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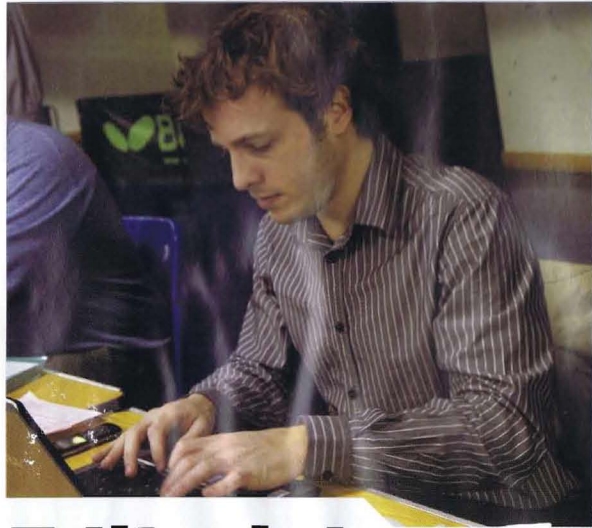
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Editorial

It's the start of a new season and the start of something new for me as well, I've been the sub editor of TTN for two years now and have been rambling on the website for just as long, but I am now taking over the reins as editor for the magazine entirely from Richard, so please be gentle with me!

This season looks set to be a really exciting one, I know everyone keeps going on about the impact of the Olympics in 2012 and how good it will be for our sport, but I bet you are all thinking "it's in 2012, it's only 2009, what effect is it going to have now?". It is as a result of the Olympics that we are able to start lots of new exciting programmes and initiatives to help develop and grow the sport in the lead up to 2012. We have got a whole host of new staff arriving to help push the sport forward and, along with the return of the English Open, grass roots development, a new website that is currently under development and exciting new Social Media projects, not to mention some nice shiny new multimedia equipment, the year ahead looks to be a busy but productive one. We hope to bring more to you, the players, increase our interaction and give you more say, as well as help the sport to progress and grow.

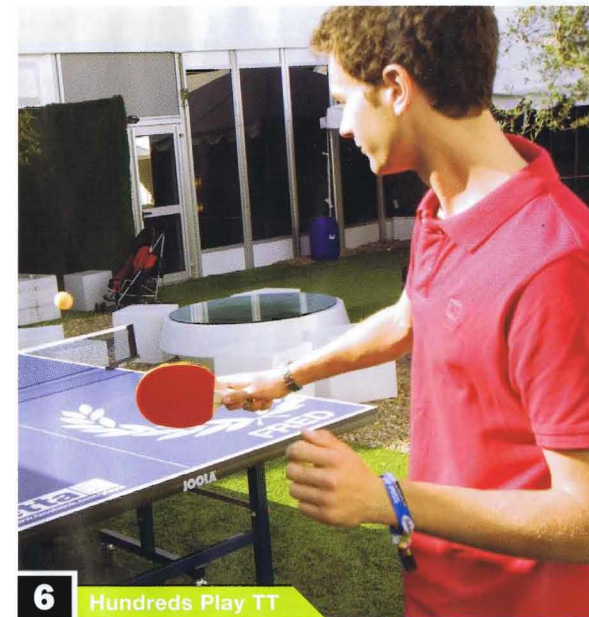
With two grand prix down and many more tournaments to go, I wish you all the best courtside and I hope you enjoy reading my first issue of TTN.

James Cornford
Editor

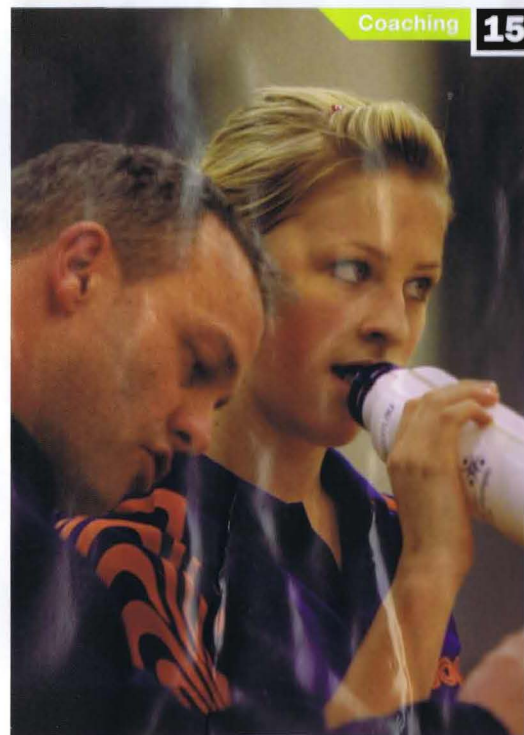


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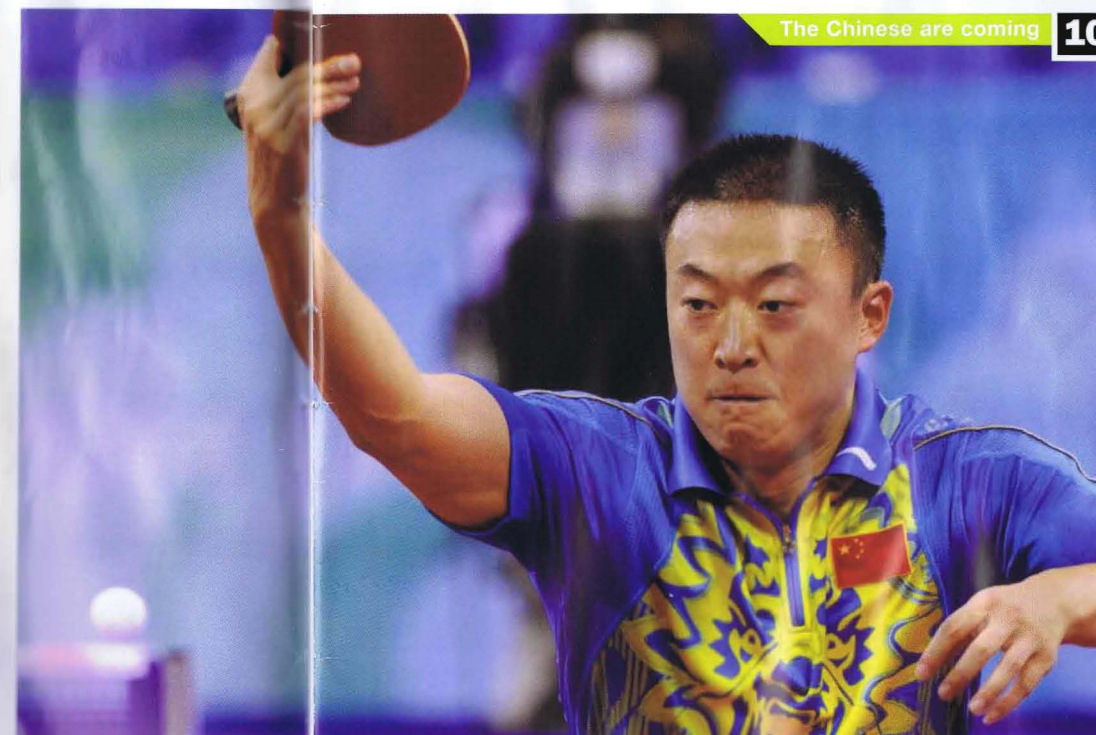
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Alex Murdoch / ETTA Chairman

Straight Talk

With the new season upon us I wish you all a very successful and competitive season I have registered with three Leagues this year and have managed to keep a bat in my hand during the summer, playing in a two person league and taking part in a couple of events. I will however not comment on my results!

Your local administrators have spent time on your behalf putting together your league by way of divisions, handbooks and the match calendars. I hope that their efforts are appreciated by you all and perhaps at your next AGM you can put your name forward to assist.

Let us hope that the percentage decline in league teams is reduced again and we can look forward in the coming years to an increase.

Herewith are some brief updates for you:

English Open - An ITTF Pro-Tour Major event

This event will be on us all very soon and significant progress has been made towards making this an outstanding occasion for English table tennis. Tickets are available online and going very fast, so please purchase yours as soon as possible.

We shall be having the ETTA Awards presentations for Development, Coaching and Press on the Saturday of this event. Other initiatives planned include a development programme in the Sheffield area to promote our sport, as well as a coaching course and ongoing assessments for our international umpires. There will be a trade stand area and a "come and try it" area, Sky TV will also be in attendance broadcasting live on both the Saturday and Sunday, and it is hoped to have video screening available on the first three days.

Individual Membership/Affiliation

The Membership Committee and its sub-groups have met and we are moving forward with the process. Further information will be circulated on a regular basis in the coming months. It is essential that implementation and process updates are circulated widely to the membership, as well as ensuring the system is user friendly and the volunteers within the clubs and leagues are given the appropriate support and advice. If you have any questions please ensure you contact the ETTA.

England Clothing Contract

Following a tendering process I am pleased to inform you a contract has been awarded to Joola/Bribar for the next four years. In addition to the supply of clothing, the ETTA will be receiving £100,000 in sponsorship over the next four years from them.

Talent Identification/Development/Regional Coaches

Recent appointments have resulted in the full complement of ten Regional Coaches now being employed by the ETTA on full-time contracts, and a number of programmes are being put in place to improve the quality and quantity of players and coaches. These programmes will include linking into the pathways for players, all activities at club and regional level, through to national YDS training. Four high performance clubs will be starting this year and it is planned for up to 10 such clubs to be operating in the next 18 months.

As part of our commitment to invest additional resources in this area, 13 training camps have been planned up to the end of March, covering the YDS and international squads, as well as some overseas competitions.

Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE)

We have received applications from over 50 young people including over 30% from girls (16-18) for this initiative in conjunction with Loughborough University. Details of the programme have been included in a number of my previous communications and I hope that members will make parents, coaches and young players aware of this initiative, as this will be ongoing in the coming years.

Women in Sport

Within our interventions and Whole Sport Plan submitted to Sport England for the next four years, it is clear we are committed to support and assist in increasing the involvement of more females in table tennis across-the-board, including playing, administration, officiating and coaching.

A recent document has been produced for courses and workshops to be encompassed within a Women's Conference and Forum. These will include: Introduction to Coaching, ILcal/County Umpires Course, Local Tournament Organisers Course, How to become a Volunteer and get Involved, Playing Competitive Table Tennis, Parents in Sport, Child Protection, Equality, Women in the Work Place, How I became an International Player, Fitness and Health via Table Tennis and Table Tennis Clothing.

The recent numbers from ETTA affiliation and the Sport England Active People Survey show growth over the last couple of years, but we still have some way to go.

ETTA Competition Programme and Equipment Provision

In addition to the England clothing, tenders have been received covering a number of our events, including: Grand Prix, National Championships, Women's British League, Junior British League and the National Veterans League for the next two years



Facebook Social Sports Project
King's College London Students' Union, London Southbank

Historically the ETTA has received for these events the provision of equipment free of charge plus financial sponsorship, unfortunately, apart from the England clothing contract, the tenders have not resulted in the same level of sponsorship that we have enjoyed over the last few seasons. In addition to the reduction in the overall sponsorship we will also now have to pay for the transport of the tables and equipment to the majority of event venues.

This will result in extra cost to the ETTA in a full season of over £25,000, and the various committees are looking at how to cover these costs whilst still wishing to protect the players and members. As part of these discussions the Grand Prix Committee has decided to add a £3 equipment hire levy to the administration fee for every entry, this modest increase nowhere near covers the overall cost increase

Further details will be circulated during the coming months following discussions within committees, management and National Council, albeit any possible changes to some events will not come into place until the 2010/11 season.

Staffing and other Matters

In addition to the Regional Coaches the following appointments have been made: Operations Manager, RDO Manager/Special Projects, Club/Premier League/P2P Manager and a PESSYP Development Assistant. One further appointment at Hastings is planned, a Coach Education Manager

Furthermore 25 full and part-time posts across the country will be in place over the coming months with partnership funding as club support/volunteer/coaches to assist the grass roots.

A review has started on our IT systems/development and the Hastings Office will be going through a planned refurbishment programme.

It is important to remember that as a sport, despite the progress being made, we have areas needing improvement which were included in the Whole Sport Plan, interventions and transformation policies. These can only be met with the table tennis fraternity working together to achieve the goals for our great sport

Regards

Alex Murdoch
ETTA Chairman



Joola/Bribar England Clothing Contract

Left to right Barry Chatman, Alex Murdoch, Matthew Syed, Sue Chatman, Paul Drinkhall, Joanna Parker, Desmond Douglas & Alan Cooke (Photo courtesy of Steven Parking Photography)



Hundreds Play TT

Table tennis was the sport of choice to launch the new Facebook sport hub

Hundreds of students recently took part in a mass participation table tennis event in central London, the first organised through a new social media platform set to get more people playing sport in the run up to London 2012. The ETTA is one of six national governing bodies (NGBs) involved in the first phase of this exciting and innovative partnership between Sport England and Facebook worth up to £20 million over the next four years.

Sport England is piloting the scheme through British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) and 19 universities across England. The pilot has an ambitious target to get 12,000 students participating in the initial six sports in just four months.

Central to the new partnership is the Facebook 'Sport Hub' which enables NGBs to engage with over 20 million people who use Facebook in the UK, and which will provide tangible measurement of the number of participants reached through the 'Sport Hub'.

"It's fantastic for table tennis to be involved with iconic and youth orientated brands such as Fred Perry and Facebook" Richard Pettit

At the flagship event on the Saturday of King's College London Freshers' week, the ETTA with support from Fred Perry provided 12 tables, table tennis robots, coaching and free bats and balls to hundreds of students. There was also the opportunity to have a game against England's Kelly Sibley and win prizes, including iPods and Fred Perry clothing vouchers in organised 'round the table' table tennis to music, a concept pioneered by the Young Offenders Institute in East London (www.theyoi.co.uk).

These 12 tables are now placed into identified social areas across King's College London, allowing students to self organise their participation using the tools created as part of the Facebook Sports Hub. This model will now be replicated across the country in up to 19 other universities in a bid to make table tennis a more regular part of daily student life.

The partnership is the first long-term deal between facebook and a government or public body and will use the social networking site's unrivalled power to bring people together, transforming the way sports bodies reach out to the public in the run up to London 2012.

Facebook's Chief Operating Officer, Sheryl Sandberg, said: "Our mission is nothing short of changing the world and we regard this deal as a milestone in our evolution from a social tool into a tool for social change. With half of our users coming back to the site every day, we are confident we can turn these big aspirations into reality."

Mike Diaper, Sport England's Director of Children and Young People, said: "This partnership with facebook will fundamentally change the way sports engage with participants, helping them to reach out beyond existing club structures to the young people who are the future of sport. Four out of five youngsters have a facebook account, so this is a key way for us to make sport a part of more people's lives."

Richard Yule, Chief Executive of the English Table Tennis Association, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to increase the visibility of our sport in the biggest growing community on the planet. Utilising the power of social media to create new and sustainable activity within table tennis is an exciting prospect. The partnership with BUCS, Sport England and Facebook has and will continue to help us realise the huge potential of our sport within this largely untapped market."



Letters

The first letters page of the season sees a look back at Matthew Syed's article from August, as well as look forward towards the upcoming English Open.

Matthew's article on the world's best backhand missed out, of course, the great Victor Barna, who just happened to win 25 (yes, twenty-five) World Championships - including doubles and mixed doubles - using this stroke as his primary weapon. No one else has equalled this as far as I know....and I've been around long before young Matthew was born!

