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# Welcome

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## *The history of the Europe Youth TOP 10 is a story of success.*



From the first edition in 1985 many participants of this competition made their way to the top of the World and European ranking lists.

As President of the European Table Tennis Union it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 33th ETTU Youth TOP 10 event in the English city of Worcester.

After Sheffield in 2008, Table Tennis England hosts this event for the second time. Many names from the list of participants in Sheffield were to be found on the recent World Championships' entry list, this fact shows clearly that similarly to the past this event is a milestone when we speak about European top stars.

The English Association is one of the most active members of the ETTU. This has been proven by excellent results of its players as well as by its competence in staging major

competitions, crowned by the Olympic Table Tennis tournament in 2012.

We are most grateful to Table Tennis England and the city of Worcester to host this important event presenting the future stars of European table tennis.

I wish all players, coaches, umpires, sponsors, officials and spectators a successful Europe Youth TOP 10 and a pleasant stay in England.

### **Ronald Kramer**

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# Welcome



*I am pleased and honoured to welcome the players, their coaches, supporters and officials, from around Europe to this prestigious event at Worcester.*



Forty of the best young players in Europe will compete in four round-robin competitions – Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys and Cadet Girls – to decide the champions of this European Youth Top 10.

More than a dozen former winners of these events went on to compete at the Rio Olympics and that is a testament to the talents of our young people and to the standard of competition at this event. I have no doubt that we are privileged this weekend to be able to watch some future international champions in the early stages of their career.

Every one of our young athletes here has earned their place through hard work and dedication. However, they would not have been able to reach those heights without a great deal of support from coaches, parents and family. You are all to be

congratulated on their achievements and I hope you can all share in their successes.

I am sure we will all enjoy watching the elite young players from around Europe. But there are also many here watching and enjoying the competition, who strive to achieve the best they can be. Table tennis is a great sport which allows all ages and standards to compete and enjoy.

I would also like to thank our volunteers and the Table Tennis England staff and members of the ETTU, who have worked so hard to provide this opportunity.

I hope everyone has a great weekend here in Worcester and takes away positive memories and additional enthusiasm for our sport.

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**Sandra Deaton**  
Chairman  
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# Welcome

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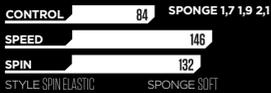


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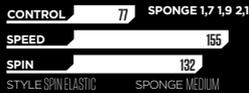
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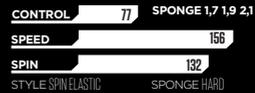
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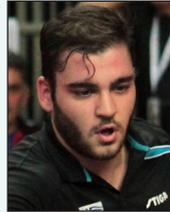


Purcell (ENG), Boris Racko (SVK), Lynda Reid (ENG), Josh Reynolds (ENG), Barry Robertson (WAL), Jim Sterling (IRL), Russell Sutcliffe (ENG), Alan Thomas (ENG), Jacquelyn Williams (WAL)

