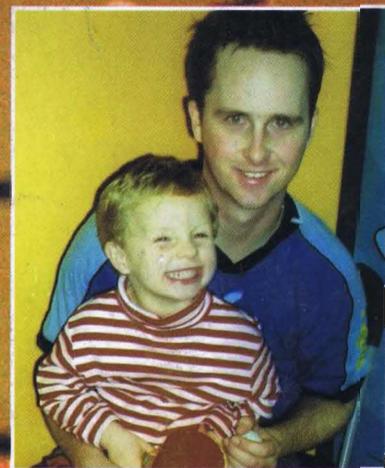
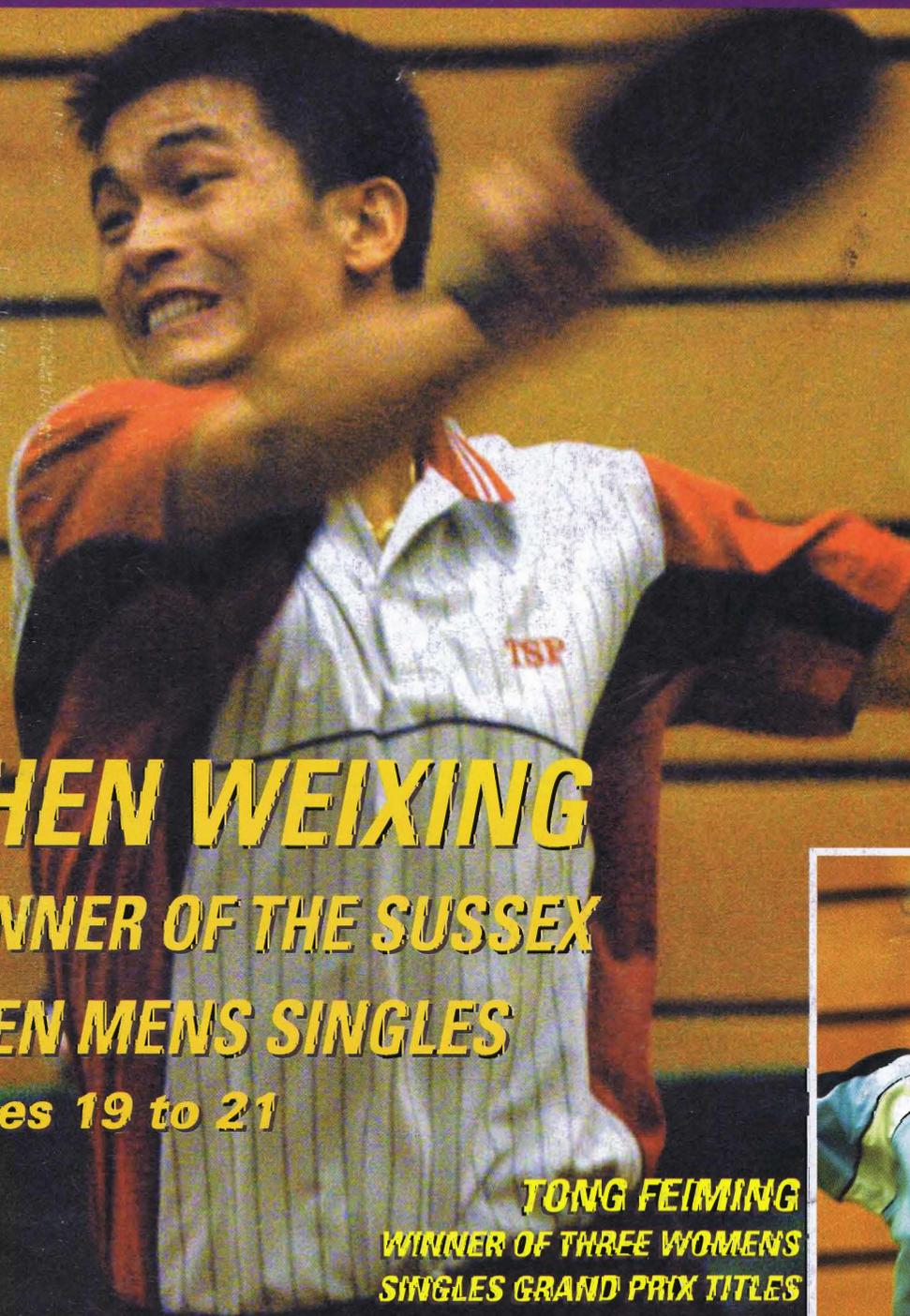


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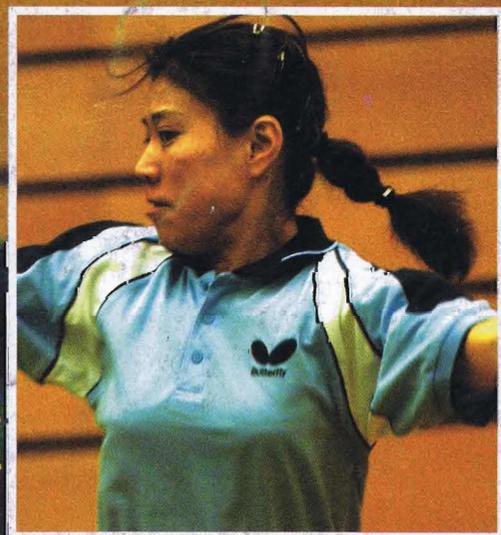
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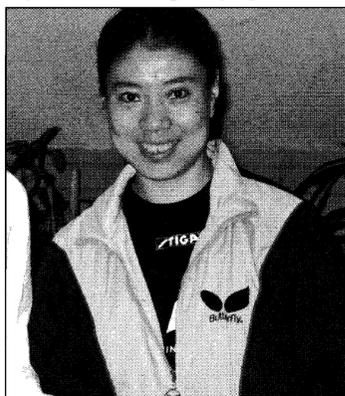
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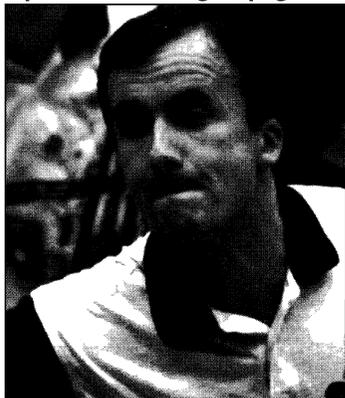




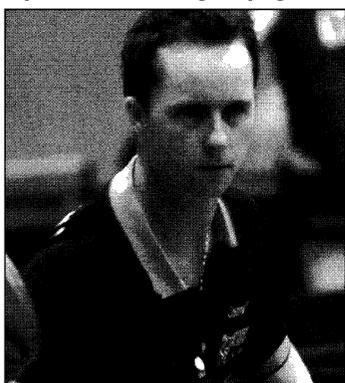
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# TT at TATE MODERN



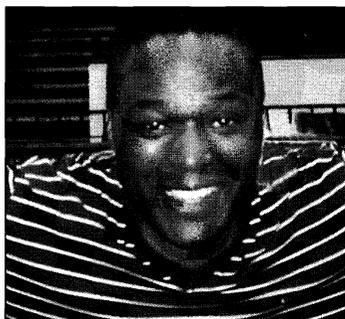
**Gabriel Orozco, Ping Pond Table 1999 - Courtesy 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan - © The artist, Photo © Jonathan Evans**

**BRIAN SPICER**, London's Development Officer was quick on the uptake to promote The Association's development plan for school and youth service, to Premier Club, to Further Education, and London South Bank University.

Two of LSBU's top squad, Gergely Urban England No.15, and Abdul Wuraola No.33, are shown playing in above photograph at the opening of 'Common Wealth' at the Tate Modern Art Gallery. It can accommodate four players.

The Guardian Newspaper were quick to seize on this with copy the next day.

'Common Wealth' ( October 22 - December 28, 2003) is the latest in a series of contemporary exhibitions at Tate Modern.'



**SKY ANDREW**

## SKY'S THE LIMIT

FORMER England international Sky Andrew was presented with the 'Entrepreneur of the Year Award' at the BEA Business Awards at the Institute of Directors, in Pall Mall, London, on 10th October 2003. This award has given Sky free

membership of the Institute of Directors.

## JOHNNY LEACH AWARD

DURING the Sunday of the Bath Open Grand Prix, the Johnny Leach Award was presented jointly to Georgina Walker and Kelly Sibley by the ETA Deputy Chairman Mike Johns. (The presentation of the award is pictured below).

# WOODY'S World

CHRISTMAS is only weeks away now so I would personally like to wish all our readers greetings of the season.

The main story of this edition is the appearance of Austria's leading player Chen Weixing at the Butterfly Sussex Open Grand Prix, where he won the Mens Singles title, see pages 20 to 21.

Andzej Grubba could also be seen at the Sussex Open, as were other former European super stars.

I enjoyed my trip to the Butterfly Bath Open Grand Prix, meeting up with old friends and colleagues. The table tennis was of the highest standard, with the likes of Alan Cooke and Ryan Jenkins battling for the Mens Singles title, and the top six UK based Chinese women, plus our own top two women Helen Lower and Georgina Walker, competing for the Womens Singles crown. See pages 10 to 12.

I am pleased to welcome Stan Clarke's first report of the season for the County Championships on pages 24 and 25, "We all owe a debt of Gratitude to Somerset."

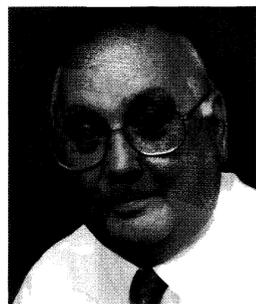
*John Wood*

The Johnny Leach Award is for the most improved player(s) of the year, representing England in international competition. It is open to cadets, juniors and senior players.



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TABLE TENNIS NEWS  
WISHES ALL OUR  
READERS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



# “WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?”

**BY THE TIME you get this issue of Table Tennis News I shall be starting into my 6th month in office. Some may say, “what have we achieved?” but I believe the majority of the table tennis fraternity have noticed a difference and we are on the right track for the future of our sport.**

It is without question that the new team are keeping in contact with the grass roots via meeting with leagues and counties, attending events across England and answering the many questions raised by the players, parents and administrators.

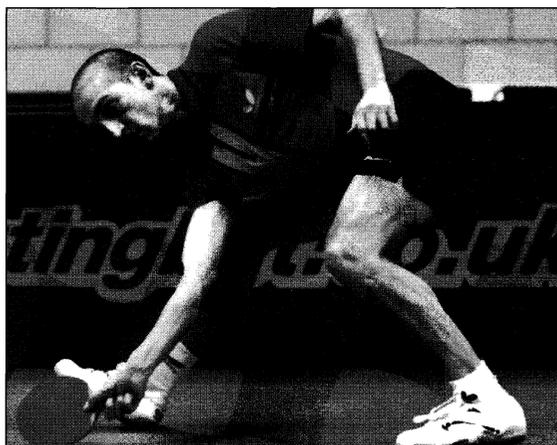
It is difficult for me to list all the visits made, miles travelled and letters/phone calls/emails answered but the membership believes we have a new team who care and are prepared to communicate with them.

Let us consider some of the issues raised in my manifesto and the actions we have taken:

1. Changes are underway with the ranking system with a planned start date of January 2004.
2. The initial change to the committee structure has taken place with an overall reduction of over 20%.
3. TTN has started to be updated with more local features and a new front cover.
4. Communications have improved with my first newsletter which was circulated to over 3000, the first mailer of this size for many years. We shall in cooperation with the trade be circulating other mailers, which should cover the majority of those involved with the sport.
5. We are planning to establish, early in the New Year both Performance and Development centres to expand our training of young players and hence increase our performance base.
6. We have increased our RDO coverage and employed via a Sport England grant a Volunteer Manager to help leagues and clubs.
7. Our new plan for the sport is well under way and will be submitted to our funding partners in January the first plan of this kind by the ETTA since 1998.
8. We are looking at changing our Affiliation structure over to Individual Registrations planned for the 2005/6 season. This will enable us to encompass all people who are supported by the ETTA, increase benefits and communications to the grass roots and help the league structure.
9. New policies and programmes are being generated to assist Premier Clubs, Coaching, teaching and training and support for schools and colleges.
10. Reviews are taking place regarding our constitutional policies and modernisation plans will be instigated in the future.

I hope this gives you a little background; the strategy of the new team is to be open and upfront, not all that we shall be doing will receive 100% approval. You can be assured though that we shall work with you all in the best interest of the sport. The ETTA is your governing body and we want you to be a part of it and feel it as well.

Here is some general information for you, which I hope, will be of interest.



**MATTHEW SYED** the star of England's impressive 3-1 victory over Holland in the Mens European League

## ENGLAND TEAM IN THE EUROPEAN LEAGUE

The men had an outstanding result against Holland winning 3-1 away from home. We are 28 in the world rankings and Holland is 11.

Our young ladies team fought hard and won 2 and lost 2 in their group matches in Estonia.

## COMMUNITY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Our application to Sport England has resulted in a provisional grant on four projects in England of £1.46M. This will help the clubs concerned and assist the grass roots in these areas.

## PRESTON TTL 75th ANNIVERSARY

It was an honour that Val and I were invited to attend this Leagues Anniversary Dinner, which included fun matches involving Des Douglas, John Hilton, Katy Parker and Brian Kean.

On behalf of the ETTA I presented a Scroll of Honour to Gerry Stokes for his 50 years of involvement with the league and presented on behalf of the league an award to Jim Clegg a stalwart of coaching and administration in the North West.

An excellent evening enjoyed by the 100 plus people who attended.

## EVENTS

Our events across the country continue to grow and players are being turned away. Part of our aims is to look for larger venues to accommodate this growing band of tournament players. If you know of any large 22 plus table venues in your area not utilised by table tennis please give me a call or email.

## MAILER

A one-page mailer will be sent out on behalf of the ETTA by our trade partners, it is anticipated that this will be repeated with additional information 3 times a year. We believe that this will reach the majority

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of our people involved with our sport and is part of our programme of communications to the grass roots.

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

This will be a subject of much debate and research during the coming months. It is critical as an organisation that we improve communications to our players and administrators by way of a direct mailing and this can only be achieved via a direct database of those people involved in our sport. We do not have a system of affiliation, which meet the needs of a modern National Governing Body, nor a fee, which reflects the income needs of the ETTA and is realistic in terms of fees charged by similar organisations.

Any changes in the affiliation fee structure will always result in questions from the grass roots about "What the ETTA does for me and where does all my fee money go". At this time a team registered and affiliated to the ETTA pays the equivalent of less than £4 per player per year and the income from these fees represent less than 20% of the needs to run the ETTA.

Some may say that rather than change the fee structure the ETTA costs must be cut; I believe we must do both.

It is important that the process of change towards "Individual Registrations" is debated and discussed by all those involved and in the coming months review papers will be circulated to Counties and Leagues, some details will be included in my Newsletters.

The two most important factors are, firstly for the grass roots players and administrators to feel that they are getting value for money, they are part of and are the ETTA, secondly that the communications links between the grass roots and the ETTA HQ is improved.

Do not go away and think that all I want to do is get more money from the players, look at the whole picture, review the proposals work with me towards a better future for our sport. I have been and still am a local league player so you can be assured that all of your interests at heart.

Enough said, please do not hesitate to contact me on this or any other subject about our sport.

## DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004-8

I have mentioned previously that we are generating a new plan for Sport England as are all the other NGB in attempts to get funding for their sport.

Although we are no longer part of the World Class Performance Programme, we have though been given assurances from Sport England that we are one of the Top Prime Development sports because of our role in STARTING players in the sport and making them STAY in our sport. Our funding for the SUCCEED part of the criteria set will be limited but you can be assured that our planning process is under way and will be completed in the short time which the new team had available to them. Many other NGB have spent many months on this process but we shall be a sport, which will receive funding albeit not at it's peak of £1.6M received some years ago but nearer to the levels received for the last 12 months.

## CHAIRMAN'S ROLE

I get many questions during my extensive travels around England and just to clarify a point frequently raised, The Chairman's role is as volunteer, I receive no salary but an Honourarium of £1850 per year, subject to National Council approval, I have no company car but get £0.17 per mile for ETTA travel.

I put my name forward for election not for any gain or to cover costs for my time but for my love of the sport and my belief that changes were needed for our sport.

Both Val and I and the rest of my growing family wish you all a Happy Christmas and great New Year. May 2004 be a competitive and enjoyable year for you all.

Alex Murdoch,  
ETTA Chairman



# PRESS ASSOCIATION AXE

**IT IS unlikely that the PRESS ASSOCIATION's PA Sport will reveal the number of protest letters on their decision to drop table tennis from their wire services. But TTN understands that many letters have gone to the Sports Editor David Balmforth, but we need many more. PLEASE send letters to David Balmforth, Sports Editor, PA Sport, PRESS ASSOCIATION News Ltd, Bridgegate, Howden, East Yorkshire, DN14 7AE.**

Protest letters have been sent by many people in our sport, administrators, coaches, players past and present and supporters. Letters have also been sent from as far afield as Wales and Belgium.

Below TTN publishes a letter that has been sent to PA Sport by Desmond Douglas:

*Dear Mr.Balmforth,*

*I was very saddened to hear the Press Association want to stop reporting on Table Tennis, this great family sport has a fantastic history. Your decision would be a backward step for sport in general.*

*For many years I represented England travelling all over the world, and was proud and honoured to do it. I now coach adults and youngsters, it would be difficult for me to explain when asked why Table Tennis is no longer in the newspapers or even on TV.*

*Everything I have achieved is through Table Tennis, I can't just watch and do nothing and allow this great sport go to waste. Mr. Balmforth I hope you will reconsider your decision to axe table Tennis - as we need as much help as we can get.*

*Yours faithfully,  
Des Douglas*

## OTHER SPORTS ALSO HIT

We have now discovered that a range of smaller sports, notably our rival racket sports badminton and squash, have also been targeted by PA Sport.

Badminton and squash (who may not even be admitted to the Olympic Games in 2010) have so far made no moves to respond.

This makes it even more important that we get as many letters away to David Balmforth as soon as possible.

It is incredible to foresee that the next Commonwealth Games, in which England always win medals, is at the moment only likely to be reported in The Daily Telegraph and possibly The Times.



# POSTBAG

REPLY TO ALEX MURDOCH'S  
LETTER IN NOVEMBER TTN

## GRASS ROOTS ARE THE ETTA

Alex Murdoch's letter in the November 2003 Table Tennis News argues that the change to the scoring system came from the grass roots players who are the ETTA. He is correct in saying that the grass roots players had a say in the democratic process but only insofar as their League Representatives were entitled to vote.

The motion to get rid of the 21-up option was brought to the AGM by the National Council, not by the local leagues. The National Council's aim was to impose on the grass roots players the 11-up system adopted by the ITTF. This system was introduced by the ITTF on the premise that creating more crisis points would increase spectator interest.

Those entitled to vote at the AGM are the National Council Members themselves and League Representatives. The League Representatives are more in touch with the grass roots players than the National Council.

As explained below, the ETTA voting system used for dealing with rule changes is weighted in favour of the National Council.

The National Council consists of the Officers of the ETTA and County Representative Members.

The Card Vote system used is such that each County Representative has a number of votes equal to the total of the number of votes available to the League Representatives for his County. As he cannot apportion his votes he will have a dilemma if the majority of Local Leagues he is representing are against the motion. Does he vote for the National Council's motion (as he is a Member of the National Council), vote according to his own conscience, or vote against the motion (to support the majority view of the Local Leagues he is representing)?

Theoretically all the League Representatives could have voted against the motion and their votes wiped out by the County Representatives' votes, effectively leaving the decision to the remaining members of the National Council, i.e. the Officers of the ETTA.

Note further that all the League

Representatives in a particular County must vote in order to achieve parity with the County Representative's vote. This is extremely unlikely, again tipping the scales in the direction of the National Council.

We understand Alex reported on the ETTA website news dated 7th July 2003 that "We could analyse the result in whatever way we want". He was subsequently asked for a breakdown of the votes for and against the motion between County Representatives and League Representatives. This would show if the overall result fairly reflects the grass roots players. However, the ETTA solicitor advised him that it was a secret vote under the jurisdiction of tellers.

This decision should be challenged – the ETTA should be honest and disclose these figures.

We also understand that it has also been pointed out to Mr Murdoch that the voting procedure used for electing him and his team is based on a totally different system, and he admitted that it "was changed a couple of years ago to give the leagues more responsibility". This system gives every County Representative 1 vote and every League Representative at least 2 votes, up to a maximum of 6, depending on the number of teams in the Local League.

Ming Majoe  
Hon Sec. Tonbridge & District TTL

RESPONSE TO JACK BOULT'S  
LETTER IN NOVEMBER TTN

## "TWO POINTS"

I WISH to make the following observations regarding Jack's "TWO POINTS" in the last issue of TTN.

The present system has not been overhauled for a number of years and the proposed changes were put together not by mathematicians but following discussions with players and coaches.

The committee who reviewed these proposals consist of seven people, 4 of whom play regularly in County Matches, British League and Grand Prix events and are on the ranking list, 1 is a coach, 1 an administrator and the final person who's responsibility it is to put all the information on the system.

I have personally talked to at least 200 people on the subject of these proposed changes, mostly at events

# COURTSIDE



by John  
Woodford

• **A FAIRLY** new sports editor at the Press Association Sport headquarters at Howden, Yorkshire has regretfully~downgraded table tennis to a point where the best service we can expect (Olympics the only exception) is staff journalists watching computer screens and transmitting "one or two paragraphs" when they think it justified.

• **NEW** technology has also played a part in this decision. Screens will come up with results at major events, usually with a brief summary of words concerning the leading players, usually Chinese.

• **WHAT** has been happening for many years is that a reporter (myself) travelling worldwide with the British teams (on nil expenses) has filed on-the-spot reports, complete with quotes from players, coaches and officials.

• **WHAT** table tennis followers expect is information on how the British players made out. The Press Association is the only major agency in Britain. PA Sport say that their sports editors are happy not to be bothered with smaller sports like us.

• **THEY** would say that wouldn't they. Less smaller sports to accommodate means more room for the major sports - soccer, rugby, cricket, racing, tennis.

• **THE** fact that the ETTA can no longer afford an information officer - Ken Muhr came under the economy axe-does not help us plus the fact that our funding from the World Class Performance has been cut to £160,000 is another facet of the same problem.

• **ALEX MURDOCH** is spearheading a campaign of protest - some 300 letters to PA Sport, from sources as far apart as Wales and Belgium - chances of getting PA to reverse their side-lining of table tennis are not great, but we must try.

• **PA SPORT** not long ago tried to ditch squash, but somehow they got back on board. We will find out how, soon.

• **SO**, summing-up the Press Association virtual ditching of table tennis, the only table tennis stories and results appearing nationally will be in The Daily Telegraph, plus Matthew Syed's features in The Times. "The Thunderer" utilises Matthew's writing skills mainly on major sports, although they were delighted to record a change of chair at the ETTA.

• **YET** another handicap is the ominous spread of Chinese players all over the planet. There are many hundreds of Chinese players who can get a better living abroad, mainly coaching and playing in tournaments.

• **IT** is almost true to say that the table tennis world is dominated by Chinese players. The latest to land in England is world-ranked No.36 Su Hsien-Ching, apparently a friend of Hampshire-based Tong Feiming. Su will be making her first appearance on the Grand Prix circuit at Bath - a certain winner?

• **MATTHEW SYED** is 133 years old according to the ITTF magazine Table Tennis Illustrated, edited by our own Ian Marshall. A very interesting two-page spread on Matthew gives his birthdate as 1870.

*The above views expressed by John Woodford, are not necessarily the views of Table Tennis News or the English Table Tennis Association.*

and to date the majority agree, and are pushing for the changes to happen.

1. A more accurate and consistent rating system is not a waste of time and players love to check their position in the lists.

2. The system will not reduce the quantity of competitors at events only increase them and make it fairer for all. The old ranking system has not been the reason for increased participation the main reason is the increase in events and the Grand Prix structure which has brought back the tournament scene for players of all levels.

Membership and the decline is another issue and will not be resolved overnight.

Lastly may I point out that these changes in the rating system were in my election manifesto and perhaps not normal practice to do what you say you will do, I believe in honouring my obligations to those who voted for me.

Congratulations to Jack for his success at Chippenham Open.

*Alex Murdoch*  
ETTA Chairman

## BUTTERFLY

### GRAND PRIX

I AM dismayed to find that these events have now dropped doubles competitions which were part of the norm, at the outset.

These are the top competitions in the ETTA calendar as regards importance and playing strength. Surely the players need to have meaningful competition in doubles if they are to make any impact at higher levels. Our Commonwealth Games gold medallist must be frustrated that they do not have this facility.