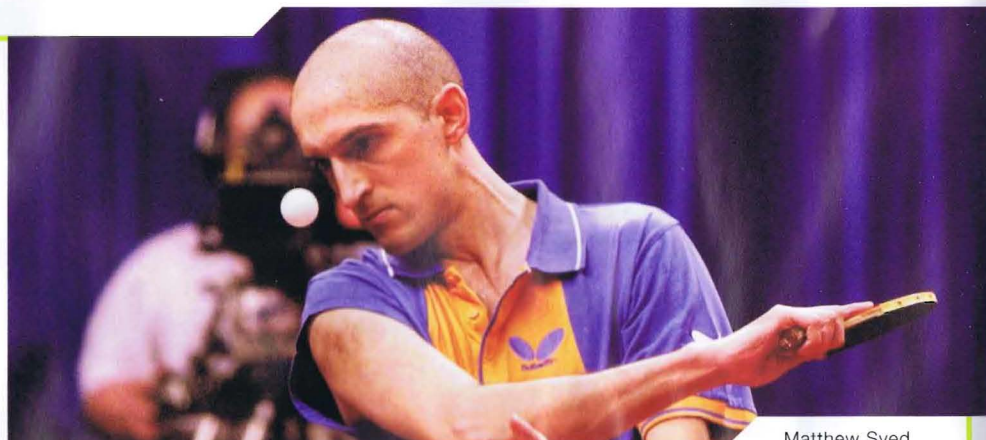
Of course the style and type of our game has changed. But a record is a record in whatever age it was achieved. Suzy Barna (as was) lives local to me at Pinner and has the cups to prove it.

Tony Shapps

I enjoyed reading the July/August TTN. Not uncritically - the service strip of photos did not seem to relate to the 'receive of service' article, the tribute to Mike Papantoniou was best separated from County Notes, and I wish we would get some incisive readers' letters.

However, the editorial was crisp and there were several interesting articles, including Matthew Syed's one on the greatest backhands of all time, which prompts Muhr's musings on the same topic.

I agree that Persson's backhand smash was aesthetically about the greatest I have seen, but he produced it relatively little, and his relentless forehand, combined with a solid backhand, was the bedrock of his game. Grubba and particularly Mazunov were more obviously backhand orientated



Matthew Syed

players, and while Wang Hao's reverse side penhold backhand looks less impressive, it arguably is (even) more effective. Syed fails to mention one special advantage - Wang can loop balls from well over the table so opponents just cannot keep him out.

Older enthusiasts (than myself) often say that Victor Barna's backhand flick, which he could play from anywhere, was the greatest shot ever, and I am happy to concede that it was the best backhand of the pimple bat era, though I never saw it live myself.

I consider that Jorg Roskopf's huge left-handed drive-loop, possibly modelled on Eric Lindh, was the most ferociously effective power backhand against backspin. In his time in the '70s, when he was European no.1, and world and European mixed doubles champion, the languid Russian Stanslav Gomoskov had the best power backhand counter-hit in the world, and was probably an influence on the Mazunov brothers.

His relatively weaker wing, Jan-Ove Waldner did not develop a power loop backhand until relatively late in his career, but he did have an almost infinite variety of chop blocks, slides and punches. And for sheer versatility/ability to absorb what was thrown at him, Desmond Douglas's backhand block-come-counter-hit must be in the reckoning.

Although he did not achieve quite as much as the others, who has had a more spectacular power backhand loop away from the table, which could kick

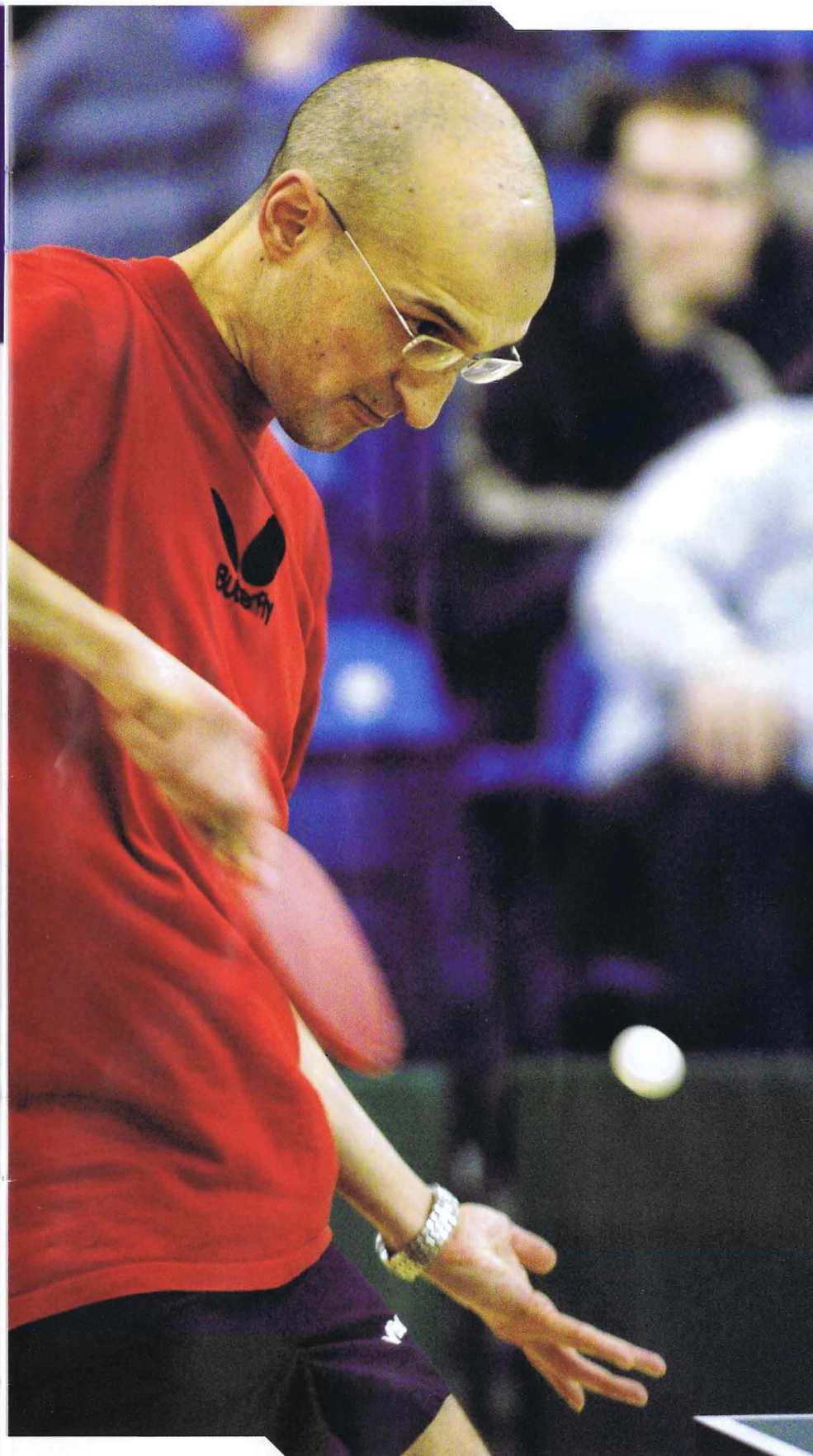
either way, than Kalinikos Kreanga? Syed focuses on men, but Tamara Boros had one of the best power backhand loops for either sex.

Ken Muhr

I'm glad that Matthews's article has generated some debate, hopefully from more than just Ken and Tony, as with any article like this, it is down to personal experiences and preferences. If you'd like to debate this and any other articles why not visit our facebook fan site www.facebook.com/englishtabletennis and create a topic in the discussion forum?

Thanks Ken I admit there was an error with the pictures that was missed by us and all the other proofers of the magazine (not really sure how that slipped through), but like all workman, I think I am going to blame my tools for that one. The last issue of the season was an extremely hard one to put together, as the then designer of the magazine had just moved to the States, and it wasn't really an appropriate time to bring on a new designer and change of style, so we were working with a time difference and under added pressure. It's unfortunate that the error made it through to the magazine and for that I apologise. Now that we have brought the design in house, we hope to be able to offer a better product.

As for including letters, we always get negative feedback saying we never include them, but to be totally honest, we don't receive many, all the ones that come in are printed, so if you all want more letters, then it's time to get tapping on those keyboards.



Will the English Open be on tv, or will I have to wait for the reports to start going up online to find out how everyone is doing?

Carl Potts

The singles events will be shown on Sky, they will be covering the quarter-finals, semis and all four finals, there will also be footage on the ITTF site. More details on this, including the times, will be on our website and facebook fansite within the English Open discussion in our discussion forum.

I'm hoping to go up and see the English Open, but I don't really want to book lots of time off work and it all starts on a Wednesday! What would I miss if I only came on Friday, Saturday and Sunday?

Alan Humphreys

The Wednesday and Thursday will very much be about qualifying, with qualification matches for all categories taking place; men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and the Under 21's men's and women's singles. The Thursday and Friday will produce 32 men and 32 women to join the 32 male and female seeds in round 1. The finals will be on the Saturday and Sunday.

Can you buy beer at the Open?

Andrew Horsfield

Sorry there won't be any alcohol, but there will be food and drink sold in the merchandising hall throughout the five days of the event.

Victor Barna



The Chinese

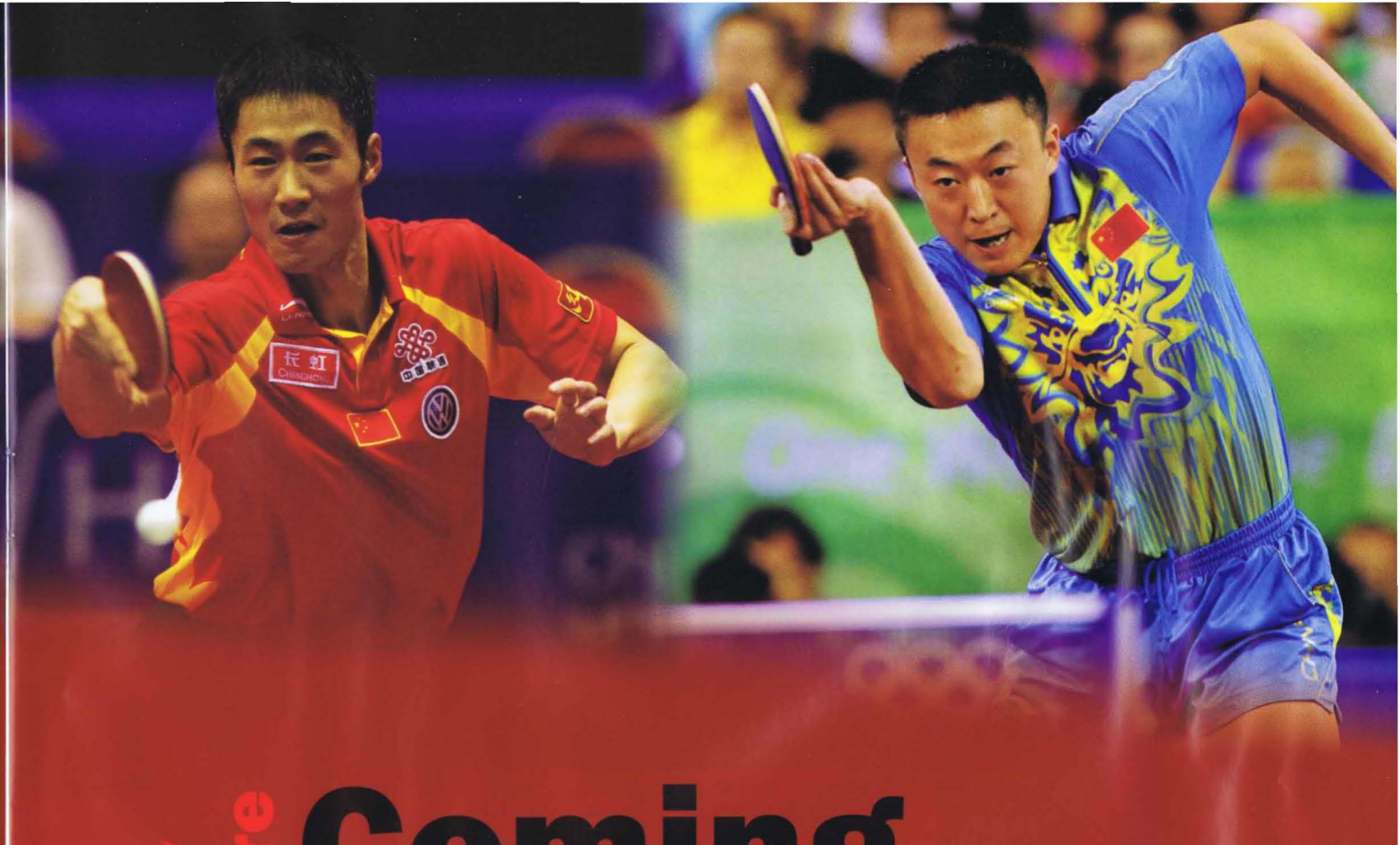
The English Open has always been one of the most prestigious and historic events on the calendar, but the participation of the three outstanding players in world table tennis will provide this year's showdown with even more fascination than usual.

Wang Hao, Ma Lin and Wang Liqin have entered the Sheffield event, making the competition one of the strongest to have been played on these shores since the World Championships in Manchester in 1997. China is currently surfing a wave of domination not seen in world table tennis since the early 1980s when it monopolised major events without fear of serious opposition.

The abilities of this remarkable trio must be seen to be believed. Different in style and temperament, they nevertheless share a ruthless combination of speed, power and agility. Ma Lin has, arguably, the most ferocious forehand topspin in the history of the sport and the footwork to get it in from all angles. Wang Liqin is a supreme all-round shake-hander, with a beguiling mix of elegance and technical authority. Wang Hao is a super-fast penholder with a reverse backhand that has so much sidespin it feels like chop.

Such is their brilliance that they now demand to be compared with the great Chinese teams of the past - Zhuang Zedong and Li Furong in the early 60s; Guo Yuehua and Cai Zhenhua in the early 80s; Kong Linghui and Liu Guoliang in the late 90s. This new trio will, we can say with reasonable confidence, be remembered and revered as their legendary counterparts of the past.

Article by Matthew Syed
Photographs from left to right
Wang Hao, Wang Liqin (courtesy ITTF/Remy Gros) and Ma Lin



are Coming

If I had to pick a favourite for the title, I would probably lean towards Ma. He has a ferocious appetite for success, something that is gloriously unsatiated despite his multiple successes over many years. And his anxiety at having gone so long without a major title has been obliterated by his brilliant victory in the men's singles at the Olympic Games in Beijing, an emotional and dazzling triumph that lifted the roof, such were Ma's fireworks in the final.

Will the Chinese have any serious challengers? It seems a very long time ago that Timo Boll won the World Cup with three successive victories over Chinese opponents back in 2005. The German is still a player of formidable ability, but his loss to Michael Maze in the European Championships last month is a reminder that he has nothing like the stature in the world game enjoyed by the Chinese. Neither, for that matter, has the old campaigner Vladimir Samsonov, who lost in the Europeans to Werner Schlager.

One feels that to pose problems for the Chinese will require a career-defining performance from someone or other: it is unlikely, but it is not to be written off.

