ahead.

Affiliated Towns are getting ready for another busy season

Newbury President Tony Leigh, who has served for the last 47 years, decided it was time to call it a day and stood down at their AGM. He had played a major role in staging international matches at the Newbury Corn Exchange back in the sixties as well as the Newbury Open Championships which attracted many leading players. On behalf of the Association Graeme Panting presented him with an inscribed crystal bowl. The Association were then delighted that Tony Reeves, a prominent player for many seasons and Chairman between 1970-1984, accepted the invitation to take over as President.

Reading staged their Masters Tournament in April for the league's top 10 players. Played in two groups of five there were a number of surprises. In the end Nick Heaps came was the surprise winner after recovering from a dreadful start against Ian Packford.

Group 1:

Hari Gehlot bt Ben Gates 11-2 11-9 8-11 11-8;
 Tony Reynolds bt Bob Davis 14-12 11-8 11-9;
 Nick Heaps bt Ben Gates 11-1 11-2 9-11 18-16;
 Hari Gehlot bt Bob Davis 11-6 6-11 10-12 11-3 11-2;
 Nick Heaps bt Tony Reynolds 12-10 11-7 11-7;
 Bob Davis bt Ben Gates 11-3 11-6 11-6;
 Hari Gehlot bt Nick Heaps 11-2 11-5 11-6;
 Tony Reynolds bt Ben Gates 11-9 11-13 11-8 11-7;
 Nick Heaps bt Bob Davis 11-9 11-9 11-5;
 Hari Gehlot bt Tony Reynolds 11-6 13-11 11-5.

Group 2:

Abhay Gehlot bt Ian Packford 11-9 11-5 7-11 9-11 11-7;
 Cliff Putterford bt Steve Murgatroyd 11-4 7-11 11-4 11-7;
 Abhay Gehlot bt Robert Hudson 11-5 11-7 8-11 11-6;
 Ian Packford bt Cliff Putterford 11-6 11-7 11-8;
 Robert Hudson bt Steve Murgatroyd 9-11 11-5 9-11 11-6 11-8;
 Abhay Gehlot bt Cliff Putterford 11-6 11-7 9-11 6-11 13-11;
 Ian Packford bt Robert Hudson 11-5 11-8 8-11 11-8;
 Abhay Gehlot bt Steve Murgatroyd 15-13 9-11 11-4 11-3;
 Robert Hudson bt Cliff Putterford 9-11 14-12 11-2 11-7;
 Ian Packford bt Steve Murgatroyd 6-11 12-10 11-7 11-9.

Semi-Finals:

Ian Packford bt Hari Gehlot 11-9 6-11 11-8 5-11 11-5;
 Nick Heaps bt Abhay Gehlot 11-4 12-10 12-10.
 3rd/4th Play off:
 Hari Gehlot bt Abhay Gehlot 11-3 11-4 11-3
 Final:
 Nick Heaps bt Ian Packford 9-11 1-11 11-6 12-10 11-9.

Bracknell Association staged an end of season Grouping Tournament, which proved popular with the players. The winner was Richard Ambrose, runner up Clive Banham with Colin Dyke and Phil Prady third and fourth respectively. Bracknell celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2006 and are putting together a commemorative brochure. Chairman Allan Bruton would be pleased to hear

from anybody with useful information.

Maidenhead Association have some good news in as much as they have an increase in teams for the current season, up 4 to 34. A 9 team format in the Premier Division with each team playing each other three times gives everyone plenty of matches. Newly promoted Bovington Green Eagles and NWCA Bluejays will give the other teams plenty to think about.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

by Steve Rate

THE summer months have been far from quiet in Cambridgeshire, lots of great summer leagues with some excellent play, well done to all. The Cambs players have been out and about in early season tournaments showing good early form and reaping good rewards.

The Okehampton Satellite Grand Prix saw outings for Dale Barham, Sean Murray and Nick Rate with Dale winning the men's singles and the under 21's and Nick came runner-up in band 6. Sean had some good results. A trip to the Knutsford summer junior and men's tournament meant some excellent results. Nick Rate came runner up in the junior tournament. Dale Barham won the Super Group and Sean Murray came runner up in his men's group. Bernie Shannon also played and had some good results.

We are now looking forward to the very busy season ahead and we wish all the best for all Cambridgeshire players young and old.

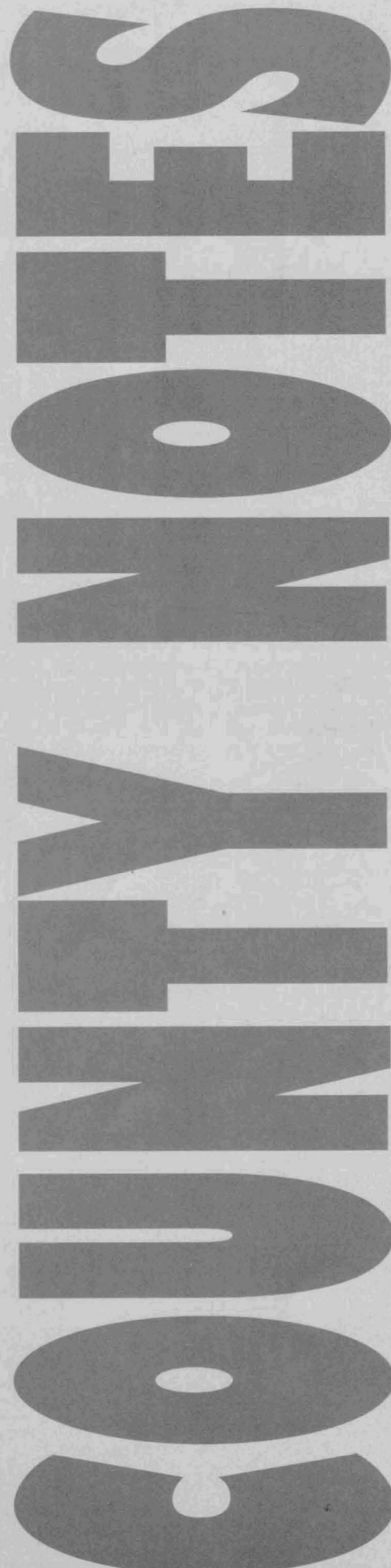
We must wish all the best for the St. Neots club in their quest to gain Clubmark recognition.

On Tuesday 7th June the Cambridgeshire Table Tennis Association held their Annual General Meeting. This was a historic meeting as the County was joining forces with the former Huntingdonshire Association, thus becoming the first two counties to merge in the English Table Tennis Association. The meeting attracted the highest turnout for several years and the new Committee has strong representation from the former Huntingdonshire Association. Steve Rate, has taken over as General Secretary from Karen Hubble, and will also take on the role of Press Officer, while his wife Lesley will be the new Junior Match Secretary and ESTTA Representative.

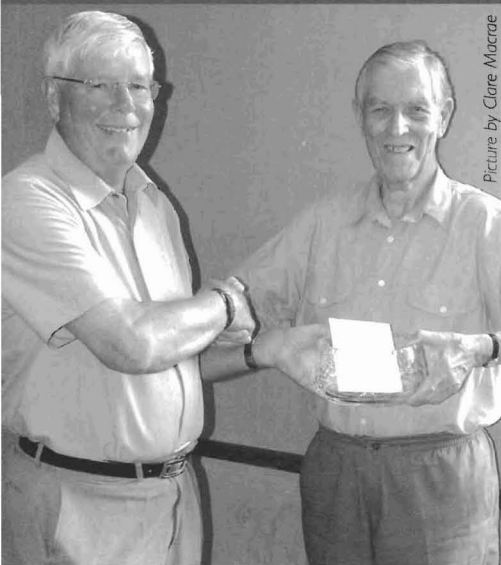
The full Committee of the new Association is:

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| President: | Keith Richardson |
| Chairman: | Martyn Livermore |
| General Secretary: | Steve Rate |
| Treasurer: | Brian Freer |
| Senior Match Secretary: | Martyn Livermore |
| Veterans Match Secretary: | Roger Fensom |
| Junior Match Secretary: | Lesley Rate |
| Umpires Secretary: | Pat O'Bryne |
| Press Officer: | Steve Rate |
| Coaching Secretary: | Pat O'Bryne |
| ESTTA Representative: | Lesley Rate |
| Development Officer: | Pat O'Bryne |
| National Councillor: | Brian Freer |

At the AGM of the Cambridge & District Table Tennis League, held on 22nd June at Impington Village College, a presentation of an engraved glass bowl and gift vouchers was made to the League's President, Tony Brotchie, who was retiring from the Committee after nearly 60 years of service. Making the presentation, Brian Judd, the newly elected President, gave a resumé of Tony's involvement with the League. He held the position of League Secretary (now known as Competitions Secretary) for very many years and then took over as President of the League in 1988. His service to table-tennis was recognised by the English Table Tennis Association when he received their Merit Award in 1983. Tony started his playing career in the League in 1950 as a member of the Fire Service team and this continued



CAMBRIDGE



Pictured above is Brian Judd, the new President (left) presenting Tony Brotchie (right) with an engraved glass bowl and vouchers"

until 1983, with a short break of 4 seasons when he played for Shire Hall. In 1983 he joined the St Georges TT Club, off the Milton Road, and continued with them until finally "putting down his bat" in 2000. His commitment to the League has been outstanding and his length of service unlikely ever to be repeated.

CHESHIRE

by Alan Blears

I WROTE it, printed it, enveloped it, stamped it and posted it; at which point it disappeared into the welkin never to be seen again. Thus, for the first time during my period as correspondent there was no Cheshire report in the last edition of TTN. However, I have been given special dispensation by John Wood for a slightly longer report to include an abbreviated version of my previous notes, together with some new material.

Cadet Masters

It is not too late to give Caroline Hallows the recognition she deserves for becoming Cadet Masters champion, having won eleven of her twelve sets - five of them after losing the first game. Although not in my Stockport coaching group, I know how hard Caroline has worked over the years. She has had many disappointments, losing umpteen semi-finals in major events, and had to regain her confidence after a poor Stockport Junior competition. Well done, Caroline.

Jordyn Layfield finished a creditable sixth, and should take heart from Caroline's success. The two have fought many battles over the years, with rarely more than a few points between them.

Caroline was also in the cadet home nations international, when she was the only unbeaten girl in the team event, but lost in the semi-final (again!) to old rival Rachel Jamieson in the individuals.

Junior County Championship

The first team, says NPC Paul Ingham, performed brilliantly in the Premier Division to finish third, with five wins from seven. Against champions Buckinghamshire, with the Evans clan featuring, they lost 6-4, but went down 9-4 to runners-up Derbyshire who had Emily O'Sullivan in brilliant form. One outstanding win in the season was

Jonathon Taylor's over Andrew Leighton, ranked No.15 junior at the time.

The 'B' team, in Div. 2A, were runners-up.

Cadet County Championship

With an entirely new boys' team Cheshire did extremely well to finish runners-up to Cleveland in Div.1A. The girls - Caroline Hallows, Jordyn Layfield, Fiona Dennett and Rachel Baker all had 100% averages, while ten year-old Josh Boulton had 82% for the boys.

National Regional Squad Championship

Another good performance to report here, with the team finishing third after last season's disappointing seventh. The girls, as always, won most of their matches, but there were many more wins from the boys this time.

Stockport Junior Tournament

The entry was smaller this year, but the standard of play the best ever, as was shown by Caroline Hallows losing singles matches to Matthew Weatherby in the cadets and to Josh Boulton in the Youth Cup, plus the Junior doubles. Did this setback stimulate her to even greater efforts in the Cadets Masters soon after?

Josh Boulton and Paul Kershaw, with a combined age of 24, became the youngest winners of the Junior doubles. Jacob Grabtree, after losing to Josh Boulton in the first round of the cadets, did very well to be runner-up to Caroline in the Juniors.

U-12 GIRLS (Round Robin) :- W - Natalie Dodd, R/U - Sarah Weatherby. U-12 BOYS (Round Robin) :- W - Josh Boulton, R/U - Stephen Jackson. U-12 DRAWN DBS:- W - Natalie Dodd & Louis Anthony, R/U - Sarah Weatherby & Stephen Jackson. 9, 8, 10. CADETS:- W - Matthew Weatherby, R/U - Caroline Hallows. 7, 7, 4. CADETS CONS :- W - Jacob Crabtree, R/U - Amy Walker. 6, 5, -9, 8. JUNIORS :- W - Caroline Hallows, R/U - Jacob Crabtree. 3, 7, 3. JUNIOR DRAWN DBS :- W - Joshua Boulton & Paul Kershaw, R/U - Caroline Hallows & Louis Anthony. 12, 7, -6, 6. U-21 YOUTH CUP :- W - Matthew Weatherby, R/U - Ryan Costello. 9, -4, 8, 7.

Latest News

So much for the old, briefly what of the new?

After a poor schools individual finals competition Josh Boulton came home from King's Lynn as National U11 runner-up, following his U-10 semi-final spot a year earlier. His conqueror was Edward Mitchell, who also ended his U-12 hopes at the quarter final stage. Josh has now been selected for national squad training at Lilleshall.

Lynsey Pich, Jordyn Layfield and Caroline Hallows all went to Germany for the schools international, while Fiona Dennett has been even further afield - to China! She had two weeks' training there, paid for in part by the Irish TTA.

The SportBreak Summer Two Star, hopefully reported elsewhere, gave me my first sighting of a remarkable new talent, a charming eight year-old of Sri Lankan origin from Brighton. I cannot remember his name, mainly because it has about twenty letters, but I am sure that it will soon become very familiar. He was runner-up to Josh Boulton in the U-13s, twice taking him to four games, and won the 'Best Performance' award.

The Junior competition had a good boys entry, but few girls, who had to play against the boys. The most successful were Rachel Baker in the cadets, and the unrelated Charlotte Baker in the juniors. Similarly, the Senior event had plenty of men, but the women's event was cancelled. Come on, ladies-leave the ironing to the men and get playing!

In conclusion, although they are not from Cheshire (we can't all be lucky) may I add my congratulations to Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight for their success in the European Youth Championships and Canadian Open.

CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

SUCCESS FOR PAUL

THE highlight of a busy summer from a Cleveland perspective has been the success of Paul Drinkhall in winning the Cadet Boys Singles in the European Youth Championships in Prague in July, and being unbeaten in the England team which won the Cadet Boys Team event in the same competition.

Paul has shown significant progress since the age of 10 when he won the National Under 10 championship and every year since then he has consistently performed well in the big events, reeling off the Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 15, Under 18 and last season becoming the first player to win all five titles in the National Junior championships and then to go on to represent England seniors and win the National Under 21. Winning the Cadet Boys Singles in the European Youth adds another very positive progression to the progress achieved to date.

Since Prague Paul has continued to show further improvement and this was evident at the Stoke Open which is part of the Butterfly Grand Prix, last month when he won the Men's singles in a very strong field, including straight games victories over Terry Young and in the final against Ryan Jenkins, the Welsh Champion who is clearly one of Britain's top players at the present time.

As well as Paul doing well in Prague, the second Cleveland player in the squad, Danny Reed, also performed well in the higher Junior age group, although no medals came home, Danny has demonstrated the improvement that he has made over the season and established himself as one of the key players in the England Junior team.

In addition to Paul winning the Men's Singles in Stoke, Danny also performed well to win the Band One Men's singles with a narrow victory over Adam Bleakley in the final. Another Cleveland player, Danny Welsh, won the Band Two event.

CHINA VISIT

Eight players representing Taiyuan, a city in Chanxi Province in China, visited the North East in August as guests of the Brierton Table Tennis Club in Hartlepool, arranged with significant initiative by Keith Thomas. Taiyuan which included former national ranked players, held a series of matches during their stay, the opening and closing matches were played in Hartlepool when Keith invited some players from outside the county, in particular Eddie Smith and David Meads, to strengthen the Hartlepool team. The Chinese team won 14 - 6 in the first match and 19-13 in the second. Taiyuan also played an 8 a side match against the Ormesby Club, with the hosts winning 26- 6, with Paul and Bryn Drinkhall, Danny Reed and Steven Bailey all unbeaten. An Ormesby-Chinese tournament took place with a large entry of local players participating against the visitors, and this was won by Paul Drinkhall who beat his brother, Bryn, at deuce in the 5th in an entertaining final. Hartlepool are planning to visit Taiyuan for a return fixture next year.

ORMESBY CENTRE ALMOST FINISHED

Work costing in the region of £750,000 to upgrade the Ormesby Table Tennis Club is close to being completed. The club have been using a nearby school sports hall for the summer period, the Unity City Academy, while the building work was carried out. The work is sufficiently progressed that the Ormesby Club are able to resume the use of the centre. Once work is completed the much improved lighting, with both fluorescent and tungsten halogen options, a large social area including a kitchen and severy, a gym, modernised changing rooms and toilets, a reception and office, and the Club's own car park, and with the site prominently located on one of

Cleveland's busiest roads, the benefits to table tennis in the County will be substantial. The improvements have been supported by Sport England, via the ETTA, Middlesbrough Borough Council and the Government Development Agency, One North East.

GOOD START TO THE BRITISH LEAGUE

Ormesby have made a good start to the new British League season with all three senior teams producing impressive results to date. The Club's first team in the Premier Division won 3 of their 4 opening fixtures and played a 4 all draw with Darlington at the Progress club in London. Paul Drinkhall started with 7 wins out of 8, including a victory over Carl Prean. His only loss was to an in form Gareth Herbert. Bryn Drinkhall won 6 out of 8, and Danny Reed 5 out of 6. The second team in Div. 1 North won three of their opening four fixtures at Hyndburn, the only loss being to Darlington by 5 - 3. Danny Reed won 7 out of 8, Steven Bailey 5 from 8. The Club's 3rd team which have entered into the 4th Div. North for the first time, won all four of their opening four fixtures with Karen Shepherd, Andy Wilson and Damien Nicholls all winning 7 from 8.

With two boys and one girls team in the Junior British League and an Ormesby team for the first time in the Women's British League, more good matches are in prospect. The women's squad has been strengthened by the acquisition of Karen Shepherd who is a student at Teesside University and taking full advantage of the training and practice opportunities at the Club. Karen leads a squad consisting of Rachel Greener, Katherine and Karina Lefevre, Jenny Lowther, Chloe White and Emily Greener.

With Keith Rodger in form, the Northfield Club from Stockton won 2 out of 4 of their opening fixtures in the 2nd Div. North of the British League. Keith Rodger was beaten only once during the weekend, which was played at Hyndburn, by Rotherhams Ben Barlow by 3 games to 1.

DERBYSHIRE

by Colin Deaton

CHESTERFIELD Table Tennis appears to be riding on a crest of a wave.

Alan Cooke occupies the Senior National Number One spot, whilst the Staveley youngsters are amongst the most promising in England.

Staveley has 3 young U13 boys in the top five ranking list in England and Lucy Davidson occupies the number two spot in the U13, although she is still only 11 years old.

In addition to this Nicola Deaton and Derrick Marples have been awarded the male and female coach of the year by the ETTA.

Both Derrick and Nicola are very active with their coaching throughout Derbyshire and it has been no surprise to enthusiasts to hear of their nominations.

Well done Derrick and Nicola and long may the hard work and dedication continue!

In addition to this, Nicola and Alex Perry were selected as NPC.

Derby and District League, despite dropping 4 teams for the new season, still have the same number of players registered.

At the end of August several of the Derby area youngsters went on a trip to Sweden where they played matches and received coaching.

They do have a real crop of young players coming through their area with talents like Emma Vickers, Emily O'Sullivan, Robert Frost and Mark Taylor.

Their number one female player, who is also Derbyshire number one, Emma Vickers, did not produce her best form at the European Youth Championships in July.

She is a player with outstanding talent and she is a better player than her results in this prestigious tournament suggests.

Matlock is happy to add the Whitworth centre to their list of table tennis venues in the area.

The venue would provide the area with an ideal facility for both coaching and playing.

It has been rumoured that ex-Matlock area resident, Gerald Finney, is to return to the area from Northampton and run and organises the Whitworth Centre - we shall wait and see.

Two local Matlock League players competed in the English Transplant Games at Loughborough in August, both emerged winning gold medals.

By winning this event Mellissa Bullard and Richard Swindell may well be in line for representing England in the World Transplant Games.

Congratulations are extended to these two players from everyone in Derbyshire. We are proud of you.

Meanwhile Matlock are to enter a team in the National Cadet League for the very first time.

Playing in this event will give these promising youngsters just the sort of experience they need. We will await the results with real interest.

Derbyshire Chairman continues his weekly popular coaching sessions at Lea Green and whilst he may have lost a few to the 'High Performance' centre held in Nottingham on a Thursday night, his courses are well attended.

Finally Derbyshire are to have a second senior team in the Nation County Championship.

No doubt the team will comprise youngsters from our crop of up and coming youngsters where we hope Derbyshire will produce an England Number one yet again.

DEVONSHIRE

by John Vincent

OUR Junior players have had an excellent season 2004/5. Two Plymouth schoolgirls performed well for England Schools in the 'HOME' Internationals at Lilleshall Sports Centre. Sally Smith (Davenport High for Girls) won a gold medal in the Under 16 girl's Individual event and with her partner Clare Howe (Somerset) won Bronze for third place in the team event. Sally will start the new season at number 7 in the Junior Girls. Lisa Radford in the under 19 category won two bronze medals. She attends Plymouth High School for Girls and is already ranked 25 in the Seniors on the August 2005 list. Lisa has won the Pat Archdale Cup awarded to the highest ranked Junior in the South West Region on the May 2005 list who has not received it before.

Vicky Smith is to be congratulated on her performance in the National Under 10 Girls Individual Event when she came runner up.

The Beacon Electrical Plymouth & District League representative sides won the Bromfield Trophy (team - Lisa Radford, Sally Smith and Laura McLeod) and also retained the Leach Cup (team - Richard Marshall, Chris Smith and Freddie Cutler). Credit is due to Paul Whiting the Plymouth Coaching office and his very able assistant Mike Hugh who have maintained a very high standard of coaching on Thursday nights at the Plymouth League Headquarters.

15 year old David Wetherill, a severely disabled player, got a 43.3% average in Division 3 of the Plymouth League against able bodied players. He also played Junior County for us.

David now had a World ranking of 54 in his disability class. Because of his potential David and his coach Phil Greenwood were invited to the launch of the 'British Paralympics Association' fast track programme for emerging athletes and coaches at Loughborough University. David's main aim is to win a Paralympic Medal in 2012.

Level 2 Coaches' Courses

Recently Kevin Satchell has tutored one in St.Austell and John Vincent in Okehampton. Valerie Clack was assessor for both.

ESSEX

by Steve Kerns

CORTI WOODCOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

Braintree League Chairman Ron Fosker, a County Life Member and the inaugural winner of the ETTA/Random House Press Officer of the Year Award in 2000 was the recipient of this year's ECTTA Corti Woodcock Award, the County's foremost Award for service to the Sport. Having been involved in Table Tennis for 45 years and having taken on roles as diverse as County Press & Publicity Officer, League Chairman and League Fixtures Secretary as well as having been a member of the ETTA Public Relations Sub-Committee his success was richly deserved. His weekly Press columns in the Braintree & Witham Times although currently restricted by the number of words he is allowed to write are worth reading by any aspiring Press Officer, a lesson in how to make the maximum impact with the minimum use of words. The Braintree League have been the fortunate beneficiaries of Ron's literary talents for over 30 years.

EUROPEAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - BRATISLAVA

Essex players enjoyed themselves at the sociable European Veterans Championships in Bratislava in June. Food and drink couldn't have been cheaper as the City played host to 2,000 Veteran Table Tennis enthusiasts. Joe Kennedy (Kent), a regular player in the Ilford and BATTs Leagues paired up with the all-action Anton Kutis (Slovakia), the eventual Over 40 Mens Singles Runner-Up) to take the Over 40 Mens Doubles title. They didn't put a foot wrong throughout the whole event. Newly qualified Veteran Abdul Wuraola (JAGS) who really could pass for 25, another regular in the BATTs League carried English hopes furthest in the Over 40s Mens Singles, all the way from an unseeded position to the Quarter Finals, a fantastic effort. Three group successes and four very tough Competition proper wins later he finally tasted defeat, 3-0 against this year's Champion Miroslav Ceceva (Czech).

Braintree and Ilford League player Shu Huang (the newly appointed Coach at the TTK/Greenhouse funded post at Eastlea Community School in Canning Town) enjoyed a superb week and fought her way through to the Ladies Over 40s Singles Semi-Finals. After three wins in her group against decent opposition she came through a quarter where the seeded Annie Ramberg (Denmark) had lost to Andrea Mutke (Germany) in the second round. Shu beat Marita Matereva (Germany) 3-2 in round two. Patrice Lambert (France) 3-1 in round three and then Andrea Mutke 12-10, 11-8, 13-11 in a tense Quarter Final. Shu's Semi Final opponent was the Star of the Tournament, the legendary Valentina Popova (now representing Slovakia), the former European Ladies Singles Champion and possibly the first player to win European Singles titles at Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veteran level. She really didn't look that much older than when she had played Olga Nemes at the European Top 12 event in Cleveland back in 1983. Shu played some truly excellent rallies but the former World no. 2 was unstoppable and Popova won 11-4, 11-4, 11-6. Shu's Coach for this game is also worthy of mention, none other than Chinese Superstar - former World Mens Singles Runner-Up and World no. one Liang Ge Liang (now playing for the St. Petersburg Club of Germany). Popova went on to win the title beating the 2003 Champion Ludmilla Farina (Russia) 3-1 in a superb Final.

ILFORD LEAGUE KO CUP

Essex County Senior second team players Matt Spero

(25), Robin Glassberg (25) and Keith Lesser (23) achieved a stunning victory in the Ilford League Open KO Cup Competition.

The scene was set when Frenford II battled through the top half of the draw with an impressive victory against Frenford I. Gavin West (Captain), Umair Mauthoor and Dan Cannon had played superbly to beat "The Tendlers" - father John and sons Gary and Jason. With Frenford I having won the League title with room to spare this was indeed an excellent win for Frenford II.

Mossford's Semi-Final triumph against Heathcote II was another tightly fought contest. Mike Woods and Sal Ahmed proved too steady for Glassberg and Lesser in the opening doubles. However, Matt Spero levelled the match with some powerful backhand topspins against Ivan Stefanou. Heathcote in turn raced into a lead with the under-rated Mike Woods driving his backhand punches into the body of Glassberg; 2-1 to Heathcote. Lesser then steadied the ship with some determined play to beat Sal Ahmed 11-4 in the fifth end. This win gave Mossford the advantage they needed and the Mossford team who were such impressive winners of British League Division Four South ran out "safe" if unspectacular 5-2 winners.

The Final paired two excellent sides together. Mossford - Spero, Lesser and Glassberg v Frenford II - Umair Mauthoor, Gavin West and Ray Lam. Frenford made a superb start as West and Lam upset Lesser and Glassberg 3-0 in the opening doubles. Then came a real upset as Umair Mauthoor (the County's most talented player) took on Matthew. Spero raced ahead, 1-0, but was clawed back and fell behind, 2-1. A nervous crowd was enthralled by fantastic loop to loop rallies and by raising his game to a new level Matt squared the game at 2-2. A close finale produced Matt's best win of the season which enabled Mossford to level the match. Now the mantle was thrown to Lesser, who took on Ray Lam. Ray had defeated Keith in the League earlier in the season, but was well beaten 3-1 on this occasion. The flamboyant Glassberg brushed Gavin West aside 3-0 and Spero added a 3-0 victory over Ray Lam. At 4-1 the match was all but over, but Mauthoor made sure that this wasn't the case with some top-class topspins to hammer Keith 3-0. Frenford were rejuvenated and Gavin West raced into a 2-0 lead against "Magic Matt". Confident, after his victory in the League West appeared able to stop Matt getting in with his vicious forehand. However, Matt dug really deep and drew level at 2-2. After threats of being disowned by his team-mates if he lost, Spero stopped playing allowing Gavin to forge ahead 5-0 in the fifth end. Spero, chaotic yet focused, re-entered "the zone"

which he had inexplicably left and clawed his way back to go 7-5 up. There were no further surprises and Gavin's only remaining point was a fantastic cross court backhand topspin. The crowd roared and cheered and Lesser, Spero and Glassberg danced and toasted their victory with Orangeboom and Champagne.