As a former tournament organiser I am aware that doubles events can complicate the scheduling of matches, but this can be resolved by limiting the participation. Those competing in the banded singles and the Under 21 singles already have a good programme and should be excluded from the doubles. The so-called Star Singles do not live up to their name and can easily duplicate matches in the main events.

One cannot always take the easy option as to organisation or financial returns. Doubles are an integral part of table tennis and can produce most attractive matches. One can excuse the absence of XD but MD and WD should be obligatory at these events.

Please; ETTA have another think on these points.

*Derek N. Tyler*

I.U. 74801. Vice President ETTA.

### Harvey Webb, National Events

**Manager replies:** One of the original concepts of the GP series was to provide a platform where our top players could form regular partnerships and gain valuable doubles experience. This never happened. Many of the top players did not support the series at all, whilst doubles pairings changed from tournament to tournament.

2 years ago the Grand Prix Committee reviewed the dramatic fall in entries for all doubles events and found that the vast majority of players were concentrating on playing in the banded events, which are undoubtedly the cornerstone of the GP series, and were not interested in doubles.

The "Star" singles were introduced in an attempt to give those players excluded from the banded events, due to their high ratings, another opportunity, more table tennis and value for money.

I should like to thank Derek for his thoughts and comments and assure him that the GP Committee will continue its policy of constant review, and improvement to make the series better for the players.

### STOCKTON & DISTRICT TTL CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY COLIN DAVIDSON RECEIVED THIS RESPONSE IN REPLY TO HIS LETTER TO HIS LEAGUE PRESIDENT

### BRIGHT FUTURE

I WAS delighted to receive your letter and to learn that the Presentation was a great success and that the League's financial position greatly benefited. I was concerned that we would be four persons short - and a bottle of wine! Luckily it did not matter.

I was sorry I couldn't come for I look forward to this event. We could have managed the 13th, but the change of date was a bit awkward for us. Michael is the only one that can drive at the moment as Kath is expecting to have an operation for the removal of cataracts and it is dangerous for her to drive.

Michael who lost his wife very suddenly recently had to go away for a week.

I was sorry I couldn't come but I was a bit under the weather, but we are both all right now, but being 91 I have to be bit careful.

Reading the minutes of your meeting and the letter to League secretaries, I cannot but marvel how things have advanced in playing, coaching and numbers interested - especially the young ones and how bright the future looks.

I cannot help looking back at the inaugural meeting in 1932, which took place in an upper room in Bridge Road.

It was actually belonging to the Young Liberals and they were one of the top teams. There were about a dozen of us at the meeting.

In those days I played for the Town in singles and with Harry Jeel in the doubles. What a difference there is in the standard equipment, standard of play and players now. I suppose everything has small beginnings.

With apologies for letting my pen run on a bit all best wishes for a successful season.

*Tom Sheppherd*  
Life President, Stockton TTL

### RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR FOR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE TTN

IN the November issue of Table Tennis News, you requested comment on the publication and I am trying to respond accordingly.

I should mention that though I am General Secretary (also League Secretary and Press Secretary!) of my local TTA, the following thoughts are strictly my own and I am not writing on behalf of the League. May I also mention that I would prefer not to be quoted in any future edition as my thoughts are intended to be helpful and not to criticise. Having issued a League Review at the end of every season for more years than I care to remember, I believe I can appreciate to some extent the problems that must arise in issuing a major publication such as Table Tennis News. At one time our we issued a monthly Newsletter but it was found necessary to discontinue the publication mainly due to time/cost/distribution factors, though I am delighted to say that only this month our two new Development Officers have taken time out to issue a twenty page A5 Newsletter and it is hoped further publications will be on a two monthly basis.

However, back to Table Tennis News. Whilst the paper quality is first class, plus some of the action photographs and it is evident a lot of hard work has been put into the content, in my humble opinion, readers might like to see more human interest articles (many, many seasons ago, if my memory serves correct - Michael Parkinson had an article in Table Tennis News of his early experiences with the sport, which was both funny

and of interest) and I believe the average league player would appreciate such an item - as, in my experience, they tend to skip by reports of tournaments and conferences which they cannot relate to. For myself, I must admit that whilst I try to read the magazine from cover to cover, the items which stand out (not in any particular order) are Straight Talk, Letters to the Editor, Courtside and some County Notes i.e I may not always agree with John Prean's IOW remarks, but I do enjoy reading them and in the November issue the Cumbria report was certainly of interest.

With the best will in the world, it is difficult to envisage the average league player becoming a subscriber as they are unable to relate to the content. Question is of course, how can this be overcome and the honest answer is, I do not know! For a start though, may I suggest thought is given to asking for local leagues to submit copies of Newsletters so they may be commented on in Table Tennis News (i.e cost, content etc., the same way in which football programmes are reviewed) and if there is any item of particular note, no doubt it could be reproduced. I can appreciate you may well wish to prefer not to have a stack of Newsletters arrive and then face the task of wading through them but as mentioned earlier in this letter I am trying to be helpful not critical. Personally, I would also be interested in reading how points are allocated for matches won, lost, drawn - I play in three local leagues and each have a different system - for good measure, I believe our other local league, have yet another method. Are there yet more alternatives!?

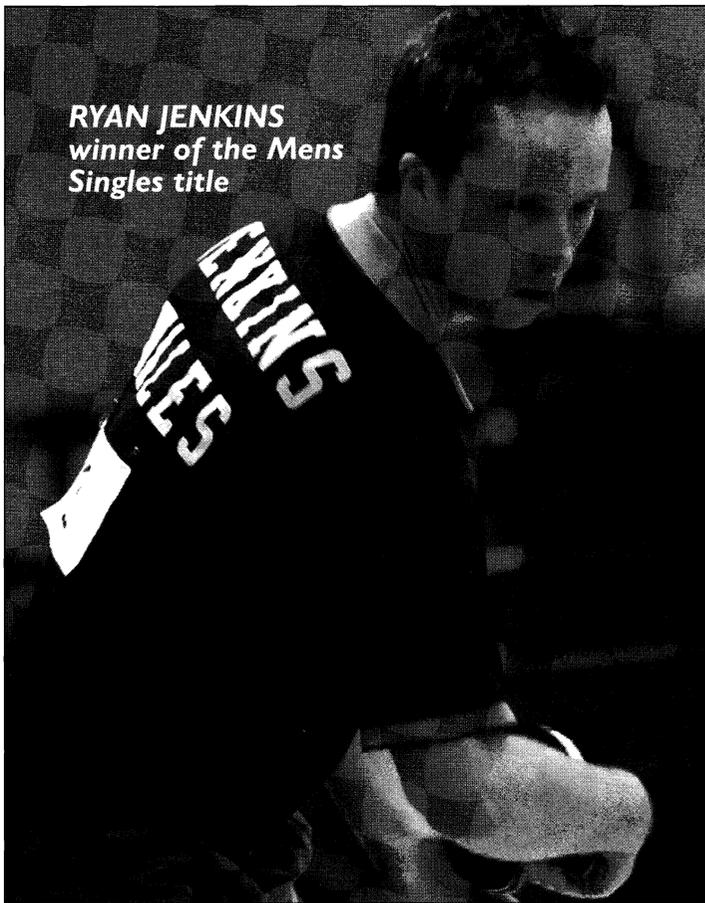
Anyway John I seem to be rambling on and have probably bored you to tears, but I do hope you get some feedback that your efforts to put together a top class magazine deserve.

*Name and Address supplied*

**Editor's Reply:** Thankyou for your most constructive letter, I hope to implement some of your suggestions in the future. However, we are already trying to aim the the magazine more towards the grass roots player.



# JENKINS & WALES ON TOP FORM



**RYAN JENKINS**  
winner of the Mens  
Singles title

**AFTER winning five grand prix tournaments last season, Ryan Jenkins (Wales) lifted the mens singles title in a superb final at the Bath Open Butterfly Grand Prix, at Bath Sports and Leisure Centre on November 15th/16th, writes John Woodford.**

International umpire Andy Seward was the man in charge of the final. After an outstanding battle he

said "This was, in my view from the umpire's chair, one of the best matches I have seen for a long time, home and abroad", as the Welshman

finally subdued a gallant Alan Cooke - 5, 8, 11, 15.

There were a flurry of match points near the end, with Jenkins taking his fourth. He has the ability to be driven back by Cooke's top-spin drives still scoring vital points.

Before the Bath final, Jenkins and Alex Perry were being considered for a British space at the European Qualifying tournament in Luxembourg. Ryan believed he was the man for the job. He thought he had proved it by beating Cooke, but the verdict went to Alex Perry, whose performances in the European League have clearly impressed the selectors.

Bryn Drinkhall is making progress. He reached the semi-finals where he lost 9, 2, 10 to Cooke.

Abdul is a man who can raise his game at times to higher levels and also ruffle the feathers of opponents and officials. This time at Bath, he appeared in a shirt that would certainly not be allowed in major tournaments but is allowed when he plays for his club in Belgium.

On a dark background, sponsors names are emblazoned in yellow and gold all over the garment producing a dazzling effect, totally unacceptable.

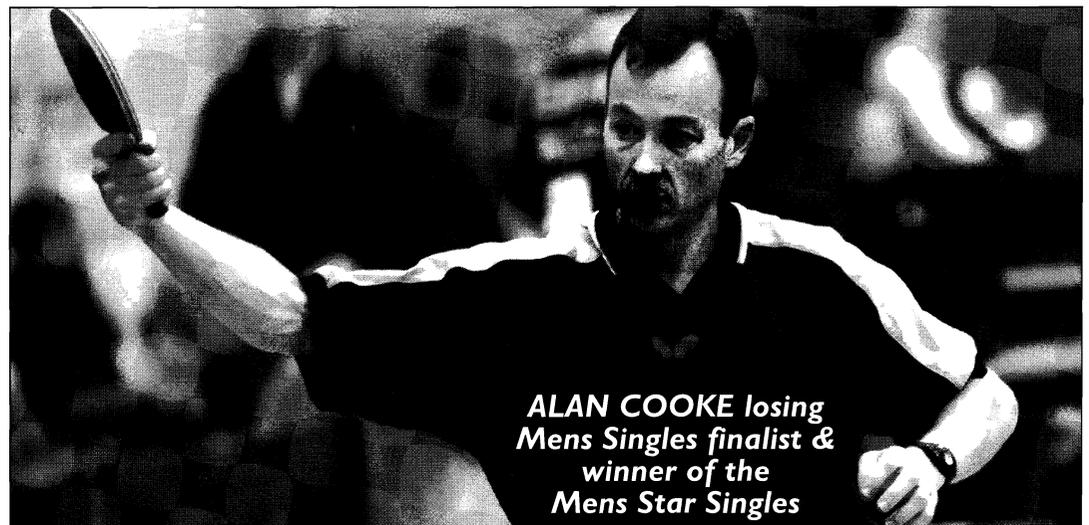
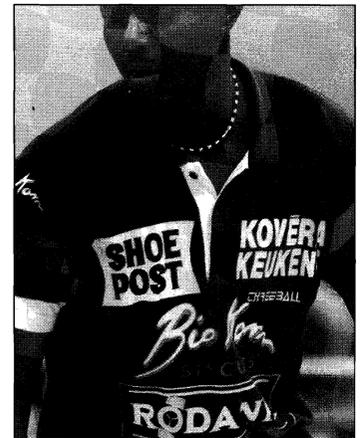
Why his earlier opponents or umpires did not complain is a mystery. But, when players "umpire" they are really just scoring.

Billington battled hard but lost. In the quarters Gergely Urban (Hungary) did the same but still lost a very close match. Shouting on

## OUTRAGEOUS SHIRT

Shocks and controversy were featured in the bottom half of the draw. Abdul Wuraola (No.33 on the England list at the time, but moving up) drew spectators attention when he overpowered a not fully-fit third seed Bradley Billington 5 in the fourth game in Round 3.

Words by  
**JOHN WOODFORD**  
Words & Pictures by  
**JOHN WOOD**



**ALAN COOKE** losing  
Mens Singles finalist &  
winner of the  
Mens Star Singles





# TOP SIX BRITISH BASED CHINESE WOMEN AT BATH

**XU JIE of Wales and China, winner of the Womens Singles**

winning points is another Abdul problem. So, with a shocking shirt worn by a shouting player causing a major upset, Urban did not shake hands after their match. Subsequently, Wuraola was told to change his shirt before he lost in the semis 4, 7, 2 to Jenkins. This he did by turning it inside out and subsequently appeared in another non-offending shirt.

## CHINESE HALF-DOZEN

No less than six Chinese women and girls - all class performers came to Bath, four of them reached the semis. The final winner was from the Cardiff stable-Xu Jie who has played in the Bundesliga.

She had an outstanding victory in the semis 3, -7, 4, 6 against the top seed a newcomer to these shores Su Hsien Ching, aged 19 who plays in France for Montpellier with Tong Feiming who also lost to Xu Jie in the quarters. But the pair clashed again later in the Star final, won by Feiming -4, 7, 2 4, 1 - revenge by the older player who had clearly revised her strategy.

This was the womens quarters line-up: Su v Kelly Sibley, Myskova v Xu Jie, Wang Yanan v Helen Lower and Georgina Walker v Na Liu.. The three England girls all bowed out, Lower to Wang Yanan, Sibley to Su but only by 3-1 and Walker losing to Na Liu.

The Sibley top-spin attack has a touch of masculinity - powerful - she

could go a long way and she was only 15 last March!

Kelly's mother, Lynn (Brison) Bolitho, was the Womens Singles Champion of the Leamington & District TTA thirteen times.

Kelly is obviously taking after her mother who was also an attacker.

## UNDER-21's

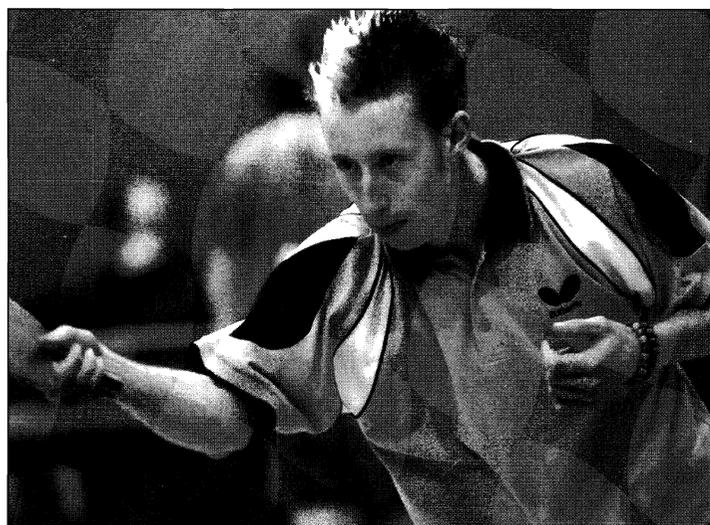
The mens Under-21 event was won by Stephen Bailey, who seems to be the young man-of-the moment in Cleveland. In the final he defeated Craig Gascoyne (Nottingham) but only after a titanic struggle, 9 in the fifth.

Wang Yanan, out of the Lydd stable in Kent was the womens Under-21 winner, defeating the England No.1 Zhao Shuang (also with a Kent address) 7,5,16. The two Chinese girls, clearly great mates, put on exhibition match in their final, all laughs and lobs - not quite what the crowd were looking for.

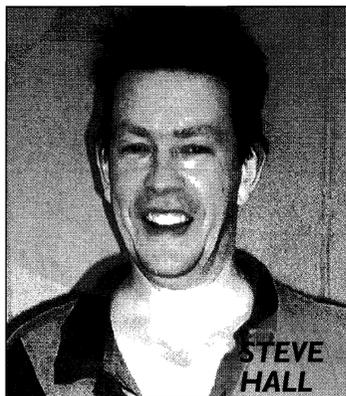
Footnote: The control table staff under Tim Harris were fully stretched on both days. Some players did not co-operate by being late on court when called and failing to umpire. This led to a late finish well after 10pm on the Saturday, but better on the Sunday with an 8.30 wrap. Also some balls disappeared when players were scoring. Twelve hours, two days in a row on control is no joke - it leaves little time for discipline - referees of the Phil Gower mould would have eliminated Abdul soon after breakfast!



**U21 Womens Singles winner WANG YANAN (left) and runner-up ZHAO SHUANG**



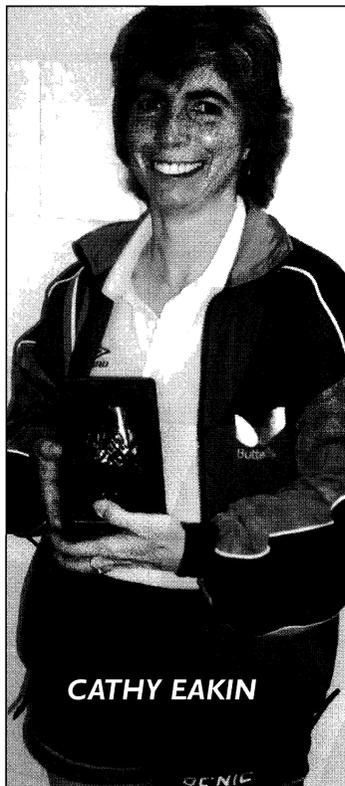
**STEVEN BAILEY winner of the Mens U21 singles**



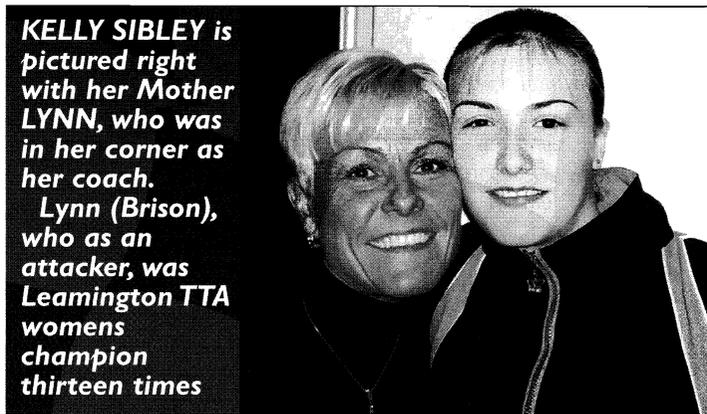
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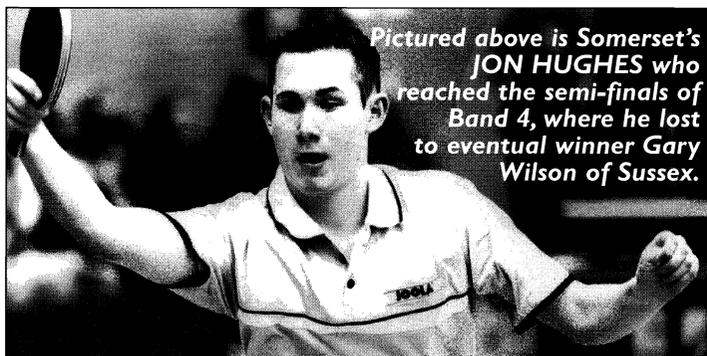
SARAH HALL



CATHY EAKIN



**KELLY SIBLEY** is pictured right with her Mother **LYNN**, who was in her corner as her coach. Lynn (Brison), who as an attacker, was Leamington TTA womens champion thirteen times



Pictured above is Somerset's **JON HUGHES** who reached the semi-finals of Band 4, where he lost to eventual winner Gary Wilson of Sussex.

## BAT BATTLE

Ryan Jenkins and Xu Jie did for Wales what their rugby team couldn't do to England in Australia, they beat their English opponents. Also flying the flag for Wales was Steve Hall and daughter Sarah, who won their respective finals, beating English opponents, Steve the Mens Veterans and Sarah the Womens Band 2, writes John Wood.

This was an event where the No.1 seeds lost, Alan Cooke and new Grand Prix face Su Hsein Ching.

Steve Hall's tremendous technical battle with Nigel Eckersley was really both colourful and noisy, interspersed with lots of passion.

Steve Hall is probably England's foremost long pimple exponent, having developed his 'Strategy' blade and 'Super Special' long pimple rubber jointly with the world's leading expert Dr. Herbert Neubauer.

Eckersley has now switched to using the same blade and rubber as Hall, so it was a truly wonderful and entertaining game to watch, with both men giving it their all, the semi-final went to the 5th game which Hall won 11-9.

Steve, whose style is to confuse with the backhand and attack with forehand, went on to beat England's Dave Harvey in the final 3-0.

Daughter Sarah won her Womens Band 2 final beating Kent's Kim Mudge 11-5 in the fifth. Sarah came from 1-2 down to win the trophy.

However, the English players did rally winning both the Mens and



Pictured above is Devon's **KEVIN BUDELLE**, who competed in Mens Band 2. Kevin is England's highest ranked penhold player.



Pictured above is South Yorkshire's **STEPHEN HORSFIELD** winner of Mens Band 1, whilst right is Somerset's **CLAIRE HOWE** who played in Womens Bands 2 & 3.



Womens Band 1 finals, when South Yorkshire's Stephen Horsfield beat Steven Bailey 12, 12, 1, whilst Kent's Angie Bristow beat Wales' Sarah Hall 4, -11, 3, 5.

### RESULTS:

**MENS SINGLES:** s/f: Ryan Jenkins b. Abdul Wuraola 4,7,2; Alan Cooke bt Bryn Drinkhall 9,2,10. **Final:** Jenkins b. Cooke -5,8,11,15.

**WOMENS SINGLES:** s/f: Xu Jie b. Su Hsien Ching 3,-7,4,6; Wang Yanan b. Na Liu -11,2,7,11. **Final:** Xu b. Wang 6, -4,10,12.

**MENS STAR SINGLES:** Alan Cooke b. Bradley Billington w/o.

**WOMENS STAR SINGLES:** Tong Feiming b. Xu Jie -4,7,2,-9,1.

### U21 FINALS:

**MENS:** Steven Bailey b. Craig Gascoyne 5,-8,5,-14,9.

**WOMENS:** Wang Yanan b. Zhao Shuang 7,5,16.

### VETERAN FINALS:

**MENS:** Steve Hall b. Dave Harvey 8,3,9.

**WOMENS:** Cathy Eakin b. Kim Mudge 6,5,3.

### MENS BANDED FINALS:

**BAND 1:** Stephen Horsfield b. Steven Bailey 12,12,1.

**BAND 2:** Jack Boulton b. Adam Laws 9,9, -11,8.

**BAND 3:** Volodymyr Chornobab b. Philip Wallace 3,2,-12,-8,4.

**BAND 4:** Gary Wilson b. Christopher Doran -6,4,9,9.

**BAND 5:** Charlie Smith b. Kevin Taylor -8,-5,5,5,9.

**BAND 6:** Charlie Smith b. Daniel Spurling 3,-8,11,7.

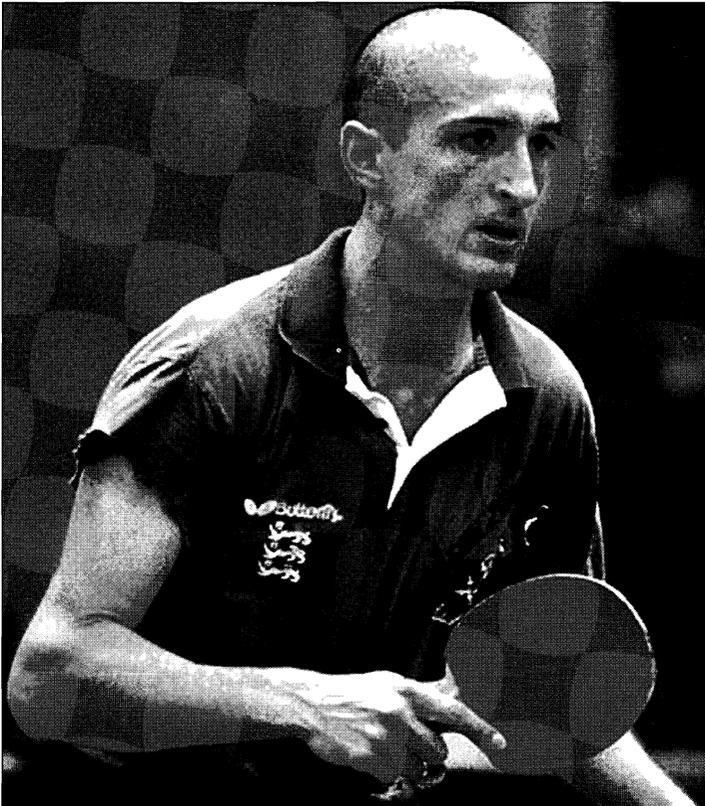
### WOMENS BANDED FINALS:

**BAND 1:** Angie Bristow b. Sarah Hall 4,-11,3,5.

**BAND 2:** Sarah Hall b. Kim Mudge -7,10, -8,7,5.

**BAND 3:** Melanie Farquhar b. Sarah Hudson 4,-6,6,9.

# “ALWAYS LISTEN TO MOTHER”



**MATTHEW SYED**

table tennis club. A hall partly self financed, with 6 tables, a bar/cafe/terrace and whatever needs a club must have.