What of the English threat? Paul Drinkhall is growing in ability all the time, although he continues to evidence a worrying tendency to lose close matches under pressure, something that we all hope he will shake free of over time. His core game is impressive, the power of his topspinning unrivalled in the history of English table tennis. Can you think of any England internationals in the sponge era who hit the ball harder? Terry Young certainly had powerful strokes, as, at times, did Gareth Herbert, Graham Sandley and Paul Day, but not in Drinkhall's class.

The youngster from Middlesbrough also has an improving touch game and a growing capacity to contain his opponents in the middle of the rallies before firing back with combinations of his own. Also worth noting is that Drinkhall is a decent and thoroughly charming young man and a considerable ambassador for English table tennis. We wish him well.

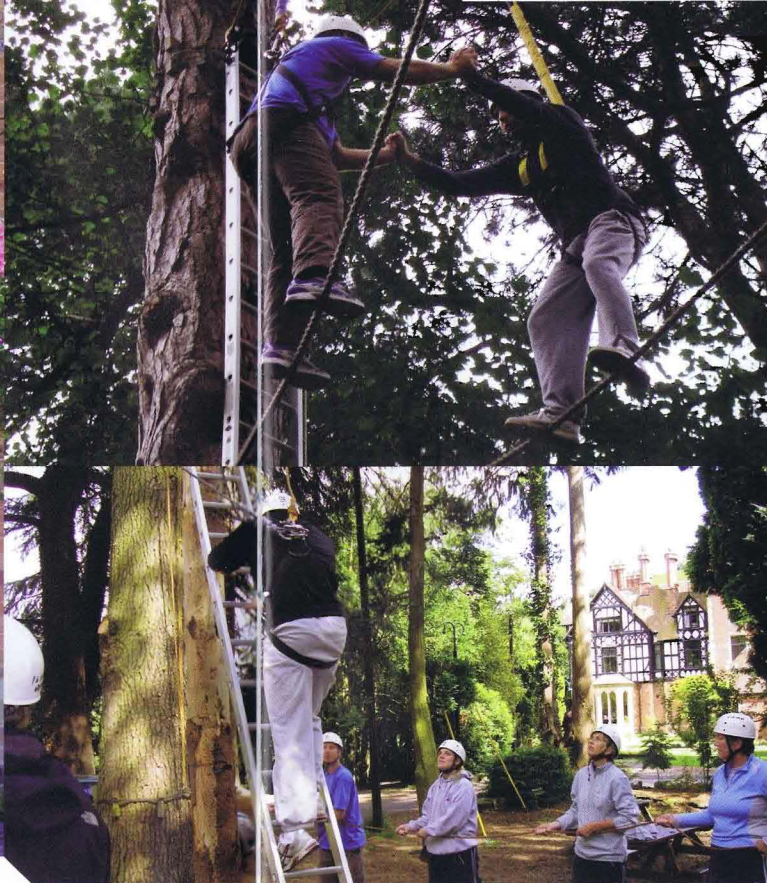
Last month in New York I spent a few days with the great Marty Reisman, one of sport's most colourful and engaging characters. As ever we spent a good few hours duelling in the basement of Sir Harold Evans's apartment block on East 57th Street, using hard bats. I mention Reisman not merely because he had so much of interest to say about the state of the game and fascinating reminiscences about the likes of Barna, Bergmann, Leach and Miles, but because the American is highly relevant to the history of the English Open.

It was Reismann, of course, who won the title in 1949 in the greatest triumph of his stellar career. He talked at engrossing length about his victory in the final over Barna observed that rationing was still in place in England at the time, despite the Second World War having finished a few years earlier. He also couldn't resist speculating about whether he would have gone on to win the World Championships in 1952 had not the advent of sponge intervened.

That, however, is a debate for another time. For now, we can look forward to the most mouth watering event to take place on these shores for years. This is not one to miss under any circumstances.



Regional Coaches



Sport England Small Grants Programme

Did you know?

You can apply for any sum from £300 to £10,000, but the total project cost cannot exceed £50,000

The Sport England Small Grants Programme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

For example, Sport England might help a sports club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or pay additional coaching fees. Or they may help youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get more young people playing sport

Who can apply?

It is open to any bona fide not-for-profit club or association, statutory body or educational establishment.

It will not fund individuals or organisations established to make a profit and distribute that profit to members.

Want to apply?

Thinking of applying for a Sport England Small Grant? Then read these guidelines to see whether your project is potentially eligible.

- Awards are for amounts from £300 to £10,000
- The total project cost should not exceed £50,000.
- Projects must be deliverable within 12 months and provide a monitoring report within 13 months of the date of the offer letter
- Projects must seek to increase participation in sport, sustain participation in sport or provide opportunities to excel at a chosen sport.
- Sporting outcomes must be the main focus of the project. Applications for projects using sport as a means to an end are acceptable, but there must be a clear sporting benefit.
- Projects must be focused only on sports currently recognised by Sport England and delivered to beneficiaries based in England.

How to apply

For more details and to apply visit www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx

Patience Pays Off

Patience is a virtue that many of us don't possess, unless of course you are a defensive player and then it is an essential skill to master

Defensive player Koji Matsushita of Japan, who brought his competitive playing career to an end after the Japanese National Championships, tested his patience to the limit to enter the record books.

As part of the television programme 32nd 24hour TV/Love saves the Earth, Matsushita with his partner Hiroshi Kimura kept their mammoth rally going for 8 hours, 34 minutes and 29 seconds, beating the previous record of 8 hours, 15 minutes and 1 second

Koji Matsushita / Japan

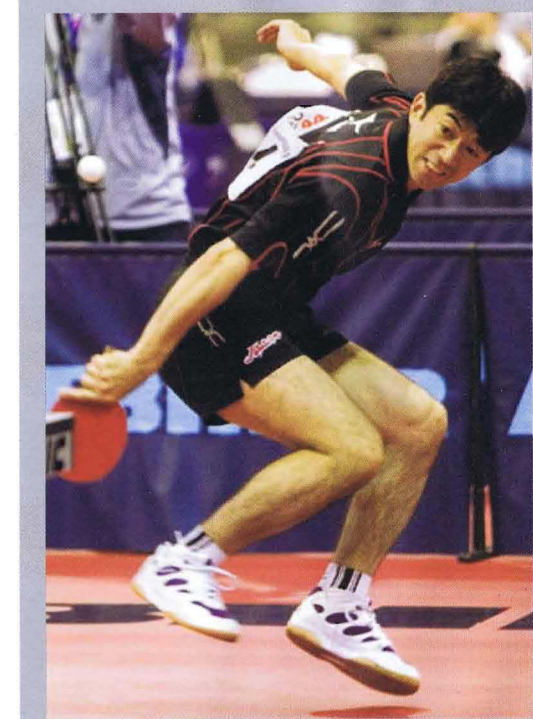


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Latest News

Regional Coaches Training Day - North Wales

The seven existing Regional Coaches were joined by new recruits (Craig Bryant, Alison Broe and Paul Whiting) for three days' staff training in the beautiful surroundings of the Welsh hills at Tyn Dwr Hall, Llangollen. The facility has recently been renovated by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) to use as a training base, but also offers team building courses to external users. The coaches were able to discuss their new work programmes with National Coaching Manager Jill Parker and enjoyed presentations from Charlie Childs (Vice-Chair Coaching) and Pete Charters (Vice-Chair Selection).

However highlights of the week were the opportunities to work as a team in a series of 'Problem Solving' exercises and the formidable 'High Ropes Course'. The coaches engaged fully with all the challenges and were able to develop a really good team ethos.

The coaches really enjoyed the experience and felt this was an ideal way for Craig, Ali and Paul to bond with the team.

TT Outperforming Other Olympic Sports

People are flocking to play table tennis according to one of the biggest surveys ever carried out into the nation's sporting activities. The Olympic sport has been given a huge boost, with figures released by Sport England showing that it is proving a big hit with the country's 16 plus age group, a key part in Sport England's ongoing Active People survey.

The survey, involving over 350,000 interviews, clearly showed that table tennis was the only one of 31 funded sports including swimming, football, gymnastics and rowing, to attract a statistically significant increase in young people taking part in sport.

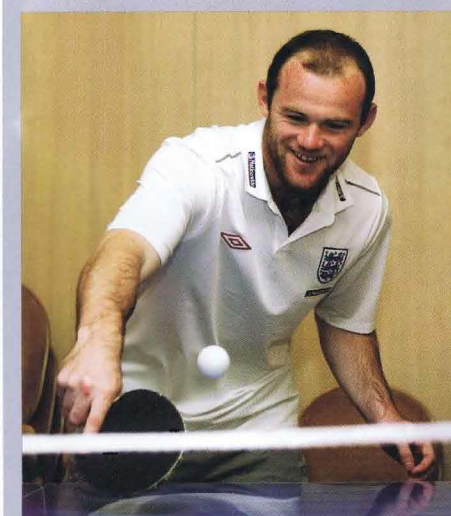
One of the legacies set out for the London 2012 Olympic Games by Sebastian Coe, the head of London's bid and the then Prime Minister, Tony Blair, was to "inspire a generation to greater sporting activity", to encourage and promote participation in sport and raise the number participating in regular sport.

Sport England's Active People Survey provides a measure of how successfully each sport is and how they are contributing to getting one million more people active in sport by 2012.

Alex Murdoch, Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association, said "These results confirm that the programmes we have put in place with Sport England are making a significant impact on our sport through the community.

Table tennis is, however, one of the sports which did not receive the full funding for its elite programme leading up to the London Games. Although the activity survey is about grass roots participation and not elite performance, it is hoped that this achievement may influence the reviews due to take place on the performance progress of Olympic sports. If the sport was given full funding to help develop and support its Olympic and potential Olympic athletes en route to 2012 success, then this could invoke an even larger boost in participation figures as the nation looks to emulate its top athletes."

Wayne Rooney / Man Utd FC



Rooney's Preparation

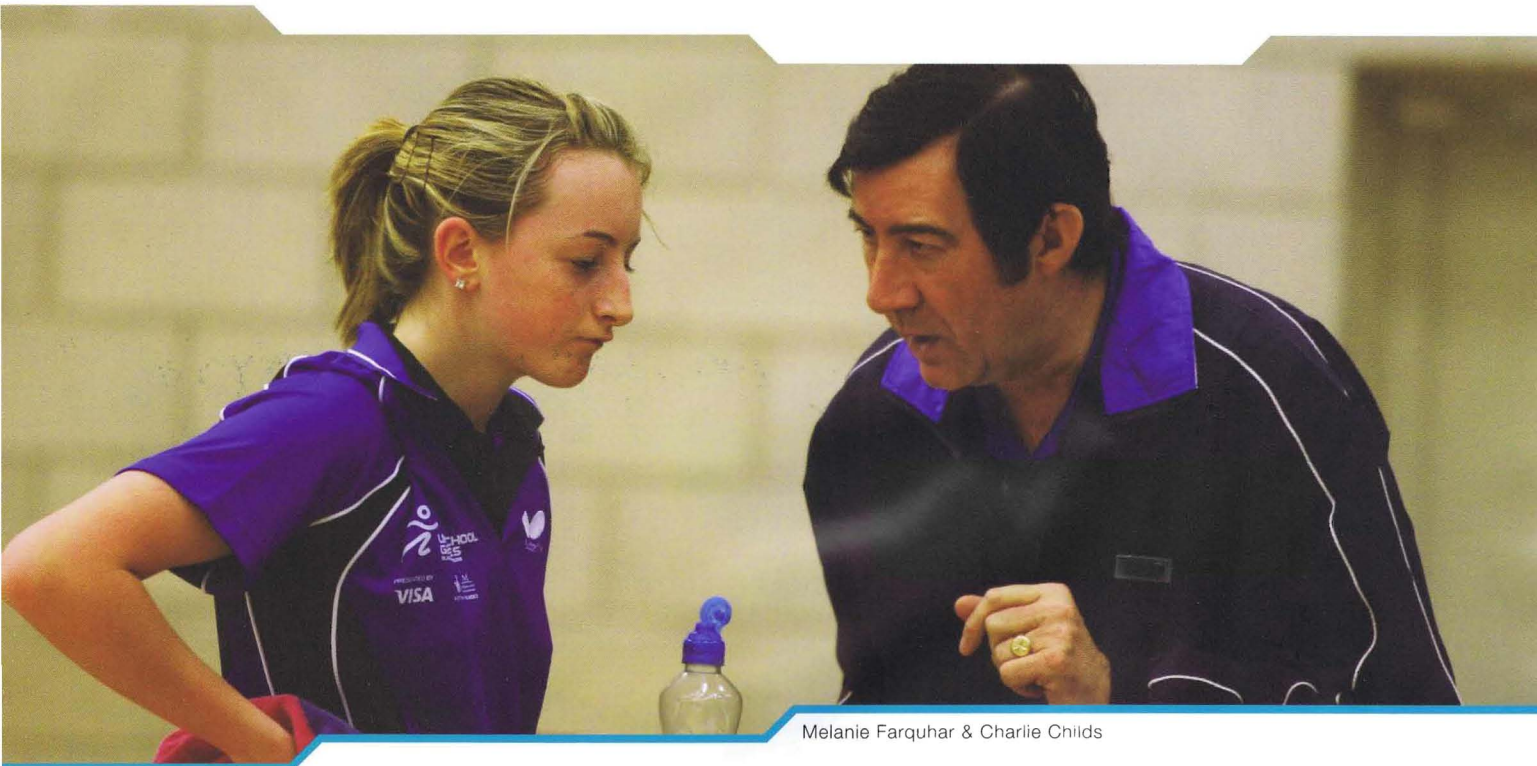
In the build up to England's latest round of international friendlies and World Cup qualifying matches, Wayne Rooney has joined the ever increasing number of world class footballers to step up to the table and play the game.

Photo Courtesy of Stuart Robinson / Daily Express

Regional Coaches Pictures / from left to right

Left / Katy Parker, Andrew Rushton, Paul Whiting, Sally Shutt, Natalie Green, Craig Bryant, Alison Broe, Aaron Fennel, Helen Lower and Matthew Stanforth

Top Right / Paul Whiting and Andrew Rushton
Bottom Right / Andrew Rushton, Paul Whiting, Katy Parker, Sally Shutt and Alison Broe



Melanie Farquhar & Charlie Childs

UK Coaching Framework & Coach Licencing

The UK Coaching Framework has been developed by sports coach UK after extensive consultation with the sports industry, with the aim of creating the world's leading coaching system by 2016.

The Framework contains five strategic action areas:

1. The UK coaching system
2. Front-line coaching
3. Support for coaches
4. A professionally regulated vocation
5. Research and development

The fourth action area contains specific action points 10 of the Framework which refers to coach licencing and registration. The ETTA, as signatories to the Framework, committed to introducing a Coach Licence Scheme by the 2008-09 season, which was achieved in November 2008.

Purpose of the Coach Licence

Whilst recognising the dedication, enthusiasm, expertise and experience of coaches, there is a need to enhance the quality of coaching provided to young people, and to ensure that they have a safe and happy experience when participating in sport.

The introduction of a Coach Licence will

- Provide a regulatory framework for coaches - a licence will indicate the holder is 'fit to coach' at the specified level.
- Raise minimum standards.
- Ensure that coaches deliver in a safe and competent manner.
- Keep coaches up-to-date through information and CPD opportunities.