HERTFORDSHIRE

by Ann Fereday

TRIUMPHANT N.HERTS LADIES

DID you see the cover of the last issue of TTN? What a good picture of four of our Hertfordshire ladies with their trophies, taken by former Herts player John Wood.

Over one weekend, first they retained the Pat Archdale Cup for veteran ladies, then won the J.M.Rose Bowl for ladies. Huge congratulations to Sandy Harper, Janice Laing, Lindsey Dare, Sara Coggan & The North Herts. T.T.A.

Mick Harper has sent me some more details of their great achievement not included in the T.T.N. article. Sat. May 21st saw the team of Sandy, Janice & Lindsey retain the Pat Archdale Cup making it 4 wins in 6 years. First they played a very good Liverpool team. Sandy won her 3 singles & Jan 2, so North Herts. ran out 5-2 winners. Liverpool then beat pre-tournament favourites Wolverhampton 5-2. This meant N.Herts. ladies needed 3 games in their match with Wolverhampton to become champions. They lost the match 3-5 (Sandy 2 wins, Lindsey 1) but that was enough to do it.

Sunday May 22nd Sandy, Jan & Sara competed for the J.M.Rose Bowl. First opponents were The Wirral who include in their team 2 players in the top 20 of the ladies National ranking list. 3 wins for Sandy, 1 from Jan + 1 from Sara equals a brilliant 5-2 win. Leicester lost to Hastings but regrouped to beat N.Herts. 5-3, but then they lost to The Wirral. After N.Herts. had won their final match 5-2 it took some calculations which resulted in N.Herts. being declared the winners.

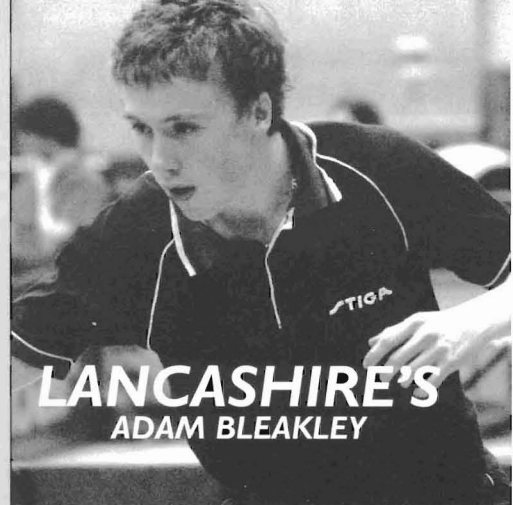
This is a fine performance by the North Herts. T.T.A. who have had success before when Stotfold's Trevor Taylor won the Commonwealth Men's Singles Table Tennis title - only this was 3 decades ago.

This good news concerning ladies prompted me to consider a question someone asked at a County match. What is the future in table tennis for ladies? In the early 60's league play became sexless. Divisions solely for ladies disappeared. While some women were content to play in a suitable team with men, many others dropped out completely. The proportion of women to men in the leagues is low. For a successful future any species needs a viable number. For example - there are no Plesiosaurs in Loch Ness because you would need at least 200 there for the colony to survive. Inquiries reveal that numbers of girls in tournaments is increasing. 55% boys to 45% girls would be quite usual now. So hopefully the answer is the future looks good for ladies.

At the Hertfordshire County AGM, John Spiers was elected as the new chairman.

League representatives were reminded to send in results of local league competitions that have not yet been printed but no more have arrived.

As last year, there will be one Seniors team, 6 Veteran & 1 Over 60. Of course there will be the Junior teams that did so well last season. Besides William Maybanks & Alim Hirji there is another rising star - Ben Swart. He started playing with his father at 9 years old. Apparently he gave it up for some time after being beaten 21-0 one Friday night by me! (Sorry Ben, I do not remember this.) Fortunately he restarted just after 11 years old & now trains 3 times a week. He has already had



success becoming the Herts. Cadet Champion in 2002 followed by Herts. Junior Champion in 2003. In team events with William & Alim promotion has been gained in consecutive years in Junior British League. Now the team has risen to the second division in the Senior British League as Harvey Barnet 2. Recently Ben represented Great Britain in the Maccabi games in Israel captaining the Junior team to the Bronze Medal. This is the first time the Brits have ever got a medal in these games!

LANCASHIRE

by Dave Cochran

WELCOME Lancashire lads and lasses to the new season. There is so much to tell in so little time but here goes.

Congratulations go to Jim Clegg and his team for the opening of the new table tennis centre at Preston and the same goes to Mick Parker and his team for the opening of the new Palatine table tennis centre at Blackpool. Getting new facilities to be built is extremely difficult and very time consuming so well done to all involved as this is a great addition to the facilities Lancashire already has. Many thanks go to the ETTA for their help and support through North West RDO Andrea Holt and facilities officer Paul Baker.

Well done to St. Helens TT Club, East Lancashire TT League and Blackpool TT Club as they have recently achieved Sport England ClubMark status which shows they have many professional practices in place regarding child protection, structure and organisation. Blackpool TT Club reached a big milestone for Sport England as they were the 1000th sport club in the country to achieve this.

City of Liverpool Open Grand Prix 20th - 21st August 2005 Wavertree Tennis Centre

Men's Singles

Colum Slevin bt Ryan Jenkins 9-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-8

Women's Singles

Natalie Bawden bt Marina Zarzyaka 11-2, 7-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-8

U21 Men

Adam Bleakley bt David Meads 13-11, 11-8, 8-11, 12-10

U21 Women

Karen Shepherd bt Nicola White 11-3, 11-8, 11-8

Veteran Men

Clive Cathy bt Henry Medellin 11-8, 11-8, 11-5

Veteran Women

Kim Mudge bt Judy Morley 11-8, 11-7, 12-10

Men's Band 1

Danny Reed bt Kenny Lindsey 15-17, 11-8, 11-2, 11-6

Women's Band 1

Karen Shepherd bt Joanna Roberts 7-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-8

Men's Band 2

Martin Rogers bt Craig Howieson 11-8, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9

Women's Band 2

Amanda Mogeby bt Susie Steeples 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 13-11

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Men's Band 3

Wing-Yung Chan bt Andrew Wilson TBC

Women's Band 3

Ayonija Sundararajan bt Susie Steeples 7-11, 10-12, 11-6, 12-10, 11-9

Men's Band 4

Joe Chacholiades bt Keith Knox 11-9, 11-5, 6-11, 11-7

Men's Band 5

Jonathon May bt Ian Black 13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-3

Men's Band 6

Ian Black bt Jonathon May 11-5, 10-12, 11-9, 17-15

Stoke Open Grand Prix

Lancashire's Adam Bleakley pulled out all the stops and beat European Ranked No. 2 Cadet Darius Knight 11-8, 11-9, 8-11, 6-11, 11-7 in the U21 final, this is Adam's 2nd U21 Grand Prix title so far.

Adam also got himself on another final's scorecard where he just lost to Cleveland's Danny Reed 11-7, 10-12, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8 in the Men's Band 1 final. Liverpool's Claire Peers was also determined and claimed the runner up position in the Women's Band 1 final where she lost to Naomi Wilson 11-6, 11-8, 8-11, 11-4.

Rising star Reena Ardeshtana also fancied some time on the show court against Susie Steeples in the Women's Band 3 final where she claimed the runner up position losing 11-9, 6-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-6.

Lancashire Tournament Dates for this season

Hyndburn 2 Star Junior 30th October 2005

Hyndburn 2 Star Junior 20th November 2005

Hyndburn 2 Star Veteran 22nd January 2005

Hyndburn 2 Star Junior 19th March 2006

Contact Dave Cochrane on 07736104881 for details.

City of Liverpool 4 Star Cadet / Junior 14th/15th January 2006

Contact Arthur Garnett on 0151-45491766 for details.

Stiga Blackpool 3 Star Open Satellite Grand Prix

Contact Martin Ireland on 07973411559 for details.

National Junior League Dates

29th October 2005

10th December 2005

(21st January 2006 for south only) 28th January

2006 for North only

4th March 2006

For details on how to enter a team into this prestigious competition please contact Ken Armson on 0151-4863073.

Look out for the results of the Hyndburn 2 Star Junior and Blackpool 4 Star Cadet/Junior in the next issue.

If you have anything interesting happening in your club or league then your county wants to know, contact Dave Cochrane on 07736104881 or email davecochrane.eltl@tiscali.co.uk
Check out our county website at www.lcta.org.uk**NORFOLK****by Ray Hogg**

OUTDOOR bowls finished until next May so we can get into the happenings of the Table Tennis round the County. I will try and find out who is still in office and their intentions over the next 8 months. I believe that all leagues have got used to playing 11 up although it is still a conversation point and 'it is not the same' comment is prevalent. Will there be any County or Norwich championships this season is top of the agenda as we missed last season for the first time in many years. New chairman for Norwich, Dennis Calver (IU) resigned after some 20 years in the post is top player Phil Logsdon with only 1 loss last season. Although not on the top table Dennis will still be doing many things in the background as he is probably the only one who can understand the Norwich rules. At last we seem to have enough veteran ladies to field an all local team

in the Ladies British League. The County committee meets in the next two weeks and then we shall know what we have entered and the rankings. I look forward to an interesting season.

NORTHANTS**by Dennis Millman**

A NEW season dawns and for once the forthcoming campaign is imminent as I pen my first contribution of 2005/6.

In a month's time I should be able to report on the fourth staging of the 'Unison' Masters, in addition to writing a preview of the first EBS Mobile Phones Ltd. Northants Table Tennis Super League which will be played monthly throughout the season.

Meanwhile the first local Knock-Out Cup Final ever to be played in August was won by Braybrooke B, a timely reward for Gerald and Pat Finney who ran the club since they inspired its inception seven years ago, and who are due to move to Derbyshire in the near future.

The illness of Simon Jarvis brought about a postponement in April and may well have been one of the reasons for Fourth Division Braybrook's 20 point success over Corby Town A from the Premier elite. However, a 215 point starting advantage and some sterling play from Charlie Sheldon, David Sutcliffe and late replacement Michael Edwards were definitely contributory factors despite some impressive opposition by Phil Slade for the 22nd consecutive time, remained reported last time round but as usual it provided an excellent entry and some tremendous competition.

After a stupendous battle against Andy LeButt, Richard Elliott took his fourth men's singles title although in the early stages it looked as if the Nuneaton player was going to prevail. He took the first end and led in the second but Elliott fought back to win 12-10. LeButt took the third but Elliott responded to sweep aside his opponent 11-5, 11-3.

Earlier Elliott had been taken to the brink by his recent league conqueror Keith Lucas before winning in five ends. LeButt had a more difficult path to the final but knocked out Leicester's David Grundy in the fifth and followed up with a semi-final success against Chris Ross.

Elliott teamed up with former RAF star Ken Philipson in the doubles to fight out a pulsating final against the LeButt/Grundy partnership who led by two games to one before Elliott claimed his seventh doubles title.

Viv Smiley dominated in the ladies singles against Helen Watts and then teamed up with Alan Tyler to take the mixed doubles against her beaten opponent, partnered by Brother Martin. For Smiley it was a fourth successive singles success, the first time this had been achieved since Anne Wallis in the 1970's.

With nine of the top men appearing in the veteran Over 40 singles it was always going to be a difficult event to win. No. 1 Seed Chris Ross reached the final with wins against Kevin Shield, Gordon Shaw and Steve Silk, while John Fuller, seeded two, won a fifth end verdict over Ian Sclater before meeting LeButt in the semi-final. After another epic, Fuller went through 12-10 in the fifth and suitably inspired beat Ross in straight games to win his first title.

In the previous tournament Philipson had won all four veteran competitions but this year he had to be satisfied with the Over 50 singles, when for a third time he got the better of Gordon Shaw, who gained some compensation when in the corresponding doubles he and Geoff Atkinson beat Philipson and Alan Ashberry in a decider. Shaw and Fuller reached the Over 40 doubles before going down 11-7 in the fifth to Ross and Silk.

Ashberry had taken the Hard Bat event five times in the last seven years but Grundy ended his success sequence 14-12 in the fourth end. Ashberry has recently moved to Boston but intends to return to win back his title next season.

With nobody winning more than two events it was difficult to select a star performer but Martyn Hancox went close, taking both the Premier Handicap, the Under 30 Singles against Braybrooke colleague Lucas and losing in the final of a strong consolation event to Kenny Clarke who became the 28th winner in 30 years of competition.

Alex Dickson also won twice taking the junior singles and adding the First Division Handicap, with Steve Broughton and Asif Manji the beaten finalists. Kevin Woodhead reached three finals but won just once when partnered by Lee Rowbotham in the Mystery Doubles.

Other winners included Simon Bushell and Nathan Thompson while the Rothborough Club celebrated its Golden Jubilee with successes from Jordan Dainty, Ryan Harrison and club secretary Ivor Jones.

NORTHUMBERLAND**by Pauline Long**

THE main item of news left over from last season which was too late to be included in the June/July issue of TT News was the excellent performance by the Northumbria League representative side of Eddie Smith, Andrew Wilkinson and Dave Godbold to eventually win the Wilmott Cup Men's Team Competition in Derby over the weekend of 21st-22nd May.

Although they have reached the final stages of this competition before, it is believed to be the first time they have emerged as winners. It is especially pleasing that they have achieved this with local players and that for once the team was at full strength.

In their first match, Northumbria beat the much-fancied Wembley/Harrow team 5-3, with Eddie and Andrew notching two each and Dave one.

The second game against Bournemouth was even more convincing ending with a 5-1 winning margin through a brace apiece from Andrew and Dave and one from Eddie.