The important thing for us was to get the correct order of play from a tactical point of view, and then win the key match. Bingo, we hit the jackpot with the order of play, Alex won the key match in the middle with fighting spirit and Matthew Syed suddenly put the clock back many years, with a performance which must rank as his best that I can remember during my time in England, and probably even longer.

On Dutch television they talked about the ghost from England!

Andrew Baggaley got the tough draw and for tactical reasons had to start with Trinko Keen. Andrew

played two very close sets, and it will be interesting to follow Andrew for the rest of the season. The potential is there, but all of us and Andrew must be patient and keep on working as hard as he is doing now.

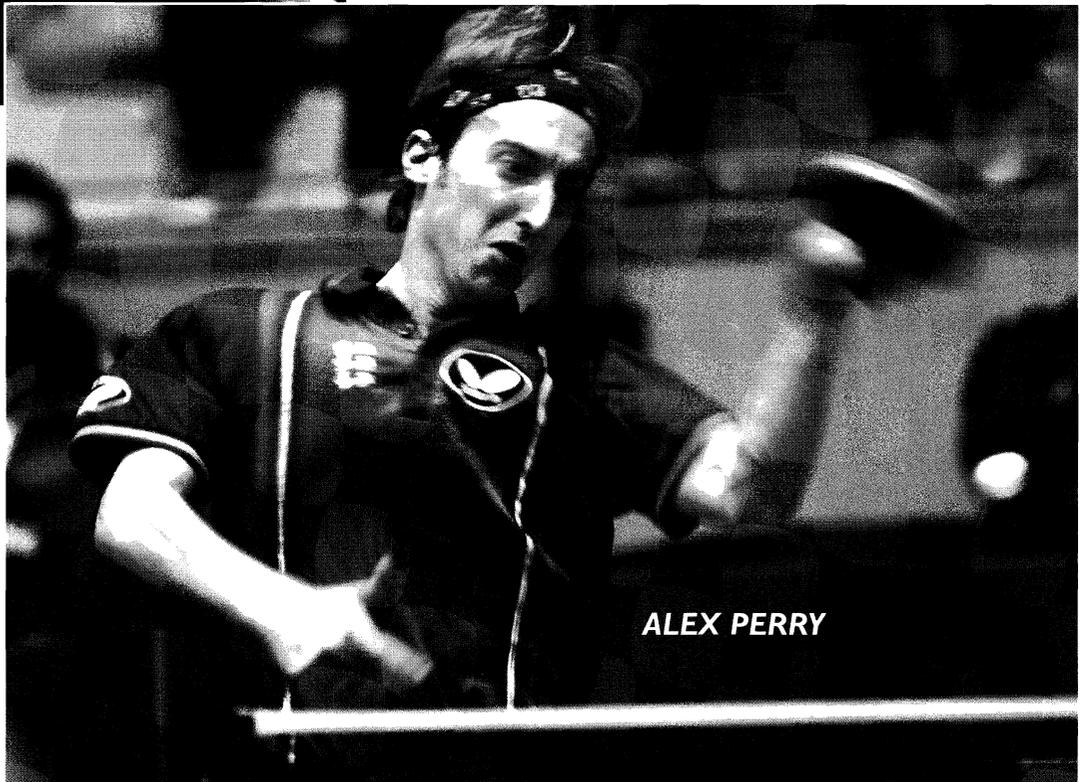
This very unexpected victory suddenly gives this tournament a whole new perspective for England, and gives us a good chance, if we can build on this result, to qualify for the Top Group in European Championship in 2005. What we need is a positive result against Germany in January 2004, and then in autumn 2004 good results in the return games. Nice that the ball is in our court after the result in Holland - we will just have to accept this challenge and prove that we can do it!

**HOLLAND 1, ENGLAND 3**  
**Trinko Keen - Andrew Baggaley 9, 3, 11**  
**Danny Heister - Matthew Syed -8, -9 -3**  
**Barry Wyjers - Alex Perry 9, -7 -7 -9**  
**Trinko Keen - Matthew Syed -7, -10 -9**

**AFTER** a recent match against Russia in Cheltenham which resulted in a clear 3-0 defeat, the next opponent was Holland away. Holland with two players in top 25 on the world ranking list was on paper clear favourites, writes Steen Kyst Hansen.

Driving down to Stanstead to meet up with Andrew Baggaley and Matthew Syed were Alex Perry and myself discussing the match, the possibilities and the order of play. Suddenly Alex says to me: "By the way my mother tells us to to play one ball at the time and stay positive". For a table tennis player very clever words and key words, but perhaps also the most difficult thing to follow.

The match took place in Oss, the birth place of a certain Manchester United striker and was also a celebration of a new hall for the local



**ALEX PERRY**

# GROVE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE LEAD



**ZHAO SHUANG**

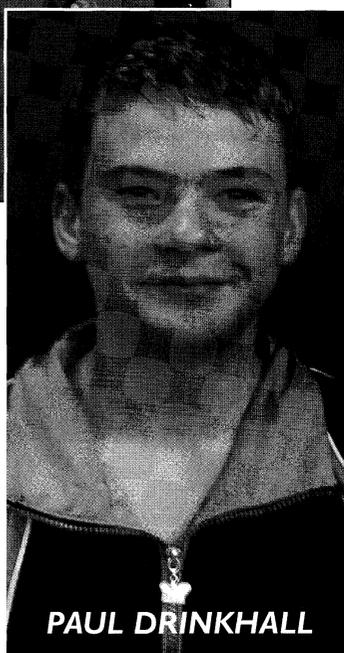
**GROVE BOYS**, Kou Lei, Bradley Evans, Tim Yarnell, and Grove Girls, Zhao Shuang, Kelly Sibley and Naomi Owen, lead the rest of the teams in the Premier Division of the Junior British League, after the first weekend of the competition at Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent, on 18th/19th October 2003.

It was all plain sailing for Grove until they drew with Ormesby, in a match that saw Grove's Zhao lose his 100% record to Ormesby's Paul Drinkhall 9-11, 11-7, 15-13, 3-11, 11-7, who also defeated Grove's Bradley Evans 11-4, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5, in the same match.

Surprisingly, Ormesby then lost to Darlington Boys 1-5.

The top three in the averages in the Boys Premier are 1. Kou Lei (Grove) 90%, 2. Paul Drinkhall (Ormesby) 88%, 3. Bradley Evans (Grove) 88%.

However, there were no slip ups for Grove Girls who finished the



**PAUL DRINKHALL**

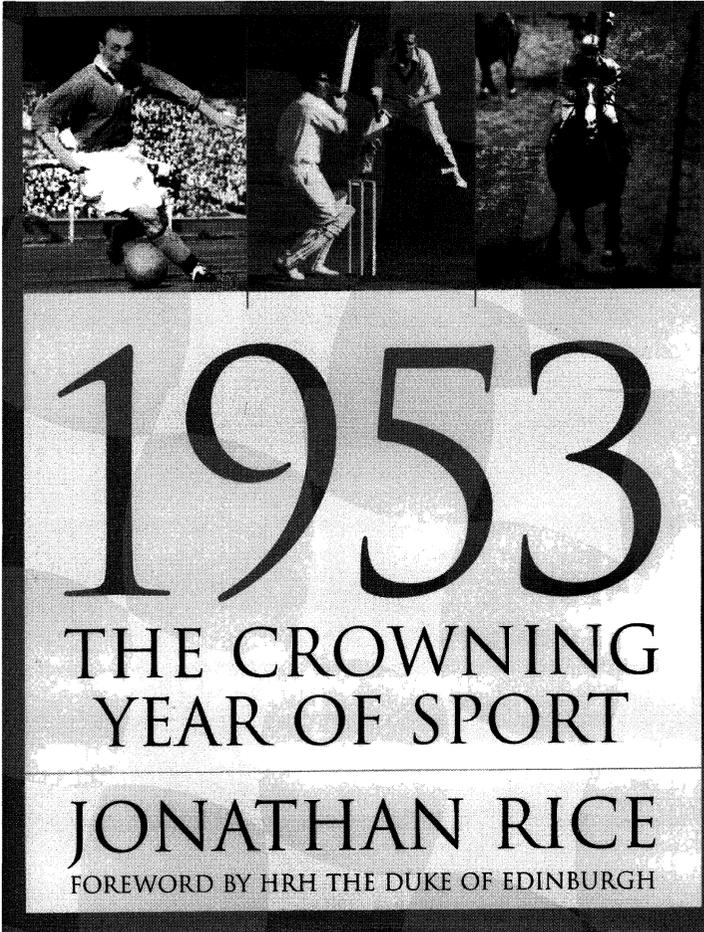
weekend with maximum points, with Zhao Shuang and Naomi Owen each playing outstandingly, to record a 100% record.

Joint third on 80% in the averages were Kelley Sibley (Grove), Abigail Embling (Team Peniel), Nicola White and Joanna Parker (Oakbank Fastbats).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Boys Premier Division</b>							
Grove Boys A	5	4	1	0	26	4	9
Ormesby A	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Darlington A	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Idsall	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
London Progress A	5	1	0	4	9	21	2
Oakbank Fastbats A	5	0	0	5	6	24	0
<b>Boys Division 1</b>							
Irish Boys	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
Southfields Elite	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
Grove Boys B	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
London Progress B	5	2	0	3	11	19	4
Devon Aces	5	1	1	3	13	17	3
Cippenham A	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
<b>Boys Division 2A</b>							
Darlington Boys B	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
Uxbridge	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Scotland	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Ashford Challoner	5	1	2	2	14	16	4
Midland Dragons	5	1	2	2	11	19	4
Stowmarket Stingrays	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
<b>Boys Division 2B</b>							
Team Peniel A	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Colley Hyundai	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Rotherham Scorpions	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
JAGS Juniors	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Grove Boys C	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Seasiders	5	0	3	2	13	17	3
<b>Boys Division 3A</b>							
Byng Hall Boys	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
Chandlers	5	2	2	1	18	12	6
Cheltenham	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
Hilton TTC	5	2	0	3	15	15	4
Ormesby B	5	1	1	3	13	17	3
Formby	5	1	0	4	8	22	2
<b>Boys Division 3B</b>							
Hull	5	3	2	0	19	11	8
Draycott & Long Eaton	5	3	1	1	20	10	7
De Vere NETTS	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Wirral Premier Boys	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
Ellenborough	5	1	0	4	6	24	2
Southfields Elite B	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
<b>Boys Division 4A</b>							
Barnet	5	4	0	1	22	8	8
Team Peniel B	5	4	0	1	19	11	8
Havering TTC	5	3	0	2	15	15	6
Mossford	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
St.Andrews	5	1	0	4	11	19	2
Grove Boys D	5	0	1	4	7	23	1
<b>Boys Division 4B</b>							
Spicer Boys	5	5	0	0	27	3	10
Bedford Modern	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Cornwall Rockets	5	2	2	1	14	16	6
Northampton	5	1	3	1	13	17	5
Club Mid-Cheshire Boys	5	0	2	3	10	20	2
Sunderland & District	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
<b>Girls Premier Division</b>							
Grove Girls A	5	5	0	0	28	2	10
Oakbank Fastbats A	5	4	0	1	23	7	8
Wirral Premier Girls	5	3	0	2	13	17	6
Team Peniel A	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Cippenham Girls A	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Grove Girls B	5	0	0	5	4	26	0
<b>Girls Division 1</b>							
Wirral Premier Girls	5	4	1	0	19	11	9
Draycott & Long Eaton A	5	4	0	1	22	8	8
Irish Girls	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
De Vere NETTS Girls	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
Team Peniel B	5	1	1	3	15	15	3
Darlington Girls A	5	0	0	5	3	27	0
<b>Girls Division 2</b>							
Cippenham Girls B	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
The Weald TTC	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Scotland Girls	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
Hilton Girls	5	1	3	1	16	14	5
Draycott & Long Eaton B	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
Grove Girls C	5	0	2	3	10	20	2
<b>Girls Division 3</b>							
Byng Hall Girls	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
Stafford Girls	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Club Mid-Cheshire	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
St.Andrew Girls	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Oakbank Fastbats B	5	1	3	1	14	16	5
Cippenham Girls C	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Rotherham Scorpions Girls	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
Darlington Girls B	5	0	1	4	8	22	1

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# A SPORTING DREAM



**'1953 THE CROWNING YEAR OF SPORT' is an illustrated account of Britain's amazing sporting 'firsts' achieved in Coronation Year, written by Jonathan Rice, published by Methuen.**

1953 was a year of great achievement for some of the best-loved sportsmen of the day - and of the first successful ascent of Mount Everest. In vivid prose Jonathan Rice recounts the stories behind the extraordinary sporting feats of that year. They include:

The FA Cup Final - Saturday 2 May 1953 was the most dramatic Final ever played at Wembley, when Stanley Matthews, arguably one of the best footballers of any era, defeated Bolton Wanderers

and achieved his dream of a Cup-winners' medal for Blackpool.

The Derby - legendary jockey Gordon Richards won the premier Classic race at Epsom for the first and only time at his 28th attempt on Saturday 6 June.

Tennis - American player Maureen Connolly, still only eighteen years of age, won the women's title at Wimbledon for a second successive year.

Motor Racing - Britain's Mike Hawthorn took on the giants in the sport - Fangio, Ascari, Farina, Gonzales - to win the French Grand Prix at Rheims on Sunday 5 July, heralding a golden age in British motor racing

International Football - a magnificent Hungarian side displayed their brilliance at

Wembley. England lost 6-3, their first defeat on home soil by a foreign side.

At the same time as the football match was being played at Wembley Stadium, a few hundreds yards away at the Wembley Empire Pool, England's table tennis players took on the best that Hungary had to offer.

England's, Johnny Leach, Richard Bergmann, and the Rowe twins Diane and Rosalind, were trailing 1-4, before making a fantastic fight back to win the match 5-4.

This book is a nostalgic read for the sporting minded.

As 1953 was Coronation year the forward is appropriately written by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

## SEX, DEATH & PING PONG

HOWARD JACOBSON'S 'The Mighty Walzer', for those that haven't read it yet is a fantastically funny read, ideal for a present at any time of the year.

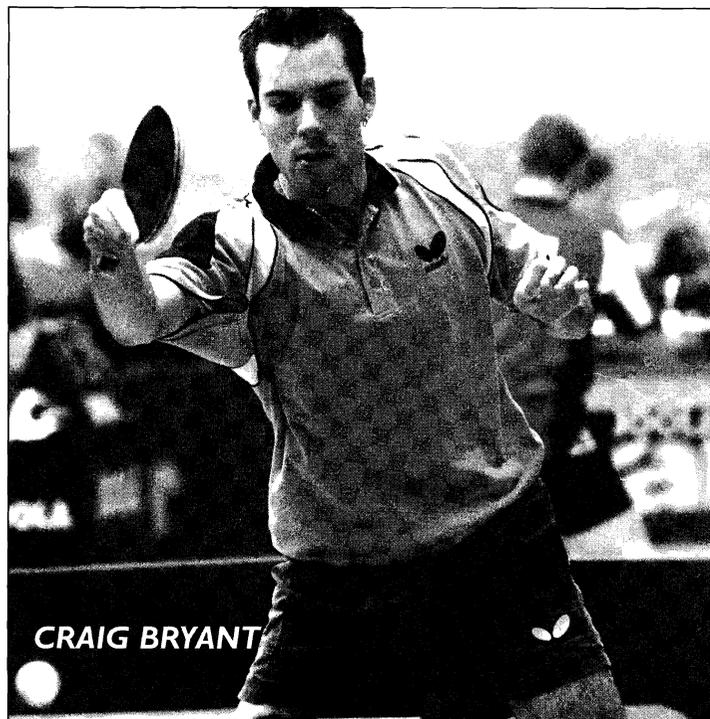
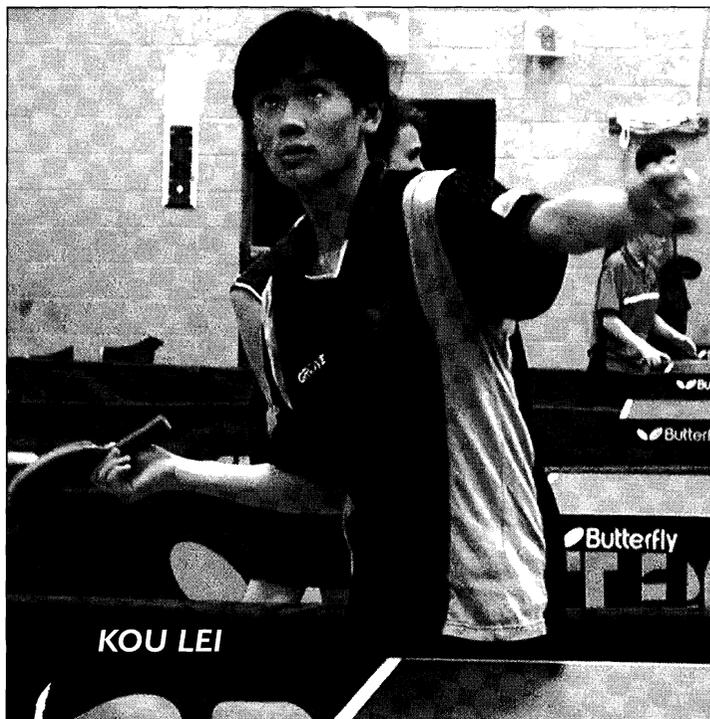
'The Mighty Walzer' is published by Jonathan Cape Random House.

**'Howard Jacobson is one of the funniest writers alive' Daily Telegraph**

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# KOU LEI WINS



**STOCKTON ON TEES 4 STAR JUNIOR SELECT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
by Alan Ransome

**GROVE'S KOU LEI** lifted the Junior Boys Singles title in the Stockton on Tees Junior Select Championships that took place at Thornaby Pavilion in Cleveland on 15/16 November, beating Ormesby's Craig Bryant in the final and his Grove team mate, Tim Yarnall in the semi.

In the singles events, Kou Lei was dominant, winning the final in straight sets and avenging the loss to Bryant from the Team Championship a day earlier. Kou Lei also defeated Craig Howieson and Greg Baker en route to the final.

The Girls Singles was won by 3rd seed Nicola White of Yorkshire who beat Karen Shepherd of Cheshire in the semi final and Emma Weil of Peniel, Essex in the final. Emma, from the 8th seeded position, came through to the final by beating the top seed, Lauren Springthorpe of Lincolnshire in the third round and Scotland's Laura Rumgay over five games in the semi.

The Cadet Boys Singles was won by Ormesby's Paul Drinkhall who was in good form on the Saturday, beating Bradley Evans of Buckinghamshire 3-1 and his main Cadet rival Darius

Knight of Surrey in the final. Knight turned the tables the following day by beating Drinkhall in the quarter finals of the Boys Singles before losing to Craig Bryant in the semi. Danny Reed, also of Ormesby, did well to go through to the semi finals of the Cadet Boys Singles in the section of the draw where Durham's David Meads was the seed. Mead was defeated by Scotland's Howieson in the third round, with Howieson losing to Reed 3-1 in the quarter finals.

The Cadet Girls Singles was won by the top seed, Lauren Springthorpe, who beat Emma Vickers of Derby by 3 games to 1 in the final.

In the team events, Grove's Cover Systems won the Boys event, beating Ormesby by 3-2 in the final. The star of the match was Craig Bryant who beat both Tim Yarnall and Kou Lei, but this was not sufficient to take victory.

The Girls Team event was won by Scotland, with Laura Rumgay and Karen Eggar beating the Wirral team of Karen Shepherd and Claire Langford. Karen Shepherd was the star of this match, winning both her singles.

**SINGLES RESULTS**

*Mini Cadet Boys Singles*

FINAL: Gavin Evans (Bu) bt Myles Evans 9,9,9

*Mini Cadet Girls Singles*

FINAL: Rachel Jamieson (E) bt Emma Vickers (Dy) 5,5,-3,2

*Cadet Boys Singles*

SEMI-FINALS: Paul Drinkhall (Cv) bt Bradley Evans (Bu) 5,11,1; Darius Knight (Sy) bt Daniel Reed (Cv) 6,5,9  
FINAL: Paul Drinkhall (Cv) bt Darius Knight (Sy) 5,-4,2,4

*Cadet Girls Singles*

SEMI-FINALS: Lauren Springthorpe (Li) bt Sophie Byron (Ch) 8,6,8; Emma Vickers (Dy) bt Jessica Macken (E) -4,4,3,-11,6

FINAL: Lauren Springthorpe (Li) bt Emma Vickers (Dy) 2,8,-7,7

*Grade 1 Boys Singles*

FINAL: Ben Barlow (Y) bt Andrew Wilson (Cv) 2,5,5

*Grade 1 Girls Singles*

FINAL: Emma Vickers (Dy) bt Jordyn Layfield (Ch) 10,14,8

*Junior Boys Singles*

SEMI-FINALS: Kou Lei (CHN) bt Tim Yarnall (Np) 6,5,-10,3; Craig Bryant (Dv) bt Darius Knight 15,6,-8,7

FINAL: Kou Lei (CHN) bt Craig

Bryant (Dv) 8,10,5

*Junior Girls Singles*

SEMI-FINALS: Emma Weil (E) bt Laura Rumgay (SCO) 8,-7,11,-5,4; Nicola White (Y) bt Karen Shepherd (Ch) 5,9,7

FINAL: Nicola White bt Emma Weil (E) -8,12,6,4

**TEAM RESULTS**

*Cadet Boys Team – FINAL*

Grove bt Scotland 3-1

Gavin Evans bt Scot Johnston 7,6,8

Myles Evans lt Craig Howieson -5,-9,8,9,-9

Evans & Evans bt Johnston & Howieson 9,-5,8-4,10

Gavin Evans bt Craig Howieson 10,-9,-7,8,9

*Cadet Girls Team – FINAL*

Drayton & Long Eaton bt Peniel 3-0  
Emma Vickers bt Jessica Macken -14,6,7,4

Caroline Hallows bt Rachel Jamieson 5,7,-6,-9,6

Vickers & Hallows bt Macken & Jamieson 9,9,5

*Junior Boys Team – FINAL*

Grove Coversystems bt Ormesby 1 3-2

Tim Yarnall lt Craig Bryant -8,-3,6,7,-9  
Kou Lei bt Greg Baker 4,-14,8,9

Yarnall & Lei bt Bryant & Baker 6,7,-8,6

Kou Lei lt Craig Bryant 4,-8,10,-5,-7

Tim Yarnall bt Greg Baker -8,8,-3,8,11

*Junior Girls Team – FINAL*

Scotland bt Wirral 3-2

Laura Rumgay lt Karen Shepherd -6,-7,-7

Karin Eggar bt Claire Langford -5, 6,6,11

Rumgay & Eggar bt Shepherd & Langford 6,-9,8,-5,4

Karin Eggar lt Karen Shepherd -9,-4,-5

Laura Rumgay bt Claire Langford 7,-9,10,7.

# NEWSMAN DENNIS MAKES THE NEWS

**TABLE tennis correspondent Dennis Millman is looking forward to a lot of reading, writes Jim Beckley.**

The Kettering man, who writes his notes for the Evening Telegraph, picked up the Press Officer of the Year award at a special ceremony held at the National Sports Centre, Lilleshall.

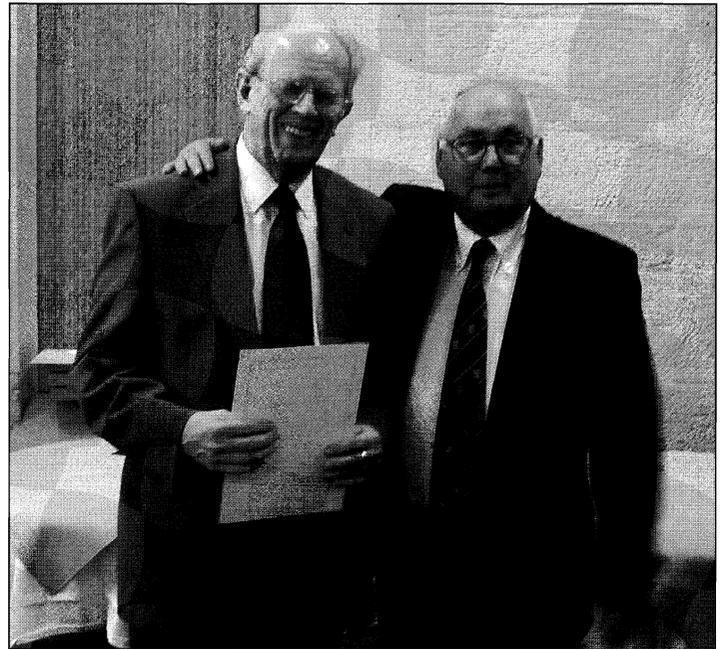
Dennis, who lives in Barton Seagrave, collected £500 worth of books donated by publishers Random House in recognition of his outstanding work for his local league.