Eligibility

The initial eligibility requirements for an ETTA Coach Licence are:

- Coaches must hold either one of the following qualifications:
 - o ETTA Coach Level 2 or above
 - o 1st4sport Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Table Tennis or above
- Have a valid and current (less than three years old) CRB certificate

After 2012, additional eligibility requirements will be for coaches to also have appropriate child protection and emergency life support training (as currently required for UKCC qualifications). There may also be other elements of continuous professional development (CPD), such as attendance at a regional coach update seminar. Further details of these requirements will be notified to coaches at the appropriate time.

Licence Period

The Licence period starts on 15th November each year and runs through to November 14th in the following year. Newly qualified coaches will be provided with a licence automatically through to the next 14th November after completing their award.

Summary of Benefits

Current benefits:

- Coach insurance: Civil liability cover of up to £5,000,000 and personal accident cover. (Please note the latter is not available to coaches over 75 years of age).
- Entry on the Licenced Coach list - used by schools, local authorities, county sports partnerships, etc to check that coaches are bona fide. (Please note that your contact details will not appear on this list).

The ETTA is also investigating further benefits for the future, including:

- Coaching newsletter
- Details published on the ETTA website for those coaches wishing to advertise their services.
- Improving communication to coaches.

Dave Berriman-National Coaching Manager



Andrew Rushton & Paul Drinkhall



Paul Drinkhall

On Home

It is probably the most famous and important trophy in all of British table tennis. So, when Paul Drinkhall and Desmond Douglas got together earlier this month in Sheffield, it was perhaps inevitable that the player who now represents the future of English table tennis should feel both humbled and inspired by its most legendary post-war figure.

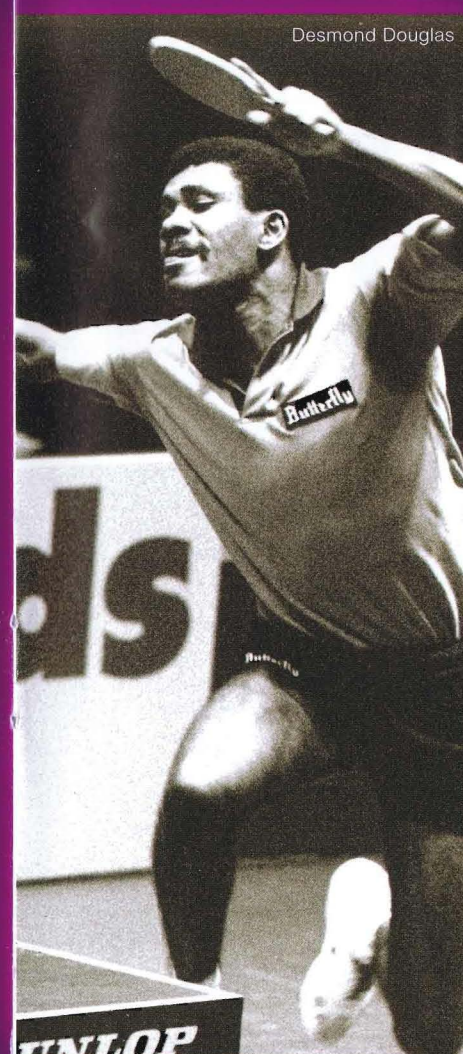
"We were inspecting the trophy together," said Douglas, "and hopefully Paul could maybe add his name to the list one day. I chat with Paul from time to time and am always happy to help. My advice? Keep going as he is. If you can win the China Open for Under 21s you must be doing something right."

"I'm hoping he does well at the English Open and the big one will be the Olympics in 2012. What a fantastic thing to have the Olympics in your own country. By 2012, it should also be his best days. The older guys now will be that bit slower and, if he gets a good draw and stays free of injury, anything is possible in your own backyard. Sport can bring all sorts of surprises."

Of course, if Drinkhall can even emulate a small proportion of Douglas's success, he will have had some career.

That much would have become evident as they studied the list of past champions on the English Open trophy. From Viktor Barna to Richard Bergmann and then Marty Reisman to Bohumil Vana, the old trophy is littered with some of the most legendary names in the sport's entire history.

Soil



Desmond Douglas

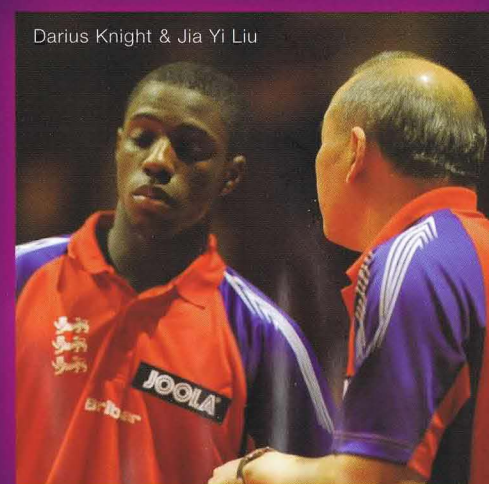
Among them, though, is Douglas, who captured the title twice in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Alongside his victories in the European Top 12 tournament and 11 – yes 11 – national men's singles titles, those results count as the best in his remarkable career.

The first of those victories actually saw him beat England team-mate Paul Day in the final, who had created an upset by ousting the late Polish champion Andrzej Grubba in the semis. Douglas then beat Broda – one of the great Czech players – in his second final. "I remember that match quite clearly," says Douglas, "I was playing really badly in practice going into the tournament and, in the final, I think I was two games down and 2-1 down in the third when he was called for a foul serve. It completely affected him and I came back to win. It was a great event – one of the most important of the whole year and something you always looked forward to. It is up with all the Opens in the world. To have one in your own back-yard is just fantastic and to win is even better."

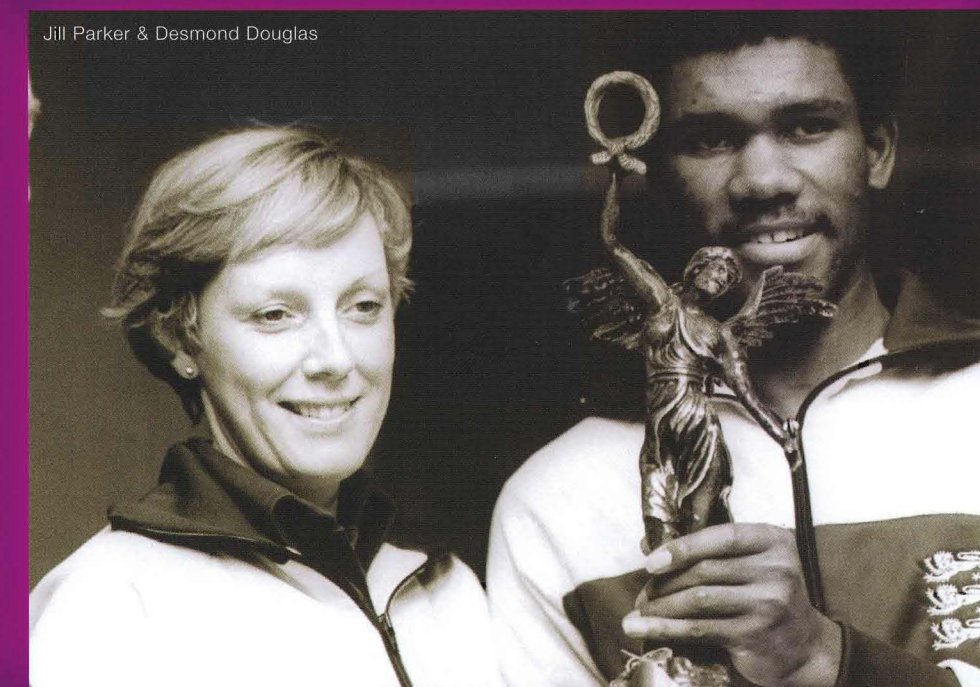
Indeed, upon researching this article, a familiar remark from past players is that the English Open is the table tennis equivalent of Wimbledon. In past years it attracted huge crowds when it was held at both the Royal Albert Hall and the iconic Brighton Corn Exchange.

Jill Hammersley-Parker, who was also the women's European champion in 1976, was twice a winner of the ladies singles, while Di Rowe was a multiple champion in the doubles events. The event has not been held since 2001, but returns for the 65th time as English table tennis prepares to host the Olympic tournament in 2012. It already promises to be the leading global event of the year, with the formidable Chinese all heading to the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

So far, all of the world's top five players are confirmed in the event, as well as representatives from more than 30 different nations. It is one of only four ITTF Major Pro-Tour events this year, the others being Japan, Germany and China. As well as the \$172,000 in prize money on offer, the huge television audience in the Far East will make it one of the most watched sporting events in England this year. For the British players, it is also a rare chance to compete against the best in the world on home soil.

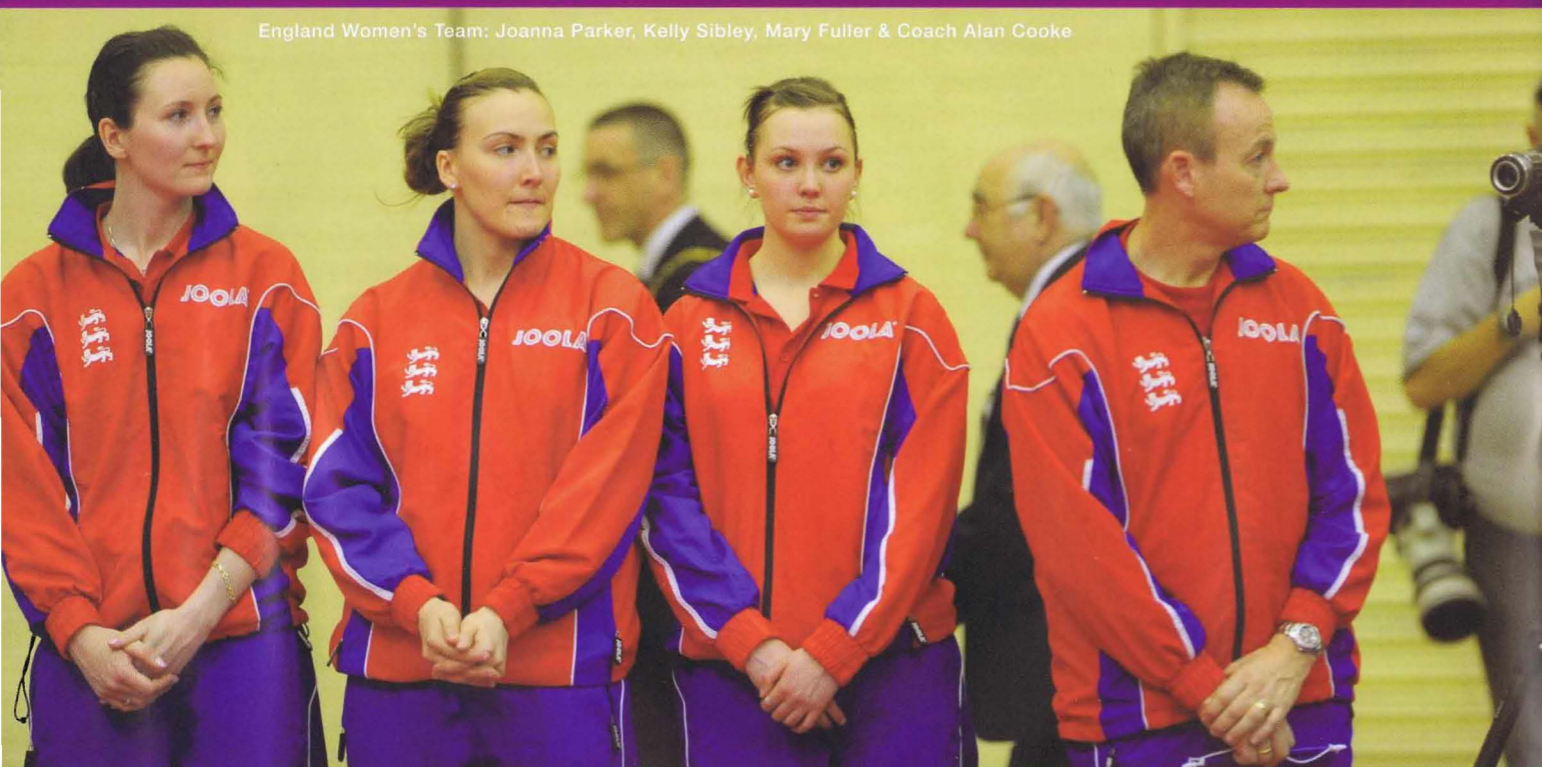


Darius Knight & Jia Yi Liu



Jill Parker & Desmond Douglas

England Women's Team: Joanna Parker, Kelly Sibley, Mary Fuller & Coach Alan Cooke



"My ultimate ambition is to win gold at London 2012 and success at this event would be one step closer to achieving this," said Drinkhall. "The facilities and coaching we have at the National Training Centre at EIS Sheffield are truly first class and hopefully I can use this to my advantage at the English Open.

"My game has come on quite a bit – I think the main thing about my improvement recently is my head. Hopefully I can be up there with Des. It's going to be amazing, my family and friends will be there, all the people supporting me. When you go abroad, the other players have big support and it gives them a bit extra."

At the recent English Open launch event, Douglas was persuaded to pick up his bat and there was even an attempt at the world speed hitting record with Drinkhall. They were unsuccessful, although Douglas had previously broken the record back in the 1980s on the BBC television programme 'Record Breakers'.

Seeing him practice with Drinkhall, it was clear that, even at the age of 54, he remains some player. So would Douglas consider returning to the veteran scene? "I'm not sure if that would be fair," he says, "I was beating them before. I wouldn't get too excited about that. I would be more interested in playing the younger players and testing my game against them, although I enjoy the coaching and I'm very busy with it. It interests me more to help the kids and try and help that development from club to county and then to a national standard player. I'm also really looking forward to the English Open – it's a shame that it was ever stopped, but it should be some event and it is just fantastic that the best players in the world will be here."

Jeremy Wilson

The Ones to Watch

European Champion Michael Maze

One of the most prominent European players within the global game over the past decade. Over recent years Maze has been plagued by injury, however, in 2009 he has returned stronger and fitter than ever, this is underlined by his exceptional performances at the recent European Championships in Stuttgart where he was crowned Champion. "This has been the championships of my career. I played the best table tennis in my life in Stuttgart. This is the best Maze ever". Expect great things from this exceptional left hander at the English Open as he is clearly in the form of his life.

Innovator Dimitrij Ovtcharov

At the tender age of 20 Ovtcharov managed to break into the prestigious top 10. Perhaps his greatest achievement to date has been winning a team silver with the German team at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Ovtcharov is known on the international circuit as a perfectionist and innovator; he has an expansive game with attacking flair; he is probably most recognised for his unique serving style, which has obscurely earned him a place in Time magazine's top 50 inventions of 2008!

Former World Number 1 Timo Boll

When Timo Boll first picked up a bat at the age of four he looked destined to become a table tennis superstar. By the age of just 14 he was playing in the German Bundesliga. In 2003 Boll reached the top of the global game becoming world number one. He has three European Championships, a World Cup and a host of ITTF Pro Tour victories to his name. Boll is one of only a handful of European players who has been able to counter the formidable Chinese.