The final match against Nottingham resulted in a 5-3 victory with the unbeaten Andrew taking two sets, as did Eddie, and Dave getting one.

The Team Handicap Knockout Cup competition again suffered from lack of free weeks allocated due to the number of League teams entered. As a result of this, the final between Division 1 side North Shields YMCA "C" (John Carr, Jim Robertson and Don Catley) and Steve Martin, Barry Matthews and Bill Wilkins of Division 4 team Fatfield Amateur Table Tennis Society (FATTS) could not be played until 14th July at the neutral venue of the Sporting Centre of Cramlington. There were a few close matches, but in the end the superior handicap of FATTS proved to be too much and they eventually ran out 7-2 winners.

The Summer League has now officially been completed, but a few outstanding matches still remain to be played at the time of writing. However, it does not look likely that this will affect the outcome of Division championships, with current leaders being: Division 1 - Washington "B", Division 2 - College Street "B", Division 3 - North Shields YMCA "B", Division 4 - Old England crocks

The Winter League was to commence on Monday 12th September and the weekend for the Butterfly Newcastle Grand Prix will be Saturday/Sunday, 3rd-4th December.

County Secretary Alan Morpeth recently retired from the Board for health reasons, and was presented with a television with wireless



headphones in recognition of over 50 years service with the County. It was hoped that Nigel Coe would take over this role, but this still had to be confirmed at the time of writing. Ray Lydall had also agreed to rejoin the Board, effectively replacing the late Ronnie Bell, but there were not expected to be any other changes.

The County senior, junior and veteran teams had all been entered in their respective Divisions, as were the cadets in the National Cadet League, and also the Wilmott Cup, Alec Brook and Carter Cup team competitions. We all hope to enjoy a successful season.

SOMERSET

by John Wood

Claire Wins Bronze Medal for England

CLAIRE HOWE represented England in the English Schools Table Tennis Home International at Lilleshall. There were seven teams, England A & B, Ireland, Guernsey, Scotland A & B and Wales. Claire was in England B with Sally Smith. They won 4 out of 6 games the same as Scotland 'A', but came third as Scotland 'A' had beaten them.

The competition was very hard as all the players were of International standard. Claire managed to win most of her matches and even beat Sarah Perks

who represented England in the 'A' team and who Claire had lost to in the finals of the Schools Individual Championships in Stoke. It was a very successful competition for Claire and heralds great things for the future.

Claire is planning to attend Filton College next year. She will join the Table Tennis Academy run by International Coach Kevin Satchell. This will be a great boost to her Table Tennis career and open up many more opportunities for her

MENDIP TT LEAGUE

With Frome Dragons disbanding at the end of last season, a new name will appear on most trophies this year

Litton 'A' are clear favourites and have the familiar name of Jerry Musselwhite in their ranks. Combined with the recent arrival of the Hall family into the area, they have a formidably strong squad.

City of Wells 'A' will be keen to keep the pressure on Litton and have county veterans Ian Chislett and Steve Lewis flying the flag for them.

DIVISION 1 RANKINGS

1. J.Musselwhite, 2. I.Chislett, 3. Shaun Hall, 4. C.Keast, 5. Sarah Hall, 6. M.Lines, 7. D.Landricombe, 8. G.Clarke.

DIVISION 2 RANKINGS

1. D.Nixon, 2. H.White, 3. Colin Gibbs, 4. D.Scott, 5. D.Nash, 6. R.Garland, 7. B.Gibbs, 8. D.Montano.

Henton 'D' have opened up a lead in Division 2 ahead of Litton. Henton have the Gibbs family available to them along with Roy Garland, while Litton have Dave Scott joining up with Danny Nixon and Brian Hooper

SUFFOLK

by Andrew Doshier

IT HAS been about 18 months since the last Suffolk notes which is far too long I'm afraid, but it is hard sometimes to get people to send in information on goings on within the county.

I will start on a positive note and that is the rapid improvements of three of our top youngsters Lee Barnes, plus Ryan and Jake Collins.

Lee this season has risen up the English rankings & many in Suffolk believe he can achieve a top 50 Senior place.

At the recent Suffolk AGM for the second year on the trot he was awarded the County Player of the Year trophy, His victories in the Seniors, Juniors & Restricted were sensational and not achieved since the days of John Kitchener many years ago. No restricted for Lee next year!

The two Collins boys started their first Ipswich league premiersip season and finished with creditable averages, a highlight for Jake was a maximum win over Claydon A with wins over Michael Wright, Barry Thain & Gary Young

If the Collins brothers improve at their current rate they could have a say in some of the domestic championships during the coming season especially

with their commitment & coaching.

Richard Hutchinson took out this seasons men's singles at the Ipswich championship which was an amazing effort when one considers that he had surgery on a knee around Xmas. His semi final against Lee Barnes was the most anticipated game of the day and perhaps the best as Barnes looped & hit against the stern defence & attack of combination bat Hutchinson, at times Hutchinson's retrievals from nowhere had to be seen to be believed plus his winners off the back hand from 'safe' returns saw a thrilling four set victory.

In the final Hutchinson beat Charles Fulcher, so often a runner up in this event

In the Ipswich Top 12 which is open to the top available players from the Ipswich league based on averages Fred Dove became the first player to defend the title in its five year history – he repeated his victory from last year in straight sets over Andrew Warner.

At East Anglia's premier invitation event Mr modest from Essex, Steve Kerns stole the show, in fact he became Essex's first ever title holder of this title, previous winners being Brook Zhen Shea, David Atkinson, Martin Gray and Andy Wignall

His match with Suffolk's Andrew Warner was perhaps the best of the day Warner actually led 9-7 in the fifth before losing.

Kerns 3-1 win over former champion Martin Gray in the final was also a classic and the normally dominating Gray had to admit second best to Kerns who also beat Dave Cole on route (3-0)

At the Suffolk Closed Championships Lee Barnes seeded seven ended up playing Nigel Hodder in both the men's and restricted singles Finals

In both cases the youngster emerged victorious, but had to sweat in the final of the men's singles as he trailed 0-2 to Hodder before showing a cool head to make a terrific comeback.

Vicky Gray reclaimed her Suffolk woman's singles title after a round robin event.

Congratulations goes to Sian Cook who picked up the award for County Improver of the Year.

FRED DOVE

Fred Dove, now living at Walton on the Naze in Essex has joined one of only a few male players ranked in Suffolk to make it into the English top 100

This is testimony to a player who at 51 probably couldn't have dreamt of achieving this dizzy height in the earlier part of his playing time (like most of us!) but who's dedication and fighting spirit has brought him some notable scalps including Costas Papinaniou & Adam Bleakly. Well done Fred, the County are proud of your improvement and fantastic results.

In the new Suffolk mens list he is number two, but under the ruling of players in the top 100 this may put him above newly returned Suffolk legend Stuart Palmer who has come back on at number one after a successful season back playing in the British league.

PAUL HUTCHINSON

At the Ipswich AGM, Judy Rogers, ETTA National Equity Officer & Child Protection Officer kindly presented the Maurice Goldstein Award to Paul Hutchinson and Geoff Brook, Chairman, Suffolk County Table Tennis Association presented the Dennis Barratt Memorial trophy also to Paul - these 2 awards recognising and appreciating Pauls' long service to the game particularly as a successful coach known throughout the UK. Many of our players in Suffolk, now in the senior ranks have Paul to thank for their technical skills and the ability to enjoy the game. We are pleased to report that Paul is making a good recovery from his stroke although not quite ready to take the bat up again. However he is making good use of an electric bicycle as he speeds around Ipswich!

Suffolk Senior & Junior Rankings

Senior Men

- 1) Stuart Palmer
- 2) Fred Dove
- 3) Lee Barnes
- 4) Andrew Doshier
- 5) Richard Hutchinson
- 6) Andrew Warner
- 7) Nigel Hodder
- 8) Wayne Shaw
- 9) Tim Avis
- 10) Charles Fulcher
- 11) Lee Balaam
- 12) John Tallent

Senior Ladies

- Aimee Sparkes
- Vicky Gray
- Clair Emmerson
- Sonja Talbot
- Carol Clarke
- Suzanne Suckling
- Chelsea Bennett
- Sian Cook
- Gemma Butler
- Becky Macintyre
- Amy Mascal
- Charlie Clapson

Junior Boys

- Lee Barnes
- Ryan Collins
- Jake Collins
- Aaron Self
- Ed Spencer
- Sam Broadbent
- James Fulker
- Josh Broadbent
- Andy Jones
- James Manvers
- Tom Wright
- Craig Webb-Heath

Junior Girls

- Chelsea Bennett
- Sian Cook
- Gemma Butler
- Becky Macintyre
- Amy Mascal
- Charlie Clapson

SURREY

by **Chris Andrews**

EUROPEAN Youth Championships held in Prague, Darius Knight was part of the England team that won Gold in the U16's team event. He also won a Silver medal in the U15's Singles event and a Bronze medal with Amelie Solja of Germany in the mixed doubles.

After this Darius and Cleveland's Paul Drinkhall went to Canada to compete in the International Table Tennis Federation's World Junior Circuit Canadian Junior Open which is an U18's event. Fifteen year olds Darius and Paul swept to the team event final where they faced two older boys from Chinese Taipei. England triumphed 3-1 against higher ranked opposition to win the Gold. Darius also a Bronze medal in the U18's singles event and Bronze in the U18's doubles partnering Paul Drinkhall.

Surrey's Chris Bush became the U19's English Schools Champion from starting out as the 4th seed. To win this event he beat Adam Frost and Stephen Denny. He was then selected with Tim Yarnell to represent England at the U19's Schools International at Lilleshall in early July 2005. England won the team event beating Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Guernsey. Chris also won a Bronze medal in the U19's singles losing in the semi-finals to Tim Yarnell.

Surrey talent Wing Yung Chan has moved from 8th on the National Cadet Ranking list to 4th having shot up nearly 600 points in the last few months. Earlier on in the season he was selected for the ETTA Youth Development Squad. Lately his involvement in the squad has been reaffirmed. The training camps held every few months has given him an opportunity to play with the top boys and girls in the Country, which helps him prepare for International trips. Wing has been taken on 3 overseas trips under the Youth Development Banner: the Spanish Catalunya Youth Open where he finished 4th; a Swedish training camp for 1 week; and the German Flensburg Oyster Cup where his team won the event.

After finishing in 3rd place at the English Schools u-16 Tournament, Wing Yung Chan was picked for the U14's England team Schools International. His team came 2nd and he partnered U13 Champion Kim Daybell. Wing came 3rd in the singles event and has now been picked for England for the German Open. He would like to thank everyone that has helped him this year and we wish him the very best for the future.

Surrey was well represented in the London Region team at the Inter Regional Competition. The following players were selected for London: Sophie Lucas and Helena Foylan in the U11's event, Laura Higham in the u-13's event and Zane Smythe in the U15's event. Helena and Sophie had an excellent day with some tremendous wins. Helena finished runner-up in the London Junior Table Tennis Finals and her success has been rewarded with an invitation to a training camp.

The County Senior 2nd team came 3rd in Division 2D unfortunately having to play the first day of the last weekend with only 1 lady player. Surrey's Junior 1st team finished 2nd in Division 1B and it was good to see Chris Lewis and Dorian Robinson playing for Surrey. With a few players on their debuts, coming 6th out of 10 teams in Division 2D was a good all round performance from the Junior 2nd team. The Cadet 1st team finished in 3rd place in the Premier Division and this was a shame as the boys played out of order on the first day and Wing Yung Chan remained unbeaten. In a tough division the Cadet 2nd team finished bottom despite having 2 draws and 1 win in Division 1B.

Darius Knight won the Wandsworth Sports Person of the Year Award 2004.

Graham Spicer have now won the Thames Valley League top Division for 13 consecutive times. In the 2004-05 season Merrow A won the Guildford League Premier Division title, Challoner C, Ash B, Cranleigh A and Effingham won Divisions 1-4 respectively. Forrester A beat Wickham Park B in the Croydon Table Tennis League Open Cup Final and Wickham Park E defeated Monk Hill F in the Handicap Cup.

The results of the Kingston Schools 10th Tournament held at Chessington Community School on the 22nd May 2005 were as follows:-

Boys under 11 winner Nicholas Soloman

runner-up Anthony Boyd

Girls under 11 winner Helena Foylan

runner-up Sophie Lucas

Boys under 14 winner James Ma

runner-up Andrew Ma

Girls under 14 winner Kim Beard

runner-up Linda Regan

Boys under 17 winner Chris Bush

runner-up James Ma

Girls under 17 winner Emma Lucas

runner-up Kelly Dicks

Gordon Chapman

World over 75 Silver medalist Gordon Chapman sadly died in mid-July and is missed by all who knew him especially those at Graham Spicer. Our thoughts go out to his family.

SUSSEX

by **John Woodford**

HORSHAM, who won promotion back to the premier division of the British League last May have a new No.1 player for this new campaign - England No.3 veteran Nigel Eckersley.

This brings in captain Adrian Moore at No.2, followed by Peter Bartram (the new Sussex champion) and Terry Haley. The team needs one more player, but that may not happen before the first weekend session.

After the ETTA Calendar committee "pinched" a February date, a weekend on which the all-Sussex championships would have been held, a clever switch of events at Fontwell by our chairman Chris Newberry means that the three events will be held on the last weekend in February.

Ritchie Venner's debut as a veteran on the veterans circuit is eagerly awaited.

It may take him till Christmas or beyond to get near the top, but he claims he can beat all the top players even John Hilton, so we will see how long it takes like the cream to reach the top.

WORCESTERSHIRE

by **Ken Walton**

ALWAYS difficult to write much about the sport during sunny August, but here goes as a new season dawns upon us and hopes and dreams take centre stage once more.

Sad news to kick off with following the untimely death of Brian Stevens, who was a local league stalwart for many years, before discovering the pleasures of Grand Prix Table Tennis towards the twilight of his career. Brian will be sadly missed by all who had known and played alongside him, especially for his humour and attitude to the game.