"Dennis is an inspirational example of what can be done if you put your mind to it," said newly elected ETTA chairman

Alex Murdoch. "Despite illness he rarely misses a week with his articles and is one reason why his local league is growing."

Pat Finney, the Kettering League secretary added: "Our league has benefited enormously from his high quality reports and a lot of that success is due to Dennis."

Random House have been an enthusiastic supporter of the ETTA for some years and are the publishers of Howard Jacobson's table tennis novel 'The Mighty Walzer.' Available in both hardback and paperback. See page 15.



**DENNIS MILLMAN** is overjoyed to receive the 'Press Officer of the Year Award', from ETTA Chairman **ALEX MURDOCH**

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# GRUBBA TAKES SUSSEX MENS VETERAN TITLE



## News from the Ocean International Sussex Open

..and it's victory for Grubba

"Too much Plum Brandy last night, eh Andrzej?"

"At last...the Sussex Vet's title. After only 14 gruelling bouts!"

"hello, hello....Paula?"

"OK chaps, lets hit a club: who's got my car keys?"

"ha-ha.. a bit behind with your mobile phone knowledge, eh Andrzej"

"Uh..Chen... what the?"

The night before!

Gate 7

later at the bar

"Uurgh, my head!"

Meanwhile in Croatia

"I am Dragutin Surbek! let me aboard! STOP!"

snigger, snigger

GRUBBA

GRUBBA

# RETURN OF THE "ALL-ROUNDER"

**Brian Halliday met Chen Weixing at the Nottingham Academy earlier this year, where this interview took place.**

**THE 2003 World Championships in Paris saw an unexpected power shift from China to Europe. Well almost. China retained their hold on the doubles events, and it goes without saying that their women play a completely different ball game to their European counterparts, writes Brian Halliday.**

Perhaps the Chinese men are not quite as powerful as in the past. Anyway on this occasion the Europeans really came good with some superb performances, especially Kreanga and more specifically Werner Schlager. It was Schlager who took out Kim Taek Soo, Wang Liquin, Kong Ling Hui, and then in the final Joo Se Hyuk. A truly great performance.

The two players that intrigued me were Joo Se Hyuk and Chen Weixing. The Korean and the Austrian, at first sight, were playing a new type of table tennis based on an all-round style of play.

Chen Weixing attended the Academy in Nottingham in July and I took the opportunity of interviewing him to find out more about his sensational brand of play.

At first sight you would assess the Austrian as a very good world class defender, but there is much more to his game than that. He explained that his technique is based on heavy back spin on the backhand side, which is coupled with side spin to create a drag effect. The strokes are made almost exclusively at hip level. The forehand is all about powerful loops and spins. Very seldom is a defensive shot played from this area.

To play this type of all-round game demands peak fitness, and Chen explained that he never plays less than five hours a day. "I just love playing, and have many practice matches in Austria with Werner Schlager with results going about 50/50."

Chen Weixing comes from the Mongolian Chinese border and started playing at age 8. He was able to couple his education with table tennis through a number of specialised schools. 1998 saw his eventual arrival in the Austrian National Team, via a route that took in Hungary, where he spent two years, and then a further two playing years in Germany.

I asked him about his remarkable last 16 win in Paris over China's Wang Hao. He said that he thought that this was one of his best wins but "perhaps Wang made too many mistakes". He said that he had been massively influenced in his career by Cai Chen Hua and had also taken inspiration from Liang Ge Liang and the ex English international Chen Xin Hua. He considered that two wins over the Belarus player, Samsonov, to be of greater merit than his Paris victories.

I asked, tongue in cheek, how he played against defenders, when the strength of his own game was defence "No problem, I love it. I beat the Chinese player Ding Song twice, so I have no fear." What about Matt Syed? "He does not want to play me." Laughter all round.

When asked to consider the best player of all time he replied that it was hard to say. Werner Schlager is now the world's best, although he thought that he was a little lucky to survive four match points in his quarter final against Wang Liquin, and one match point in his semi with Kong.

His views on the Nottingham Academy were very positive. "It is important that the young players in England have a central area to come to where they can watch, play with, and be inspired by top professional players." When asked to compare standards with China, he said that they worked and trained far harder in China. "To succeed you have to train very hard".

For relaxation this likeable man watches football and TV. Chinese food is a favourite. He forgoes the ski slopes of Austria as his love affair with table tennis is a time consuming passion.



Picture by Jon Rigby

**Austria's CHEN WEIXING, the new breed of "All-round" player, who excelled at the International Masters at Sheffield, then dominated at the Sussex Open Grand Prix in Crawley, winning the Mens Singles title**

# WEIXING & FEIMING CRUISE TO VICTORY

CHINESE star players past and present and three European and world-class aces from a decade ago came to Crawley Leisure Centre on October 18-19, where the Crawley and District League were for the first time the local organisers, writes JOHN WOODFORD.

Predictably, the winners of the main singles events were the world No.23 Chen Weixing who plays out of Vienna for Austria and reached the quarters in the Malaysian Open World Grand Prix Professional Tour and Tong Feiming, the world No.30 who now lives in Fareham, Hampshire and plays weekly in the French national league.

Chen is not just a chopper as I was told earlier, he has an awesome all-round game that proved too strong in the final for Ryan Jenkins, the most prominent front-rank supporter of the domestic Grand Prix circuit.

But Ryan, five times a winner on the tour last season has yet to win in this campaign after three tournaments. He lost 9, 2, 8 to Chen in the Crawley final.

## TERRIFIC TONG

Not all that long ago, I recall watching Tong Feiming reaching the quarter-finals of the world championships in Japan. She still retains a blistering attack on both wings, evident as she came through to stop another gallant performance from Helen Lower 8, 3, 7 in the final.

Miss Lower was the only English player in the semi-finals - she



Picture by Jon Rigby

stormed through in five games against the non-smiling Lithuanian Eglej Adomelyte (London Progress).

Marketa Myskova, basically a defender, is still improving. She defeated Lauren Spink 8, -8, 2, 9 in the quarters. Feiming had to struggle against Marketa at Liverpool losing one game, but this time she worked out the right strategy against the backspin to win through 6, 4, 8.

In the womens final, Feiming triumphed 8,3,7 against Helen Lower.

## BAGGALEY IN CHINA

The second seed Andrew Baggaley after a month training in China stopped Clive Carthy in Round 3 and Andrzej Grubba -6, 5, 9, 2 in the quarters before losing -6, -8, 3, 6 to Ryan Jenkins.

Words by  
**JOHN WOODFORD**

Steen Hansen agreed with me in Scotland - "Our young men, four or five of them, have to beat the Scottish squad, but beating the Welsh pair Jenkins and Adam Robertson is a further step up the ladder".

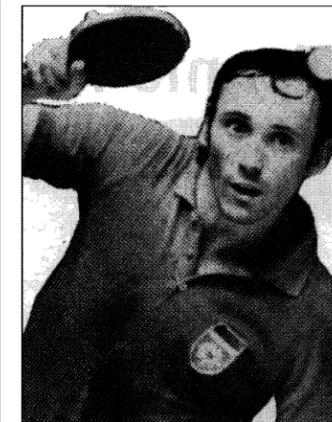
The Scots, the Welsh and the Irish compete in a number of the grand prix tournaments in England, so there is the opportunity for the young England group now trying to emerge towards the top squad.

Milan Orlovski, the former world semi-finalist had to fight hard to beat Gergely Urban 9 in the fifth in Round 3, after which Jenkins was also extended by the Czech before he went through -8, 5, -10, 3, 6. Matthew

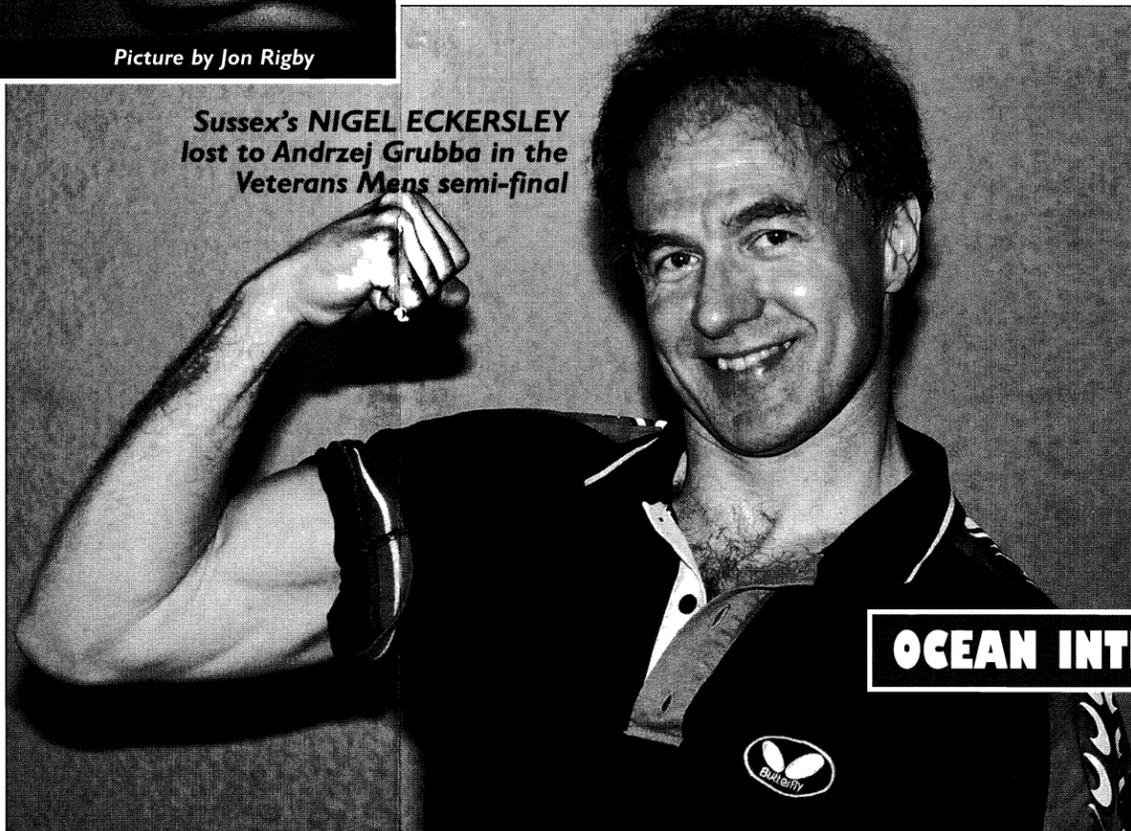


Picture by Jon Rigby

ROSE RAINTON (above) of Sussex who reached the Womens Band 1 final, whilst pictured below is former world super star DRAGUTIN SURBECK who was stuck at Zagreb airport without a visa.



Sussex's NIGEL ECKERSLEY lost to Andrzej Grubba in the Veterans Mens semi-final



Kenny found some of his best shots but he went under -7, -3, -5 to the spectacular skills coming from the Grubba bat.

## GRUBBA WINS

The predictable winner of the veterans singles was Andrzej Grubba with semi-exhibition modes in the semi-finals against Nigel Eckersley and in the final against Lesek Kucharski.

Brenda Buoej triumphed in the womens veterans final against the ever-present Judy Morley.

In the Under-21 events Eglej Adomelyte accounted for Grace Brown (Essex) 3, 7, 4 whilst the Under-21 mens final did not happen as Stephen Bailey had to catch a train back to Newcastle, leaving Liam Thomas (Wales) a walk-over winner.

The Band 1 mens winner was

Michael Marsden (Darlington) against Nigel Eckersley whilst Sarah Horsnell (Middlesex) took the womens Band 1 title 7, 7, 10 against the Sussex champion Rose Rainton. The biggest shock of the week-end was in the womens singles groups when Sussex veteran Sheila King brought down England No.13 Louise Durrant from Nottingham.

Footnotes: Play ended around 9.30 pm on both days. The finish on Sunday was delayed half an hour due to a hoax fire alarm. The Crawley League headed by Derek Bunday were aided by valuable help from Crawley Council and the two sponsors were Butterfly and Ocean International Communications of Brighton who sponsored Orlovski, Grubba, Kucharski and Chen Weixing. They tried to bring over Dragutin Surbek but got to Zagreb airport without a visa to enter Britain and had to return home.

## RESULTS:

Mens Singles: Final: Chen Weixing (AUS) b. Ryan Jenkins (WAL) 9, 2, 8. S/F: Chen b. Che Xiangcheng 1, 5, 7; Jenkins b. Andrew Baggaley 6, 8,-3, 6.

Womens Singles: Final: Tong Feiming (TPE) b. Helen Lower 8,3,7. S/F: Tong b. Marketa Myskova (CZE) 6, 4, 8; Lower b. Eglej Adomelyte (LIT) -7,-9, 8, 9, 8.

Mens U21 Singles Final: Liam Thomas b. Steven Bailey w/o

Womens U21 Singles Final: Eglej Adomelyte b. Grace Brown 3, 7, 4.

Mens Star Singles Final: Bradley Billington b. R. Jenkins -1,-6, 9, 10, 9.

Womens Star Singles Final: Tong Feiming b. Helen Lower 12, 9,-9, 8.

Mens Veteran Singles Final: Andrzej Grubba (POL) b. Lesek Kucharski (POL) 2, 9, 7.

Womens Veteran Singles: Brenda Buoej b. Judy Morley 5,-9, 8, 8.

BANDED SINGLES:  
Mens 1: M. Marsden b. N. Eckersley 10, 7, 8.

Mens 2: A.Laws b. J.Boult 10,11,-9, 4.

Mens 3: E.Sharp b. T.Franquin 10, -10, 9, 3.

Mens 4: E.Charlemagne b. J.Whitehorn -8, 9, 13, -12, 4.

Mens 5: P.Elphick b. V.Chornobab 9, 6,-9,-8, 8.

Mens 6: V.Chornobab b. R.Zivkovic 4, 6, 3.

Womens 1: S.Horsnell b. R.Rainton -14, 7, 8, 8.

Womens 2: S.Stedman b. K.Mudge 8, 4, 5.

Womens 3: M.Barrett b. C.Homeyard -10,-9, 7, 6, 7.

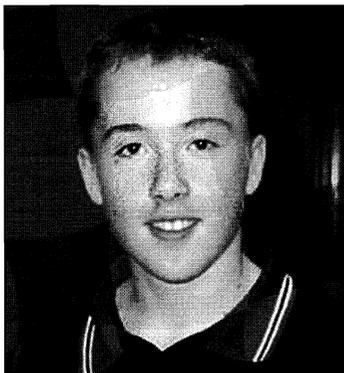


# SEASIDERS ROCK PROGRESS

**BOTTOM-PLACED side Seasiders had clearly not read the script when they travelled to Wellow House School, near Newark for the second round of British League Premier division matches over the weekend of 22/23 November 2003. Bolstered by the inclusion of former England international Jonathan Taylor (who had not been available for the first weekend of matches) and Adam Bleakley (who had transferred from Halton Croda) their team suddenly looked a totally different proposition this time. With Greg Baker at No.3 and Kevin Dolder at No.4 they clearly had strength in all departments. And pleasingly for fans of the game who love to see rallies all four of the Seasiders players play spectacular modern all-round games which are a delight to watch, writes Steve Kerns.**

Second-placed BATTs Team Peniel I were their first set of opponents on the Saturday morning and it was Seasiders who called the shots throughout the match. England No.6 Junior Adam Bleakley, a slip of a lad sent shock-waves rippling through the hall as he downed John Holland 11-7 in the fifth end in the first game. His team-mates were equally impressive and they never let up as Johnathan Taylor beat both John Holland and Peter Cleminson. Greg Baker and Kevin Dolder both saw off Neil Charles and Bleakley added a second win over fellow Junior Craig Bryant. Seasiders eventually took the game 6-2 as Bryant's 3-0 success over Dolder and a 12-10 in the fifth end win for Peter Cleminson over Greg Baker added a degree of respectability to the scoreline.

The fixtures chart had clearly thrown up an intriguing proposition as Seasider's next set of opponents were leaders London Progress I and on this form it seemed that Seasiders might just be capable of causing an upset. In a match that probably matched the intensity of a Rugby match in Australia that morning it was Seasiders who triumphed 5-3. It is doubtful if you will see a better British League match anywhere! The accomplished Johnathan Taylor put Seasiders into an early lead with a superb 11-7 in the fifth end win over Jason Sugrue and then Adam Bleakley produced as good a performance as you will anywhere this season with his stirring 11-9 in



**ADAM BLEAKLEY**

the fifth end victory over Marco Essomba. You would expect Essomba - tall, athletic and rangy to dominate away from the table. But no one had told Bleakley (arguably the most natural "mover" in the country) who matched his opponent in all departments - particularly for power in the away from the table rallies. Bleakley eventually won a spell-binding game 11-9 in the fifth end. Progress's excellent new signing Leeroy Pye hit back with a 3-0 win over Greg Baker and their other top-class acquisition Darren Blake saw off Kevin Dolder 3-2 as Progress levelled the scores.

Johnathan Taylor versus Marco Essomba was clearly going to be a very important game and if Marco could rediscover his form of a couple of seasons ago (when he was virtually unbeatable in the British League) then he had to start as the firm favourite. However it just wasn't Marco's day as Johnathan always seemed to have the upperhand and he deservedly won the match 3-1. The next game produced arguably the biggest shock of all as a fired up Greg Baker (the England No.7 Junior) played as if his life depended on it against Irish international Jason Sugrue refusing to concede an inch. Baker's third ball game never let him down whilst his way from the table play found new dimensions and his eventual 13-11 in the deciding set victory moved his side into a 4-2 lead. His team mates were ecstatic and Adam Bleakley duly finished things off with a hard-earned 3-1 victory over the skillful Darren Blake. No longer able to match his young opponent in the footwork department Blake nevertheless proved more than a handful and Bleakley had to again dig deep to take the match. Progress had been beaten, only their second loss in five years when they had been at full



**GREG BAKER**

strength. It was left to Leeroy Pye to add a degree of respectability to the scoreline which he did with a well-executed 3-0 victory over Kevin Dolder. Progress supremo Jon Kaufman later conceded jokingly that three of his team "looked like middle aged business men" compared with their two young opponents - Bleakley and Baker.

Whatever Team Manager Jon Kaufman said to his London Progress team must have worked as they emerged on the Sunday morning "fighting fit" and the expected challenge from the BATTs Team Peniel side never materialised. Leeroy Pye excelled with a superb 11-8 in the fifth end victory over Craig Bryant as Progress raced into a 4-0 lead. John Holland eventually got BATTs onto the scoresheet with his 3-2 victory over Marco Essomba but further wins for Darren Blake over Peter Cleminson and for Jason Sugrue over Craig Bryant completed a great allround Progress team performance. BATTs's Neil Charles finished the game off with a fine 3-2 win over Leeroy Pye, coming back from 2-0 down with his best display of the weekend. Match score - London Progress 6 BATTs Team Peniel I 2. Progress were back in business!

Barnet with two wins and two draws also had a good weekend and they stayed in third place with ten points. Their squad was bolstered by the inclusion of Darius Knight in their line-up at no. 2 and the diminutive England no. two Cadet showed his ability to mix it with the best of them. His best performance was arguably his 3-0 victory over Lorestas Trumpauskas whilst his battle with Jonathan Taylor was absolutely superb with the youngster launching himself into his shots in an attempt to match the power of his obviously much bigger opponent.

The calm and controlled Tim Yarnall, playing at No.1 one for Barnet carried on where he had left off in the first weekend winning six of his eight singles. His only below-par performance (by his standards) came on the Sunday morning against JAGS where he lost to both Abdul Wuraola and Lorestas Trumpauskas 3-1. He hit back superbly in his last match with victories against Adam Bleakley and Jonathan Taylor (Taylor's only defeat of the weekend). Barnet's match with Seasiders created a record which can never be beaten. All eight sets were decided in the fifth end. The match had to be finished on three tables as all other games had long since been completed and incredibly Barnet won the last four matches to secure a 5-3 victory - Seasider's only defeat of the weekend. Tim Yarnall took the "Man of the Match Award" but his three team-mates weren't far behind. It was gripping stuff as Yarnall beat Taylor 12-10 in the decider, Costas Papantoniou saw off Adam Bleakley 11-8 in the decider, Darius Knight got the better of Greg Baker 11-8 in the fifth end and most dramatically of all Niall Cameron somehow retrieved a 9-5 fifth game deficit to beat a luckless Kevin Dolder 12-14, 13-11, 12-10, 13-15, 11-9. What a finale! Costas Papantoniou's under-elaborated mobile phone call after the match sums up the match perfectly from Barnet's perspective "Sorry I'm late, we've just beaten the best team this weekend 5-3 - but it took quite a long time!". Deep down he was delighted!

Darlington scored an important 7-1 victory over bottom side Derwent but failure to field a full side on the Sunday contributed to their 5-3 defeat against Horsham. England no. 4 Cadet David Meads excelled on the Saturday against Derwent with wins over Stephen Horsfield and Richard Smith whilst Michael Marsden made his presence felt with his victories over Richard Smith and Dave Godbold. Steve Beerling who beat both Eddie Smith and Michael Marsden was Horsham's match-winner as Adrian Moore added a vital 3-1 victory over Eddie Smith. Darlington also missed out 3-5 against JAGS. A very fit-looking Andrew Wilkinson won some fantastic back from the table rallies against Lorestas Trumpauskas to take the match 3-2 and he contributed a second priceless victory with a 3-1 success over Tommy Cutler. It wasn't

quite enough as newcomer Mohammad Albahar and Abdul Wuraola both beat Michael Marsden, and Lorestas Trumpauskas came good in his second singles against Eddie Smith.

Horsham fought back bravely from 4-2 down to earn a vital draw against Barnet on the Saturday. Barnet's undefeated Tim Yarnall took the Man-of-the-Match Award but two wins for Dominic Hall helped to redress the balance. Adrian Moore added a vital 3-1 victory over Darius Knight and Steve Beerling scored with a 3-2 victory over Niall Cameron. Horsham were less successful against BATTs going down 7-1 and against London Progress where they lost 6-2. Their performance against Progress looks to have been the better one as they started well. An inform Adrian Moore outgunned Jason Sugrue 11-4 in the decider and Steve Beerling matched Marco Essomba all the way to 8-8 in the fifth end before succumbing. Peter Bartram put Horsham into a 2-1 lead with an excellent win over Leeroy Pye before Progress reasserted themselves by taking the last five singles fairly comfortably. Horsham had to wait until the last match before getting onto the score sheet against BATTs Team Peniel. Andy Walker will no doubt consider it well worth the wait, as he came up with a great win over Neil Charles at 11-9 in the deciding end. Charles was involved in the only other five-gamer of the match just prevailing 13-11 in the fifth end against Dominic Hall. Some outstanding sportsmanship here from Neil at 10-9 in the fifth end, as he conceded a point to an edge with Dominic already in a position to shake hands.

Derwent will realistically have resigned themselves to relegation. With only two points on the score board and two teams to go down

they would need a dramatic improvement to stay up. However despite failing to win any more matches they showed an abundance of fighting spirit and determination. No. 1 player Dave Godbold gave a superb account of himself against Adam Bleakley before succumbing 12-10 in the fifth end and can scarcely have played better against such a fluent opponent. Even though Derwent lost this match to Seasiders 7-1 there was some "Morning Glory" for Simon Nutch who scored an outstanding 3-2 win over fellow junior Greg Baker. "Some might say" that Nutch bears a more than passing resemblance to Rock icon Liam Gallagher, but that is perhaps taking things too far! Richard Smith had a match he will remember against BATTs Team Peniel as he beat both Neil Charles 3-0 and then Peter Cleminson 3-1 whilst Andrew Horsfield will also have picked up a bucket load of ranking points with his 3-1 victory over Cleminson. A stuttering BATTs side duly took the match 5-3 to stay on track to take second place.

The next round of matches are a single day affair on Sunday 25 January 2004 at the Halton Table Tennis Club, Widnes, starting at 10.00 a.m. Horsham who are currently on seven points will face a stiff test against bottom-placed Derwent whilst second placed BATTs will take on the improving Barnet side who will again hope to have Darius Knight in their starting line-up. Seasiders will hope to continue their climb up the table whilst for second-to-bottom Darlington defeat is no longer an option and therefore their clash should also be very well worth watching.