## Junior Boys



**Cristian  
Pletea**  
Romania  
Seeding: 1  
Player number: 1



**Ioannis  
Sgouropoulos**  
Greece  
Seeding: 2  
Player number: 2



**Rares  
Sipos**  
Romania  
Seeding: 3  
Player number: 3



**Irvin  
Bertrand**  
France  
Seeding: 4  
Player number: 4



**Tom  
Jarvis**  
England  
Seeding: 5  
Player number: 5



**Tobias  
Hippler**  
Germany  
Seeding: 6  
Player number: 6



**Florian  
Cnudde**  
Belgium  
Seeding: 7  
Player number: 7



**Gerrit  
Engemann**  
Germany  
Seeding: 8  
Player number: 8



**Bastien  
Rembert**  
France  
Seeding: 9  
Player number: 9



**Matteo  
Mutti**  
Italy  
Seeding: 10  
Player number: 10

# Competitors



## Junior Girls



**Adina  
Diaconu**  
Romania  
Seeding: 1  
Player number: 11



**Andreea  
Dragoman**  
Romania  
Seeding: 2  
Player number: 12



**Izabela  
Lupulesku**  
Serbia  
Seeding: 3  
Player number: 13



**Lisa  
Lung**  
Belgium  
Seeding: 4  
Player number: 14



**Anastasia  
Kolish**  
Russia  
Seeding: 5  
Player number: 15



**Zhang  
Xuan**  
Spain  
Seeding: 6  
Player number: 16



**Luisa  
Saeger**  
Germany  
Seeding: 7  
Player number: 17



**Tania  
Plaian**  
Romania  
Seeding: 8  
Player number: 18



**Jennie  
Wolf**  
Germany  
Seeding: 9  
Player number: 19



**Denise  
Payet**  
England  
Seeding: 10  
Player number: 20

## Cadet Boys



**Bilal  
Hamache**  
France  
Seeding: 1  
Player number: 21



**Kay  
Stumper**  
Germany  
Seeding: 2  
Player number: 22



**Csaba  
Andras**  
Hungary  
Seeding: 3  
Player number: 23



**Dorian  
Zheng**  
France  
Seeding: 4  
Player number: 24



**Samuel  
Kulczycki**  
Poland  
Seeding: 5  
Player number: 25



**Olav  
Kosolosky**  
Belgium  
Seeding: 6  
Player number: 26



**Martin  
Friis**  
Sweden  
Seeding: 7  
Player number: 27



**Daniel  
Rinderer**  
Germany  
Seeding: 8  
Player number: 28



**Jules  
Cavaille**  
France  
Seeding: 9  
Player number: 29



**Ethan  
Walsh**  
England  
Seeding: 10  
Player number: 30

# Competitors



## Cadet Girls



Elena  
**Zaharia**  
Romania  
Seeding: 1  
Player number: 31



Jamila  
**Laurenti**  
Italy  
Seeding: 2  
Player number: 32



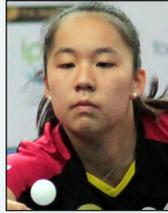
Camille  
**Lutz**  
France  
Seeding: 3  
Player number: 33



Sophia  
**Klee**  
Germany  
Seeding: 4  
Player number: 34



Isa  
**Cok**  
France  
Seeding: 5  
Player number: 35



Wenna  
**Tu**  
Germany  
Seeding: 6  
Player number: 36



Ozge  
**Yilmaz**  
Turkey  
Seeding: 7  
Player number: 37



Anastasia  
**Bondareva**  
Germany  
Seeding: 8  
Player number: 38



Charlotte  
**Bardsley**  
England  
Seeding: 9  
Player number: 39



Lou  
**Frete**  
France  
Seeding: 10  
Player number: 40



## Representing England



### Tom Jarvis

**Event:** Junior Boys

**Age:** 17

**From:** Skegness

Tom is a multiple national champion at Cadet, Junior and Under-21 level, winning the latter in each of the past two seasons.

He has also reached the semi-finals of the last two senior national championships, losing on both occasions to Paul Drinkhall.

On the international stage, he was Cadet Boys' Singles champion at the Spanish Youth Open in 2014 and was recently part of the England squad which won team gold at the Slovak Junior Open.

He was the travelling reserve for the Team GB squad for the 2016 Olympics in Rio.



### Denise Payet

**Event:** Junior Girls

**Age:** 16

**From:** Enfield

Denise has won every national singles title from Under-11 to Junior and this year reached the semi-finals of the senior national championships for the first time, losing to Tin-Tin Ho.

She made her senior England debut soon after in the European play-off against Spain.

Denise, who helped England Cadets to fifth place at the European Youth Championships in 2016, won doubles silver at the Belgium Junior & Cadet Open this year.



## Ethan Walsh

**Event:** Cadet Boys

**Age:** 15

**From:** Stevenage

Ethan has this season won both the Cadet national championships and the National Cup (top 10).

He has represented England at a number of international events, including the European Youth Championships in 2016.

In June, he helped England to win gold in the team event at the Cadet Six Nations, ahead of the likes of Sweden and Germany.

A month earlier, he had been part of the winning England Cadet Boys team at the Zagreb Open.



## Charlotte Bardsley

**Event:** Cadet Girls

**Age:** 15

**From:** Stourbridge

Charlotte is the reigning Cadet national champion and also won the corresponding National Cup (top 10) tournament this year.

On the international stage, she won bronze medals in both the doubles and team events at the Belgium Junior & Cadet Open earlier this year.

She has also represented England at the European Youth Championships in each of the last two seasons, helping the Cadet Girls to secure a fifth-place finish in 2016.

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# Schedule

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## Friday September 8

Round	Cadet Girls	Cadet Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1	10.00	10.50	11.40	12.30
2	14.00	14.50	15.40	16.30
3	17.20	18.10	19.00	19.50

## Saturday September 9

Round	Cadet Girls	Cadet Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Boys
4	10.00	10.50	11.40	12.30
5	14.00	14.50	15.40	16.30
6	17.20	18.10	19.00	19.50

## Sunday September 10

Round	Cadet Girls	Cadet Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Boys
7	9.30	10.20	11.10	12.00
8	13.00	13.50	14.40	15.30
9	16.20	17.10	18.00	18.50