Another player who has been in the worse somewhat of late is Bromsgrove based Brian Belcher, who is thankfully back at home on the mend following a period of hospitalisation. Everyone sends Brian their best for a speedy return to full fitness.

On the table some of our intrepid Veterans travelled to Bratislava to compete in the European Championships with limited success. Steve Horton, Roy Norton, Ray Dixon, Mervyn Wood, Linda Reid, Margaret Dignum and Martin Clarke carried the County banner, with Steve taking Bronze in the



Pictured above is Wing Yung Chan collecting his trophy for winning the Cheltenham Junior Band 1 in 2005

consolation singles over 40's and Ray (last 16 of the over 60's) getting some rewards for their efforts.

Talking of over 60's, congratulations to the County side who defeated Middlesex 6-1 to take the National title again. Ray, Roy, Margaret and Mike Meredith did the business with only the excellent John Holland beating Ray to spoil the whitewash.

Some dates for the diary include the following: Senior County Closed February 19th at Arrow Vale Redditch, Junior Closed November 26th at Christopher Whitehead Worcester and County League at Evesham High School 27th November 2005 and 5th February 2006

Mike Prior has managed to persuade 'European Platform Systems' of Church Lench to sponsor the County Junior side to the tune of £250 which is a smashing gesture on their part. The funds will go to buying shirts for Cadet and Junior provision and will no doubt be on display when the action starts for the Cadets at Evesham on October 15th and for the Juniors at Grantham.

A tournament was held involving 11 cadet girls where 2 in particular stood out. Liz Gorton and Alison Sage from Malvern performed admirably, and Mike has high hopes that both will progress further in the season ahead.

Finally for this column, it was good to see that selection policy for Senior and Veteran teams has now been put on a firmer footing following much discussion at the Executive meeting in August. Team secretaries will all be more aware of rankings and procedure for picking players, which should avoid any awkward moments involving individuals in future.

A mention for Chris Maiden, who may not be involved so much in matters County this season, having been player, secretary, driver, et al, for many years previously. Always prepared to serve the County in any way, often at very short notice, Chris would make a very interesting addition to the executive committee, and hopefully will be considering that very thought as he eats his cornflakes reading these notes.





ETTA NATIONAL RANKING LIST

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Senior Men

| Pos | Name | Rating | Flag |
|-------|------------------------------|--------|------|
| (1) | 1 COOKE, Alan (DY.) | 5236 | *** |
| (3) | 2 BAGGALEY, Andrew (BU.) | 4852* | |
| (4) | 3 PERRY, Alex (DV.) | 4846 | **** |
| (5) | 4 HERBERT, Gareth (BK.) | 4704 | *** |
| (6) | 5 RUSHTON, Andrew (LA.) | 4662 | **** |
| (7) | 6 YOUNG, Terry (BK.) | 4604 | ** |
| | 7 PRAEN, Carl (IW.) | 4576 | *** |
| (1) | 8 DRINKHALL, Paul (CV.) | 4576 | ** |
| (2) | 9 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.) | 4480 | ** |
| (10) | 10 EDEN, Andrew (LA.) | 4346 | **** |
| (11) | 11 HOLLAND, John J (DY) (E.) | 4285 | ** |
| (12) | 12 BRYANT, Craig (DV.) | 4265 | ** |
| (4) | 13 YARNALL, Tim (NP.) | 4215 | **** |
| (27) | 14 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.) | 4173 | |
| (15) | 15 DRINKHALL, Bryn (CV.) | 4162 | **** |
| (18) | 16 BARHAM, Dale (CA.) | 4107 | |
| (20) | 17 SMITH, Mark Richard (Y.) | 3976* | |
| (21) | 18 KENNY, Mathew (Y.) | 3942 | **** |
| (22) | 19 HILTON, John (CH.) | 3940 | ** |
| (5) | 20 REED, Daniel (CV.) | 3921* | |
| (24) | 21 VENNER, Ritchie (SX.) | 3908 | ** |
| (25) | 22 BLAKE, Darren (ST.) | 3901 | *** |
| (6) | 23 MEADS, David (DU.) | 3872 | ** |
| (28) | 24 WURAOA, Abdul (SY.) | 3825 | ** |
| (29) | 25 MARSDEN, Michael (DU.) | 3813* | |
| (30) | 26 JAMES, Michael (Y.) | 3774 | **** |
| (32) | 27 NILSSON, John (HE.) | 3706 | ** |
| (33) | 28 BROWN, Christopher (DV.) | 3704 | ** |
| (34) | 29 DOLDER, Kevin (LA.) | 3693* | |
| (35) | 30 BAKER, Gregory (ST.) | 3686 | **** |
| (36) | 31 CHARLES, Neil (MI.) | 3679 | ** |
| (37) | 32 SMITH, Eddie (ND.) | 3677 | ** |
| (39) | 33 ROGERS, Chris (LE.) | 3665 | **** |
| (40) | 34 ECKERLEY, Nigel (SX.) | 3661 | ** |
| (41) | 35 MARPLES, Shaun (DY.) | 3656* | |
| (42) | 36 BAILEY, Steven (CV.) | 3651* | |
| (44) | 37 PYE, Leeroy (NK.) | 3639 | ** |
| (45) | 38 PAPANTONIOU, Costas (MI.) | 3635 | ** |
| (7) | 39 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG.) | 3628 | ** |
| (47) | 40 ROSETHALL, Louis (CH.) | 3627* | |
| (51) | 41 SATCHEL, Kevin (WI.) | 3619 | **** |
| (52) | 42 WILKINSON, Andrew (ND.) | 3613 | ** |
| (53) | 43 WALSH, Jimmy (HE.) | 3607 | **** |
| (54) | 44 TENDLER, Gary (E.) | 3600* | |
| (55) | 45 CUTLER, Tom (MI.) | 3564 | ** |
| (56) | 46 KURBT, Martin (E.) | 3561 | ** |
| (57) | 47 MOORE, Adrian (K.) | 3549 | ** |
| (58) | 48 BEERLING, Stephen (K.) | 3547** | |
| (59) | 49 KENNEDY, Joe (K) (E.) | 3543** | |
| (60) | 50 CARTHY, Clive (E.) | 3492* | |
| (61) | 51 BARR, David (BK.) | 3479 | **** |
| (63) | 52 MAUTHOOR, Umair (E.) | 3459** | |
| (64) | 53 JONAH, Jerome (K.) | 3451** | |
| (66) | 54 ADAMS, Martin (BK.) | 3441 | **** |
| (65) | 55 HORSFIELD, Stephen (YS.) | 3441 | **** |
| (67) | 56 GODBOLD, David (DU.) | 3433** | |
| (69) | 57 WHITEMAN, James (DV.) | 3427 | **** |
| (70) | 58 NOUTCH, Simon (Y.) | 3415 | ** |
| (72) | 59 STAINES, Matthew (E.) | 3409** | |
| (73) | 60 GASCOYNE, Craig (NG.) | 3394 | ** |
| (74) | 61 GRIFFIN, Darren (GS.) | 3389** | |
| (75) | 62 CECHELLI, Paul (SK.) | 3382 | **** |
| (77) | 63 NEIL, Lee (NG.) | 3377** | |
| (78) | 64 GREEN, Alex (LI.) | 3367** | |
| (79) | 65 SMITH, Richard A (Y.) | 3352 | **** |
| (80) | 66 ROOFE, Eddie (WI.) | 3332 | **** |
| (81) | 67 LIGHTOWLER, Richard (Y.) | 3330** | |
| (82) | 68 BARATY, Eli (MI.) | 3327** | |
| (83) | 69 GANNON, David (LE.) | 3319 | **** |
| (86) | 70 FORD, Christopher (LA.) | 3301** | |
| (87) | 71 WILLIAMS, Trevor (YS.) | 3295 | **** |
| (88) | 72 RANKIN, John (LA.) | 3293** | |
| (89) | 73 HANSELL, Robert (BY.) | 3286** | |
| (10) | 74 LEWIS, Christopher (SU.) | 3284** | |
| (91) | 75 WIGNALL, Andy (LI.) | 3281** | |
| (12) | 76 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.) | 3278** | |
| (94) | 77 BUTLER, Mark (DO.) | 3268** | |
| (95) | 78 CARTER, Paul (SY.) | 3267** | |
| (96) | 79 LEMON, Robert (SY.) | 3263** | |
| (97) | 80 GREEN, Mark (NG.) | 3261** | |
| (98) | 81 KERRY, Trevor (NG.) | 3258** | |
| (3) | 82 EVANS, Gavin (NG.) | 3256 | **** |
| (100) | 83 CLAYTON, Tony (DO.) | 3249** | |
| (8) | 84 HAYES, David (BU.) | 3235** | |
| (103) | 85 SPRACKLING, James (MI.) | 3214** | |
| (104) | 86 FROST, Adam (DY.) | 3214** | |
| (105) | 87 CLARKE, Martyn (CV.) | 3205 | **** |

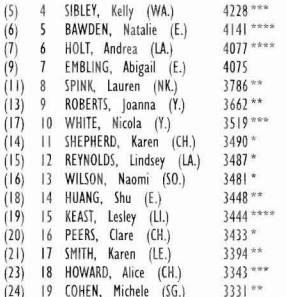


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| Pos | Name | Rating | Flag |
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| (106) | 88 LAWS, Adam (SY.) | 3197* | |
| (108) | 89 GEHLOT, Hari (BK.) | 3171 | **** |
| (109) | 90 KATZ, Dov (MI.) | 3157** | |
| (110) | 91 RAMAGE, Jason (NG.) | 3155** | |
| (9) | 92 BARLOW, Ben (YS.) | 3147 | **** |
| (114) | 93 DOWOGHUE, Mark (Y.) | 3134** | |
| (118) | 94 LEIGHTON, Andrew (DU.) | 3123 | **** |
| (119) | 95 DENNISON, John (E.) | 3116* | |
| (121) | 96 BARRY, Paul (SX.) | 3114 | **** |
| (123) | 97 ADEKINWA, Ayodele (E.) | 3111* | |
| (125) | 98 MOSS, Richard (Y.) | 3087** | |
| (127) | 99 HARLEY, John (K.) | 3068 | **** |
| (129) | 100 WRIGHT, Neil (WAL) | 3057** | |
| (130) | 101 BOULT, Jack (SX.) | 3054** | |
| (131) | 102 JAMES, Simon (Y.) | 3052 | **** |
| (132) | 103 FELLOWS, Keith (LE.) | 3049 | ** |
| (133) | 104 PACKFORD, Ian (W) (OK.) | 3038** | |
| (136) | 105 DAVIES, Stephen (LI.) | 3032 | **** |
| (135) | 106 DOVE, Fred (E.) | 3032* | |
| (138) | 107 KERNS, Stephen (E.) | 3026** | |
| (139) | 108 PAYNE, Phil (SO.) | 3018 | ** |
| (138) | 109 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y.) | 3017** | |
| (141) | 110 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.) | 3014** | |
| (144) | 111 BECKLEY, Chris (SY.) | 3004** | |
| (147) | 112 PUGH, Simon (Y.) | 3000 | **** |
| (149) | 113 SMITH, Charles (MI.) | 2981 | ** |
| (151) | 114 NOOTT, Adrian (CO.) | 2966 | ** |
| (152) | 115 GRANT, Bill (YS.) | 2961** | |
| (155) | 116 SHARP, Evan (SY.) | 2946** | |
| (156) | 117 BEVAN, Stephen (LA.) | 2938** | |
| (157) | 118 TENDLER, Jason (E.) | 2936 | **** |
| (159) | 119 WELSH, Daniel (CV.) | 2933 | ** |
| (162) | 120 MCEVOY, Malcolm (CH.) | 2926** | |
| (166) | 121 KING, Russell (NK.) | 2922** | |
| (165) | 122 CANNON, Daniel (E) (MI.) | 2922** | |
| (164) | 123 WOODHEAD, Andrew (Y.) | 2922 | **** |
| (173) | 124 ROGERS, Martin (NG.) | 2921 | ** |
| (167) | 125 HOLLAND, John (E.) | 2919* | |
| (169) | 126 PAGE, Tom (CH.) | 2914 | **** |
| (172) | 127 CARSLAKE, Colin (E.) | 2899** | |
| (174) | 128 MCTAVISH, Alastair (K.) | 2893** | |
| (176) | 129 WILLIAMS, Tony (CV.) | 2891** | |
| (178) | 130 O MAHONEY, Tim (WI.) | 2890** | |
| (177) | 131 JACKSON, Mark (WA.) | 2890 | ** |
| (179) | 132 PICKARD, Chris (HE.) | 2888 | **** |
| (180) | 133 BREWER, Adam (SY.) | 2880 | ** |
| (184) | 134 SAVAGE, David (ST.) | 2866** | |
| (185) | 135 SPERO, Matthew (E.) | 2858 | ** |
| (186) | 136 LEWIS, Rohan (SY.) | 2857** | |
| (189) | 137 CONTEH, Abraham (LE.) | 2851** | |
| (190) | 138 SIKET, Lewis (WO.) | 2850 | ** |
| (191) | 139 NICHOLLS, Ashley (SP.) | 2849* | |
| (194) | 140 COONEY, William (DO.) | 2838 | ** |
| (195) | 141 WILLIAMS, Jeremy (CY.) | 2836** | |
| (196) | 142 TAYLOR, John D V (NG.) | 2835** | |
| (197) | 143 YARNALL, Gregory (NP.) | 2826* | |
| (198) | 144 BREWER, Chris (NK.) | 2823* | |
| (199) | 145 WILSON, Kevin (ND.) | 2820** | |
| (201) | 146 BHANU, Ramesh (SY.) | 2816 | **** |
| (203) | 147 BIRD, Keith (DY.) | 2807* | |
| (206) | 148 EVANS, Mark (ST.) | 2789** | |
| (207) | 149 MALKIN, Paul (ST.) | 2788** | |
| (212) | 150 NORSTON, Roy (WO.) | 2761* | |

Senior Women

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|-----|--------------------------|--------|------|
| (1) | 1 LOWER, Helena (ST.) | 4505* | |
| (2) | 2 PARKER, Joanne (SY.) | 4446 | **** |
| (4) | 3 WALKER, Georgina (DY.) | 4352 | **** |