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Progress	8	7	0	1	50	14	14
BATTs Team Peniel I	8	6	0	2	39	25	12
Barnet	8	4	2	2	33	31	10
Jags I	8	3	2	3	31	33	8
Horsham I	8	3	1	4	25	39	7
Seasiders I	8	3	0	5	32	32	6
Darlington I	8	2	1	5	30	34	5
Derwent I	8	1	0	7	16	48	2
<b>DIVISION ONE NORTH</b>							
Ormesby I	4	2	2	0	22	10	6
Norwich Todd Foxwood	4	2	2	0	21	11	6
Wellow House School	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
Grove I	4	1	2	1	16	16	4
Halton Croda I	4	0	4	0	16	16	4
Grantham IDS	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Coventry Phoenix	4	0	2	2	13	19	2
Dewsbury I	4	0	1	3	7	25	1
<b>DIVISION ONE SOUTH</b>							
Ellenborough	4	3	0	1	23	9	6
DML Plymouth	4	3	0	1	18	14	6
London Progress II	4	2	1	1	20	12	5
Cippenham I	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
ESB-Orange North'pton I	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
OLOP Impact I	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
Byng Hall Farningham Pr't	4	1	0	3	9	23	2
PSP Wiz'n'about.com	4	0	0	4	7	25	0
<b>DIVISION TWO NORTH</b>							
Derwent II	4	4	0	0	26	6	8
Humpty's Club	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
Blackpool	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
Oakbank Fastbats	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
ELGRE Nottingham I	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Potteries	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
Wirral	4	0	2	2	11	21	2
Uxbridge Burton	4	0	0	4	7	25	0
<b>DIVISION TWO SOUTH</b>							
London Progress III	4	4	0	0	24	8	8
Generation 2	4	1	3	0	18	14	5
Cippenham II	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
EBS-Orange North'pton II	4	1	2	1	16	16	4
NETTS	4	1	2	1	14	18	4
Ashford I	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Guildford I	4	0	2	2	13	19	2
Oxford Fireplace Centre	4	0	2	2	12	13	2
<b>DIVISION 3 MIDLANDS</b>							
Grove II	4	4	0	0	26	6	8
Rotherham Scorpions I	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
Bedford Modern I	4	2	1	1	20	12	5
Ajax Wolves	4	1	3	0	18	14	5
Kinghurst Bribar	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
Woodfield	4	1	0	3	13	19	2
Darlington III	4	1	0	3	10	22	2
Birmingham University II	4	0	0	4	5	27	0
<b>DIVISION 3 NORTH</b>							
Grove III	4	4	0	0	27	5	8
Club Mid-Cheshire	4	3	1	0	25	7	7
Darlington II	4	3	0	1	22	10	6
Dewsbury II	4	1	2	1	15	17	4
Halton Croda II	4	2	0	2	14	18	4
Clarks Wakefield	4	0	2	2	11	21	2
Seasiders II	4	0	1	3	10	22	1
Barrow	4	0	0	4	4	28	0
<b>DIVISION 3 SOUTH</b>							
York Gardens	4	4	0	0	24	8	8
London Progress IV	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
Guernsey	4	3	0	1	17	15	6
Horsham II	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Ashford II	4	1	0	3	20	12	2
Hastings	4	1	0	3	16	16	2
Waterside	4	0	0	4	5	27	0
Rok Build	4	0	0	4	4	28	0
<b>DIVISION 3 SOUTH &amp; WEST</b>							
JAGS II	4	4	0	0	26	6	8
Brighton University	4	3	0	1	24	8	6
Guildford II	4	3	0	1	23	9	6
Horsham III	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
OLOP Impact II	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
BATTs Team Peniel II	4	0	0	4	9	23	0
NWF	4	0	0	4	5	27	0
Britannia Notcutts Ipswich	4	0	0	4	3	29	0
<b>DIVISION 4</b>							
Ormesby II	4	4	0	0	28	4	8
Northfield	4	3	0	1	22	10	6
Grimsby	4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Bedford Modern II	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
ELGRE Nottingham II	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Isle of Man	4	0	1	3	8	24	1
Grove IV	4	0	0	4	7	28	0
Rotherham Scorpions II	4	0	0	4	5	27	0

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# “WE ALL OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO SOMERSET”

**THE decision of the Annual Conference to put back the start of the championships until October seems to have been well received by the majority of County Associations. As somebody who has been involved for many years in running County Trials and preparing ranking lists I have to say that a later starting date has been long overdue. It is plainly undesirable to hold trials at a time when so many players are still on holiday and before the playing season has started in most areas, I believe we all owe a debt of gratitude to Somerset in proposing the amendment to regulations, which highlighted the problems arising from a September start date, writes Stan Clarke.**

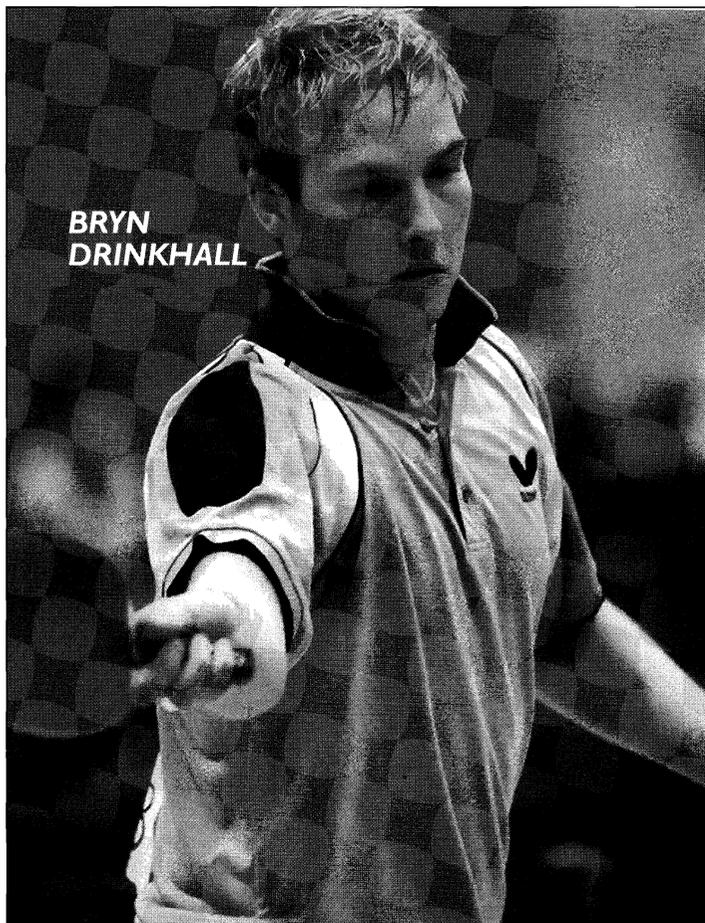
A question for consideration by County Associations and players alike, what is happening to the senior divisions? For some years now the entries for the senior divisions have been on the wane, when at the same time entries to the Veterans and Junior/Cadet divisions have risen. What happens to players between the time they finish as Juniors and qualify for the Veterans? Better yet what happens to the top players who are happy to play County Championships as they are

progressing up the ranking list but don't want to know once they have reached the top of the tree? When I first became involved in the County scene it was common to see many of the top twenty men competing in the Senior Premier Division, not anymore, is it because they consider it beneath their dignity to play for their County, or is it perhaps the fault of our current ranking system? I would be pleased to hear the opinions of the players on this matter.

## SENIOR DIVISION 2A

This division seems determined to complete all of their fixtures before most others have started, once again they completed all of their fixtures in a single weekend played at Leamington on 11th/12th October, they now have all season to reflect on their performances. I am not sure that I would like this particular format, six matches in two days is a fairly demanding schedule, but it is very cost effective and if you are able to turn out your strongest team can produce results.

Derbyshire finished as divisional champions, having won all six of their matches, in second place were Northumberland, who only lost one match, against Derbyshire both of these teams were relegated from division one last season. Funnily



enough there was only one set difference between the two teams but Derbyshire finished up two points better off.

The bottom place went to Cumbria who failed to collect a single point, with Warwickshire 2nd one place ahead by virtue of a 6/4 win against Cumbria. Champions Derbyshire in their first match faced Leicester and encountered few problems in an 8/2 victory, mind you Matt Hobday did beat Robin Pearce and took Shaun Marples all the way only to lose 11/8 in the fifth game, in the second match they faced Cumbria, with the same result, Robin again losing out, this time to Stephen Dixon and Helen Rainford losing to Julie Stich, Julie also extended Jane Vickers who needed all five games to win. Derbyshire's third victory of the day came against Warwickshire who they dispatched 7/3, but it was a very hard match, five sets requiring all five games to produce a winner and no

set won in three straight.

On the commencement of play on the Sunday morning Derbyshire took on Cleveland, who for some strange reason, not explained on the score sheet, and for the only time over the weekend, played with one lady short, had they been at full strength the outcome may well have been different. In the event the two conceded sets were to produce the winning margin for Derbyshire as they crept to a 6/4 win, Shaun Marples losing for the first time against Bryn Drinkhall. The real crunch match of the weekend came in the second round of Sunday matches when the only two undefeated teams, Derbyshire and Northumberland faced each other, Shaun Marples opened up with a great win over Andrew Wilkinson followed by Andrew Henry beating Dave Godbold to put Derbyshire two

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**YASAKA  
3 STAR BALLS**

SENIORS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Essex	3	3	0	0	17	13	4
Devonshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	3
Yorkshire	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Middlesex	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Glamorgan	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Kent	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Surrey	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Leicestershire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Durham	4	4	0	0	36	4	8
Yorkshire 2nd	4	3	0	1	21	19	6
South Yorkshire	4	3	0	1	19	21	6
Lincolnshire	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Lancashire	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Cheshire	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Worcestershire	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Suffolk	4	0	0	4	10	30	0

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Berkshire	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Wiltshire	3	1	2	1	16	14	4
Glamorgan 2nd	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Devonshire 2nd	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlesex 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derbyshire	6	6	0	0	44	16	12
Northumberland	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Cleveland	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
Warwickshire 1st	6	3	0	3	34	26	6
Leicestershire 2nd	6	2	0	4	21	39	4
Warwickshire 2nd	6	1	0	5	14	46	2
Cumbria	6	0	0	6	17	43	0

Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucestershire	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Hampshire	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Isle of Wight	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Avon	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
Cornwall 1st	1	0	0	1	9	0	0
Cornwall 2nd	1	0	0	1	9	0	0
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottinghamshire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Cambridgeshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Suffolk 2nd	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
Northamptonshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Bedfordshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Hertfordshire 2nd	4	0	0	4	10	30	0
Norfolk	4	0	0	4	5	35	0

Division 2D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kent 2nd	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Surrey 2nd	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Buckinghamshire	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Essex 2nd	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Berkshire 2nd	2	0	0	2	6	14	0

JUNIORS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Derbyshire	3	2	0	0	18	12	5
Glamorgan	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Yorkshire	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	15	15	3
Buckinghamshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Essex	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Lincolnshire	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Devonshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Durham	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Northamptonshire	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Yorkshire 2nd	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Lancashire	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Warwickshire	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Cleveland	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Cumbria	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Essex 2nd	4	0	1	3	10	30	1

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Buckinghamshire 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glamorgan 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlesex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Yorkshire	4	4	0	0	29	11	8
Northamptonshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Shropshire	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
Cheshire 2nd	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Nottinghamshire 2nd	3	0	2	1	13	17	2
Lincolnshire 2nd	3	0	1	2	12	18	1

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES**  
 compiled by Leslie Smith  
*Tables include all results received*  
 by 12th November 2003

Hertfordshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
<b>Division 2B</b>							
Hampshire	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Surrey 2nd	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Devonshire 2nd	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Somerset	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Buckinghamshire 3rd	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Sussex 2nd	3	0	0	3	11	19	0
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

Division 3A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedfordshire 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bedfordshire 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex 3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huntingdonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 3B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Durham 2nd	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Staffordshire	4	2	2	0	24	16	6
Lancashire 2nd	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Worcestershire	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Northampton 2nd	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Northumberland	3	0	1	2	7	23	1
Conwy	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

Division 3C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cornwall 1st	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Cornwall 2nd	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Avon	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Gloucestershire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Devonshire 3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devonshire 4th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Division 3D</b>							
Kent 2nd	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Middlesex 2nd	3	2	0	1	22	8	4
Buckingham 4th	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Surrey 3rd	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Sussex 3rd	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0

CADETS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Premier Division</b>							
Derbyshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sussex 2nd	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Gwent	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Somerset	3	3	0	0	19	11	6
Worcestershire	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Surrey 2nd	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Glamorgan	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Sussex 3rd	3	0	0	3	12	18	0
Berkshire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

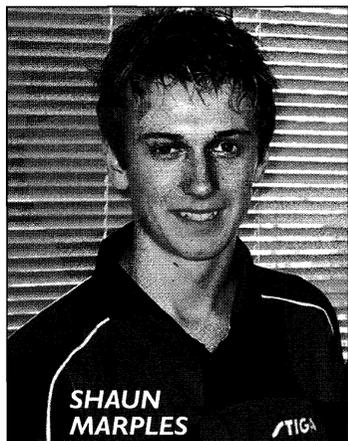
Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northamptonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VETERANS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Premier Division</b>							
Kent	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Essex	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Sussex	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Surrey	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Cheshire	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Yorkshire	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Lancashire	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Dorset 1st	3	0	1	2	10	20	1

Division 1A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northumberland	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Cheshire 2nd	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
South Yorkshire	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Norfolk	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Yorkshire 2nd	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Hertfordshire	4	0	2	2	16	24	2
Leicestershire	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Oxfordshire	4	0	1	3	16	24	1

Division 1B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devonshire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Middlesex	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Berkshire 1st	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Surrey 2nd	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Kent 2nd	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Buckinghamshire	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Dorset 2nd	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	4	26	0

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcestershire	4	4	0	0	26	14	8
Essex 2nd	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Northamptonshire	4	2	1	1	27	13	5
Yorkshire 3rd	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Bedfordshire							



Berkshire 2nd have failed to win a point from their matches and remain firmly rooted in bottom place.

### SENIOR DIVISION 2B

Only one result so far from this division, Isle of Wight versus Avon. It is good to see that Carl Prean still finds time to turn out for his County whenever possible; it's a pity that more of our top players don't follow his example. In the match I.o.W. proved much too strong for Avon, winning 8/2. It is a long journey from Avon to the I.o.W. just to be battered, still if the weather is nice it is a very pleasant boat trip.

### JUNIOR DIVISION 1A

Durham lead the division, having won all of their matches to date and collecting 32 from a possible 40 sets, that is the form of potential champions, if they can sustain it. In second place Nottinghamshire have won three and drawn one and enjoy a two point lead over Yorkshire 2nd and Lancashire who have both won two, drawn one and lost one, Yorkshire 2nd with a slightly better sets average are placed third with Lancashire fourth.

If it is close at the top then the same can be said for the bottom of the division, Cleveland, Cumbria and Essex 2nd having failed as yet to register a win, although Cleveland do have a little breathing space by virtue of two drawn matches giving them two points as opposed to Cumbria and Essex 2nd who are level on one point each separated only by one set, should be interesting in the next rondo of matches.

### JUNIOR DIVISION 2A

South Yorkshire and Northamptonshire are holding 100% records at the moment but Northamptonshire have played one match less. In third place are Shropshire with two wins and two defeats. At the bottom end of the division Lincolnshire have one draw and two defeats whilst Herefordshire in bottom place have yet to register a point after three matches.

up, wins by Caron Guthrie over Helen Rainford and Eddie Smith over Robin Pearce levelled the match at 2/2 only for Derby to take a 5/2 lead with wins for Jane Vickers against Christine Denbry, Andrew Henry against Andrew Wilkinson and Helen Rainford against Christine Denbry. Eddie Smith pulled one back by beating Shaun Marples to make the score 5/3 but victory was sealed for Derby when Jane Vickers beat Caron Guthrie to make the score 6/3, the Dave Godbold beat Robin Pearce to make the final score 6/4 in favour of Derbyshire. The final match for the champions was against Warwickshire and was something of an anti-climax as Derbyshire roared to a 9/1 victory to ensure a return to division one after a years absence.

### SENIOR DIVISION 2D

This must be one of the most competitive divisions in the championships, with no team having managed to win all of their matches. Kent 2nd and Surrey 2nd have played three matches each and Buckinghamshire have played two, all three teams remain undefeated, but both Kent 2nd and Buckinghamshire have drawn one match each and Surrey 2nd have drawn two, it will be interesting to see how it all pans out as the season progresses. Meanwhile at the bottom of the division Essex 2nd have succeeded in gaining one point from a draw with Oxfordshire to keep themselves off bottom place but

# VETERANS VOICE

## MIDLANDS MASTERS

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# TOP MAN KENNEDY

**OVER 40s title, No.6 for Joe Kennedy as he beat John Hilton 11-7 in the 5th in an excellent final which drew much applause from the many onlookers. John en-route to the final beat Michael Thornley, Guy Greening, Mike Johns, and Mike Short in the semi-final, whilst Joe accounted for Henry Medellin, Ian Girdler, Tony Gelder and Trevor Kerry. There were some surprise results during the event- none more than that "old fox" Brian Allison beating Dave Harding. Keith Fellows beat Dave Welsman in the groups. Clive Strettle had a good win over "Del Boy" Holman. Fourth seed Keith Williams beat Welsman then lost to Trevor Kerry. Wayne Percival had a good win over John Payne, writes Ron (The Rocket) Langheim.**

John Hilton had his second win of the weekend over Mike Short in the Over 50s final but this time it was much closer 11-9, 15-17, 7-11, 11-3, 11-6. Short's victims included Martin Clark, Brian Clements, Roy Norton and Mike Johns, whilst David Harse, David Newton, Maurice Newman and David Welsman were Hilton's victims. In earlier rounds Tom Adams had good wins over Benny Robertson and Ken Phillipson before losing to Mike Johns in five sets.

With the top three ranked players absent, the Over 60s event was wide open and in the end Vic Smith won his first Over 60s title when he came from two games behind to beat master defenceman Norton 11-7 in the fifth game. Vic, recently retired and considering a move to sunny Spain, looked tanned and fit as he beat Chapman, Powell, Fannin and surprise semi-finalist Peter Bradley en route to the final. Norton beat Schwartz, Fletcher, Broughton, and in the semi-final, another surprise semi-finalist "old Merv Wood". In the earlier rounds we saw Mike Meredith beat Tommy Adams with ease, then fall to Mervyn Wood in the next round. Pete Bradley beat Alf Perry, David Kellard and had his first ever win over Brian Allison to reach the semi-final before losing to his doubles partner Vic Smith.

In the Over 70s event Geoff Bax continued his fine form with another victory over former National Champion Geoff Brook.

The inaugural Over 80s title was won by Hubert Levinge over John Husbands.

## STUNNING DUNNING

Another title for Jan Dunning in the Over 40s but she was made to fight all the way by Di Pearce who lead all the way in the two opening games only to get pipped at the post. Jan, to reach the final beat Gill Knightley, Sheila King and Margaret Maltby, whilst Diane beat Shirley Gelder, Brenda Buoey and Helen Shields.

In the Over 50s event Di Pearce had to be content with another runners-up position when she was beat by Marilyn Bawden in the final. Marilyn, winner of the Over 50s in Sunderland, beat Stephanie Howard, Eileen Shaler and Margaret Maltby, while Di beat Sharon Mitchell, Janet Brown and Margaret Dignum.

Sally Bax, not to be outdone by Hubby Geoff, went home with the Over 60s title with wins over Janet Hunt, Margaret Dignum, and Jean White in the final. In the semi-final, Jean had a real battle with Pauline Steel, winning 11-9 in the fifth set.

### VETERANS OVER 60's TABLES

#### Over 60's Division 1A

Cheshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheshire 2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worcestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Over 60's Division 1B

Kent	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Middlesex	5	4	0	1	30	20	8
Berkshire	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Herfordshire	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
Surrey	5	1	0	4	13	37	2
Sussex	5	0	0	5	14	36	0

OVER 60'S

## CHESHIRE

by Alan Blears

### Junior British League

CHESHIRE was well represented in the Junior British League with several teams and a number of individuals playing for other areas. There seems to be a considerable transfer market in this competition.

In the Girls' Premier Division, Wirral 'A' in third place after the first round of matches, having won three and lost two. Topping their averages is Clara Howard with 60% - Clare Langford notched up one of her best wins to date when she beat Karen Shepherd, now of Oakbank Fastbats, 11-9 in the fifth.

Karen later distinguished herself in the match against Peniel by beating Abigail Embling in straight games. This was her first win against Abby since about 1852, though curiously she always seems to win when I'm watching (Yes, I know that makes me pretty old!)

Wirral 'B' top the Girls' Division 1 very narrowly from Draycott and Long Eaton 'A', with Hayley Parker winning 7 from 9. Stockport's Caroline Hallows, also after a free transfer, is playing for the Draycott team and won six of her seven sets.

I have no news of the boys in these divisions, but in the Boys' Division 4B Club Mid-Cheshire are in 5th place, despite Andrew Davies winning 8 from 10. Dave Billington and Mark Platt were making their first appearance in the Junior British League and should have gained much from the experience.

In the Girls' Division 3, Mid-Cheshire are equal second, with Fiona Dennett winning seven out of ten.

### Cheshire Cadet/Junior Trials

There was a reasonably good entry for these. The girls' events were particularly hard-fought as a number of them are capable of beating each other. This is reflected in Jordyn Layfield's placings of first in the juniors and fourth in the cadets! There were no easy matches, with part-timer Amy Walker, who finished sixth in the cadets, nearly scaring the pants off some of her better-known opponents.

#### Junior Boys:-

- Jonathan Taylor, 2. Andrew Davies
- Mitchell Barker,
- Richard Barker, 5. David Billington,
- Jamie Rowland, 7. Mark Roscaleer.

#### Junior Girls:-

- Jordyn Layfield,
- Caroline Hallows, 3. Fiona Dennett
- Sophie Byron, 5. Hayley Parker,
- Lynsey Pich, 7. Rachel Baker.

#### Cadet Boys:-

- Mitchell Barker, 2. Neil Baker, 3. Steven Williams, 4. Jacob Crabtree, 5. Guenweig Tsang, 6. Thomas Stowell Smith, 7. James Zorbal
- Jordan Booth

#### Cadet Girls:-

- Hayley Parker, 2. Sophie Byron,
- Fiona Dennett, 4. Jordyn Layfield, 5. Rachel Baker, 6. Amy Walker

These positions are not necessarily their county rankings, for which other criteria are considered as well. For example, Karen Shepherd, Liz Dennett and Clare Langford are the top three junior girls, while Tom Page tops the boys' list.

Rachel Baker is one of the best U-12 girls around, but with brother Neil is

# COUNTY NOTES



**CORNWALL Under 16 Schools Boys Team winners, Cape Cornwall, (left to right) SCOTT MEAGOR, ROBERT FULLER, MATTHEW RASHLEIGH & WILLIAM TRENEER**

actually from St Helens in Lancashire. We are happy to accommodate them.

## CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

CLEVELAND players enjoyed their most successful home tournament for several years with their performances in the Stockton Junior Select 4 Star Table Tennis Championships that took place at Thornaby Pavilion last weekend.

The most positive sign from a local perspective with this tournament was not just that Paul Drinkhall won the Cadet Boys Singles, but the significant progress that several players made, their victories in the various competitions improving their national rankings significantly.

Most of the limelight was taken by the England Champion, Paul Drinkhall who, from the top seeded position, won the Cadet Boys Singles, beating his England team colleague, Darius Knight from Surrey, by 3 sets to 1 in the final. Drinkhall also beat another England player, Bradley Evans, in straight games in the semi final and Yorkshire leading cadet, Ben Barlow, by 3-1 a round earlier.

Ormesby's second ranked player, Danny Reed, also excelled. From one of the lower seeded positions, he came through to the semi final in the section of the draw where Darlington's David Meads was the main seed. Reed beat Yorkshire's Matthew Dodds 3-1 and Scotland's Craig Howieson by the same score to reach the semi final before losing to Darius Knight in straight games. Meads was beaten in the second round

mate Nicky Skipp and Durham's Mark Simpson before losing to Yorkshire's leading player, Ben Barlow. Skipp did well in this competition by beating Scotland's Terry McLernon and Surrey's Christopher Bush.

Another Ormesby player, Jonathan Durham, did well in this competition to reach the quarter finals with a victory over Simon Donnelly at 11-5 in the decider before losing to Matthew Dodds.

Although there were no honours gained, the participation of a large contingent of local girls in the competition is well worth mentioning. The prospects for girls table tennis in Cleveland is now much brighter than it has been for more than 20 years, as was evidenced by the play in the Stockton on Tees Select.

Girls table tennis in the County was given a major boost by the Ormesby Womens and Girls Promotion when Nicola Deaton, partnered by Paul Drinkhall and Bryn Drinkhall carried out exhibitions in two secondary and ten primary schools in the period 4-8 November. The exhibitions were well received by good audiences in all the schools.