Timo Boll & Dimitrij Ovtcharov



Olympic Champion Ma Lin

His ability to dispatch world-class opponents has kept him within the ITTF world top five since February 2002. China's Head Coach Liu Guoliang says "in analytical powers and ability to vary his playing tactics, Ma Lin has few equals" high praise from the former Olympic Champion. Ma Lin holds the professional era record of 70 major titles which includes 7 World Cups and 3 Olympic gold's.

Current English Open Champion Wang Liquin

Wang Liquin a player considered to have the greatest forehand drive in the world, was selected for the men's national squad aged just 15. Some 15 years later he is still a dominant force within the world of table tennis and as the current English Open Champion is the one to beat.

Young Sensation Ma Long

In addition to three Chinese masters there is also an exciting new kid on the block, Ma Long; a 20 year old sensation who is undoubtedly the emerging star of Chinese table tennis. Ma Long has held the top position in the World Under 21 ranking list since February 2006 and has consistently been a threat to his senior compatriots. Aged just 18 Ma Long took his first senior title at the Salwa Cup Kuwait Open, overcoming the then world number 1 Ma Lin.



Wang Hao

World Number 1 Wang Hao

Wang Hao, aged just 25, has achieved almost every honour on the world stage. With an incredible 89.4% win average this season, he is undoubtedly a true master of his art and the top exponent of a new wave of penhold players with the ability to attack and defend strongly down both wings. He will be hoping to add to his impressive collection of 13 ITTF Pro Tour victories following a relatively barren spell of only one title in 15 months.

Tournament Review



Chloe Whyte, Melissa Wright, Karina Le Fevre, Mary Fuller & coach Jane Durham

England North East team UK School Games Trophy winners

UK School Games

Newport, South Wales / 3rd-6th September 2009

The table tennis squads from five English regions, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales took part in the UK School Games which were jointly hosted by the cities of Cardiff, Newport and Swansea, with table tennis being staged at the Newport International Village.

The eight regional delegations playing in the team and individual championships were joined by players competing in wheelchair, standing and learning disability events

In the Boys' Team Championship, England South West (Richard Andrews, Jonathan Evans, David McBeath, Alistair Brown) and Northern Ireland (Neil Irwin, Paul McCreery, Ashley Robinson, Stephen Slater) won their respective groups. In the semi-finals, Northern Ireland had a comfortable win over England South East, but England South West were pushed hard by England Midlands, winning 4-3 to reach the final. England South West took the title with a 4-1 victory.

Top seeds, England North East (Mary Fuller, Karina Le Fevre, Chloe Whyte, Melissa Wright), and England Midlands (Emily Bates, Lucy Davidson, Abbie Milwain, Natalie Slater) met in the Girls' Team final, but had to overcome a strong Welsh team. The replay of the 2008 final ended with the same result - a 4-2 win to the North East girls.

The Wheelchair event culminated with Jack Pegram (England South East) against Jack Hunter-Spivey (England North West), both unbeaten before their final match. Pegram fought hard to retain the title he had held for two years, but a closely contested final saw new champion Hunter-Spivey winning 3 games to 2. Ryan Spinks (England South East) took the Learning Disability crown with 3-0 wins over all other competitors. Aaron McKibbin (England South East) retained his Standing Disability title with a straight sets win over Ashley Facey-Thompson (England South East) in the final.

In the Girls' Individual Championships, following qualification from groups, the quarter-finals saw familiar faces from the English teams. Karina Le Fevre (England North East) beating Natalie Slater (England Midlands) 3 games to 1 and Lucy Davidson (England Midlands) beating Yolanda King (England South East) by the same score. Melissa Wright (England North East) needed five games to beat Chloe Whyte (England North East) and Rachel Baker (England North West) was also taken to the fifth before beating the youngest competitor in the event, Tin-Tin Ho (England South East). Le Fevre and Wright went on to meet in the final with Karina Le Fevre winning 11-5, 11-13, 11-3, 11-5 to retain her title.

Ireland had already stamped some authority in the Boys' Team to win their first medal in the history of the games. All the top seeds qualified from their groups with relative ease. Sean Cullen (England Midlands), Paul McCreery (Northern Ireland), David McBeath (England South West) and Richard Andrews (England South West) reached the semis, taking potential winners out of the event. McCreery beat Cullen and McBeath beat Andrews to claim their place in the final. As always, this proved to be up to the expectations of a UKSG final, with Paul McCreery taking the championship 5-11, 11-7, 11-5, 8-11, 11-4.

For full results see the UK School Games website www.ukschoolgames.com

John Arnold

Team Championships - Final Positions

	Boys	Girls
1st	England - South West	England - North East
2nd	Northern Ireland	England - Midlands
3rd	England - South East	England - South East
4th	England - Midlands	Wales
5th	Scotland	England - South West
6th	England - North West	Scotland
7th	England - North East	England - North West
8th	Wales	Northern Ireland

Individual Championships - Final Positions

Standing - Disability:

1st	Aaron McKibbin (South East)
2nd	Ashley Facey-Thompson (South East)
3rd	Andrew Harper (North West)

Wheelchair - Disability:

1st	Jack Hunter-Spivey (North West)
2nd	Jack Pegram (South East)
3rd	Hannah Coulthurst (North East)

Learning - Disability:

1st	Ryan Spinks (South East)
2nd	Alex Southern (Midlands)
3rd	Michael Brown (Midlands)

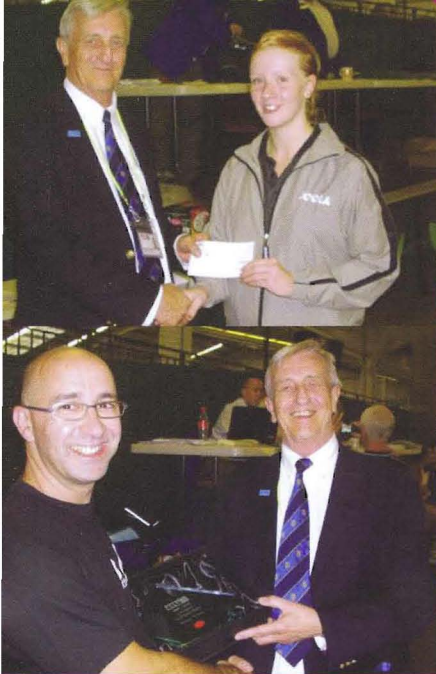
Boys:

1st	Paul McCreery (Northern Ireland)
2nd	David McBeath (South West)
3rd=	Sean Cullen (Midlands)
	Richard Andrews (South West)

Girls:

1st	Karina Le Fevre (North East)
2nd	Melissa Wright (North East)
3rd=	Lucy Davidson (Midlands)
	Rachel Baker (North West)

UK School Games Trophy: England - North East



TL. Harvey Webb & Natalie Slater / Liverpool GP Women's Band 1 winner BL. Ivan Lewis & Harvey Webb / Liverpool GP Veterans' Singles winner

R: Matt Ware & Damien Nicholls / Exeter GP Men's Singles winner & runner-up respectively

City Of Liverpool Grand Prix

Supported by Tees Sport / 22nd-23rd August 2009

The 80th anniversary City of Liverpool Grand Prix, supported by Tees Sport, again enjoyed a large enthusiastic entry, thereby maintaining its reputation as an ideal tournament to open the season

Men's Open:

Gavin Rumgay (Scotland), the holder for the past three years, squared up against Darius, who en route to the penultimate stage dropped just one game, which was to Scotland's Gerry Campbell in the last 32. He stepped up a gear after that, conceding a total of just eleven points in the preceding three games.

The final, as so many over the years in Liverpool have been, was a sparkling affair, which kept the crowd of more than 200, on their toes. The England number two kicked off in fine style, taking the opening game 11-7, the holder, though, recovering well to forge a 2-1 lead with some tremendous and varied counter attacking play. Rumgay, the first man to win the Liverpool title three years in a row, had to contend with Knight's excellently disguised spin serves, which ultimately was the key to his success. He was made to sweat in the fourth, but weathered a spell of fine play by the England number two and although failing to take his first match point at 10-9, took the title on his fourth to win 15-13. The encounter was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a credit not only to the players but was a great advert for the sport. Rumgay's success moves him level on four men's titles with Johnny Leach and Denis Neale, while Victor Barna has five to his credit.

Women's Open:

The women's event contained five of the top ten in England, Karina Le Fevre (Cv) a losing semi-finalist to the eventual champion Liu Na a year ago, was seeded at one this year, but fell at the penultimate stage, again, to the eventual champion Egle Adomelyte (Mi), 11-3 in the decider. Second seed, Amanda Moge (Ireland), fared even worse, departing in the quarters to Lancashire's Lindsey Reynolds who then dismissed Klaudia Szadkowska (Mi) 3-1. Lindsey, ranked at seven in England, had won her three previous rounds 3-1 and took the opening game 12-10 against Egle in the final, before being comfortably beaten in the next 11-5. The England number four made it 2-1 and edged home in the fourth 11-9 to claim the title for the first time.

Under 21 Men's Singles:

England number 2 and top seed Darius Knight conceded a walkover at the first round stage which left Damien Nicholls as the favourite. He duly qualified accounting for Mark Simpson (Du) 3-1 in the last four. Ireland's Ashley Robinson, the beneficiary of Knight's withdrawal, pushed Craig Hardie (Scotland) (the runner-up in the Band One final) all the way, losing 11-8 in the fifth. Sean Doherty, also from Scotland, put a halt to Hardie's charge 3-1 in the last four before Nicholls took the title by three games to one.

Under 21 Women's Singles:

Rarely does the champion from the previous season repeat their success by retaining the title, which is what this

season's top seed, Karina Le Fevre (Cv) was aiming to achieve. The final was a nip and tuck affair, Karina taking the first game and Mary Fuller the second, the holder, though, with a slightly stronger game, winning the next two to retain the crown

Men's Band One:

Kevin Dolder, runner-up to Craig Hardie (Scotland) in the group matches, got the chance for another crack at the Scot when they met in the final. This time it was Dolder that came out on top taking the win after five ends.

Women's Band One:

The final produced a fine contest between Natalie Slater (St) and Mary Fuller (Y), the former accounting for top seed Melissa Wright (Ys) in straight games and Gillian Edwards (Scotland) 3-1. Mary, coached by legendary Estonian, Hans Soova, chalked up 3-1 wins over Chloe Thomas (Wales) and Lancashire's Rachel Baker 11-7 in the fifth. Natalie edged the opener 13-11, dropped the next, but took the fourth 11-9 before sweeping to victory 11-3 in the decider.

Donald Davies



Egle Adomelyte & Keta Myskova
Exeter GP Women's Singles winner & runner-up

Exeter Grand Prix

Supported by Bribar / 12th-13th September 2009

The start of the eagerly awaited Southern series of Bribar supported Grand Prix events got under way on Saturday 12th September at the eighteen table venue of Exeter University's Streatham Campus sports hall

After a summer break it was brilliant to be back amongst the action that came thick and fast with all the players seemingly refreshed and eager to make an impact. Table tennis is so much more than just matches - it's about life, emotion, passion and some of the highs and lows that we can experience!

Undoubtedly the event of the morning session went to the Women's Band 2. A young lady that hails from North Wales, Megan Phillips showed tremendous attitude to come back from an early defeat in the group stages against top seeded Penny Perry to bounce back in style eventually taking the title from a spirited Vicky Smith. England cadet international Lewis Gray cruised to his first Men's Band 4 title at the expense of Lee Morgan from Wales, in a very one sided final. Lewis oozed with confidence throughout and his experience shone through. Dropping only one set en route to the title and that from rookie player Favour Gariga in the penultimate round, Lewis ran out a comfortable winner.

The concluding Men's events were finished later in the day, with once again Lewis Gray demonstrating the immense talent he possesses by terminating all his challengers to take Band 3. Lewis enjoyed victories over Lloyd Gregory, Scott Cundy and finalist Nick Brown.

A new kid on the block, Favour Gariga a 20 year old from Nigeria (who incidentally plays professional football for Winchester Town), was the main man in Men's Band 5. Gariga displays a unique talent with heavy spin on the forehand and good backhand serves to frustrate all his opponents, namely Matt Lancey, Phil Marshall, Stephen Foster and finalist Josh Jenkins to run out a worthy Band 5 champion.

On day 2 the Men's Open went exactly to seeding with Damien Nicholls S1 and Matt Ware S2, both members of the Alex Perry run Grantham Table Tennis Academy, fighting out the final.

Both these players had to battle their way through the rounds to reach this stage as

there were no easy rides along the way.

The Damien Nicholls v Matt Ware final was played in a friendly yet ultra competitive spirit. Nicholls took an early 1 set lead with his razor sharp blocking and re-looping skills using all areas of the table. Ware came back strongly to level with blistering attacking on both wings. The third end was almost a carbon copy of the first where Nicholls seemed impenetrable, taking a 2-1 lead. The excitement built to a crescendo in the fourth with Damien looking the steadier of the two, and more likely winner. Ware then found even more pace and penetration to level at 2-2 and from there on in Matt took control with his lightning spin and speed using every inch of the table to close out a great final 11-4.

Could the Women's Open event prove as exciting as the Men's - simple answer, oh yes! With the results going almost to seeding to set up the much expected attack v defence final with Egle and Keta. Literally every point was a spectacle of long rallies with up to 30 returns to win a point. There was nothing to separate these two magnificent players and as expected it went to a fifth end. The enthralled audience were treated to a spectacular show of the highest order with patient and controlled attacking from Adomelyte, whilst Myskova just kept getting everything back with heavy chop and cute placement. In a tense last few points Egle kept her total focus to close out a memorable final 12-10. An absolutely outstanding and unforgettable contest!

In the Under 21 Women's, top seed Rachel Greener fell to Jas Ould in the first round who became favourite on route to meeting Charlotte Carey in the final. Charlotte grew in stature and belief to take the final by 3 sets to 1, and a nice glassware trophy back to South Wales. A brilliant effort!

In the Under 21 Men's event there was a repeat of the earlier Men's Open final. Ware seemed the more energetic and took the match to Damien with all guns blazing and soon got the upper hand to run out a 3-0 winner.

The Bribar player of the tournament award and a £50 voucher was presented to Lewis Gray for his outstanding results throughout the two days' play.

Geoff Ware, ETTA Grand Prix Press Officer

City of Liverpool GP Results

Men's Singles Gavin Rungay bt.

Darius Knight 7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 15-13

Women's Singles Egle Adomelyte bt.

Lindsey Reynolds 10-12, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9

Men's Band 1 Kevin Dolder bt.

Craig Hardie 11-9, 10-12, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9

Men's Band 2 Tomasz Rzeszotko bt.

Kevin Caldon 11-9, 11-7, 11-5

Men's Band 3 Joe Hurdley bt.

Remata Sherwin 11-7, 15-13, 13-11

Men's Band 4 Sam Logue bt.

Maciek Szymanski 12-10, 11-6, 13-11

Men's Band 5 Maciek Szymanski bt.

Michael Lunn 4-11, 6-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-9

Men's Band 6 Kristof Pinter bt.

Dean Cundy 4-11, 11-6, 11-9, 9-11, 11-6

Under 21 Men Damien Nicholls bt.

Sean Doherty 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 13-11

Women's Band 1 Natalie Slater bt.

Mary Fuller 13-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-3

Women's Band 2 Gillian Edwards bt.

Angharad Phillips 11-8, 11-8, 11-4

Women's Band 3 Charlotte Airey bt.

Janay Gibson 11-9, 3-11, 11-9, 11-9

Under 21 Women Karina Le Fevre bt.