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| Pos | Name | Rating | Flag |
|------|--------------------------------|--------|------|
| (5) | 4 SIBLEY, Kelly (WA.) | 4228 | **** |
| (6) | 5 BAWDEN, Natalie (E.) | 4141 | **** |
| (7) | 6 HOLT, Andrea (LA.) | 4077 | **** |
| (9) | 7 EMBLING, Abigail (E.) | 4075 | ** |
| (11) | 8 SPINK, Lauren (NK.) | 3786** | |
| (13) | 9 ROBERTS, Joanna (Y.) | 3662** | |
| (17) | 10 WHITE, Nicola (Y.) | 3519 | **** |
| (14) | 11 SHEPHERD, Karen (CH.) | 3490** | |
| (15) | 12 REYNOLDS, Lindsey (LA.) | 3487** | |
| (16) | 13 WILSON, Naomi (SO.) | 3481** | |
| (18) | 14 HUANG, Shu (E.) | 3448** | |
| (19) | 15 KEAST, Lesley (LI.) | 3444 | **** |
| (20) | 16 PEERS, Clare (CH.) | 3433* | |
| (21) | 17 SMITH, Karen (LE.) | 3394** | |
| (23) | 18 HOWARD, Alice (CH.) | 3343** | |
| (24) | 19 COHEN, Michele (SG.) | 3331** | |
| (25) | 20 RADFORD, Lisa (DY.) | 3328** | |
| (26) | 21 RAINOTN, Rosemary (SX.) | 3323** | |
| (27) | 22 CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.) | 3305 | **** |
| (28) | 23 ASHISON, Glenda (SY.) | 3266** | |
| (29) | 24 HARPER, Sandra (BD.) | 3256** | |
| (31) | 25 BRISTOW, Angie (K.) | 3206** | |
| (32) | 26 LLOYD, Gemma (CH.) | 3159** | |
| (35) | 27 HORSNELL, Sarah (MI.) | 3128** | |
| (37) | 28 MORLEY, Judy (GS.) | 3086** | |
| (38) | 29 GRAHAM, Cherish (LA.) | 3085** | |
| (39) | 30 NARENDRA, Aparna (MI.) | 3083 | **** |
| (40) | 31 LANGFORD, Clare (CH.) | 3068 | ** |
| (42) | 32 DURHAM, Jane (CV.) | 3039 | ** |
| (43) | 33 BUOYE, Brenda (LA.) | 3036** | |
| (44) | 34 WILSON, Claire (DU.) | 3006 | **** |
| (45) | 35 HURRELL, Rebecca (MI.) | 2992 | **** |
| (46) | 36 PERRY, Lucy (DY.) | 2981* | |
| (47) | 37 SEYMOUR, Tamar (OK.) | 2980 | ** |
| (48) | 38 MUDGE, Kim (K) (SY.) | 2979** | |
| (50) | 39 VICKERS, Emma (DY.) | 2965 | ** |
| (54) | 40 MAY, Elizabeth (DV.) | 2952 | ** |
| (51) | 41 STEDMAN, Sarah (SX.) | 2949** | |
| (52) | 42 SORRENTINO, Annabelle (CH.) | 2945 | ** |
| (56) | 43 PERRY, Penny (DV.) | 2941 | ** |
| (55) | 44 NOUTCH, Sarah (Y.) | 2940 | ** |
| (57) | 45 LAING, Janice (HE.) | 2934** | |
| (58) | 46 COGGON, Sara (HE.) | 2928** | |
| (59) | 47 KING, Sheila (SX.) | 2923** | |
| (60) | 48 NOLAN, Terri-Anne (CH.) | 2919* | |
| (61) | 49 YARNLEY, Gemma (K.) | 2905** | |
| (62) | 50 VAJDI, Carmen (SY.) | 2902 | **** |
| (63) | 51 BENNETT, Teresa (SX.) | 2897** | |
| (64) | 52 DONNELLY, Stephanie (CV.) | 2876** | |
| (65) | 53 ROBINSON, Suzanne (GS.) | 2869 | **** |
| (66) | 54 BURGESS, Suzanne (CH.) | 2848** | |
| (67) | 55 CRICK, Lisa (BK.) | 2840 | **** |
| (68) | 56 BARELLA, Jane (SY.) | 2823 | **** |
| (71) | 57 JOHNSON, Susan (BK.) | 2780 | ** |
| (73) | 58 MEADS, Joanne (DU.) | 2770 | ** |
| (74) | 59 STRAWSON, Jane (LI.) | 2744 | ** |
| (75) | 60 DURRANT, Wendy (NK.) | 2737** | |
| (76) | 61 BROWN, Janet (OK.) | 2732 | **** |
| (78) | 62 DIGNUM, Margaret (WO.) | 2717** | |
| (79) | 63 SMITH, Rachel (BK.) | 2695** | |
| (80) | 64 COX, Jody (LI.) | 2689** | |
| (81) | 65 HOOKER, Muriel (BU.) | 2685 | ** |
| (83) | 66 WANG, Sarra (E.) | 2666** | |
| (84) | 67 BARNARD, Kimberley (LA.) | 2635** | |
| (85) | 68 KENNARD, Nikki (E.) | 2632 | **** |
| (87) | 69 MITCHELL, Sharon (BK.) | 2603** | |
| (88) | 70 BYRON, Sophie (CH.) | 2602* | |

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| (89) | 71 PERKS, Sarah (NG.) | 2598 | **** |
| (90) | 72 HALLOWS, Caroline (CH.) | 2596 | ** |
| (91) | 73 REID, Lynda (WO.) | 2595 | ** |
| (92) | 74 RAINFORD, Helen (DY.) | 2575** | |
| (94) | 75 LLOYD, Ann (WA.) | 2573 | **** |
| (93) | 76 DARE, Lindsey (HE.) | 2573** | |
| (97) | 77 HUGHES, Kate (WO.) | 2545 | ** |
| (98) | 78 HAYES, Sue (BU.) | 2491* | |
| | 79 TUCKER, Emily (BU.) | 2443** | |
| (101) | 80 PEARCE, Dawn (BU.) | 2391 | **** |
| (102) | 81 MAYBANKS, Jeanette (HE.) | 2371* | |
| (103) | 82 MORAN, Connie (LI.) | 2355** | |
| (104) | 83 ROBINSON, Audrey (BU.) | 2350 | **** |
| (105) | 84 TAYLOR-WOODWARD, Maria (SY.) | 2346 | **** |
| | 85 WEIL, Lucy (E.) | 2335 | **** |
| (106) | 86 MURDOCH, Valerie (HE.) | 2331* | |
| (107) | 87 LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.) | 2329** | |
| (108) | 88 HOWARD, Stephanie (CH.) | 2299** | |
| (109) | 89 HODGETTS, Jan (ST.) | 2298 | **** |
| (110) | 90 GREENER, Rachel (DU.) | 2286* | |
| (112) | 91 DAVIS, Stella (GS.) | 2275** | |
| (113) | 92 LUCKHURST, Shirley (CO.) | 2198 | ** |
| (114) | 93 SMITH, Sally (DY.) | 2197 | **** |
| (115) | 94 DICKENS, Jane (BU) (WA.) | 2193* | |
| (116) | 95 ALKEN, Katie (CO.) | 2146 | ** |
| (117) | 96 MCCREARY, Helen (LA.) | 2145* | |
| (118) | 97 HUDSON, Sarah (BD.) | 2131* | |
| (119) | 98 RIACH, Sarah (WA.) | 2078 | ** |
| (120) | 99 TURNER, Helen (WA.) | 2072 | ** |
| (121) | 100 O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DY.) | 2045** | |

Junior Boys

| Pos | Name | Rating | Flag |
|------|-----------------------------|--------|------|
| (1) | 1 DRINKHALL, Paul (CV.) | 4830 | |
| (2) | 2 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.) | 4524 | |
| (5) | 3 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.) | 4173 | |
| (3) | 4 EVANS, Gavin (NG.) | 4139 | |
| (4) | 5 YARNALL, Tim (NP.) | 4132 | |
| (6) | 6 REED, Daniel (CV.) | 3865 | |
| (7) | 7 MEADS, David (DU.) | 3715 | |
| (8) | 8 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG.) | 3661** | |
| (10) | 9 NOUTCH, Simon (Y.) | 3370** | |
| (14) | 10 BARLOW, Ben (YS.) | 2780 | ** |
| (17) | 11 LEWIS, Christopher (SY.) | 2615** | |
| (18) | 12 CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.) | 2608** | |
| (20) | 13 NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.) | 2576** | |
| (21) | 14 REED, Darren (CO.) | 2405** | |
| (23) | 15 FULLWOOD, Allan (DY.) | 2367** | |
| (24) | 16 EVANS, Myles (NG.) | 2223** | |
| (25) | 17 ROBINSON, Dorian (SY.) | 2104** | |
| (27) | 18 BUSH, Christopher (SY.) | 2050 | ** |
| (29) | 19 CARRINGTON, Luke (Y.) | 1971** | |
| (30) | 20 MAYBANKS, William (HE.) | 1964** | |
| (31) | 21 DORAN, Christopher (NP.) | 1946** | |
| (32) | 22 HIRJI, Alim (MI.) | 1900** | |
| (33) | | | |

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| (38) | 23 | POTJEWYD, Frances (SO.) | 1210 *** |
| (39) | 24 | PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.) | 1205 ** |
| (40) | 25 | ARDESHANA, Reena (LA) | 1199 ** |
| (41) | 26 | WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.) | 1198 ** |
| (42) | 27 | WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.) | 1193 ** |
| (43) | 28 | YARNLEY, Laura (K.) | 1172 ** |
| (44) | 29 | TRAVIS, Martha (CO.) | 1063 ** |
| (45) | 30 | CRAWFORD, Helen (CU.) | 998 ** |
| (47) | 31 | LOVE, Felicity (E.) | 970 *** |
| (48) | 32 | PICH, Lynsey (CH.) | 957 ** |
| (49) | 33 | FULLER, Mary (Y.) | 927 ** |
| (50) | 34 | MCCORMICK, Samantha (DU.) | 905 ** |
| (51) | 35 | MACKEN, Jessica (E.) | 903 ** |
| (52) | 36 | HUGHES, Sally (SX.) | 864 * |
| (53) | 37 | MORLE, Annabelle (HA.) | 851 *** |
| (54) | 38 | BAKER, Rachel (LA.) | 849 ** |
| (55) | 39 | STUBBINGS, Holly (E) (SK.) | 843 * |
| (56) | 40 | DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.) | 838 ** |
| (58) | 41 | WILKINSON, Hayley (LA.) | 836 ** |
| (61) | 42 | TAYLOR, Amy (BU.) | 788 ** |
| (62) | 43 | SPARREY, Megan (MI.) | 766 * |
| (63) | 44 | ARROWSMITH, Kathryn (DV.) | 732 *** |
| (64) | 45 | RUSSO, Sarah (SX.) | 728 ** |
| (65) | 46 | LEFEVRE, Karina (CV.) | 701 ** |
| (66) | 47 | CURRIE, Francesca (Y.) | 696 *** |
| (67) | 48 | BATES, Emily (LI.) | 681 ** |
| (68) | 49 | HAYES, Catherine (BU.) | 678 ** |
| (69) | 50 | SPARREY, Julie (MI.) | 675 ** |
| (70) | 51 | POTTS, Haylee (HE.) | 645 ** |
| (71) | 52 | ARMSTRONG, Lindsey (MI.) | 641 ** |
| (72) | 53 | BROWN, Nicola (E.) | 641 *** |
| (73) | 54 | PINNELL, Emily (ST.) | 634 *** |
| (74) | 55 | WOODLAND, Alison (SX.) | 625 *** |
| (75) | 56 | SUNDARARAJAN, Ayojija (BK.) | 618 ** |
| (76) | 57 | YIP, Rebecca (LA.) | 614 ** |
| (77) | 58 | FURNIVAL, Chelsea (SX.) | 559 ** |
| (78) | 59 | AIRRY, Charlotte (NG.) | 550 ** |
| (79) | 60 | CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.) | 546 *** |
| (80) | 61 | TOVEY, Emma (K.) | 514 ** |
| (81) | 62 | MOORE, Abigail (HE.) | 505 ** |
| (83) | 63 | JONES, Dominique (LI.) | 504 *** |
| (82) | 64 | AJETO, Amy (NK.) | 504 *** |
| (84) | 65 | PYMAN, Laura (E.) | 494 ** |
| (86) | 66 | COOKE, Roseanna (E.) | 491 *** |
| (85) | 67 | ROBINSON, Sarah (DU.) | 491 *** |
| (87) | 68 | GUBBINS, Laura (CO.) | 465 *** |
| (88) | 69 | FREEMAN, Charlotte (WA.) | 458 *** |
| (89) | 70 | LOWTHER, Jennifer (CV.) | 449 *** |
| (90) | 71 | WILSON, Kirsty (K.) | 446 ** |
| (92) | 72 | WARWICK, Sarah (HA.) | 437 ** |
| (93) | 73 | LAWMAN, Jade (DY.) | 434 ** |
| (95) | 74 | BENNETT, Chelsea (SK.) | 429 *** |
| (96) | 75 | ANDREW, Yaina (CO.) | 416 ** |



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| (24) | 11 | SPARREY, Megan (MI.) | 768 * |
| (25) | 12 | RUSSO, Sarah (SX.) | 728 ** |
| (26) | 13 | LEFEVRE, Karina (CV.) | 701 ** |
| (27) | 14 | BATES, Emily (LI.) | 681 ** |
| (29) | 15 | POTTS, Haylee (HE.) | 645 ** |
| (32) | 16 | SUNDARARAJAN, Ayojija (BK.) | 618 ** |
| (33) | 17 | FURNIVAL, Chelsea (SX.) | 559 ** |
| (34) | 18 | AIRRY, Charlotte (NG.) | 550 ** |
| (35) | 19 | CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.) | 546 *** |
| (36) | 20 | TOVEY, Emma (K.) | 514 ** |
| (38) | 21 | AJETO, Amy (NK.) | 504 *** |
| (39) | 22 | JONES, Dominique (LI.) | 504 *** |
| (40) | 23 | ROBINSON, Sarah (DU.) | 491 *** |
| (41) | 24 | FREEMAN, Charlotte (WA.) | 458 *** |
| (42) | 25 | LOWTHER, Jennifer (CV.) | 449 *** |