A women and girls "Come and Try It Day" took place at the end of the week at the new Ormesby club headquarters with two sessions at 10.30 am and 2.00 pm. On both occasions, all fifteen tables were filled with new players and the whole promotion has given women's table tennis in the County fresh impetus.

## CORNWALL

by John Wood

CORNWALL Schools Under 16 team event was a nail-biting affair, ending 4 hours late due to the intensity of the competition with three teams ending on level points.

With Penryn, Cape Cornwall and Penair all finishing with a final points total of 6 each, having won 2 matches and drawing 2 each, they then had to play a round-robin doubles decider, as only one team could progress through to the next round, the Regional Schools Team Finals at Plymouth in February next year.

Penryn's Neil Phillips and Ben Kessell against Cape Cornwall's Robert Fuller and Scott Meagor, was the first match, and what a battle it was, finally won by Cape Cornwall in the 5th game 11-5.

Cape Cornwall's same pair then faced Penair's Luk Trewshella and Andrew Cooper, knowing that victory would take them through to the next round, and win they did, but it was a real tense affair, once again going to the 5th game, which Cape Cornwall took 11-5, to take the honour of representing Cornwall in Plymouth.

It's good news on the Veteran front in the County Championships, where we presently sit proudly on top of Veteran Division 4D.

This has been achieved with a big 9-1 victory over Herefordshire by Bob House, Austin Chapman, Mike Fisher and Elaine Lewis, and a 7-3 victory over Oxford III, by Bob House, Derek Lucas, Gary Hall and Elaine Lewis.

The Vets team are 1 point ahead of Hampshire III after the opening matches.

In the National Junior British League Cornwall Rockets, Nick Smale, Adam



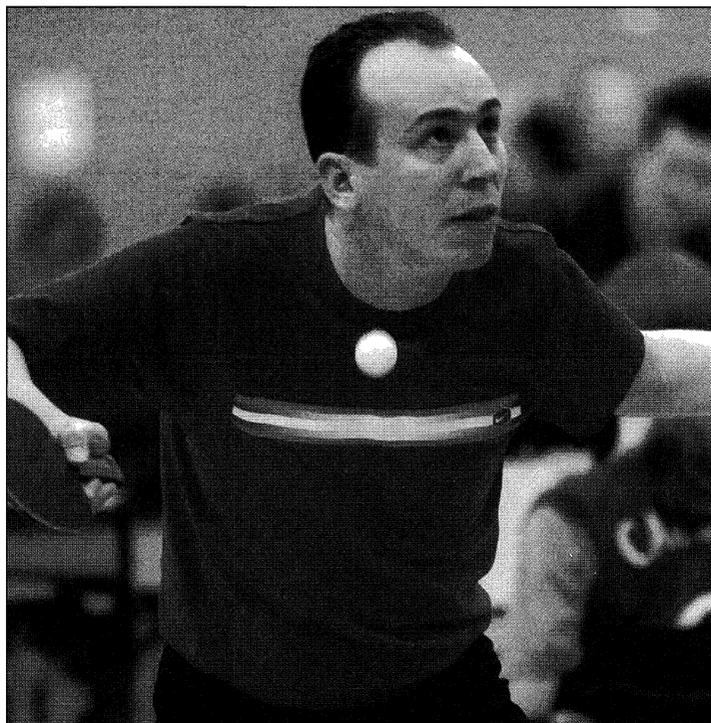
**NICOLA DEATON**

by Howieson.

In addition to Drinkhall and Reed, Nicky Skipp, who did well throughout the weekend, scored a good win over Durham's Mark Simpson before being defeated by Darius Knight.

In the Junior events, Ormesby's Craig Bryant did well to reach the final before losing to the Chinese player, Kou Lei, who represents the Grove Club in England. Bryant defeated Darius Knight in the semi final, Bradley Evans in the quarters and Danny Reed in the last 16. Paul Drinkhall won through to the quarter finals of this competition, only to be beaten by Darius Knight.

In the Class 1 Junior Boys event, Andrew Wilson excelled to reach the final with victories over Richard Main of Scotland, Oscar Selfridge of Essex, team



**Essex No.3 GARY TENDLER**

Tatlow, Andrew Broad and Daniel Putt, are in 3rd position of the Boys Division 4B, after the first weekend at Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

**ESSEX**  
by Steve Kerns  
**GREAT START**

ESSEX made a successful start in their attempt to retain the English County Table Tennis Association County Championships Senior Premier division title winning all three of their matches played at the BATTIS Club in November. They are tied in top place with Devon who were also unbeaten. Top Essex performances came from no. 1 lady Natalie Bawden who was undefeated in her six singles whilst Lorestas Trumpauskas fared best of Essex's men only losing once in his six games.

Essex's first match with the "old enemy" Middlesex proved to be by far the trickiest as Essex fell 3-0 and then alarmingly 4-2 behind. Ironically it was Braintree based Middlesex star Neil Charles who gave Essex the most problems as he beat both Essex No.1 Lorestas Trumpauskas and No.3 Gary Tendler. His win over Trumpauskas was particularly impressive as he retrieved a 0-2 deficit with a sparkling display of his unique brand of forehand "fades" and thunderous backhand loops. With Essex 2-4 behind Shelley Ruocco came good against Aparna Narendran with a 3-1 victory whilst Trumpauskas made his greater weight of shot tell against Tommy Cutler as he also notched up a 3-1 success. Natalie Bawden had struggled in her first match against Aparna Narendran winning 11-9 in a tense deciding end but she played far better in the vital match against Lithuanian star Egle Adomylyte. Displaying a far greater work-rate Natalie ran out a worthy 3-1 winner. Essex were now on a roll and Clive Carthy didn't put a foot wrong in beating Jimmy Walsh

11-5, 11-7, 11-6.

Essex's second set of opponents were a "mature" looking Leicestershire side featuring four leading Veteran players. Junior international Peter Cleminson made his Essex debut in this match playing in the no. 1 position. Essex were always ahead racing into a 4-0 lead and they eventually won 7-3. Trumpauskas (two wins), Cleminson and Carthy (one win each), Natalie Bawden (two wins) and Shelley Ruocco (one win) all played their part in a more than capable performance. As expected it was Leicestershire brother and sister combination Chris Rogers and Karen Smith who caused Essex most difficulties with Chris getting the better of Peter and Karen beating Shelley. Clive Carthy also slipped up once as he missed out 0-3 against Dave Gannon. The best results from an Essex viewpoint were achieved by Trumpauskas who got the team off to a great start with a 3-1 victory over England Veteran no. 3 player Chris Rogers and by Natalie who showed great patience and resolve to win her second singles 3-1 against the tricky Karen Smith, the current England no. 1 Veteran lady player.

Kent started well in the Sunday afternoon match with their emerging star Steve Beerling getting the better of Peter Cleminson and Dominic Hall beating Clive Carthy. Essex hit back well with Natalie and Shelley taking their four singles against former Essex player Kim Mudge and Angie Bristow. Lorestas (two wins) and Clive Carthy (one win) also got onto the scoresheet. Unfortunately it wasn't a great match for the former Peniel Academy student Peter Cleminson who admitted to having been short of practice having recently started at University. Although he lost to both Steve Beerling and Kent No.1 Justin Goodall this certainly shouldn't detract from what was a very good all-round Essex team

performance.

Team Manager John Andrews acknowledges that the second round of matches at Grantham in March will be tougher as Essex will face Devon (who beat us last year) as well as a potentially very strong Surrey side and two young and talented teams from Glamorgan and Yorkshire. But John is confident that Essex can retain their title if they can play as well as they did last weekend.

**HEREFORDSHIRE**

by Harry Jutle  
**COUNTY RESULTS**

VETERAN Division 3C Hereford 1st played their first set of double fixtures away at Reading against Middlesex 3rd, followed later against Wiltshire 2nd resulting in exciting 5-5 draw and a 6-4 win! This gives the team a wonderful start of picking up 3 out of 4 points.

The team got off to a bad start against Middlesex losing the first round of Men's singles to go 0-3 down. Helen Green and Norman Merchant started the fight-back in the first set of mixed doubles to win in the 4th set beating Sue Plastow and Steve Preston. Norman followed with a singles win in straight sets over Ian Mablin.

Helen also won her Ladies singles against Sue in straight sets although the 3rd was at 14-12. Middlesex led again through Paul Morris partnering Ian winning the Men's doubles against Chris Martin and Harry Jutle in straight sets although 3rd at 12-10. Harry Jutle won his second singles against Steve in the 4th to bring the score to 4-4. Middlesex went up again to lead 5-4 with Paul defeating Chris Martin in the 4th. Helen Green and Chris Martin really had to pull something out of the bag in the second set of mixed doubles after losing the first 2 sets against Paul and Sue, but they went on to win the next 3 to force a draw, thus earning a point. This was a great achievement having lost 3-6 last season. Against Wiltshire 2nd Chris Martin lost the first in the 4th set to Terry Parkins, but Norman reversed this with a win in the 4th against Basil Thompson. Harry followed Norman's example to also win in the 4th defeating Ray Hughes. Helen and Norman increased the lead to 3-1 by winning the first set of mixed doubles in straight sets against Terry and Sylvia Morse. Terry defeated Norman in his second singles match in straight sets, but Helen restored the lead to 4-2 by defeating her singles opponent Sylvia straight sets. Harry and Chris failed to convert 2 points in the 5th set to increase the lead in the Men's doubles against Ray and Terry losing it 11-13. Harry won his second singles in the 4th beating Basil to restore the lead to 5-3. Chris lost his second singles in the 4th against Ray but finished strongly with Helen's help in the second mixed doubles winning in straight sets against Basil and Sylvia for the 6-4 win, to pick up 2 points.

Veteran Division 4D Hereford 2nd played away against Cornwall resulting in 1-9 defeat. The whitewash was saved in the last mixed doubles match played by Neville Meredith and Carol Milnes in the 5th at 14-12. In the other mixed doubles Carol and Gordon Stables lost in the 5th set. Gordon also lost one of his singles in the 5th. Carol and John Hunt each

pushed one of their singles into the 4th.  
**County Table Tennis Results on Saturday 8th November 2003**  
Veteran Division 4C Hereford 3rd hosted Devon 4th on a rearranged fixture which was originally to be played on 11th October. The match due to start at 2:15pm at our home venue of Queen Elizabeth School, Bromyard, but the School was not opened as arranged, to be hastily rearranged to be played at Green Farm, Allensmore, and got underway an hour later and resulted in 3-7 defeat. Steve Farr lost the first singles in the 4th set to Dean Taylor, as did Mike Morgan to Rob Granger to go 0-2 down. Dave Hamer went on next to win in the 5th against Phil Goulding 14-12! In the first mixed doubles Lin Ashman and Mike lost in the 4th to Lesley Challacombe and Rob, but then Steve brought the match to 2-3 by defeating Rob in his second singles in the 4th. Lin lost her singles in straight sets to Lesley, but Steve and Dave were unlucky in the Men's doubles to lose in the 4th against Dean and Phil, 2 sets at 10-12. Mike lost his second singles in straight sets to Phil, but Dave defeated Dean in the 4th for 3-6. Lin and Steve in the second mixed doubles failed to convert the 4th set losing it 11-13 and then lost the 5th against Lesley and Dean to end the match at 3-7.

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

by Doug Tomsett

ALL the teams have played their County Championships matches, however the results are not available from the Senior or Veterans 1st teams.

The juniors came up against stronger opposition after getting promoted last year.

What can you expect coming up against the likes of Tim Yarnell, who can beat the best seniors. Tim plays for Barnet in the Premier Division of the British League.

The Veterans seconds beat Hampshire 6-4, but lost 1-9 to a strong Kent III.

The Veterans thirds have drawn with Surrey 5-5, and beaten Buckingham 2nds 6-4, with Alan Lamprell unbeaten in both matches.

The Veterans fourth team have won both their matches 6-4, against Leicester seconds and Yorkshire sixth, with Geoff Bax winning three.

Veterans 6th team have lost their only match so far, against Oxford 2nds 3-7.

Our Veterans 7th team lost to Berkshire 4th 3-7, and beat the 5th team 8-2, where Everton Wilson has won all his four singles.

The Veteran Over 60's weekend saw us play 5 matches, where we won two and lost 3, beating Sussex, Surrey and losing to Middlesex, Kent and Berkshire.

The Senior second team have lost all their four matches played. Having to turn out a under 15 girl in two of the matches. Janice Laing was successful in 6 out of 8 games.

The Hertfordshire Junior tournament was held recently, where young William Maybanks took the weekend by storm, winning the Under 13, Under 15 and the Under 18. He also won the Boys Doubles in partnership with Alim Herji.

Haylee Potts was the Under 13 and Under 15 Girls singles, and Nikki Shaw took the Under 18.

Abigail Moore, who has played for the Senior team, was runner-up in both the Under 15 and Under 18 finals.

Girls Doubles winners were Nikki Shaw and Haylee Potts and the runners-up were Abigail Moore and Tamsin Holland.

The Mixed Doubles winners were Alim Hirji and Haylee Potts, whilst the runners-up were Zamir Hirji and Nikki Shaw.

## NORFOLK

by Ray Hogg

Things are fairly quiet at the moment with our various County teams getting ready for battle in the near future at the time of writing.

Owing to an 'administrative error' and a mix up with the new entry of an over 60's team, one of our veterans teams was not entered – this after the players even asked the committee which dates they should avoid for their exotic holidays.

We also have entered the cadets this season, but looking at page 19 for cadets 1A we are not shown. Looks like we should have a season ticket to Halifax as most teams end up there sometime – a round trip of approximately 350 miles. Gone are the days of monthly matches when the locals could actually see the players they have heard about.

The Norfolk closed is fixed for March 6-7 2004 at Kings Lynn in the hope that numbers may increase with the entry of West Norfolk players who do not seem keen to travel to Norwich.

We also have at the University Sportspark – an excellent venue with 24 tables – the VETTS eastern region masters. This is a chance for local players to see or compete against some of the best veterans in the country.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

by Dennis Millman

AFTER narrowly failing to clinch promotion for the past two seasons the Junior Firsts began a new campaign with the sole intention of making it third time lucky.

The availability of Tim Yarnall gave added confidence and the Rushden player led from the front with a stunning performance, winning all six of his games for the loss of a meagre 94 points. The 15 year old Yarnall, currently ranked as England No.2 Junior and listed at No.14 on the Senior Men's ratings is now far and away the highest ranked player ever to have represented Northants and with time on his side may still reach the top.

Northants opened against Cheshire 2nds with two wins from Yarnall and Dickson Pang, and a solitary success from Chris Doran – all in straight games. Sarah Hollis and Melissa Price found things more difficult, though Hollis played superbly when going down 12-10 in the fifth to Hayley Parker and an equally close defeat at the hands of Fiona Bennett. With one win still required Doran returned to the action and gained the required point with a close call against Michael Barker.

Shropshire were the next opponents and again Yarnall was in a class of his own with Pang also unbeaten after a tight finish with Joe Hurdley. This time the girls were major contributors with Price and Katie Mansfield taking four singles between them, but Doran lost two hard fought encounters as Northants won 8-2.

Hertfordshire were the final opponents and they proved surprisingly vulnerable as Northants took a 5-0 lead before

Doran went down to Alin Herji. The girls again excelled with Hollis winning twice in straight games and Mansfield dropping just one end 16-14. Yarnall and Pang also remained unbeaten on the day as Northants stand on the threshold of promotion.

Although Clwyd took the lead with an Ian Woolley win against Chris Gibbons, Northants Veteran 1sts fought back to take a 6-1 lead before Clwyd added two further rubbers.

Adrian Roper made his first appearance in the veteran ranks and started the ball rolling with a fifth end win in the second rubber – the first of six to go the distance with four of these ending in Northants safe keeping.

Two doubles were lost, but a Clem Little singles and a double from Gordon Shaw, added to Roper's pair completed a win further enhanced by Chris Gibbons and a Gibbons/Little doubles.

Northants 2nds took an early lead against their Oxfordshire counterparts when former Norfolk player John Fuller accounted for George Pullin in four ends. Five subsequent games went the full distance, but all were won by Oxford with an 18-16 fifth end success for Jan Curtis over Muriel Cox, the closest of all. Neil Hurford produced the comeback of the day when trailing Gerald Finney 8-2 in the fifth, he took nine of the next ten points, as the visitors won 9-1.

In Kettering's Premier Division, Higham Band quickly took a commanding lead winning all five matches for the loss of just two rubbers. One of these came when Graeme McKim, making a return to the game after a long absence, got the better of Steve Silk. Andy Trott, who returned to the scene towards the end of

last season, confirmed his mastery of McKim, as did Richard Elliott who has now won all fifteen of his singles together with five doubles.

Corby Town A now without Gordon Shaw and Chris Robertson, but with Chris Ross in fine form are second, with Steve West, Ian Sclater and Ken Philipson keeping SAS Thrapston in close contention.

## NORTHUMBERLAND

by Pauline Long

THE County senior team of Eddie Smith, Andrew Wilkinson, Dave Godbold, Malcolm Lusk, Caron Guthrie and Christine Dembry (nee Burke) – the last named making a comeback after a long absence – narrowly failed in their attempt to regain Division 1A status.

They finished as runners-up for the second successive year in their series of Division 2A matches at Leamington Spa over the weekend of 11th – 12th October, beating Cleveland, Cumbria, Leicestershire II, Warwickshire I and Warwickshire II. However, they lost out 4-6 to Derbyshire, who eventually took the championship.

The veterans were due to play their first series of Division 1A matches at Halifax during the weekend of 25th – 26th October, and the juniors are due to have assessment sessions at Cramlington before their team was finalised for their first series of matches at Grantham on 1st November.

It was eventually decided not to enter the Rose Bowl women's team competition, as the availability of women players of a reasonable standard could not be guaranteed.

It has also been noted that the dates set aside for the Newcastle Grand Prix (21st – 22nd February) coincide with the dates scheduled for the Northern Masters Tournament at Blackpool, which could affect the entry from local and national veteran players. What a choice it will be necessary for them to make when the time comes!

The new date for the County Closed has now been decided as Sunday 21st March at the Sporting Club of Cramlington.

The Northumbria Winter League season is now into its sixth week at the time of writing, and already the "big two" of North Shields YMCA "A" and Birtley "A" are setting the pace at the top of the Premier Division. Other current leaders are: Division 1: North Fire "A"; Division 2: Cramlington Tigers; Division 3: Newton "E" and Division 4: Cramlington Colts.

The Team Handicap Knockout Cup Competition, in which all 60 League teams have been entered, was due to commence during the week of 27th October, a week free from League matches. This competition is based on individual handicaps according to ability, in order to give the lower teams a chance to compete on an equal footing against those in the higher divisions.

Oxhill Youth Club, near Stanley in Co. Durham, was recently awarded a £140,000 grant from Sport England in order to provide world-class table tennis facilities. As well as the prospect of hosting national competitions, the facility will provide qualified coaching for children and disabled users.



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OVER THE PAST  
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Along with the grant, members succeeded in raising over £100,000 through fairs, pantomimes and bag-packing at the local supermarket, while further funds were secured from Derwentside District Council and the Peter Harrison Foundation. This is a magnificent boost for leader Alan Westwater and his staff, especially as only a few years ago, the club had to be completely rebuilt after being destroyed in a fire.

By the time these notes for this issue appear in print, the festive season should be rapidly approaching, so on this assumption, all good wishes are extended to players, officials and friends for the Christmas period, and best wishes to all for a happy (and hopefully peaceful) New Year in 2004.

## SHROPSHIRE

by Terry Ridgway

SHROPSHIRE'S veteran sides have started this season's campaign very well, with both sides in Division 4C. Again there will be major local pride at stake in the December clash.

Inspired by Albrighton's Malcolm Langford the 1st Squad whitewashed Somerset 3rds 10-0 with unbeaten performances by Shrewsbury's Mike Dudley, Rob Mansfield and Jane Bevan.

The county's second side managed a hard fought 6-4 win over Wiltshire 4ths in the opening game and followed that with an 8-2 win against visitors Devon 5ths. Telford's Dave Elkin and Chris Tarr, Bridgnorth's Terry Ridgway and Wendy Baggott with Shrewsbury's Rod France look a formidable squad for this season.

The surprise disbanding of last season's Division 1 champions Idsall A leaves Telford's top league wide open this season. Albrighton's A and B sides, Industrial Bearings and Bridgnorth's A team will all be in the mix for this season's honours. Promoted Lilleshall A may find the going a little tough and be happy to even stay in the top division.

Division 2 could be a tight one this year with relegated GPO and Bridgnorth's C and D sides fighting it out with Mathesons A for places in the top league. Shrewsbury's Premier Division will be



SHROPSHIRE'S undefeated county Veterans B team, (left to right) DAVE ELKIN, WENDY BAGGOTT, CHRIS TARR and TERRY RIDGEWAY

the usual four horse race as Cricket Club A, B and C intend to put pressure on last season's title holders Pontesbury A. Two wins out of two so far for the champions and both Cricket Club premier sides.

Interesting opening fixture in this season's Midland League pitted relegated Shrewsbury A against Shrewsbury B. Again local pride at stake, but with the result a 5-5 draw both sides were able to continue their challenge for honours.

## SUSSEX

by John Woodford

THE development of young players is excellent good news. But, it is not high on the priority list of national or county newspapers.

However, I am pleased to record excellent tidings from Worthing where Ray Forder is doing excellent work discovering and developing young talent and then funnelling the young players through to the Worthing League. The league eagerly accepted into membership

this season no less than six new teams of juniors from the Forder stable.

All leagues seem to have problems getting female players on board in sufficient numbers to make the local women's singles championship worth running.

Nine young players have graduated into the senior league, they are twins Stella and Gemma Stevens, Lucy Sawyer, Sally Hughes, Lawrence Judges, Juri Hiltunen, Robert Marsh, Tom Tobias and Ashley Miles.

Mr Forder commented "This has to be the best year for youngsters moving up into the senior league. The Worthing League has actually grown into six divisions."

Also developing youngsters is Jim West, the Hailsham-based East Sussex coach. He has resurrected the Hailsham club and is the mastermind behind a new sports centre under construction at Hailsham Community College that will eventually house eight tables with all

facilities including a spectators gallery.

### PROMOTION?

Ritchie Venner the Sussex No.1 is confident that Sussex can regain their place in the premier division of the county championships.

After beating Hertfordshire, Middlesex II and Sussex II at the Ellenborough club he said "We lost out last March by a single point and were relegated. I do not think that will happen again."

"We still have four counties to play. Berkshire headed by David Barr will ensure a hard match, but I am confident we shall win promotion."

Sussex were without county champion Rose Rainton at the three matches held in Middlesex. She was a 'flu victim. With Rose back - Sussex present a formidable side - Venner, Adrian Moore, Peter Bartram, Rainton and Sally Weston. Super leagues around the south-east are having problems getting started, some are limping forward with only six teams, Sussex may go for a summer super-league.

The problem is this: Keen players have local league commitments mid-week and frequent tournaments at week-ends. Another mid-week night out would not lead to many brownie points from wives and girlfriends.

No problem for those people without family ties, but the average young player with a family has to spend time at home.

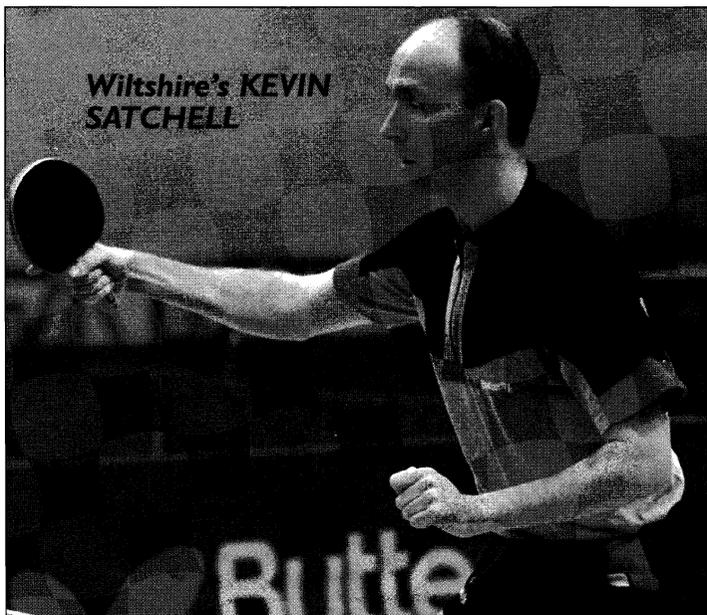
## WILTSHIRE

by John Ford

our veteran teams commenced their fixtures at the West Wilts League Centre, Trowbridge on October 12th.