Mary Fuller 11-6, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8

Mixed Restricted Matt Pernet bt.

Adam Laws 7-11, 10-12, 11-7, 12-10, 11-8

Mixed Veterans Ivan Lewis bt.

Tony Wilson 9-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-6

Exeter GP Results

Men's Open Matt Ware (Ha) bt.

Damien Nicholls (Sp) 4-11, 11-3, 5-11, 14-12, 11-4

Women's Open Egle Adomelyte (Mi) bt.

Keta Myskova (Dv) 11-8, 5-11, 11-7, 9-11, 12-10

Under 21 Men's Matt Ware (Ha) bt.

Damien Nicholls (Sp) 11-8, 11-6, 11-9

Under 21 Women's Charlotte Carey (WAL) bt.

Jas Ould (K) 9-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-2

Mixed Veterans Paul Whiting (Dv) bt.

Julien Gittens (Y) 11-6, 11-1, 11-3

Mixed Restricted Jonathan Crawford (Cu) bt.

Adam Laws (Sy) 9-11, 11-3, 9-11, 11-7, 11-5

Men's Band 1 Mark Simpson (Du) bt.

David McBeath (Ha) 13-11, 12-10, 11-8.

Women's Band 1 Sally Smith (Dv) bt.

Michele Cohen (Wi) 4-11, 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 11-4

Men's Band 2 Dash Zhang (Sx) bt.

Lloyd Gregory (Av) 11-6, 11-3, 6-11, 11-6

Women's Band 2 Megan Phillips (WAL)

bt. Vicky Smith (Dv) 11-9, 10-12, 5-11, 11-9, 11-7

Men's Band 3 Lewis Gray (K) bt.

Nick Brown (WAL) 11-7, 9-11, 11-3, 11-8

Women's Band 3 Vicky Smith (Dv) bt.

Tressa Armitage (Ha) 13-11, 11-8, 11-8

Men's Band 4 Lewis Gray (K) bt.

Lee Morgan (WAL) 11-1, 11-7, 11-3

Men's Band 5 Favour Gariga (Do) bt.

Josh Jenkins (WAL) 11-5, 11-4, 3-11, 8-11, 11-9

Men's Band 6 Dan Moore (Dv) bt.

Sam Rose (Dv) 9-11, 7-11, 13-11, 11-5, 11-7



Hannah Hicks / Bournemouth

British League

Bournemouth and Hastings make perfect starts

New team Bournemouth Sports and relegated Hastings look to be on a second weekend collision course, after both sides made perfect starts to the season in Division 4 South of the Senior British Table Tennis League. It is Bournemouth who lead the way with a superb record of 30 games out of 32, with Hastings only two games adrift.

Bournemouth operating with a squad of five players - experienced hands Brian Garraway and Brian Burn and three very promising younger players - Matthew Haynes, Nathan Bingham and Stephen Foster, ran riot beating Metropolitan Police (8-0), Waterside (7-1), Pavilion Brighton III (7-1) and third placed Ellenborough (8-0). Such was their level of domination that they came perilously close to winning all 32 sets. The two games they lost were both surrendered by the narrowest margins, with Matthew Haynes succumbing 11-6, 10-12, 11-4, 6-11, 14-16 to Christos Hanides and Brian Burn missing out by a tantalising 9-11, 12-10, 10-12, 13-11, 10-12 margin against an inspired Sarah Stedman. With players of the calibre of Tony Clayton, Mark Wicker and Hannah Hicks on their books as well, this really is a top-class Division 4 side.

Ellenborough were well and truly put to the sword and although they lost four games in the fourth end, it was the Bournemouth side led by an undefeated Brian Garraway in the number one position (eight wins out of eight for the weekend) who called the shots. Matthew Haynes used his cast-iron defence allied with his very spiny forehand loop to ease past Steve Kerns 11-8, 9-11, 6-11, 11-8, 11-7 and he added a second win with an equally determined display, beating Paul Martindill 7-11, 1-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-7. The "old warrior", Brian Burn, somehow pulled back from the brink of defeat to beat Martindill 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, whilst the speedy Nathan Bingham's excellent footwork was instrumental as he beat both Dave Langham (9-11, 11-3, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6) and Chris Marlow (11-2, 8-11, 11-4, 11-9).

Hastings used a larger squad, and their leading player Paul Barry enthused "we are definitely a stronger team than last year when we were relegated". Their record speaks for itself as they beat Waterside (6-2), BATTs Team Peniel III (7-1), Westbury White Horses (7-1) and Metropolitan Police (8-0). Dave Butler, Matt Porter, Nick Standen and Robin Gibbs played on the Saturday whilst Paul Barry, Dave Butler, Rosemary Rainton and Nathan

Darby played on the Sunday. Butler looks to be an excellent acquisition and he won all eight of his singles. This included an excellent 7-11, 12-10, 6-11, 17-15, 11-8 success against Christos Hanides. In another hard-fought set, Waterside's Paul May made his mark by beating Matt Porter 12-10, 13-15, 13-15, 11-9, 11-8, whilst BATTs's fast-improving Luke Walsh also got the better of Porter in five ends: 11-8, 3-11, 4-11, 11-7, 11-5. Rosemary Rainton played well against Metropolitan Police and looked particularly sharp when downing Keith Fung 11-6, 11-7, 11-7.

Westbury White Horses had to wait until round four to pick up their first victory, but they will be pleased with their perseverance. Andrew Hodges was their match-winner and he beat BATTs Team Peniel's Alex Holland 11-2, 9-11, 11-3, 15-13, as well as Daniel Groome 12-10, 11-8, 11-7. Although trailing 5-0 BATTs hit back with real determination. Holland got the better of Phil Marshall 6-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9, Michael Barthee saw off David Walton 10-12, 11-5, 8-11, 13-11, 11-6, and a determined Evangeline Collier pulled through to beat Chris Pickard 5-11, 11-8, 12-10, 15-13.

Steve Kerns, British League Press Officer

Tables

PREMIER DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Drumchapel Glasgow I	4	0	0	29	3	8
Westfield I	3	1	0	19	13	7
Batts Team Peniel I	2	0	2	18	14	4
DHS Greenhouse Progress I	1	2	1	17	15	4
Sycamore	1	2	1	14	18	4
Ormesby I	0	3	1	13	19	3
Ellenborough I	0	1	3	11	21	1
Derwent I	0	1	3	7	25	1

DIVISION 1 SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fusion I	4	0	0	22	10	8
Pavilion Brighton I	3	0	1	20	12	6
Woolwell I	3	0	1	20	12	6
DHS Greenhouse Progress II	2	0	2	15	17	4
Batts Team Peniel II	1	1	2	14	18	3
Cippenham I	0	2	2	14	18	2
Urban Progress I	0	2	2	12	20	2
Generation 2 I	0	1	3	11	21	1

DIVISION 1 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
TTK Greenhouse	4	0	0	26	6	8
Mossford I	2	2	0	19	13	6
Cippenham II	2	1	1	16	16	5
Fusion II	1	2	1	15	17	4
Sportingbet Guernsey I	1	1	2	15	17	3
Kingfisher	1	1	2	13	19	3
Olop Impact I	1	0	3	13	19	2
Brighton City I	0	1	3	11	21	1

DIVISION 1 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Drumchapel Glasgow II	4	0	0	27	5	8
Ormesby II	3	1	0	23	9	7
Elgre Nottingham I	2	0	2	16	16	4
Grantham	1	2	1	13	19	4
Northfield I	1	1	2	16	16	3
Halton I	1	1	2	15	17	3
Barrow Fastbats I	1	1	2	14	18	3
Sheffield	0	0	4	4	28	0

DIVISION 2 SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ashford II	3	0	1	23	9	6
Pavilion Brighton II	3	0	1	19	13	6
York Gardens I	2	1	1	19	13	5
DHS Greenhouse Progress III	2	1	1	18	14	5
Horsham II	2	0	2	13	19	4
Fellows Cranleigh	1	1	2	13	19	3
Westfield II	0	2	2	11	21	2
Bedford Modern I	0	1	3	12	20	1

DIVISION 2 SOUTH AND WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
York Gardens II	3	1	0	23	9	7
Ashford I	3	0	1	23	9	6
Horsham I	3	0	1	19	13	6
B & S Group	2	1	1	17	15	5
Woolwell II	2	1	1	15	17	5
Cippenham III	1	1	2	14	18	3
Club Cornwall	0	0	4	9	23	0
Urban Progress II	0	0	4	8	24	0

DIVISION 2 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield	3	1	0	24	8	7
Burton Uxbridge I	3	1	0	24	8	7
Halton II	2	1	1	16	16	5
Woodfield I	2	0	2	18	14	4
Drumchapel Glasgow III	2	0	2	16	16	4
Derwent II	1	2	1	16	16	4
Barrow Fastbats II	0	1	3	6	26	1
Elgre Nottingham II	0	0	4	8	24	0

DIVISION 3 SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
DHS Greenhouse Progress IV	4	0	0	27	5	8
De Vere Netts	4	0	0	23	9	8
Fusion III	3	0	1	23	9	6
Mossford II	1	2	1	17	15	4
Woolwell III	1	1	2	12	20	3
Crusaders	1	0	3	12	20	2
Horsham III	0	1	3	7	25	1
Inspire Bognor Regis	0	0	4	7	25	0

DIVISION 3 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Godalming	4	0	0	26	6	8
Nwf	2	2	0	21	11	6
Olop Impact II	2	1	1	16	16	5
Howard	2	0	2	15	17	4
Keyworth	1	1	2	13	19	3
Brighton City II	0	2	2	14	18	2
Britannia Ipswich	1	0	3	13	19	2
Generation	2	1	1	0	3	2

DIVISION 3 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ormesby III	4	0	0	24	8	8
Drumchapel Glasgow IV	3	1	0	20	12	7
Formby	1	2	1	16	16	4
Smiths Wood Bribar	1	2	1	16	16	4
Northfield II	2	0	2	15	17	4
Rotherham Scorpions	1	1	2	14	18	3
Pudsey I	0	1	3	12	20	1
St Mary's Hull	0	1	3	11	21	1

DIVISION 4 SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bournemouth Sports	4	0	0	30	2	8
Hastings	4	0	0	28	4	8
Pavilion Brighton III	3	0	1	16	16	6
Ellenborough II	2	1	1	15	17	5
Westbury White Horses	1	1	2	13	19	3
Batts Team Peniel III	0	1	3	11	21	1
Waterside	0	1	3	10	22	1
Metropolitan Police	0	0	4	5	27	0

DIVISION 4 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

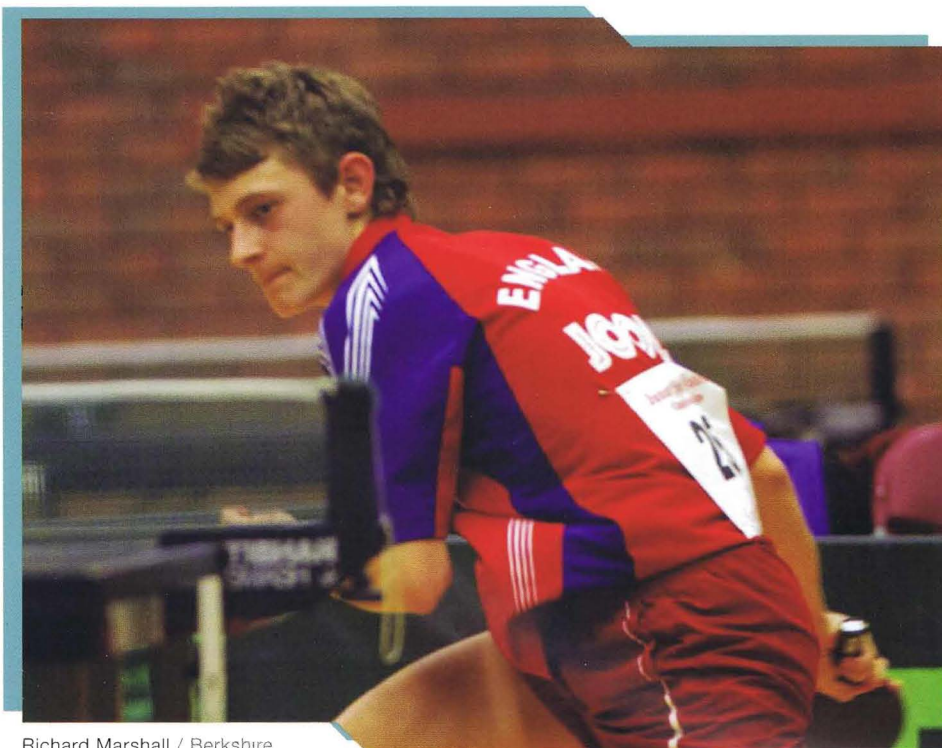
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Woodfield II	4	0	0	30	2	8
Bedford Modern II	2	0	2	17	15	4
Morpeth Greenhouse TTK	2	0	2	16	16	4
Sportingbet Guernsey II	2	0	2	15	17	4
DHS Greenhouse Progress V	2	0	2	15	17	4
Yaxley Royal British Legion	2	0	2	15	17	4
York Gardens III	1	0	3	11	21	2
Ashford III	1	0	3	9	23	2

DIVISION 4 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Briar Redlands Rookies	4	0	0	28	4	8
Ormesby IV	3	0	1	19	13	6
Team Matlock	2	1	1	15	17	5
Manchester	2	0	2	18	14	4
Stiga Hartlepool	1	1	2	14	18	3
Halton III	1	1	2	14	18	3
Pudsey II	0	2	2	10	22	2
Isle of Man	0	1	3	10	22	1

DIVISION 5 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Woodfield III	4	0	0	32	0	8
Cliffdale Chandlers	4	0	0	22	10	8
Northfield III	3	0	1	21	11	6
Ormesby V	2	1	1	16	16	5
Rugby	1	1	2	12	20	3
Arbory	0	1	3	9	23	1
Team Thameside	0	1	3	9	23	1
Spartans	0	0	4	7	25	0



Richard Marshall / Berkshire

County Notes

Berkshire by Colin Dyke

At the end of May the whole county mourned the death of John Cunningham, a contributor to this column for 10 years. John was the ultimate motivator and introduced hundreds of youngsters in to the sport. John was one of those people who could never stop himself volunteering when a job needed doing and when he did, the job was tackled wholeheartedly. He will be very sadly missed by all of us.

The new county rankings at the commencement of the season are as follows:

Men

1. Richard Andrews
2. David Barr
3. Martin Adams
4. Tom Maynard
5. Hari Gehlot
6. Mark Banks
7. Stuart Williams
8. Ramesh Gehlot
9. Steve Murgatroyd
10. Bela Hegedus

Ladies

1. Melanie Farquhar
2. Susan Johnson
3. Rachel Farquhar
4. Ayonija Sundararajan
5. Lisa Sprackling
6. Mary Allen
7. Julie Evans
8. Emma Human
9. Megan Knowles
10. Maria Tsapsinos

Junior Boys

1. Richard Andrews
2. Daniel Moses
3. Liam McTiernan
4. Jarred Knowles
5. Daniel McTiernan
6. Hanson Xu
7. Tony Lee White
8. George Dodd
9. Michael Houghton
10. Connor Manley

Junior Girls

1. Rachel Farquhar
2. Ayonija Sundararajan
3. Megan Knowles
4. Maria Tsapsinos
5. Maria Shahzad
6. Fiona Taylur
7. Emma Ashley

After their promotion, the county senior first team look forward to the challenge of the Premier Division once again this season. It will be tough but there is optimism that they are this time good enough to retain their place. The second team have a new captain and organiser, Stuart Williams, whilst it's good to report that Berkshire will have a strong junior team again this season under the management of Adam McTiernan.