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| (1) | 1 EVANS, Gavin (NG.) | 4139 | |
| (3) | 2 PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.) | 1175 ** | |
| (9) | 3 LOVE, Daniel (DY.) | 671 ** | |
| (10) | 4 MITCHELL, Edward (BU.) | 638 ** | |
| (11) | 5 CULLEN, Sean (DY.) | 634 ** | |
| (15) | 6 BATES, Michael (LI.) | 476 * | |
| (18) | 7 BOULT, Joshua (CH.) | 454 ** | |
| (19) | 8 GRAY, Lewis (K.) | 453 ** | |
| (20) | 9 BARELLA, Graeme (DU.) | 428 ** | |
| (22) | 10 HO, Ping (MI.) | 369 ** | |
| (28) | 11 GEORGE, Alexander (HE.) | 294 ** | |
| (34) | 12 NEENAN, Connor (MI.) | 262 * | |
| (38) | 13 CRICHTON, Stuart (BU.) | 252 * | |
| (39) | 14 WILSON, Ross (K.) | 253 * | |
| (49) | 15 PARKINSON, Matthew (BU.) | 202 * | |
| (51) | 16 WALTON, Scott (LI.) | 193 ** | |
| (55) | 17 GRAYSON, James (YS.) | 174 ** | |
| (56) | 18 HAIN, Michael (DU.) | 173 *** | |
| (58) | 19 BEECH, Danny (Y.) | 170 **** | |
| (60) | 20 WARD, James (ST.) | 168 1** | |
| (61) | 21 THURSBY, Joseph (NG.) | 167 ** | |
| (63) | 22 WHITEFIELD, James (BU.) | 154 **** | |
| (66) | 23 OLIVER, Alexander (NK.) | 149 1** | |
| (68) | 24 ATKINS, James (Y.) | 143 ** | |
| (67) | 25 TAN, Reece (E.) | 143 ** | |

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| (2) | 1 TRAVIS, Martha (CO.) | 1063 ** | |
| (5) | 2 DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.) | 838 ** | |
| (7) | 3 RUSSO, Sarah (SX.) | 728 ** | |
| (8) | 4 LEFEVRE, Karina (CV.) | 701 ** | |
| (9) | 5 BATES, Emily (LI.) | 681 ** | |
| (11) | 6 SUNDARARAJAN, Ayojija (BK.) | 618 ** | |
| (12) | 7 FURNIVAL, Chelsea (SX.) | 559 ** | |
| (14) | 8 TOVEY, Emma (K.) | 514 ** | |
| (16) | 9 WILSON, Kirsty (K.) | 446 * | |
| (17) | 10 FARQUHAR, Rachel (BK.) | 412 * | |
| (18) | 11 MARCH, Rebekah (E.) | 398 * | |
| (20) | 12 KING, Yolanda (SX.) | 333 ** | |
| (22) | 13 SLATER, Natalie (ST.) | 324 *** | |
| (24) | 14 TREVORROW, Rachel (CO.) | 256 ** | |
| (25) | 15 GREENER, Emily (DU.) | 245 ** | |
| (28) | 16 SEAL, Rebecca (SO.) | 230 ** | |
| (29) | 17 WHITE, Chloe (CV.) | 230 ** | |
| (30) | 18 OULD, Jasmine (K.) | 206 ** | |
| (31) | 19 WANG, Chen Chen (BK.) | 194 **** | |
| (33) | 20 MILWAIN, Abbie (DY.) | 159 ** | |
| (34) | 21 LOVE, Charlotte (E.) | 154 ** | |
| (35) | 22 SMITH, Victoria (DV.) | 149 ** | |
| (37) | 23 SIMS, Jennifer (HE.) | 136 1* | |
| (39) | 24 PHILLIPS, Alice (DV.) | 116 **** | |
| (40) | 25 HOANG, Sally (LO.) | 111 * | |

Cadet Boys

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| (3) | 1 EVANS, Gavin (NG.) | 4139 | |
| (4) | 2 CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.) | 2608 ** | |
| (7) | 3 EVANS, Myles (NG.) | 2223 ** | |
| (9) | 4 MAYBANKS, William (NE.) | 1964 ** | |
| (10) | 5 DORAN, Christopher (HP.) | 1946 ** | |
| (13) | 6 MUDIE, Stewart (LI.) | 1825 ** | |
| (15) | 7 WARE, Mathew (DO.) | 1662 ** | |
| (17) | 8 MARSHALL, Richard (DV.) | 1653 ** | |
| (18) | 9 MCBEATH, David (HA.) | 1401 ** | |
| (19) | 10 WRIGHT, Anthony (CV.) | 1362 *** | |
| (21) | 11 SMITH, Christopher A L (DV.) | 1252 ** | |
| (24) | 12 PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.) | 1175 ** | |
| (25) | 13 DEVILLE, Billy (E.) | 1174 *** | |
| (27) | 14 DAYBELL, Kim (YS.) | 1124 ** | |
| (28) | 15 MAYNARD, Tom (BK.) | 1084 ** | |
| (29) | 16 KINLOCKE, Garth (HA.) | 1057 * | |
| (32) | 17 GALLAGE, Suchira (MI.) | 988 * | |
| (33) | 18 COLLINS, Jake (SK.) | 983 * | |
| (35) | 19 LINZ, Andrew (SY.) | 885 * | |
| (36) | 20 MAROM, Raphael (MI.) | 878 ** | |
| (37) | 21 BLEAKLEY, Joshua (LA.) | 844 *** | |
| (39) | 22 KEARNEY, Alex (SG.) | 833 *** | |
| (38) | 23 TREVORROW, Matthew (CO.) | 833 ** | |
| (40) | 24 NAYLOR, Mark (DY.) | 810 * | |
| (41) | 25 ANDREWS, Richard (BK.) | 807 ** | |
| (44) | 26 SELFRIEDGE, Oscar (E.) | 711 * | |
| (46) | 27 DRAGOJLOVIC, Milan (GS.) | 698 ** | |
| (49) | 28 LOWE, Daniel (DY.) | 671 ** | |
| (52) | 29 MITCHELL, Edward (BU.) | 638 ** | |
| (53) | 30 CULLEN, Sean (DY.) | 634 ** | |
| (57) | 31 BARELLA, Anthony (DU.) | 614 ** | |
| (59) | 32 RISBY, Joe (K.) | 594 *** | |
| (61) | 33 BANKS, Alex (Av) (SG.) | 587 *** | |
| (63) | 34 SMYTHE, Zane (SY.) | 527 *** | |
| (68) | 35 SNEDDON, Jonathan (ST.) | 489 ** | |

Cadet Girls

| Pos | Name | Rating | Flag |
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| (3) | 1 VICKERS, Emma (DY.) | 2483 | |
| (5) | 2 JAMIESON, Rachel (E.) | 2402 ** | |
| (10) | 3 ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.) | 1199 ** | |
| (11) | 4 WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.) | 1198 ** | |
| (14) | 5 TRAVIS, Martha (CO.) | 1063 ** | |
| (15) | 6 FULLER, Mary (Y.) | 927 ** | |
| (16) | 7 MACKEN, Jessica (E.) | 903 ** | |
| (17) | 8 HUGHES, Sally (SX.) | 864 * | |
| (19) | 9 BAKER, Rachel (LA.) | 849 ** | |
| (21) | 10 DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.) | 838 ** | |

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| (1) | 1 VENNER, Ritchie (SX.) | 3908 *** | |
| (2) | 2 WURAOOLA, Abdul (SY.) | 3825 ** | |
| (3) | 3 HILTON, John (CH.) | 3808 ** | |
| (4) | 4 KENNEDY, Joe (K) (E.) | 3760 ** | |
| (5) | 5 ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SX.) | 3749 ** | |
| (6) | 6 GILES, Paul (CO.) | 3715 ** | |
| (7) | 7 WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.) | 3684 *** | |
| (8) | 8 WHITING, Paul (DV.) | 3626 *** | |
| (9) | 9 JOHNS, Brian (CH.) | 3570 ** | |

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| (9) | 10 | FORD, Christopher (LA.) | 3535 ** |
| (11) | 11 | GODDOLD, David (DU.) | 3508 ** |
| (13) | 12 | PAPANTONIOU, Costas (MI.) | 3460 ** |
| (14) | 13 | CARTHY, Clive (E.) | 3454 ** |
| (15) | 14 | GELDER, Anthony (DU.) | 3449 ** |
| (16) | 15 | GIRDLER, Ian (SY.) | 3404 ** |
| (17) | 16 | KERRY, Trevor (NG.) | 3388 ** |
| (18) | 17 | BARTRAM, Peter (SX.) | 3359 ** |
| (19) | 18 | HALEY, Terry (SY.) | 3239 *** |
| (21) | 19 | ADEMANIWA, Ayoyade (E.) | 3307 ** |
| (22) | 20 | MEDWELL, Henry (SY.) | 3204 ** |
| (24) | 21 | ROOFE, Eddie (WL.) | 3282 ** |
| (25) | 22 | SALTER, Geoff (DU.) | 3276 ** |
| (26) | 23 | CLAYTON, Tony (DD.) | 3276 **** |
| (27) | 24 | RANKIN, John (LA.) | 3248 ** |
| (28) | 25 | WIGNALL, Andy (LI.) | 3242 *** |
| (29) | 26 | ROMANO, Mark (CV.) | 3228 ** |
| (30) | 27 | GRAY, Diccon (K.) | 3227 **** |
| (31) | 28 | PAYNE, John (MI.) | 3216 ** |
| (32) | 29 | JOHNS, Mike (CV.) | 3206 ** |
| (33) | 30 | SHORT, Mike (DV.) | 3198 ** |
| (34) | 31 | TURNER, Steven (LA.) | 3195 **** |
| (35) | 32 | HARDING, David (SY.) | 3174 ** |
| (36) | 33 | WILLIAMS, Trevor (YS.) | 3173 **** |
| (37) | 34 | DYSON, Tim (Y.) | 3165 **** |
| (38) | 35 | WELSMAN, Dave (NP.) | 3137 ** |
| (39) | 36 | BURLETON, John (BU.) | 3134 *** |
| (40) | 37 | BECKLEY, Chris (SY.) | 3116 * |
| (41) | 38 | HARPER, Mick (BD.) | 3096 **** |
| (42) | 39 | GRANT, Bill (YS.) | 3096 **** |
| (43) | 40 | BIGGS, Phil (CH.) | 3088 ** |
| (44) | 41 | GEHLOT, Hari (BK.) | 3079 ** |
| (47) | 42 | CARSLAKE, Colin (E.) | 3044 ** |
| (48) | 43 | PERVICAL, Wayne (CH.) | 3042 ** |
| (49) | 44 | BUSHELL, Alan (OX.) | 3042 ** |
| (50) | 45 | OWEN, Mark (HR.) | 3039 **** |
| (51) | 46 | LLOYD, Trevor (WL.) | 3030 ** |
| (53) | 47 | ROBERTSON, Ian (ND.) | 3010 *** |
| (52) | 48 | PICKARD, Chris (HE.) | 3008 |
| (54) | 49 | KING, Russell (NK.) | 2997 ** |
| (55) | 50 | YARNLEY, Keith (K.) | 2985 * |
| (56) | 51 | COLLINS, Paul (CH.) | 2984 ** |
| (57) | 52 | GARRAWAY, Brian (DO.) | 2974 *** |
| (58) | 53 | GRIFFITH, David (LA.) | 2973 1*** |
| (60) | 54 | KNIGHT, Chris (K.) | 2951 **** |
| (72) | 55 | DAVIS, Steve (SY.) | 2937 |
| (70) | 56 | HOLMAN, Derek (SY.) | 2935 |
| (62) | 57 | ROBINSON, John (SY.) | 2933 **** |
| (63) | 58 | DOVE, Fred (E.) | 2931 |
| (64) | 59 | GILBERT, Barrie (SX) (SY.) | 2921 ** |
| (65) | 60 | BANGERTER, David (SY.) | 2916 ** |
| (66) | 61 | HILL, Brian (LI.) | 2916 ** |
| (67) | 62 | BREWER, Chris (NK.) | 2913 ** |

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| (68) | 63 | KERNS, Stephen (E.) | 2902 ** |
| (69) | 64 | SAXBY, Phil (K.) | 2894 **** |
| (73) | 65 | NORTON, Roy (WO.) | 2873 * |
| (75) | 66 | CLEMENTS, Brian (LA.) | 2859 ** |
| (78) | 67 | RASUL, Farhat (SY.) | 2845 **** |
| (83) | 68 | NEWMAN, Maurice (LE.) | 2820 **** |
| (84) | 69 | BURN, Brian (DO.) | 2818 **** |
| (82) | 70 | RHODES, Mike (BK.) | 2807 |
| (85) | 71 | SHIRT, Richard (YS.) | 2804 **** |
| (86) | 72 | BHALLA, Ramesh (SY.) | 2797 ** |
| (89) | 73 | GRAHAM, Cosmo (Y.) | 2778 **** |
| (91) | 74 | ATRIDGE, Ian (E.) | 2771 ** |
| (92) | 75 | GREENING, Guy D (GS.) | 2769 ** |
| (94) | 76 | BROWNE, Michael (WA.) | 2754 **** |
| (95) | 77 | FRAIN, Andrew (ST.) | 2748 * |
| (96) | 78 | MCEVOY, Malcolm (CH.) | 2736 **** |
| (97) | 79 | CROWLEY, David (BK.) | 2731 *** |
| (98) | 80 | CROSBY, Stephen (YS.) | 2724 1**** |
| (101) | 81 | WILCOCKSON, Michael (Y.) | 2723 *** |
| (100) | 82 | PHILPOT, Alan (LE.) | 2723 ** |
| (102) | 83 | BRIERLEY, Neil (E.) | 2719 **** |
| (103) | 84 | MILTON-WHITE, Stephen (E.) | 2716 1** |
| (105) | 85 | EMERY, Dave (K.) | 2710 ** |
| (106) | 86 | REEVES, Brian (SO.) | 2708 **** |
| (107) | 87 | DICKINSON, Alan (Y.) | 2708 ** |
| (108) | 88 | HOWLETT, Steven (NK.) | 2703 *** |
| (110) | 89 | RICHARDSON, Nathaniel (OX.) | 2675 ** |
| (111) | 90 | CROOK, Barry (LA.) | 2674 ** |
| | 91 | BIBBY, Shaun (DY.) | 2670 *** |
| (113) | 92 | REEVES, George (E.) | 2669 **** |
| (115) | 93 | BROUGHTON, Mick (NK.) | 2668 **** |
| (197) | 94 | GEHLOT, Ramesh (BK.) | 2665 1 |
| (116) | 95 | PENNOCK, Nigel (Y.) | 2665 1**** |
| (117) | 96 | MUSSELWHITE, Jerry (SO.) | 2663 ** |
| (118) | 97 | ALLISON, Brian (LI.) | 2662 ** |
| (120) | 98 | STREAK, David (BK.) | 2658 ** |
| (121) | 99 | JACKSON, Kenneth (LA.) | 2655 ** |
| (123) | 100 | ADAMS, Thomas (SY.) | 2652 *** |