The 1st team playing against Avon in Division 2B included first time veterans Eddie Roofe (Swindon) and former English International Kevin Satchell (West Wilts) and with Trevor Lloyd playing at no. 3 will be pushing hard for promotion.

Kevin and Trevor each won their two singles with Eddie winning one, only losing in the fifth to Gary Baldwin whilst



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the other two victories coming from a Kevin and Eddie doubles and a mixed from Eddie and Chris Manson.

The 3rd team against Hampshire 3rds in 4D went into a 4-0 lead from Alan Duke (Swindon), Glenn Freeman (Swindon) and Colin Thompson (West Wilts) and a mixed from Alan and Liz Whittaker. Another win from Glenn secured the point.

The 4ths in 4C just went down 6-4 to Shropshire 2nds. Peter Ebbs (Swindon) won his two singles, Tony Mileham (West Wilts) won one and a doubles from Peter and Brian Rayment (West Wilts) secured the four wins.

The 4ths came so close to gaining a point when Peter and County Secretary Sue Stone (Devizes) went down in the second mixed 12-10 in the fifth.

The Association lost two former stalwart officials during the past year with the passing on of Arthur Catchpole (Salisbury), a national umpire and Les House (father of our County Secretary Sue Stone), a past County Treasurer.

**YORKSHIRE**  
*The White Rose*  
*Review*

by Barry Snowden

**COUNTY VETS IN ACTION**

FOUR Yorkshire Veterans teams were flying the White Rose flag in County Championships weekends recently and came away with mixed results as the second and third teams enjoyed successful results whilst the fourth and fifth teams have their work cut out in the remainder of the season.

The second team playing in division 1a played their first round of matches at the excellent Halifax Table Tennis Centre. They fielded their strongest possible squad of five men and one female player as Bradfords' Richard Priestley, Neil Harris and Steve Kosmowski were joined by Alan Dickinson from Halifax and Hull's Mike Harrison.

The team were lead by lynchpin Sandra Rider of Leeds and came away from the weekend with one win, against a strong looking Leicestershire team and two draws, against South Yorkshire and Hertfordshire.

Their only blemish was an 8-2 defeat against Norfolk in the last match of the weekend but with fixtures to come against Oxfordshire, Northumberland and Cheshire the team are well placed for survival.

The third team playing in Division 2a enjoyed an excellent weekend at St Neotts TTC as they took the minimum squad to the Cambridgeshire venue of Richard Priestley from Bradford, David Swayne of Northallerton and Barry Snowden from Halifax.

The squad was completed by the tigerish Louvain Smith from Ripon and came away from the weekend with five points as wins against Essex No 3 and Durham added to a draw against Leicestershire on Sunday morning.

Their only blemish was a disappointing 8-2 defeat against Bedfordshire but they will go into the second weekend once again at St Neotts in March hoping to secure enough points from their

remaining three matches against Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Essex No 2 to survive.

The fourth team playing in Div 4a had a torrid time at Halifax and lost all four of their matches as Hull's Mick Farnill lead the way supported by Ray Rider from Leeds, Graham Manicom from Bradford and York player Doug Bartle.

The team was completed by Carol Judson from Wakefield but defeats against Yorkshire No 5, Lancashire No 2, Cheshire No 3 and Lincolnshire have left the team with plenty to do in order to survive.

Over the same weekend the No 5 team played in the same division and played one more match, completing five encounters but were only successful on one occasion as they beat their own county fourth team.

Seven men and two women made up their squad as Mick Burton from Leeds was joined by Keighley players John Stone, Steve Taylor and David Adams. With David Wood from Halifax, Wakefield's Russell Senior, Bradford's Paul McKreith making up the mens squad they were joined by Yvonne Richards and Ruth Pursglove from York.

Their only success was an 8-2 win over Yorkshire No 4 but defeats by Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Cheshire No 3 and Staffordshire has left this team in a precarious position also.

**Obituary**

All players and officials were saddened by the death of two well known table tennis personalities as Kathleen Thompson (nee Best) and Maurice Shaffner OBE who both died in October.

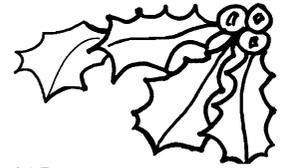
Kathleen played table tennis for the famous Victoria club in Leeds between 1950 and 1961 along with Brian Kennedy and both players were coached by Alan Thompson who Kathleen married. The couple had recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

She represented England on 27 occasions and her county 70 times with her finest moment in the sport possibly being a defeat as she partnered Anne Hayden (Jones - Wimbledon Tennis Champion) in the 1954 World Championships ladies doubles when they lost an exciting final to the famous Rowe twins 21-19 in the fifth game.

After leaving the sport Kathleen established a fine teaching career and worked in the probation service as well as splendid charity work.

Kathleen was laid to rest in Leeds and the service was well supported by friends from the table tennis fraternity.

SHAFFNER Maurice David OBE LLB president of Yorkshire Table Tennis Association (50 years), president Wakefield TTA, vice-president English TTA, appeal board member.



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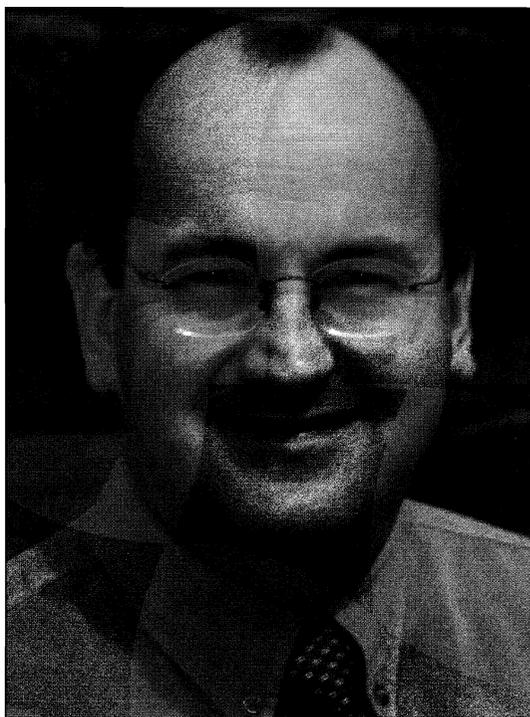
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# NORFOLK TT PLAYERS BENEFIT FROM LOCAL SPONSORSHIP

**THE North Norfolk Table Tennis League (NNTTL) is benefiting from a generous sponsorship deal with a local business. Structure-flex Limited, the nationally recognised manufacturer of bulk packaging products and accessories for the road haulage industry based in Holt, is giving financial support to the NNTTL. The money it receives will enable the League to expand its membership and enhance its facilities in the area.**

Last season, around 100 individual members and 14 teams from institutions as diverse as Sidestrand Special School in Cromer, Sheringham Fire Service, North Walsham Sports Centre and Trunch Village Hall make up the League. With training and practice, you could be next season's winners!

The League uses the monies donated by Structure-flex to captivate and develop young people's interest in the sport. It buys tables, bats and score cards; sends people off to be



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trained as table tennis coaches; pays for the 'vetting' process which all those who work with children have to undergo.

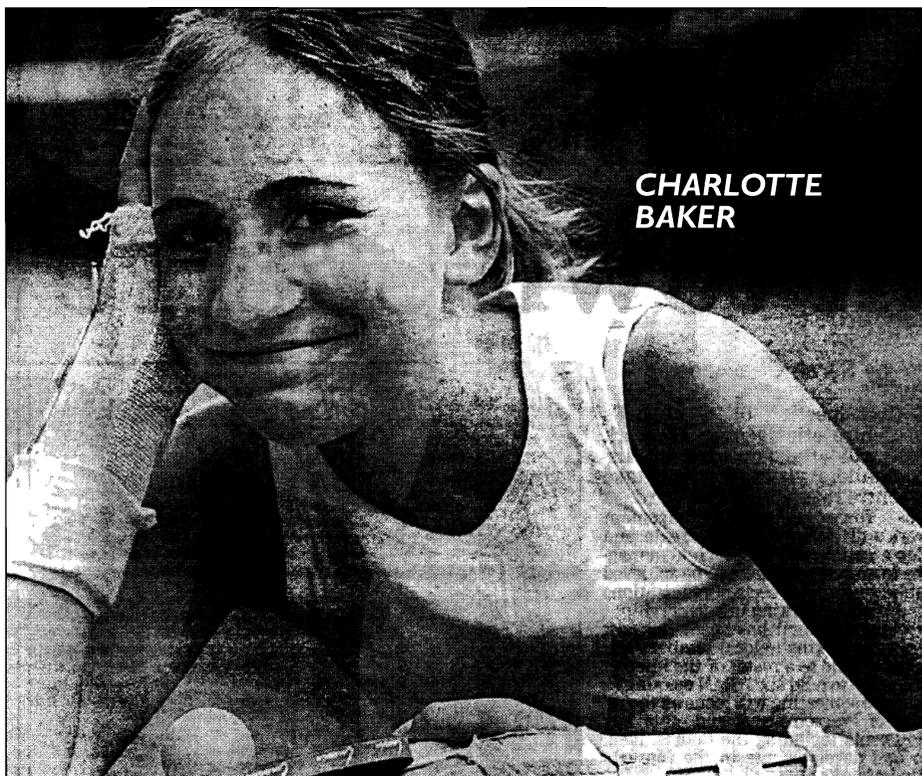
One of NNTTL's leading lights is Mary Sawyer, the current Norfolk Ladies

Champion. She is not only a first class player, but also a fully qualified coach. On Friday evenings, you will often find Mary at North Walsham Sports Centre, sharing her considerable skills and

coaching league teams. Mary has recently played in the Ladies World Veteran Championships.

"I hope our sponsorship will help to rekindle the love of table tennis in our young people," comments Ian Doughty, Managing Director of sponsors, Structure-flex. "The League is looking for new members, and there's nowhere better to start the search than amongst the young. I can't think of a better way to spend the sponsorship money than on equipment and training."

The NNTTL is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2004, and ex-members are invited to get in touch so that a reunion can be organised. The League is also actively seeking new members. You don't have to be an accomplished player, just want to learn, and join in the fun. The contact for past or prospective members of the NNTTL is Chris Pooley on 01692 650738/651000, e-mail [numbercruncher@bacton.sagehost.co.uk](mailto:numbercruncher@bacton.sagehost.co.uk). Come and have a go - it's a sport for everyone!



**CHARLOTTE BAKER**

## TWO BROKEN WRISTS DIDN'T STOP CHARLOTTE PLAYING

STOCKPORT's, Charlotte Baker, pictured left, who broke both her wrists in the summer, still competed in the Greater Manchester Youth Games.

The 14-year-old Stockport Grammar School pupil tripped over while playing tennis the day before the Games.

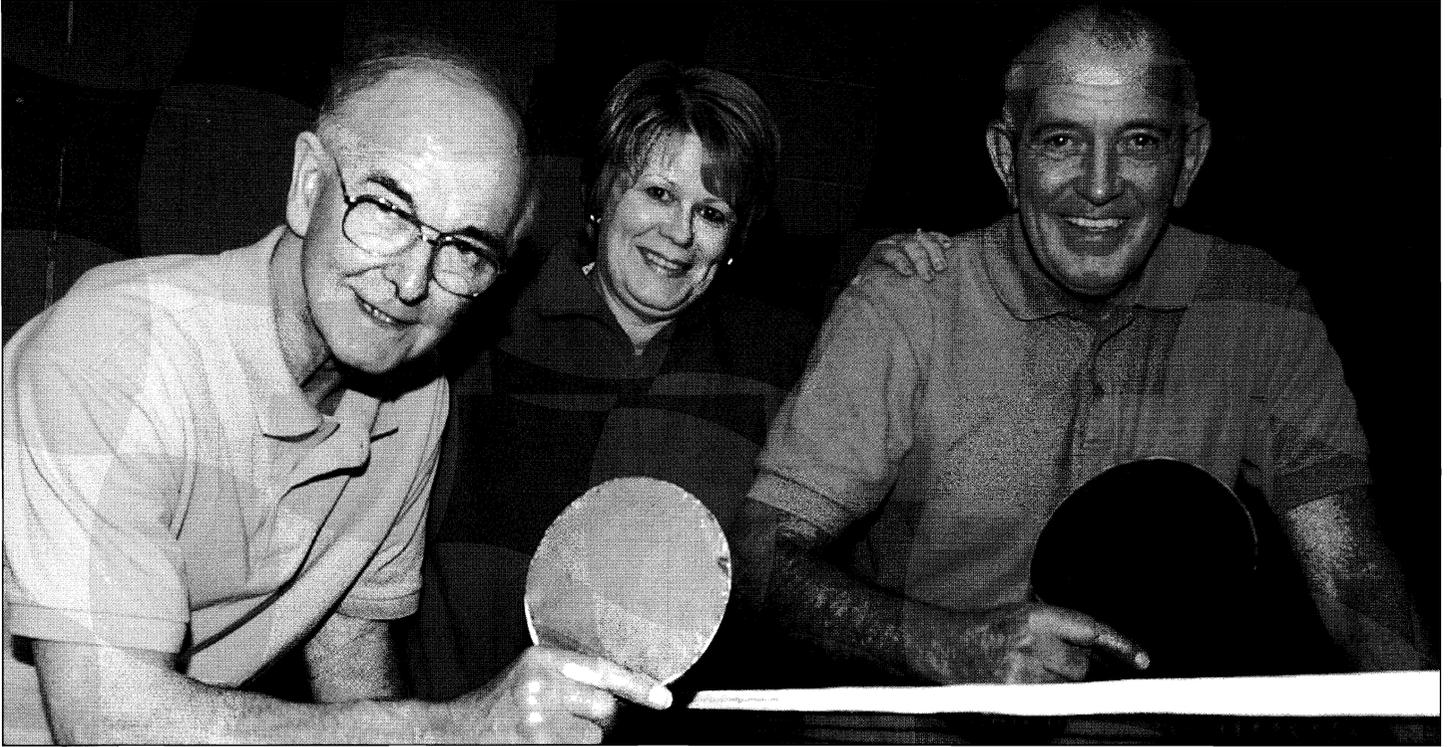
But determined not to let her team mates down Charlotte played through the pain barrier to win four out of her five sets, helping her team to a bronze medal.

Charlotte's coach Alan Blears could not believe the bravery that Charlotte showed. He said: "How heroic can you get?"

Charlotte's bravery not only made the local newspaper headlines but also the national press.

Charlotte, who was out of action for eight weeks, returned to table tennis this season playing in the Junior National League, and after Christmas she plans to play in the Grand Prix series.

# STOKE VETERAN TT PLAYERS BACK NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR ACTIVE OVER 60's



**Local Staywarm adviser, Lynn Ruston, (centre) was invited to the Midlands Masters Veteran Championships held at Fenton Manor in Stoke-on-Trent, as the Veterans English Table Tennis Society is backing a national campaign from Staywarm to encourage the over 60s to stay active.**

## **STOKE-ON-TRENT veteran table tennis champions have helped a national campaign designed to encourage older people to stay active.**

The Veterans English Table Tennis Society (VETTS), is supporting the Stay Active campaign, launched by Staywarm from Powergen – the unique fixed cost electricity and gas scheme solely for the over-60s.

And to help launch the scheme, local Staywarm adviser, Lynn Ruston, was invited to the Midlands Masters Veteran Championships held at Fenton Manor in Stoke-on-Trent.

Alex Murdoch, Chairman of VETTS commented: "We have a very strong contingent of over 60s in our Society across the UK, so we are delighted to help with this campaign. Table tennis is a very popular sport for people of all ages, with people coming from all over the country to play in tournaments. Our groups also provide excellent opportunities to meet new friends. New members are always welcome – just call our membership number on 01462 671191."

The Stay Active campaign will see Staywarm helping to spread vital advice to older people on ways to keep mobile, using NHS guidelines. The advice, outlined in NHS Keep Warm, Keep Well, leaflets, will be distributed by Staywarm advisers at meetings across the community.

"Moving around generates extra body heat, so any kind of activity will help to keep you warm," said Professor Ian Philp, the Department of Health's National Director for Older People's Services. "We advise older people who are able, to undertake moderate exercise such as walking, as it provides real health benefits if you do it regularly all year round. We are delighted Stay Active is encouraging people who can do so, to enjoy active lifestyles."

Staywarm from Powergen is the only fixed price fuel scheme available solely

for the over-60s. No matter how much electricity and gas customers need, they pay a fixed low price – weekly, fortnightly or monthly - based on the number of people who live in their home and the number of bedrooms they have.

The scheme guarantees that as long as customers remain with Staywarm, the price they pay will be fixed for a year from when they sign up. Staywarm advisers also refer all customers who are eligible, to the Warm Front scheme, which provides grants of up to £2,500 for insulation and heating measures.

Anyone who would like more information on how to become involved in the Stay Active campaign should contact 0113 268 5000. Anyone who wants more information about Staywarm should contact freephone 0800 1 694 694. For more information about VETTS please contact 01462 671191.

## **UK CHINESE TOURNAMENT**

**THE UK Chinese TTA held a major tournament at the Sports Hall of Dulwich College, in August, writes Alan Shepherd.**

All 55 entrants were either born in China, Hong Kong or by family affiliation.

Winner of the Senior singles was a previously unknown player Xiaopeng Zhang, who defeated former England No.1 junior Michael Chan 4,-9,6,4.

In the semi-finals Zhang beat Kelvin Choong 3,9,6, whilst Chan overcame Robin Peebles 8,0,7.

Peebles bounced back winning the Junior singles when he defeated Adam Leow in a good close final -7,9,10,8.

In the semi-finals Peebles beat Quan Shen 4,4,5, and Leow beat Xiao Xin Liu -5,8,3,7.

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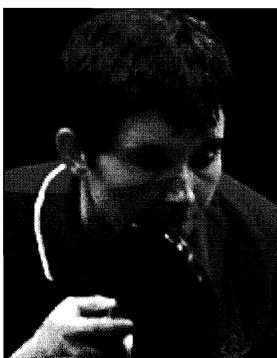
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Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 SYED, Matthew (BK) (SY.)	5007	*
(2)	2 HERBERT, Gareth (BK.)	4829	**
(3)	3 BAGGALEY, Andrew (BU.)	4813	
(4)	4 PERRY, Alex (DY.)	4777	*
(5)	5 COOKE, Alan (DY.)	4734	
(6)	6 BILLINGTON, Bradley (DY.)	4554	
(7)	7 PREAM, Carl (IW.)	4554	*
(8)	8 RUSHTON, Andrew (LA.)	4474	***
(9)	9 EDEN, Andrew (LA.)	4348	*
(10)	10 BRYANT, Craig (DV.)	4076	
(11)	11 HOLLAND, John(Dy) (E.)	4040	**
(12)	12 YARNALL, Tim (NP.)	4039	
(13)	13 DRINKHALL, Paul (CY.)	4020	
(14)	14 KNIGHT, Darius (SY.)	3873	
(15)	15 KENNY, Mathew (Y.)	3848	
(16)	16 DRINKHALL, Bryn (CY.)	3837	
(17)	17 CLEMSON, Peter (E.)	3833	
(18)	18 BLAKE, Darren (SY.)	3830	**
(19)	19 BLEAKLEY, Adam (LA.)	3829	
(20)	20 WURAOLO, Abdul (SY.)	3826	
(21)	21 VENNOR, Ritchie (SX.)	3766	
(22)	22 HILTON, John (CH.)	3751	
(23)	23 HAMMOND, Eric (HL.)	3740	**
(24)	24 BAKER, Gregory (ST.)	3737	
(25)	25 GOODALL, Justin (K.)	3711	
(26)	26 EVANS, Bradley (BU) (NG.)	3698	
(27)	27 DOLDER, Kevin (LA.)	3682	
(28)	28 WHITING, Paul (DV.)	3674	
(29)	29 CHARLES, Neil (ML.)	3670	
(30)	30 PYE, Leeroy (NK.)	3647	**
(31)	31 ROGERS, Chris (LE.)	3639	
(32)	32 SMITH, Eddie (ND.)	3607	*
(33)	33 BEERLING, Stephen (K.)	3572	
(34)	34 KENNEDY, Joe (K) (E.)	3560	
(35)	35 MOORE, Adrian (K.)	3553	
(36)	36 PAPANIOU, Costas (ML.)	3547	*
(37)	37 CUTLER, Tom (ML.)	3532	
(38)	38 CHAN, Michael (SY.)	3521	
(39)	39 JOHNS, Brian (CH.)	3519	**
(40)	40 SMITH, Mark Richard (Y.)	3518	**
(41)	41 ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SX.)	3517	
(42)	42 DENNY, Stephen (Y.)	3510	
(43)	43 CARTHY, David (E.)	3495	
(44)	44 BARR, Andrew (BK.)	3494	
(45)	45 NEIL, Lee (NG.)	3486	
(46)	46 MARSDEN, Michael (DU.)	3483	
(47)	47 HUTCHINGS, Paul (LA.)	3480	****
(48)	48 GREEN, Mark (NG.)	3470	
(49)	49 WILKINSON, Andrew (ND.)	3459	*
(50)	50 BROWN, Mark (K.)	3452	
(51)	51 SATCHELL, Kevin (WL.)	3427	*
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(54)	54 GASCONE, Craig (NG.)	3414	
(55)	55 HORSFIELD, Stephen (YS.)	3413	
(56)	56 GREGORY, Christopher (SP.)	3410	*
(57)	57 ATKINSON, David (CA.)	3404	
(58)	58 BEADSLY, Kevin (Y.)	3393	
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(60)	60 WHITEMAN, James (DV.)	3389	
(61)	61 GRUFFIN, Darren (GS.)	3361	
(62)	62 CUNNINGHAM, Andy (K.)	3358	**
(63)	63 WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.)	3354	
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(65)	65 MARPLES, Shaun (DY.)	3340	
(66)	66 HORNER, Daniel (CH.)	3339	**
(67)	67 TENDLER, Gary (E.)	3335	
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(79)	79 GANNON, David (LE.)	3285	
(80)	80 FESEHATSION, Daniel (ML.)	3280	****
(81)	81 ROMANO, Mark (K.)	3277	
(82)	82 HENRY, Andy (DY.)	3274	
(83)	83 FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3269	
(84)	84 POUNTNEY, Robert (SY.)	3261	*
(85)	85 HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3258	
(86)	86 ROSENTHAL, Louis (CH.)	3258	
(87)	87 ADEMAKINWA, Ayodea (E.)	3254	



**GARETH HERBERT is the Mens Singles No.2**

(92)	89 GILES, Paul (CO.)	3254	
(93)	90 HANSELL, Robert (BU.)	3251	
(94)	91 CHADWICK, Jim (LA.)	3251	N
(107)	92 HALL, Dominic (K.)	3250	
(96)	93 JOHNS, Mike (CH.)	3242	
(95)	94 GELDER, Tony (DU.)	3240	*
(97)	95 SHORT, Mike (DV.)	3234	
(96)	96 MEREDITH, Darryl (LA.)	3224	1
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(99)	99 CLAYTON, Tony (DO.)	3198	
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(105)	101 GIRDLER, Ian (SY.)	3190	
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(111)	104 SMITH, Richard A (Y.)	3176	
(102)	105 LIGHTOWLER, Richard (Y.)	3175	
(106)	106 PAYNE, Clive (HA.)	3175	
(142)	107 WILLIAMS, Trevor (YS.)	3169	
(109)	108 WALKER, Andy (SX.)	3154	**
(108)	109 COX, Philip (K.)	3154	**
(116)	110 PHILIPS, Simon (Sy) (K.)	3151	
(113)	111 WIGNALL, Andy (LL.)	3148	
(112)	112 MAJITHIA, Mayur (SX.)	3142	****
(113)	113 ISAAC, Anthony (ST.)	3128	
(115)	114 BIGGS, Phil (WA.)	3111	
(114)	115 CICCHELLI, Paul (SX.)	3110	
(120)	116 EBBECKE, Jens (CA.)	3109	*
(118)	117 WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3106	*
(125)	118 BROWN, Christopher (CO.)	3093	
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(119)	120 GEORGE, Michael (NG.)	3086	
(122)	121 BOWEN, Philip (LA.)	3083	*
(132)	122 PUGH, Simon (Y.)	3077	
(127)	123 LAWS, Adam (ST.)	3065	
(126)	124 CAMPBELL, Selwyn (SY.)	3058	**
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(146)	135 LUSK, Malcolm (ND.)	2997	



**HELEN LOWER is the Womens No.1**

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(137)	137 MILLS, Steve (BK.)	2989	1
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(150)	147 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	2948	
(148)	148 JONES, Simon (CH.)	2933	N
(162)	149 BECKLEY, Chris (SY.)	2933	
(229)	150 BOULT, Jack (SX.)	2930	