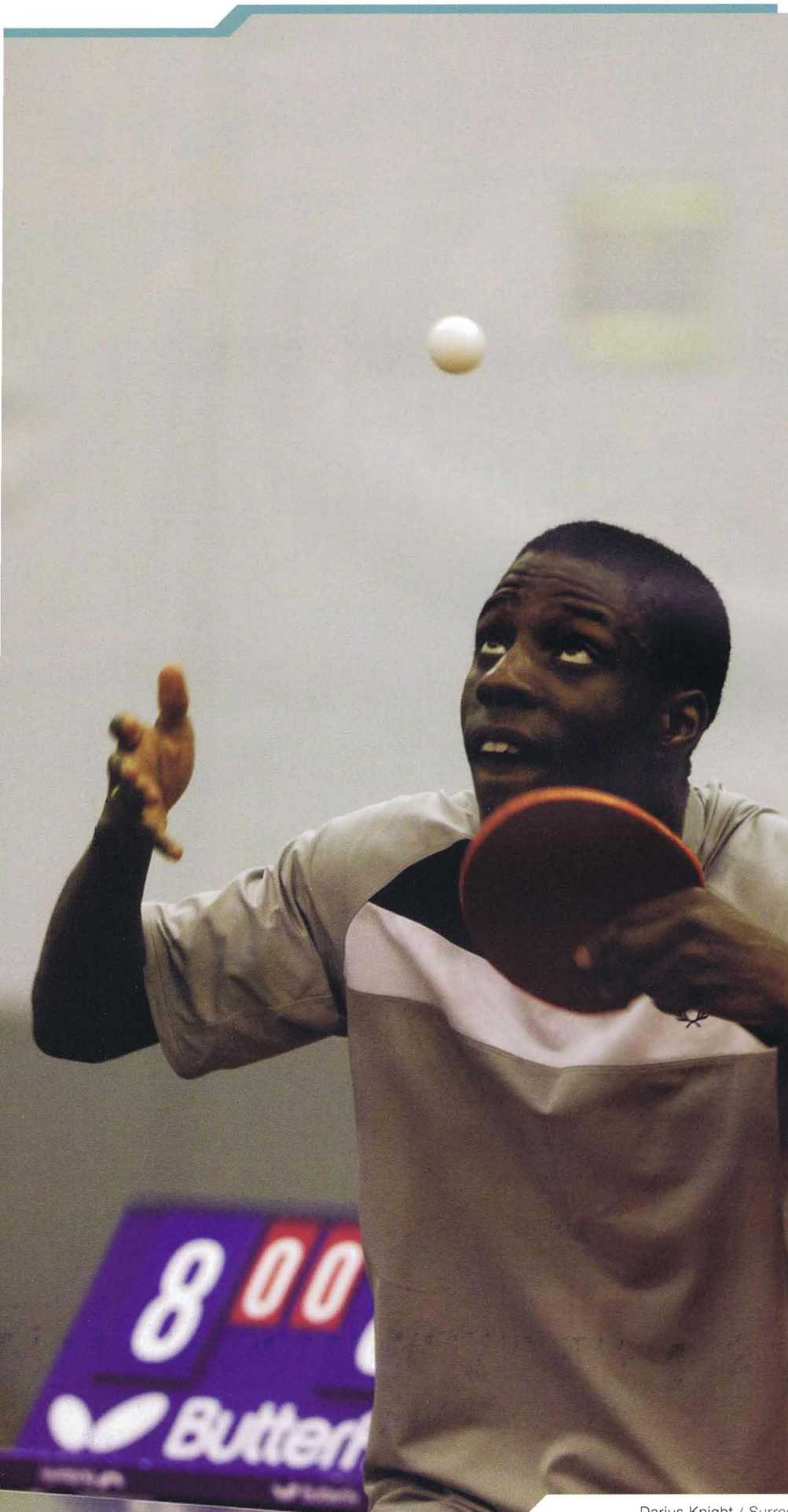
The Berkshire Closed Championships are to take place on 14th and 15th November at the Kingfisher Club in Reading and are organised again by Sylvia Bruton. Entry forms are available on the county's website.

Derbyshire by Neil Houghton

Apologies to Emma Vickers for missing mentioning her Junior Masters third place. Thought I had put her in but too late to correct by time realised. Anyway, I've just heard Emma was picked for European Junior Championships along with Liam Pitchford and Lucy Davidson. Pleasing to all and I suspect our Derbyshire players are rather pleased as well!

Just come back from Largs, the Home International Schools', i.e. hosts Scotland, England, Wales, (All) Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man. Largs is a decent small seaside resort on Firth of Clyde (for 'Wings' fans you can just about see Mull of Kintyre!), set in a lovely position in trees up on side of hill above the town, the venue was the Scots' training centre. I had been invited to go to the training camps a couple of times by the Scottish TT Director a few years back and wish I had now! It's like a "Scottish Lilleshall", but by the sea! It was very pleasing to be able to see four (!!) Derbyshire players in the team (plus James Ward, whom I used to coach from a Derbyshire League, Burton - Staffs. Schools of course). Emma (actually from Ng Schools as otherwise not two same county in one event) and Lucy England 'A' U19s; Abbie Millwain in U16s 'B' with Natalie Slater (St) and Danny Lowe in U19s 'A' with Chris Doran (Np). Emma and Lucy got team gold, Danny and Chris achieved silver and the pairing of Abbie and Natalie reached the semis.

Individuals - unfortunately Emma and Abbie got bronzes, both going out in the semis. Abbie lost in U16s semis to winner Emily Bates who played Natalie Slater in final, Danny and Lucy gained revenge for Emma, beating the same Irish girl to



Darius Knight / Surrey

win gold! I hadn't been to this event for a few years and especially as we had full England players there it appeared to me that the other countries were stronger in depth than before, with the Irish boys and girls (who always have been good at times) particularly strong and focused. A player I coached in the U16s had his chances blown by letting a set slip in the group, this put him in the same half as winner, Lewis Gray.

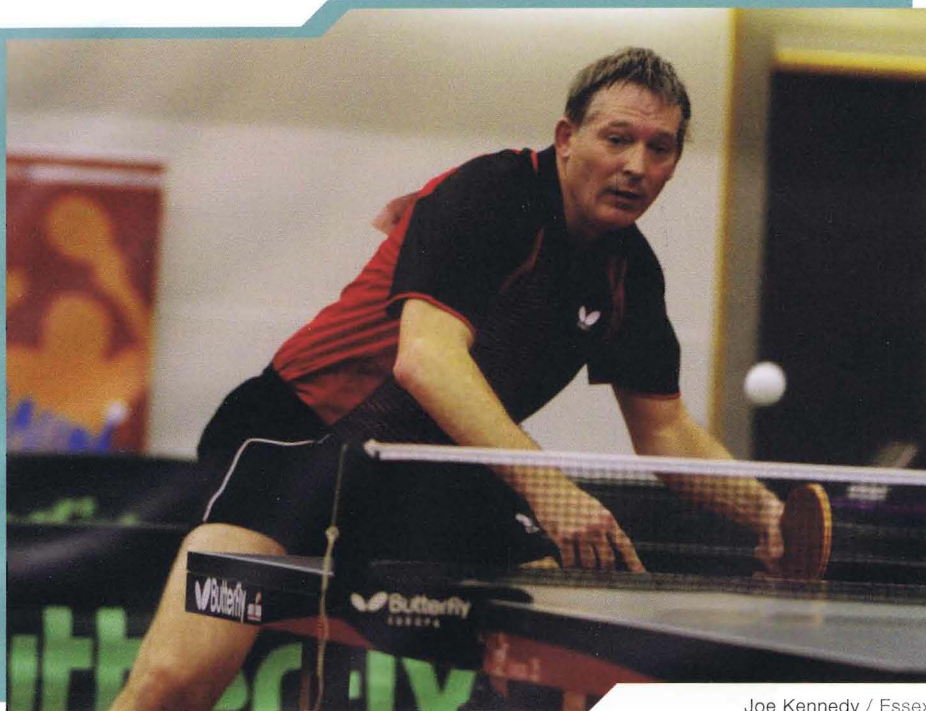
We've just had the AGM, but I'm running out of space so that'll be in the next edition, it looks like I am writing this for another year. Although it's one of those jobs that can be frustrating when difficult to find out information, it's also very rewarding getting to report interesting stuff and especially when reporting success, like this seasons Derbyshire's double county win plus the individual success of such good players!

Devon by John Smith

Successful county trials were held over two days with 55 players taking part. This is very much a transitional period for the county. Last season the senior team, lacking their two leading players from recent years, Craig Bryant and Marketa Myskova, lost their Premier Division status despite winning the title the previous year. A whole host of other experienced players are either unavailable or have dropped out of contention and a new youthful team is developing.

Two of those leading the way, Richard Marshall and Chris Smith, have left a massive hole in the junior team which is also rebuilding. Vicky Smith, at the ripe old age of 13, is the only junior left with first team experience, but other younger players are giving hope of a bright future. Another 13 year old, Naomi Jackson from Okehampton, looks set to partner Vicky for many years to come, while 15 year olds David White from Brixham and Dominic Sussex (Torrington), and yet another 13 year old Ben Snow, from Exeter, are heading the younger boys charge. However, it was a relative veteran, 17 year old Dan Moore from Ilfracombe, who impressed at the trials with just one very narrow defeat.

Woolwell Table Tennis Club has started an ambitious programme of school holiday, weekend and weekly high quality coaching sessions, with four all day sessions in the August school holidays and four sessions a week, which started in September. All have



Joe Kennedy / Essex

been extremely well attended with over 50 players involved already. It is hoped to expand this programme further to develop the talents of more players of all ages.

Essex by Steve Kerns

Octogenarian Eric Reynolds who has performed just about all roles on the Romford League Committee with diligence and enthusiasm, was this year's deserved recipient of the county's top award for the Service to the Sport - the Corti Woodcock Memorial Award. Little-known Nicole Sydorenko (Southend), whose performances lit up the Essex junior first team in their successful attempt to gain promotion back to the First Division of the Junior County Championships was the winner of the Harry Walker Memorial Player's Player of the Year Award, whilst Fred Lockwood, a sensational winner of the World Veterans Championships Over 75 Men's Singles title in Rio De Janeiro, in 2008, was awarded County Life Membership.

Few people would have been able to predict what an impact the first BATTs TTC "Elite" Hardbat competition (held in July) was going to have. The original 32 spaces were taken within 24 hours of entries going "online" and the organising committee generously agreed to accommodate 48 players.

The first really big shock came in round 13 (unlucky for some and in this case Essex's John Payne) who found himself relegated

into third place in his group when he lost 21-13, 19-21, 18-21 to an inspired Andy Holmes (Suffolk).

Another favoured player who failed to win his group was Joe Kennedy (Kent) who finished second after losing to Fred Dove (Essex). Steve Horton (Worcs) who beat Dove could only finish in fourth place after losing heavily to Wayne Shaw (Suffolk) and missing out to Joe Kennedy (23-21, 11-21, 21-23) in a real thriller where he led 20-16 in the deciding game.

The Band 1 event produced fireworks right from the start and as it wasn't seeded the first round produced three epic clashes. Colin Wilson (Middlesex) had to pull out all the stops to see off Dave Harvey 21-16, 11-21, 21-17, whilst Eli Baraty did well to beat Joe Kennedy 21-12, 15-21, 21-14. Darren Griffin was also involved in a real humdinger and he eventually beat Paul Barry 22-24, 21-19, 21-17

Round two produced the two biggest "shocks of the day", little known Paul Worrollo producing some stirring table tennis to beat Colin Wilson 21-17, 21-23, 21-16, whilst Darren Griffin who clearly benefited from his first round scare beat Gareth Herbert 21-19, 21-19. Trevor Kerry also booked his semi-final appearance but only after a last gasp win over Billy Pegg (15-21, 21-14, 24-22).

By now Worrollo was on a roll and producing another masterful performance to beat Eli Baraty 18-21, 21-17, 21-15 in his semi-final, whilst Darren Griffin came

through an epic three-end battle to beat Trevor Kerry 20-22, 21-17, 21-15. Those used to seeing Darren counter-hitting with his reverse rubbers will have been interested here; he chopped his way out of trouble for a large portion of this match.

So to the final, could the relatively unknown Worrollo beat the established county senior Premier Division star Griffin? The answer proved to be "no" on this occasion, as Darren Griffin came through to win 21-14, 21-15, for a memorable victory and a £150 cash prize.

Hertfordshire by Ann Fereday

The Hertfordshire Junior Closed took place on July 18th at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre. With a new intake of juniors from Barnet the tournament was keenly contested.

Results:

Under 15 Cadet Boys

Tom Baines (North Herts.)
bt. Isacc Beevor (North Herts)

Under 18 Junior Boys

Guy Ben Aroya (Barnet)
bt. Pritesh Kakad (Barnet)

Under 18 Junior Boys Doubles

Guy Ben Aroya/Pritesh Kakad
bt. C.Baines/Tom Baines (North Herts)

There was a Good Sportsmanship Award which was presented to Matthew Hellon from North Herts.

Sadly the girls' tournament did not take place as the entry was too low.

The county match season starts in October. As before there will be one senior team, Captain Janice Laing, and six veteran teams. Their captains are not quite the same as last year and are as follows: Team 1. Stuart Seaholme, Team 2. Tom Carr, Team 3. Chris Ogle, Team 4. Geof Bax, Team 5. Barry Phillips, Team 6. David Wilson.

Already four new men and a lady have been added to the list of players for the veteran. teams. If you know someone who is keen and suitable, let the Vets. Sec. Ann Fereday know so they can be considered.

Northants by Dennis Millman

At one time I could begin my column with a welcome back after a dormant close season, but nowadays there is no real break from action at any level.

Locally the progressive Westfield Club and the thriving Burton Baptist Club have played regularly throughout the summer, with players from other league teams taking advantage of their facilities.

One interesting innovation has been a Monday afternoon session at Baptist's John Yeomans Hall, attended on a regular basis by 20 or more players of indeterminate age, some of whom formerly played in local leagues. One notable participant has been Terry Sutton, who before he left Kettering in 1977, had won more than 800 Premier Division singles as he helped Kettering Town to 12 Premier Division titles.