Veteran Women

| Pos | Name | Rating | Flag |
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| (1) | 1 HARRIS, Jill (ST.) | 3637 *** | |
| (2) | 2 HUANG, Shu (E.) | 3464 ** | |
| (3) | 3 SMITH, Karen (LE.) | 3378 **** | |
| (4) | 4 JOHNS, Jan (CH.) | 3375 ** | |
| (5) | 5 HARPER, Sandra (BD.) | 3310 ** | |
| (6) | 6 WELSMAN, Margaret (NP.) | 3272 ** | |
| (7) | 7 DURHAM, Jane (CV.) | 3248 **** | |
| (8) | 8 SIMPSON, Linda (Y.) | 3220 ** | |
| (9) | 9 KING, Sheila (SX.) | 3186 ** | |
| (10) | 10 SHIELDS, Helen (Y.) | 3180 ** | |
| (11) | 11 BUOEY, Brenda (LA.) | 3150 ** | |
| (12) | 12 PEARCE, Diane (K.) | 3147 **** | |

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| (13) | 13 | WANG, Lucy (E.) | 3110 **** |
| (14) | 14 | MUDGE, Kim (K) (SY.) | 3109 *** |
| (15) | 15 | MORLEY, Judy (GS.) | 3025 * |
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Gordon Chapman

A dark cloud cast its shadow over the Table Tennis fraternity of Surrey in mid-July, when Gordon Chapman sadly passed away with a heart attack.

It is of a special sadness to announce the death of a sportsman with such courage, dignity and considerable determination. I first met Gordon when he was a young man, when he had an inborn ability to control a moving ball. He impressed me with a display of natural competence and total commitment. He raised the profile of Table Tennis and with enthusiasm he gave his all for his Team and County. As he grew older his playing skill began to slightly diminish, but his involvement with the sport still remained strong.

Those of us who knew Gordon well, unquestionably will remember him as a player and a person who was unselfish, modest, quietly efficient, undaunted and one who was closely attached to the Sport he loved. He will be sorely missed. **A SORROWFUL PARTING**

It is an irrefutable fact that no person is immortal, but even so it is depressingly sad when an obituary needs to be written for one who dies when in the full flow of life. This sadness obviously struck at the hearts and minds of his beloved wife Rosemary and family. So finally let us spare a thought for his widow to whom we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Ron Crayden

An Acknowledgement

Amanda, Neil, Iain and I wish to thank – most sincerely – all those who joined us at the service to celebrate Gordon's life. We felt such strength when we saw you all – it was wonderful.

We received an amazing number of cards and letters with so many lovely messages and memories – they will be treasured.

Thank you all so very much. I know that Gordon thought of you all as special friends.

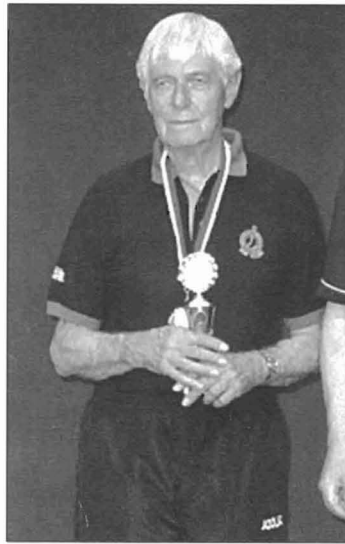
Rosemary

A Tribute to John Ford by Malcolm Phillips, Hon. Secretary, West Wilts TIL

TABLE Tennis in Wiltshire, and the West Wilts Table Tennis League in particular, suffered a devastating loss with the death of John Ford in a tragic road accident on 1st June.

John had been associated with table tennis in Wiltshire both as a player and on the administration side of the West Wilts League and at County level for over 50 years. He started playing in the West Wilts League in 1953 at the age of 12 years and was still a formidable player to overcome, combining a solid defence with a decisive backhand attack.

His achievements as a player are second to none including representing the league at Junior, Senior and Veteran Level. At West Wilts League level his career includes the distinction of being



GORDON CHAPMAN is pictured on the podium with his Bronze medal he won in the Mens Over 75 years singles, at the European Veterans Championships held in Bratislava this summer.

the only player to have won Championships titles at all three age levels - the Junior Singles (1957/58), the Men's Singles (1960/61, 64/65 and 69/70) and the Veterans Singles (1982/83, 84/85 and 86/87); runner-up in the Veterans Singles in 1981/82, 85/86, 88/89 and 91/92; won the Men's Doubles on 7 occasions and Mixed Doubles on 3 occasions.

At County level, he was Junior Champion twice and Veteran Champion once and is still the only player to have held both these titles. He represented the County at Senior and Veteran level and became the first Wiltshire player to be nationally ranked at Veteran level.

His administrative career was just as impressive and reflected the tremendous enthusiasm and commitment to a game he dearly loved. He held various positions after being elected on to the Executive Committee in 1957 and often stood in to take on a position for a temporary period. He was elected Chairman in 1987. His overall contribution to table tennis in Wiltshire was recognised in 1997 when he was awarded the prestigious Kathleen Waters Memorial Trophy by the Wiltshire Table Tennis Association. To mark his 50 years continual service to the West Wilts League, and to recognise his long-standing and dedicated service to that League, he was made a Life Member in 2003.

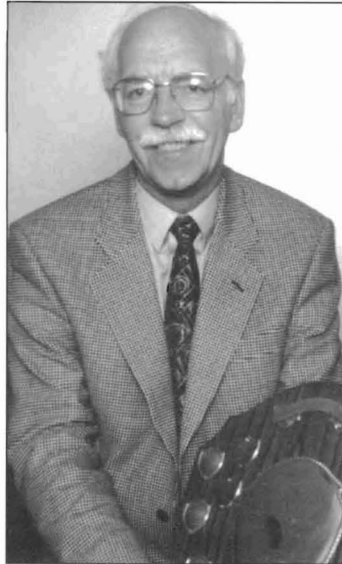
No greater illustration of his love of our sport can be shown than by his tremendous achievement in producing a book on the history of the West Wilts Table Tennis League from its formation in 1935 to 1995. The hours he spent on research were immeasurable and the publication is a great and lasting tribute to him. Furthermore, the Wiltshire Association celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2002 and John was instrumental in arranging a social evening to mark the occasion. Many players, past and present, attended, along with local officials of the E.T.T.A. His coup of this evening was achieving the attendance of Alan Ransome, the then Chairman of the

E.T.T.A., who presented commemorative medals and trophies to a number of past officials and players. He was in the process of producing a book on the history of the Wiltshire Association, and it is to be hoped that this can be completed and published in his memory.

Table tennis was not the only sport that John loved and enjoyed. In his younger days he was a talented footballer who played for his home town of Westbury, and was a former secretary of the town's amateur swimming club. He, and one of his stepsons, had been working on a book on the sporting history of Westbury. He played tennis for over 30 years and for many years was the Chairman, and also match secretary, of the Chippenham and District Tennis League.

As well as sport, he was very much involved in the community life of Westbury, being instrumental in achieving the establishment of the Westbury Heritage Centre.

John was a very popular and respected player, tireless administrator and outstanding ambassador for table tennis in Wiltshire. He will be sadly missed in many walks of life and the extent of his popularity was clearly shown at his funeral service when the church was packed to capacity and beyond. I am sure



JOHN FORD is pictured with 'Kathleen Waters Memorial Trophy, for his services to table tennis in Wiltshire

that all those table tennis players who knew, and played against, him over many years would wish to be associated with the expressions of deepest sympathy and condolences which the West Wilts Table Tennis League has already extended to his wife, Jeannette, and all his family in their very sad loss.

Derek Elphick

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A Tribute by Keith Jackson Chairman & Life Member SCTTA

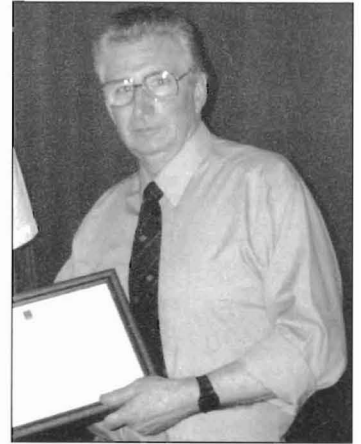
I feel very honoured to be asked to put into words The Haywards Heath & District Table Tennis League's tribute to Derek after his sudden death. I also include some of my own personal thoughts as well.

Derek was a founder member of the league way back in 1955 and I first

came into contact with him around 1962/63 when I joined the committee as a sixteen year old. We have been firm friends ever since.

Derek served continuously on the committee as tournament secretary, county representative, vice chairman, chairman and finally President.

His record as tournament secretary is legendary, he organised an astonishing 48 annual tournaments at many different venues, St. Richards Boys Club St. Francis Hospital, Balcombe Village Hall, Downlands School Hassocks, Sidney West Centre, Burgess Hill and finally Warden Park School Cuckfield and he was hoping to make that 50 in two years time. His greatest sporting thrill was when his son Paul became singles champion in 1986.



DEREK ELPHICK (right) with his 'Maurice Goldstein' award

Derek was married to Prim and they have two sons, Paul and Derek junior. Paul played table tennis for Sussex juniors and seniors and still plays today. Derek junior played county league football for Haywards Heath and Hassocks football clubs. Derek was a real family man supporting both his sons throughout their various sporting activities.

Derek with the late Ken Merrett and Paddy Hyde started up the Cuckfield table tennis club for juniors where both his sons started playing and it was not many years later when the club won the premier division ending the domination of my club Ditchling.

Derek was involved with Sussex, organising the West Sussex Championship on two occasions and until his untimely death was a Sussex selector and Vice-President. He was also involved with the British league team 'The Dolphins' at Hurstpierpoint with Derek Bunday, Keith Horton and myself and he carried on with them when the team moved to Horsham where they currently play.

Derek was awarded The Maurice Goldstein Merit Award in 1996.

I have had many long conversations with Derek discussing the future of table tennis and we seemed to agree on most things and it was Derek that nominated me for Sussex County Chairman eleven years ago. I will certainly miss him and I know for certain that he will be remembered in Haywards Heath and Sussex table tennis for years to come.



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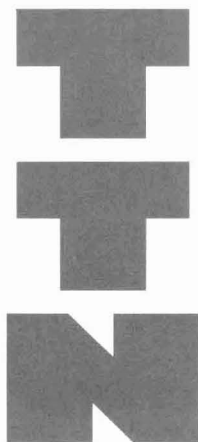
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| OCTOBER | | |
| 15th-16th | VETTS Midland Masters - Wolverhampton | |
| 16th | National Cadet league (1) | |
| 22nd-23rd | Butterfly Cardiff Open Satellite Grand Prix | |
| 22nd | East Midlands Cadet 4 Star | Margaret Welch 01472 596361 |
| 23rd | East Midlands Junior 4 Star | |
| 29th | National Junior League (1) | |
| 29th-30th | County Senior Premier Weekend (1) | |
| 29th-30th | Okehampton Veteran 2 Star tournament | Lorraine Robinson 01837 55335 |
| 30th | Cirencester Cadet 1 Star | Ken Bridle 01285 657989 |
| 30th | Hyndburn Junior 2 Star | Dave Cochrane 07736 104881 |
| NOVEMBER | | |
| 5th | County Championships (2) Cadet, Junior, Senior & Veterans | |
| 5th-6th | County Championships (1) Premier | |
| 6th | Mid-Cheshire 2 Star Cadet & Junior tournament | Mike Johns 01606 45766 |
| 12th | Chandlers Farm Equipment 1 Star Cadet & Junior tournament | John Mapletoft 01476 565521 |
| 12th-13th | Veterans British league (1) | |
| 12th-13th | Stockton-on-Tees 4 Star Cadet & Junior tournament | Dave Hutchinson 01740 644447 |
| 12th-13th | Cornwall 2 Star Satellite Grand Prix St.Austell | Di Jermyn 01726 69289 |
| 19th | Carter Cup & Bromfield Trophy | |
| 19th | Mid-Cheshire 2 Star Senior tournament | Mike Johns 01606 45766 |
| 19th-20th | British League (2) Premier Division | |
| 20th | Mid-Cheshire 2 Star Veteran tournament | Mike Johns 01606 45766 |
| 20th | Leach & Hammersley Cups | |
| 20th | Cippenham 2 Star Senior tournament | Paul Baker 01276 25049 |
| 20th | Hyndburn Junior 2 Star | |
| 26th-27th | Butterfly Bath Super Open Grand Prix | Harvey Webb 01424 722525 |
| 26th-27th | Cadet Youth Development Squad | |



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