Award ceremonies will take place after the last round of matches has finished

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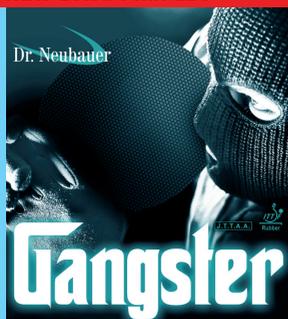


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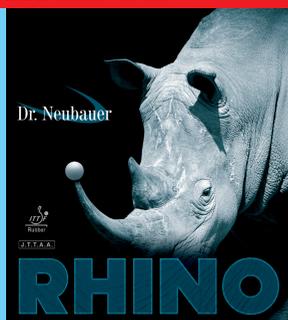
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52	85	87

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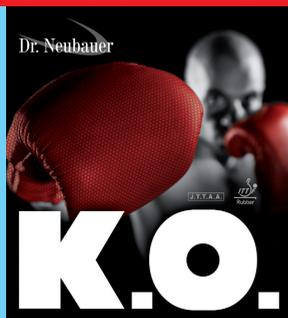
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Sponge mm:  
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92	81	94

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## Feature



**F**or proof that the winners of the Europe Youth Top 10 can go on to great things, just look at the Rio 2016 Olympics!

Rio competitors including (clockwise from top left) Tiago Apolonia, Dimitrij Ovtcharov, Elisabeta Samara, Vladimir Samsonov, Georgina Pota, Timo Boll, Bernadette Szocs, Petrissa Solja and Paul Drinkhall had all previously won at least one Europe Youth Top 10 title. The list also includes Simon Gauzy, Tristan Flore, Jakub Dyjas and Daniela Dodean.

Drinkhall remembers his experience at the Europe Youth Top 10 very well.

He said: "It was a great event to help me break into the Seniors. It's a very difficult one because you only play against the other top players, but if you win then it's a big confidence boost.

"Events like the Top 10 help how you think about things. You have to be focused for every game and it tests your mental strength.

"Some great players have won it, but a lot who just competed in it but didn't win still went on to be strong senior players."



The tournament which sees the cream of European Youth pitting their skills against each other was first run in 1985 when it was known as the Europe Junior Top 12, Juniors at that time were under 17 years.

It was a most successful event for England as Carl Pream took the inaugural Boys' title and Andrew Syed finished in eighth place – a most impressive win for Carl, who won all his matches without dropping a game and pushed Jean-Michel Saive of Belgium into second place. The Girls' event was won by Olga Nemes of Federal Germany.

Originally, this event was only for Junior players but in 2008, when England hosted the tournament at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield, Cadet events were added to the programme with a reduction to 10 players per event. It is perhaps the most challenging of tournaments with the best in Europe playing each other over a demanding three days.

The first English female player to qualify was Andrea Holt in 1988, who finished in 10th place. In all there have been seven English girls who have played by qualification. The most successful have been Joanna Parker (Drinkhall), who finished sixth in 2005 and more recently Tin-Tin Ho who has had two fifth places; one in the Cadet event in 2013 and one in the Junior event in 2014. Tin-Tin also finished sixth in the Juniors in 2016.

Eleven boys have represented England, with Paul Drinkhall being the most successful. Twenty-two years on from Carl's win, Paul stood at the top of the podium in Riga, Latvia in 2007 in a very cold and snowy January. On home soil the following year, Paul finished with a medal but this time it was coloured bronze. Paul



**Above: Paul Drinkhall atop the podium in Riga in 2007. Below: Carl Pream in action around the same time as his 1985 victory**



also played in 2006 when he finished ninth.

Gavin Evans too had success in the Cadet Boys, in 2008, when he finished third. The following year he moved up to the Junior age group and finished ninth.

Matthew Syed was three times a contestant, finishing fifth, seventh and 10th, Darius Knight similarly competed three times finishing sixth, ninth and 11th. The only other boy to qualify more than once was Michael O'Driscoll, who finished in fifth and seventh places.

# Feature



From top: Darius Knight in action at the 2008 edition in Sheffield (photo courtesy of Sheffield Newspapers), Tin-Tin Ho and Gavin Evans.



It certainly is a tournament when the best of Europe's youth go on to achieve great things. Amongst former champions there are such illustrious names as Vladimir Samsonov, Timo Boll, Michael Maze and Dimitrij Ovtcharov, all who have gone on to become European Champions or better. On the female front Otilia Badescu, Liu Jia and Elisabeta Samara have also gone on to achieve the European Women's Singles title.

The future will certainly be promising for whoever takes the titles this year.