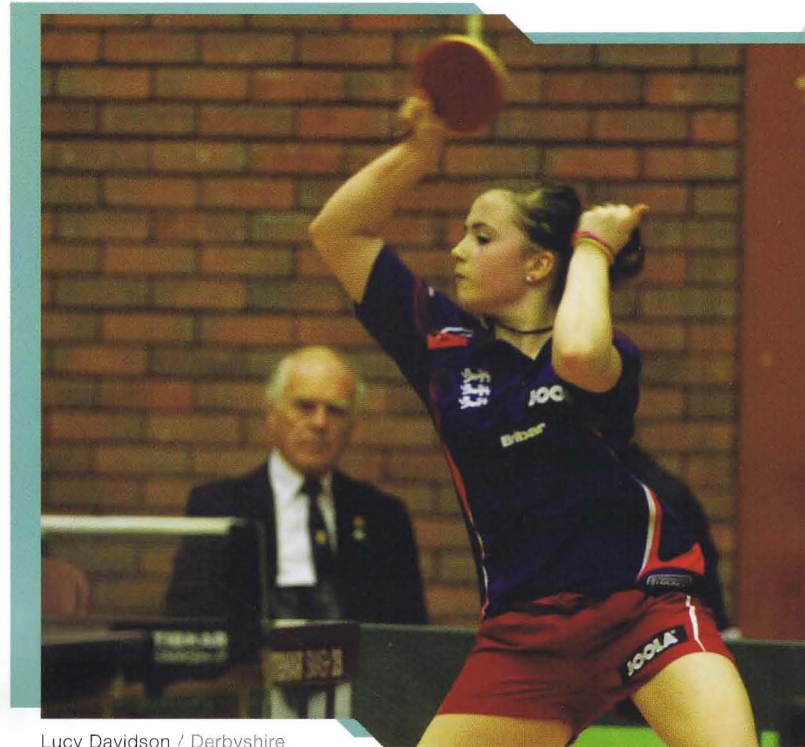
Twelve year old Sam Mabey continues to impress the England coaches. When he represented his country in the Euro Mini U12 event at Strasbourg at the end of August he won 11 out of 14 encounters against experienced European opposition with one of his defeats a tight fifth end finish at the hands of the eventual winner.

At the end of last season Mabey's Harborough Wanderers found themselves in direct opposition to Premier Division winners Kettering Town in the final of Kettering's GRP Designs Trophy. Mabey (scr) disposed of Mike Hawes (-1) and Dan Smalley (-1), but the vastly experienced John Fuller (-3) proved a bridge too far and won 15-8, 15-5, 15-13. However, after Liam Burnham had also won twice, Mabey had the final word when he contributed to two doubles wins that completed a six five victory.

Northants' season begins as usual with the Invitation Masters in which Chris Doran could encounter a resurgent Andy Trott who is currently excelling at VETTS Masters. This event is followed by a Veterans Top 12 with the Broadlands Trophy at stake. This magnificent trophy, presented to the county by the well known Northants enthusiast Greg Dobrowolski, was last competed for almost 20 years ago.

The final Thorntons Sport county ranking list for last season, issued by the ranking administrator Trevor Ore, will be used to determine Northants players for these events. Leading players are listed as follows:-

Chris Doran
Andy Trott
Richard Elliot
Dave Grundy
John Fuller
Gary Webb
Ian Bird
Steve Silk
Chris Ross
Mick Alsop
Ken Philipson
Dawid Przybysz
John Alsop
Matt Carter
Chris Gibbons
Mark Nannery
Jordan Dainty
Richard Bashford
Martyn Hancox
Paul Gatiss
Margaret Maltby
Mike Hawes
Ian Sclater
Alan Ashberry
Kevin Bird



Lucy Davidson / Derbyshire

Finally my best wishes to all players and officials for an enjoyable and successful season.

Surrey by Chris Andrews

Darius Knight will be playing in the China League for the 2009-10 season.

Guildford A's team of Marc Burman, Alain Choo-Choy and Andreas Pusch won the Surrey Inter league and walked away with £100. Teams from Wandsworth, Sutton and Thames Valley also competed for this prize.

The Byfleet League Division 1 was won by Old Woking with B. Matlock on 93%. Ashford B won Division 2 with both T. Dodd and Gary Adkins staying undefeated.

Kinga Oryl became the first woman to win the Croydon League Open Singles title. Kinga defeated recent winner Deli Yoola in the final. Martin Hunt won the Handicap event. Nicholls and Neville Miller of Wickham Park won the Doubles title. Kinga's Eldon A team won the Open Cup final and Division 1. Eldon also won Divisions 2 and 4 with Woodmansterne winning Division 3.

Rosehill retained the Division 1 title in the Thames Valley League with Richard Tanner on 97% and Patrick Beckley on 93%. Richard also won the Thames Valley League Closed tournament. Malden 1 won the Handicap competition. Molesey 2 won Division 2, yet it was Chris Sabourin

of Malden 1 at the top of the averages. Division 3 was won by Alexandra 2 and Rob Johnston of Alexandra 3 was top of the averages on 92%. Malden 2 took Division 4 with Paul Golding of Molesey 3 on 94%.

Burymead A won the Guildford League with Koray Ozcan of Merrow A leading the averages in what must be the toughest division in Surrey. In the Guildford League tournament the results were as follows: Open Singles – Matt Pernet, Open Doubles - Alain Choo-Choy/Michael Chan. Haslemere Aces won Division 1 in the Haslemere League.

Marcus Giles went to the top of the ETTA U11 ranking list. Fei-Fei Pei won the Burton Uxbridge Junior tournament and entered the Women's top 100. Scott Gotham won the Horsham Junior 2 star U15s consolation event. At the National Championship U14 event Michael Ho reached the semi-final and Marcus Giles reached the semi-final of the U11 event.

In the Junior British League, Greenhouse Ernest Bevin finished second in Division 4a with Emre Ibatoglu and Reece Placid. York Gardens B won Division 4b with Aaron McKibbin, Aaron Smith and Alois Clair.

Surrey county captain says that last season showed that Surrey needs to be working on getting girls involved in table tennis and keeping them involved.



Bill Shearer

Profile

As the new season begins, the ETTA brings on board a raft of new staff to help achieve some of the exciting potential that lies ahead, the first of these new recruits is Operations Manager, Bill Shearer

Information

Birth date:
20th May 1950

Place of birth:
Edinburgh

Residence:
UK National

Job title:
Operations Manager

This is a new role for the ETTA, can you tell the readers a little about it and what you hope to achieve?

I am joining the ETTA at a time of immense change in the UK sport and leisure sector. The 2012 Olympics are closer than you think and the Government is seeking to use sport participation as a way of addressing a variety of different social problems, such as youth crime and obesity. Within table tennis itself we are striving to radically improve the way we run the sport in the UK. So, for the next three to four years we are embarking on a business transformation process, aimed at achieving more with the resources we have and delivering much higher levels of customer satisfaction – whether the customer is a major sponsor, a key partner, or a club member. My role is to help achieve the success of that transformation process so that the organisation and the staff can move forward to achieve the longer term vision of the ETTA.

What is your background and what were you doing before you joined the ETTA?

I have mainly worked in the UK financial services sector in both Edinburgh (1976 to 1982) and London (1982 to 2003). This included relationship management roles for computerised investment services. Those clients included stockbrokers, banks and asset management companies. In the early 90's I completed a marketing degree and then moved into a wide variety of marketing roles, including product management, communications and web marketing. Since 2003 I have worked locally in Sussex and began higher education teaching in the same year. I achieved my teaching degree in 2007. I managed the Broadband Centre and the eBiz Centre here in Hastings from 2004 until the summer of 2008. Since then I have been working as a trainer in Sussex, through my own company.

What do you think you bring to this role that has been missing from the organisation?

I have never worked in the sports sector before, but I am a keen participant in a wide variety of sports. I think not having worked in this sector allows me to bring a fresh approach – not tainted by preconceived ideas about how sports bodies should operate. I mentioned earlier that we are undertaking a major transformation focussing on being more financially independent and delivering improved and valued service to our wide and varied customer base. Virtually all commercial organisations aspire to achieve this as well, so my background of working for commercial organisations for around 35 years should deliver value to our organisation.

So that now makes it two Scots at the ETTA! What do they think back home of you helping the English strive forwards in the world of sport?

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TOP 25 SENIOR MEN

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2.	KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)
3.	REED, Daniel (CV.)
4.	RUSHTON, Andrew (LA.)
5.	EVANS, Gavin (BU.)
6.	HERBERT, Gareth (BK.)
7.	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)
8.	NICHOLLS, Damien (SP.)
9.	MEADS, David (DU.)
10.	WARE, Mathew (DO.)
11.	DORAN, Christopher (NP.)
12.	YOUNG, Terry (BK.)
13.	MARSDEN, Michael (DU.)
14.	TRUMPAUSKAS, Lawrence (E.)
15.	BRYANT, Craig (DV.)
16.	DOLDER, Kevin (LA.)
17.	KINLOCKE, Garth (HA.)
18.	MCBEATH, David (HA.)
19.	WURAOLA, Abdul (SY.)
20.	MARPLES, Shaun (DY.)
21.	SIMPSON, Mark (DU.)
22.	NOAH, Hubert (E.)
23.	SMITH, Mark Richard (Y.)
24.	MAYBANKS, William (HE.)
25.	DRINKHALL, Bryn (CV.)

TOP 25 SENIOR WOMEN

Rank	Player
1.	PARKER, Joanna (SY.)
2.	SIBLEY, Kelly (WA.)
3.	LE FEVRE, Karina (CV.)
4.	HICKS, Hannah (HA.)
5.	REYNOLDS, Lindsey (LA.)
6.	VICKERS, Emma (DY.)
7.	CLEMENTS, Sanya (DO.)
8.	EMBLING, Abigail (E.)
9.	SMITH, Karen (LE.)
10.	ROBERTS, Joanna (Y.)
11.	WANG, Sarra (E.)
12.	BATES, Emily (LI.)
13.	FULLER, Mary (Y.)
14.	SHEPHERD, Karen (CH.)
15.	SLATER, Natalie (ST.)
16.	VICKERS, Jane (DY.)
17.	KEAST, Lesley (LI.)
18.	HALLOWS, Caroline (CH.)
19.	PERKS, Sarah (NG.)
20.	RAINTON, Rosemary (SX.)
21.	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)
22.	WHYTE, Chloe (CV.)
23.	CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.)
24.	HARPER, Sandra (BD.)
25.	STEDMAN, Sarah (SX.)

TOP 5 JUNIOR BOYS

Rank	Player
1.	EVANS, Gavin (BU.)
2.	PITCHFORD, Liam (DY.)
3.	MCBEATH, David (HA.)
4.	GRAY, Lewis (K.)
5.	LOWE, Daniel (DY.)

TOP 5 CADET BOYS

Rank	Player
1.	ZILESNICK, Zak (MI.)
2.	WALKER, Sam (NG.)
3.	MORAIS, Igor (MI.)
4.	WEERASINGHE, Helshan (SX.)
5.	WILSON, Ross (K.)

TOP 5 UNDER 13 BOYS

Rank	Player
1.	WEERASINGHE, Helshan (SX.)
2.	MABEY, Samuel (NP.)
3.	CHAN, Miles Dak Hay (NP.)
4.	BOUSFIELD, John P. (CV.)
5.	BASTERFIELD, Jack (MI.)

TOP 5 VETERAN MEN

Rank	Player
1.	WURAOLA, Abdul (SY.)
2.	SMITH, Eddie (ND.)
3.	VENNER, Ritchie (SX.)
4.	NEIL, Lee (NG.)
5.	HILTON, John (CH.)

TOP 5 JUNIOR GIRLS

Rank	Player
1.	LE FEVRE, Karina (CV.)
2.	BATES, Emily (LI.)
3.	DAVIDSON, Lucy (DY.)
4.	WRIGHT, Melissa (YS.)
5.	KING, Yolanda (SX.)

TOP 5 CADET GIRLS

Rank	Player
1.	BATES, Emily (LI.)
2.	HO, Tin-Tin (MI.)
3.	SMITH, Victoria (DV.)
4.	DAWSON, Jessica (CV.)
5.	ARMITAGE, Tressa (HA.)

TOP 5 UNDER 13 GIRLS

Rank	Player
1.	HO, Tin-Tin (MI.)
2.	SLOT, Chrissie (HA.)
3.	TSAPTSINOS, Maria (BK.)
4.	PATEL, Ella (E.)
5.	VUONG, Victoria (YS.)

TOP 5 VETERAN WOMEN

Rank	Player
1.	COLLIER, Sue (CH.)
2.	CLEMENTS, Sanya (DO.)
3.	JOHNS, Jan (CH.)
4.	COHEN, Michele (WI.)
5.	ADAMS, Janet (Y.)

World Rankings

Top 5 Men

1. WANG Hao (CHN)
2. MA Long (CHN)
3. MA Lin (CHN)
4. WANG Liqin (CHN)
5. BOLL Timo (GER)



Top 5 Women

1. ZHANG Yining (CHN)
2. GUO Yue (CHN)
3. LI Xiaoxia (CHN)
4. LIU Shiwen (CHN)
5. GUO Yan (CHN)



Top 5 U21 Men

1. MA Long (CHN)
2. MIZUTANI Jun (JPN)
3. OVTCHAROV Dimitrij (GER)
4. ZHANG Jike (CHN)
5. JIANG Tianyi (HKG)



Top 5 U21 Women

1. GUO Yue (CHN)
2. LI Xiaoxia (CHN)
3. LIU Shiwen (CHN)
4. DING Ning (CHN)
5. FUKUHARA Ai (JPN)



Top 5 U18 Boys

1. MATSUDAIRA Kenta (JPN)
2. JIN Yixiong (CHN)
3. YIN Hang (CHN)
4. MA Liang ^ (SIN)
5. SEO Hyun Deok (KOR)



Top 5 U18 Girls

1. LIU Shiwen (CHN)
2. WU Yang (CHN)
3. ISHIKAWA Kasumi (JPN)
4. PESOTSKA Margaryta (UKR)
5. CHENG I-Ching (TPE)



Top 5 U15 Boys

1. YIN Hang (CHN)
2. ZHENG Peifeng (CHN)
3. NIWA Koki (JPN)
4. CHENG Jingqi (CHN)
5. HUNG Tzu-Hsiang (TPE)



Top 5 U15 Girls

1. YANG Ha Eun (KOR)
2. CHEN Meng (CHN)
3. TANIOKA Ayuka (JPN)
4. SOLJA Petriisa (GER)
5. NOSKOVA Yana (RUS)



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Jessica Dawson

October 2009

Saturday 17th

- Cadet - County Championships
- Junior - County Championships
County Championships Premier
Stiga Blackpool 1 Star
- Senior - County Championships
- Veteran - County Championships

Sunday 18th

- Cadet - National Cadet League
- Junior - County Championships Premier
- Veteran - Stiga Blackpool 2 Star

Monday 19th-25th

- Other - World Cadet and Junior Challenge Final, Tokyo

Thursday 22nd-25th

- Other - World Cup Team Cup - Linz

Saturday 24th

- Junior - British League, Fenton Manor
Chesham H.S. Graded 2 Star
- Senior - Newcastle Grand Prix supported by Tees Sport

Sunday 25th

- Junior - British League, Fenton Manor
- Senior - Newcastle Grand Prix supported by Tees Sport

Wednesday 28th-1st

- Other - English Open ITTF Pro Tour Major, Sheffield

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Saturday 7th

- Junior - National Junior League
Yorkshire 1 Star
- Senior - English Leagues Cup Competitions
- Veteran - British League, Hereford
National League, Blackpool

Sunday 8th

- Junior - English Leagues Cup Competitions
- Veteran - British League, Hereford
National League, Blackpool

Saturday 14th

- Cadet - BATTs 1 Star
- Junior - Chandlers F.E.1 Star
- Senior - Bristol Grand Prix supported by Bribar

Sunday 15th

- Cadet - BATTs 1 Star
Cirencester 1 Star
- Junior - BATTs 1 Star
Stiga Blackpool 2 Star
- Senior - Bristol Grand Prix supported by Bribar