## Senior Women

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 LOWER, Helen (ST.)	4096	
(2)	2 WALKER, Georgina (NG.)	4037	
(3)	3 PARKER, Joanna (SY.)	3892	
(6)	4 EMBLING, Abigail (E.)	3870	
(5)	5 SIBLEY, Kelly (WA.)	3867	
(10)	6 STEWARD, Kate (SO.)	3712	****
(11)	7 BAWDEN, Natalie (E.)	3682	
(13)	8 DURRANT, Louise (NG.)	3536	*
(12)	9 SPINK, Lauren (NK.)	3507	
(22)	10 WHITE, Nicola (Y.)	3465	
(15)	11 SHEPHERD, Karen (CH.)	3447	
(16)	12 SPRINGTHORPE, Lauren (LL.)	3428	
(14)	13 SMITH, Karen (LE.)	3370	
(18)	14 SHORT, Elaine (DV.)	3315	
(21)	15 DUNNING, Jan (WO.)	3291	*
(16)	16 HARRIS, Jill (ST.)	3279	*
(23)	17 PEERS, Clare (CH.)	3277	
(18)	18 WESTON, Sally (SX.)	3274	
(17)	19 CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.)	3264	
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(27)	21 COHEN, Michele (AV.)	3248	
(25)	22 WILSON, Naomi (SO.)	3241	*
(28)	23 BRISTOW, Angie (K.)	3235	
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(49)	42 KING, Sheila (SX.)	3011	
(44)	43 SIMPSON, Linda (Y.)	3007	**
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(48)	47 MARLING, Samantha (ML.)	2982	**
(47)	48 LANGFORD, Clare (CH.)	2969	
(49)	49 GRAHAM, Cherilyn (LA.)	2964	
(50)	50 BAWDEN, Marilyn (E.)	2946	*
(51)	51 BROWN, Grace (E.)	2943	
(52)	52 SILBURN, Nicola (Y.)	2934	
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(59)	54 SCHOFIELD, Doreen (CH.)	2918	
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(70)	70 SORRENTINO, Annabelle (CH.)	2808	**
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(76)	76 DIGNUM, Margaret (WO.)	2769	
(77)	77 BROWN, Janet (OX.)	2768	
(79)	78 LOCKE, Gill (E.)	2760	*
(80)	79 SHALER, Eileen (LE.)	2756	
(81)	80 KNIGHTLEY, Gillian (BK.)	2746	
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(94)	88 NOUTCH, Sarah (Y.)	2712	*
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(8)	7	SPRINGTHORPE, Lauren (LL)	3428
(9)	8	CHAPMAN, Gemma (BK.)	3264
(10)	9	WILSON, Naomi (SO.)	3241 *
(13)	10	WEIL, Emma (E.)	3066
(11)	11	LANGFORD, Clare (CH.)	2969
(12)	12	DENNETT, Elizabeth (CH.)	2902 *
(14)	13	WILSON, Claire (DU.)	2803
(15)	14	HOWARD, Clara (CH.)	2636 *
(17)	15	YARNLEY, Gemma (K.)	2626
(16)	16	BROWN, Sarah (E.)	2625
(18)	17	WANG, Sarra (A.)	2461
(24)	18	MEADS, Joanne (DU.)	2446
(22)	19	TUCKER, Emily (BU.)	2425
(20)	20	PERKS, Sarah (NG.)	2423
(21)	21	SENEVIRATNE, Anusha (K.)	2360
(19)	22	WALLER, Tanya (Y.)	2307
(23)	23	SHUTT, Heather (Y.)	2298 ****
(29)	24	FARQUHAR, Melanie (BK.)	2143
(25)	25	CRAVEN-GRIFFITHS, Kelly (LE.)	2131
(26)	26	DONNELLY, Stephanie (CV.)	2098 *
(35)	27	BYRON, Sophie (CH.)	2095
(27)	28	VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2051
(28)	29	RAFORD, Lisa (DV.)	2023
(30)	30	WEIL, Lucy (E.)	1942
(31)	31	DAVIS, Stella (GS.)	1909
(40)	32	LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	1793
(32)	33	PARKER, Hayley (CH.)	1748
(33)	34	REES, Bethany (E.)	1723
(37)	35	SMITH, Sally (DV.)	1720
(36)	36	LIGHTOWLER, Katie (Y.)	1653 *
(53)	37	JAMIESON, Rachel (E.)	1558
(46)	38	BIELEC, Sylvana (BK.)	1556
(38)	39	SHOST, Lisa (BK.)	1546
(39)	40	HALLOW, Caroline (CH.)	1503
(48)	41	STEEPLES, Susie (LI.)	1486
(42)	42	ROGERS, Gina (SX.)	1404 *
(41)	43	SKEGGS, Kelly (E.)	1402
(44)	44	BATLISS, Sarah (NG.)	1332
(43)	45	PINELL, Amanda (ST.)	1331
(45)	46	TWEEDY, Rebecca (BU.)	1295 ****
(50)	47	HOWE, Claire (SO.)	1269
(47)	48	STRINGER, Jodie (K.)	1263
(49)	49	PILGRIM, Nikki (WA.)	1222 *
(51)	50	PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1169
(55)	51	DENNETT, Fiona (CH.)	1165
(52)	52	LINZ, Caroline (BU) (ST.)	1161
(57)	53	WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1149
(54)	54	HALL, Jessica (LA.)	1133 *
(58)	55	DUNMALL, Chloe (K.)	1079
(61)	56	CUNNINGHAM, Jeana (YS.)	1036
(56)	57	HUBBARD, Sarah (K.)	1032 *
(62)	58	O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DY.)	988 *
(59)	59	RIPLEY, Lisa (NG.)	988 *
(71)	60	STANDEN, Lisa (SX.)	984
(60)	61	JOBANPUTRA, Alpa (WL)	962 *
(63)	62	DUNCLIFFE, Sally (LA.)	883 *
63	63	HOLLIS, Sarah (NP.)	838 I
(64)	64	MANSFIELD, Katie (NP.)	821 *
(65)	65	SHEPHERD, Nicola (Y.)	812 *
(66)	66	SHADBOLT, Lisa (SY.)	806 *
(67)	67	PROCTOR, Louise (LA.)	776 *
(68)	68	TARR, Michelle (SP.)	770 *
(77)	69	GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	768
(69)	70	DOBSON, Jenny (HA.)	752 *
(70)	71	TWEEDY, Eleanor (BU.)	738 ****
(75)	72	PRICE, Melissa (NP.)	728
(73)	73	ROPER, Carley (SO.)	704 *
(74)	74	FURNIVAL, Stacey (SX.)	703 *
(80)	75	POTJEWYD, Frances (SO.)	677



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(33)	32	SMITH, Christopher A L (DV.)	854 *
(32)	33	CHACHOLADES, Joseph (MI.)	779 *
(35)	34	KEARNEY, Alex (AV.)	729
(34)	35	SHAW, Ashley (BU.)	713

Cadet Girls

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 SPRINGTHORPE, Lauren (LI.)	3428	
(2)	2 WANG, Sarra (E.)	2461	
(4)	3 FARQUHAR, Melanie (BK.)	2143	
(7)	4 BYRON, Sophie (CH.)	2095	
(3)	5 VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2051	
(5)	6 DAVIS, Stella (GS.)	1909	
(9)	7 LAYFIELD, Jordyn (CH.)	1793	
(6)	8 PARKER, Hayley (CH.)	1748	
(13)	9 JAMIESON, Rachel (E.)	1558	
(11)	10 BIELEC, Sylvana (BK.)	1556	
(8)	11 HALLOWS, Caroline (CH.)	1503	
(10)	12 TWEEDY, Rebecca (BU.)	1295 ****	
(12)	13 PILGRIM, Rachel (WA.)	1169	
(14)	14 DENNETT, Fiona (CH.)	1165	
(15)	15 WHITEHORN, Joy (DO.)	1149	
(16)	16 DUNMALL, Chloe (K.)	1079	
(17)	17 O'SULLIVAN, Emily (DY.)	998	
(20)	18 GREENER, Rachel (DU.)	768	
(18)	19 FURNIVAL, Stacey (SX.)	703 *	
(22)	20 POTJEWYD, Frances (SO.)	677	
(21)	21 MCCORMICK, Samantha (DU.)	654	
(24)	22 WILKINSON, Hayley (LA.)	603	
(19)	23 CRAWFORD, Helen (CU.)	573	
(23)	24 TAYLOR, Amy (BU.)	522	
(29)	25 MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	477	
(25)	26 YARNLEY, Laura (K.)	442	
(26)	27 PINNELL, Emily (ST.)	429	
(27)	28 STANLEY, Rebecca (DY.)	424 I	
(28)	29 RULE, Katie (BU.)	410	
(31)	30 CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.)	375	
(34)	31 TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	373	
(33)	32 BROWN, Nicola (E.)	370	
(30)	33 FULLER, Mary (Y.)	338	
(36)	34 MORLE, Annabelle (HA.)	322	
(32)	35 KELLY, Emma (CH.)	286 ****	

Under 13 Boys

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 EVANS, Gavin (NG.)	2834	
(2)	2 EVANS, Myles (NG.)	1994	
(4)	3 DORAN, Christopher (NP.)	1471	
(3)	4 CHAN, Wing Yung (SY.)	1388	
(5)	5 MAYBANKS, William (HE.)	1123	
(6)	6 MUDIE, Stewart (LI.)	1074	
(7)	7 DEVILLE, Billy (E.)	1017	
(8)	8 SMITH, Christopher A L (DV.)	854	
(9)	9 KEARNEY, Alex (AV.)	729	
(13)	10 GALLAGE, Suchira (MI.)	647	
(10)	11 WARE, Mathew (HA.)	640	
(11)	12 MCBEATH, David (HA.)	640	
(14)	13 BLEAKLEY, Joshua (LA.)	610	
(12)	14 BARKER, Mitchell (CH.)	602	
(15)	15 MARSHALL, Richard (DV.)	485	
(20)	16 SELFRIDGE, Oscar (E.)	484	
(18)	17 SALSBURY, Ben (WO.)	453	
(17)	18 WRIGHT, Anthony (CV.)	417	
(22)	19 LINZ, Andrew (SY.)	416	
(19)	20 HAYNARD, Tom (BK.)	390	
(16)	21 TREVORROD, Matthew (CO)	388	
(21)	22 GREEN, Adam (ST.)	348 I ****	
(23)	23 KARMAN, Nadav (HE.)	307	
(24)	24 REILLY, Jonathan (CY.)	303	
(34)	25 POTJEWYD, Geoffrey (SO.)	300	
(26)	26 COLLINS, Jake (SK.)	282	
(25)	27 WITCHELL, Christopher (BU.)	281	
(27)	28 BARELLA, Anthony (DU.)	261	
(43)	29 JAMIESON, Lloyd (HA.)	231	
(28)	30 RIBBY, Joe (K.)	225	
(29)	31 ROWAN, Michael (OX.)	222	
(42)	32 BECKETT, Gregory (BK.)	221	
(30)	33 JOHNSON, David (MI.)	210 **AW	

(39)	34	CRAWFORD, Scott (CU.)	209
(32)	35	FORD, Timothy (LA.)	201 ****

Under 13 Girls

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 VICKERS, Emma (DY.)	2051	
(2)	2 JAMIESON, Rachel (E.)	1558	
(4)	3 MACKEN, Jessica (E.)	477	
(3)	4 RULE, Katie (BU.)	410	
(6)	5 CALLCUT, Charlotte (E.)	375	
(8)	6 TRAVIS, Martha (CO.)	373	
(5)	7 FULLER, Mary (Y.)	338	
(7)	8 KELLY, Emma (CH.)	286 ****	
(9)	9 POTTS, Haylee (HE.)	234	
(10)	10 SPARREY, Megan (MI.)	230	
(15)	11 HUGHES, Sally (SX.)	189	
(14)	12 FARQUHAR, Rachel (BK.)	158	
(13)	13 BREWIN, Hannah (LI.)	154	
(11)	14 WALTER, Beth (NP.)	151	
(12)	15 AIREY, Charlotte (NG.)	132	
(19)	16 ROBINSON, Sarah (DU.)	129	
(17)	17 AJETO, Amy (NK.)	124	
(18)	18 NUSSO, Sarah (SX.)	121	
(21)	19 ARDESHANA, Reena (LA.)	119	
20	20 OWEN, Kirsty (Y.)	107	
(16)	21 BAKER, Rachel (LA.)	92	
22	22 NICHOLAS, Hayley (HA.)	58	
(28)	23 ALL, Farah Ellen (CO.)	58 I	
(20)	24 HOLLAND, Tamsin (MI.)	53 *	
(23)	25 JONES, Dominique (LI.)	43	

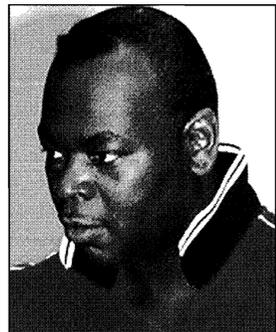
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Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 HILTON, John (CH.)	3751	
(2)	2 WHITING, Paul (DV.)	3674	
(3)	3 ROGERS, Chris (LE.)	3639	
(4)	4 KENNEDY, Joe (K.) (E.)	3560	
(5)	5 PAPANTHOU, Costas (MI.)	3547 *	
(7)	6 JOHNS, Brian (CH.)	3519 **	
(6)	7 ECKERSLEY, Nigel (SX.)	3517	
(10)	8 CARTHY, Clive (E.)	3495	
(8)	9 BARR, David (BK.)	3494	
(9)	10 HUTCHINGS, Paul (LA.)	3480 ****	
(11)	11 BROWN, Mark (K.)	3452	
(12)	12 SATCHELL, Kevin (WL)	3427 *	
(13)	13 GODBOLD, David (DU.)	3420	
(14)	14 BEADLES, Kevin (Y.)	3393	
(15)	15 WILLIAMS, Keith (LA.)	3354	
(21)	16 HALLEY, Terry (SY.)	3345	
(18)	17 BARTRAM, Peter (SX.)	3312	
(18)	18 YULE, Richard (SX.)	3296	
(19)	19 GANNON, David (LE.)	3285	
(17)	20 ROHANO, Mark (K.)	3277	
(20)	21 FORD, Christopher (LA.)	3269	
(26)	22 HARVEY, Dave (GS.)	3258	
(22)	23 GILES, Paul (CO.)	3254	
(16)	24 ADAMAKINWA, Ayodele (E.)	3254	
25	25 CHADWICK, Jim (LA.)	3251 N	
(24)	26 JOHNS, Mike (CH.)	3242	
(23)	27 GOLDER, Tony (DU.)	3240 *	
(25)	28 SHORT, Mike (DV.)	3234	
(28)	29 RANKIN, John (LA.)	3200	
30	30 CLAYTON, Tony (DO.)	3198	
(30)	31 GIRDLER, Ian (SY.)	3190	
(29)	32 KERRY, Trevor (NG.)	3188	
(27)	33 HARDING, David (SY.)	3181	
(31)	34 PAYNE, Clive (HA.)	3175	
(43)	35 WILLIAMS, Trevor (YS.)	3169	
(32)	36 WIGNALL, Andy (LI.)	3148	
(36)	37 ISAAC, Anthony (ST.)	3128	
(33)	38 BIGGS, Phil (CH.)	3111	
(34)	39 WELSMAN, Dave (NP.)	3106 *	
(38)	40 ROOFE, Eddie (WL)	3091	
(35)	41 BOWEN, Philip (LA.)	3083 *	
(39)	42 PAYNE, John (MI.)	3023	
(37)	43 RICH, Andy (ST.)	3021 **	
(42)	44 ROBSON, Dave (DU.)	3000	
(46)	45 LUSK, Malcolm (ND.)	2997	
(41)	46 KING, Russell (NK.)	2989	
(44)	47 MEDLELLIN, Henry (SY.)	2981 *	
(40)	48 GEHLOT, Hari (BK.)	2980	
49	49 DUROSE, Ronnie (LA.)	2975 I	
(48)	50 HARPER, Mick (BD.)	2969	
(47)	51 SALTER, Geoff (DU.)	2963	
(49)	52 RAMSBOTTOM, Mark (LA.)	2948	
(54)	53 BECKLEY, Chris (SY.)	2933	
54	54 GARRAWAY, Brian (DO.)	2917	
(50)	55 COLLINS, Paul (CH.)	2913	
(51)	56 PERCIVAL, Wayne (CH.)	2906	
(53)	57 HOLLAND, John (Snr) (E.)	2905	
(60)	58 BUIST, Henry (K.)	2905	
(45)	59 BUSHWELL, Chris (NK.)	2898	
(61)	60 BUSHLETT, Karl (OX.)	2881	
(58)	61 HOLMAN, Derek (SY.)	2880	
(57)	62 DOBBINS, Steve (CH.)	2877 **	
(52)	63 ROBERTSON, Ian (ND.)	2875	
(59)	64 REEVES, Dave (BK.)	2865	
(56)	65 LLOYD, Trevor (WL.)	2865	
66	66 SEAROLME, Stuart (HE.)	2864	
(63)	67 GRANT, Bill (YS.)	2859	
(62)	68 DENNISON, John (E.)	2858 *	
69	69 BURN, Brian (DO.)	2843	
(55)	70 PICKARD, Chris (HE.)	2842	
(71)	71 NEWMAN, Maurice (LE.)	2841	

(64)	72	CARSLAKE, Colin (E.)	2834 *
(66)	73	CLEMENTS, Brian (LA.)	2809
(65)	74	DAVIS, Steve (SY.)	2805
(67)	75	RASUL, Farhat (SY.)	2798 *
(74)	76	FELLOWS, Keith (LE.)	2795
77	77	SHIRT, Richard (YS.)	2792
(70)	78	BROWNE, Michael (WA.)	2779 *
(72)	79	BALDWIN, Gary (WL)	2778
(73)	80	MCEVOY, Malcolm (CH.)	2776
(68)	81	PRIESTLEY, Richard (Y.)	2768
(75)	82	CRAIGHILL, Jeffrey (CH.)	2761
(83)	83	COOPER, Stephen (CV.)	2751
(77)	84	ROBINSON, John (SY.)	2735
(69)	85	BROUGHTON, Mick (NK.)	2727
(76)	86	RHODES, Mike (BU) (BK.)	2727
(105)	87	RICHARDSON, Nathaniel (OX.)	2726
(84)	88	SWIFT, Norman (K.)	2721
(80)	89	WAITE, Peter (WA.)	2703 *
(81)	90	BRIERLEY, Neil (E.)	2703 *
(82)	91	JACKSON, Kenneth (LA.)	2698 *
(79)	92	ALLISON, Brian (LI.)	2695
(91)	93	YARNLEY, Keith (K.)	2688
(90)	94	ELLIOTT, Barry (LA.)	2686
(78)	95	ADAMS, Thomas (SY.)	2685
(86)	96	BALDING, Derek (HE.)	2684 **
(85)	97	GRAHAM, Cosmo (Y.)	2684
(88)	98	HILL, Barry (DO.)	2676
(87)	99	EMERY, Dave (K.)	2676
(89)	100	GUYMER, Terry (E.)	2673 *

Veteran Women

Pos	Name	Rating	Flag
(1)	1 SMITH, Karen (LE.)	3370	
(2)	2 SHORT, Elaine (DV.)	3315	
(3)	3 DUNNING, Jan (WO.)	3291 *	
4	4 HARRIS, Jill (ST.)	3279	
(4)	5 KEAST, Lesley (LI.)	3248	
(5)	6 HARPER, Sandra (BD.)	3150	
(7)	7 HALTBY, Margaret (NP.)	3081	
(6)	8 PEARCE, Diane (K.)	3058	
9	9 WANG, Lucy (E.)	3057	
(8)	10 DURHAM, Jane (CV.)	3054 *	



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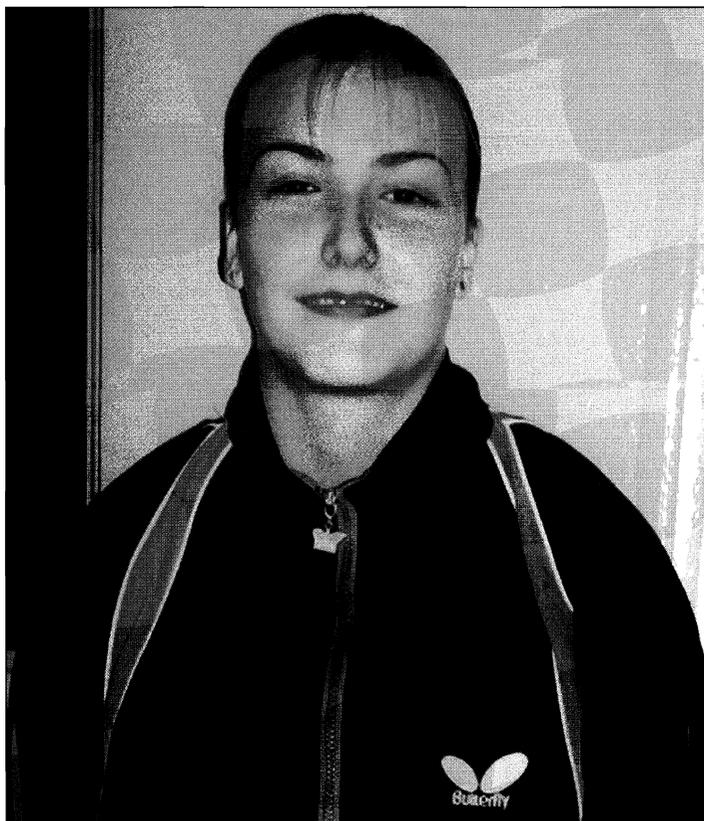
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## GLASGOW RESEARCH SET TO IMPROVE ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

A Glasgow sport psychologist has discovered a link between athletes' use of language when interviewed in advance of an anticipated performance and their subsequent performance, proving that real time predicted performance is possible.

In three separate studies with Scottish junior sprinters, the Scottish national U-17 cricket squad and a group of elite junior badminton players, all aged between 15 and 17, Dr Alastair Ross, a consultant with Human Factors Analysts Ltd., conducted interviews to determine

patterns in the way the athletes explained their performances. Then, in a groundbreaking study, patterns in interviews prior to a

major national event were found to be clearly related to subsequent performance. Whilst all the athletes said they expected to do well in the event, the ones who explained their recent form and expectations in detail didn't perform as well on the day as those who offered no such explanation.

"The more specific explanation the athletes offered in advance, for example talking about recent training developments, the less likely they were to perform well against those who simply stated, "they were ready". The 'attributional' language may indicate uncertainty, i.e. feel the need to justify their positive expectations when there may be underlying doubt.

"The results are significant not only because this subtle measure could result in predicting an athlete's performance as the studies clearly demonstrated. In the short-term it means that coaches will be able to identify and assess any problems an athlete may have before a big event. Long-term, we could even be heading down to the bookies!" said Alastair.

Human Factors Analysts Ltd. is now planning to produce a coaching manual to provide advice on how to spot the warning signs. The company has devised a brief questionnaire in the first instance alerting coaches to look out for too much in the way of specific explanation prior to important sporting events.

Further details of the research are available by contacting Dr Ross at [alastair.j.ross@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alastair.j.ross@strath.ac.uk).

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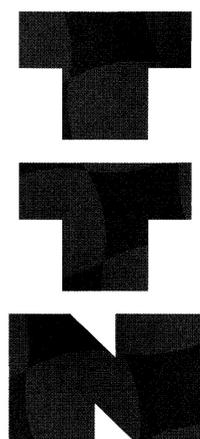
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7th	Stiga 3 Star Cadet & Junior GP	
7th	Cippenham Senior 2 Star Banded	
11th-14th	ITTF Pro Tour Finals	Guangzhou, China
13th	National Junior League (2)	
13th-14th	British League Weekend (2)	
14th	National Cadet League (2)	
14th-21st	Junior World Championships	Santiago, Chile
17th-19th	Womens World Cup	Hong Kong
20th	Chesham Junior 2 Star	
20th-21st	Cheshire 2 Star Satellite Grand Prix	Knutsford
20th-21st	Regional Training	
27th	Nima U12/U15 2 Star Open	
28th	Nima Junior 2 Star Open	
28th	Chesham U13/U15/U16 2 Star	
30th	Chesham Junior 2 Star	
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3rd	Chesham U13/14/15 2 Star	
3rd-4th	London Butterfly Grand Prix	Crystal Palace
3rd-4th	Regional Training	
10th	Cippenham U14/U16 1 star	
10th	City of Liverpool Junior 4 Star	
10th-11th	British League Weekend (3)	
10th-11th	VETTS Western Masters	Hereford
11th	City of Liverpool Cadet 4 Star	
13th	Mens European League England vs Germany	Portsmouth
17th	County Championships Cadet, Junior, Senior & Veterans	
18th	Stiga Cadet & Junior 3 Star GP	
18th	Cippenham 2 Star Veterans	
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