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## Previous winners

### > 2016

**Junior Boys:** Tomas Polansky (CZE)



**Junior Girls:** Audrey Zarif (FRA)



**Cadet Boys:** Truls Moregard (SWE)



**Cadet Girls:** Anastasia Kolish (RUS)



### Europe Youth Top 10

#### > 2015

**JB:** Dennis Klein (GER)  
**JG:** Natalia Bajor (POL)  
**CB:** Cristian Pletea (ROU)  
**CG:** Andreea Dragoman (ROU)

#### > 2014

**JB:** Filip Zeljko (CRO)  
**JG:** Lea Racovac (CRO)  
**CB:** Cristian Pletea (ROU)  
**CG:** Andreea Dragoman (ROU)

#### > 2013

**JB:** Jakub Dyjas (POL)  
**JG:** Bernadette Szocs (ROU)  
**CB:** Tomas Polansky (CZE)  
**CG:** Adina Diaconu (ROU)

#### > 2012

**JB:** Leonardo Mutti (ITA)  
**JG:** Bernadette Szocs (ROU)  
**CB:** Can Akkuzu (FRA)  
**CG:** Audrey Zarif (FRA)

#### > 2011

**JB:** Quentin Robinot (FRA)  
**JG:** Petrissa Solja (GER)  
**CB:** Andrea Landrieu (FRA)  
**CG:** Laura Pfefer (FRA)

#### > 2010

**JB:** Patrick Franziska (GER)  
**JG:** Sabine Winter (GER)  
**CB:** Tristan Flore (FRA)  
**CG:** Bernadette Szocs (ROU)

#### > 2009

**JB:** Patrick Franziska (GER)  
**JG:** Alena Dubkova (BLR)  
**CB:** Simon Gauzy (FRA)  
**CG:** Bernadette Szocs (ROU)

#### > 2008

**JB:** Tomas Tregler (CZE)  
**JG:** Amelie Solja (GER)  
**CB:** Julien Indeherberg (BEL)  
**CG:** Petrissa Solja (GER)

# Previous winners

## Top 12 Juniors

### > 2007

**Boys:** Paul Drinkhall (ENG)

**Girls:** Elisabeta Samara (ROU)

### > 2006

**Boys:** Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)

**Girls:** Daniela Dodean (ROU)

### > 2005

**Boys:** Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)

**Girls:** Daniela Dodean (ROU)

### > 2004

**Boys:** Tiago Apolonia (POR)

**Girls:** Iulia Necula (ROU)

### > 2003

**Boys:** Christian Suss (GER)

**Girls:** Georgina Pota (HUN)

### > 2002

**Boys:** Daniel Zwicki (HUN)

**Girls:** Georgina Pota (HUN)

### > 2001

**Boys:** Robert Svensson (SWE)

**Girls:** Laura Stumper (GER)

### > 2000

**Boys:** Fedor Kuzmin (RUS)

**Girls:** Laura Stumper (GER)

### > 1999

**Boys:** Michael Maze (DEN)

**Girls:** Liu Jia (AUT)

### > 1998

**Boys:** Timo Boll (GER)

**Girls:** Natalia Lapteva (RUS)

**German legend**

**Timo Boll was 1998 champion**



Romania is the most successful country at the event with 17 victories, one ahead of Germany/West Germany

### > 1997

**Boys:** Jens Lundqvist (SWE)

**Girls:** Renata Stribikova (CZE)

### > 1996

**Boys:** Zoltan Fejer-Konnerth (GER)

**Girls:** Svetlana Ganina (RUS)

### > 1995

**Boys:** Martin Monrad (DEN)

**Girls:** Michaela Steff (ROU)

### > 1994

**Boys:** Kostadin Lengerov (AUT)

**Girls:** Tamara Boros (CRO)

### > 1993

**Boys:** Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)

**Girls:** Maria Fazekas (HUN)

### > 1992

**Boys:** Lucjan Blaszczyk (POL)

**Girls:** Ana Gogorita (ROU)

### > 1991

**Boys:** Pjotr Szafranek (POL)

**Girls:** Alena Vachovcova (CZE)

### > 1990

**Boys:** Torben Wosik (GER)

**Girls:** Marina Kravchenko (URS)

### > 1989

**Boys:** Danny Heister (NED)

**Girls:** Gabrielle Wirth (HUN)

### > 1988

**Boys:** Dmitri Mazunov (URS)

**Girls:** Otilia Badescu (ROU)

### > 1987

**Boys:** Milan Grman (CZE)

**Girls:** Otilia Badescu (ROU)

### > 1986

**Boys:** Marinkevich (URS)

**Girls:** Csilla Batorfi (HUN)

### > 1985

**Boys:** Carl Prean (ENG)

**Girls:** Olga Nemes (GER)

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