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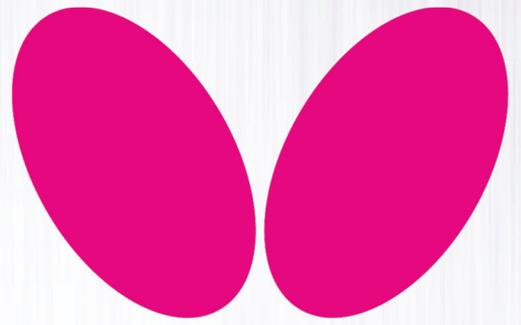
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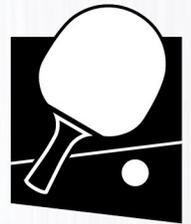
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# Welcome from Table Tennis England



**Sandra Deaton**  
**Chairperson,**  
**Table Tennis England**



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Table Tennis England's flagship event, the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships.

Ahead of us are three days of top-level competition which will see our first senior national champions crowned since March 2020, just before the pandemic restrictions were introduced.

Little did we imagine then that it would be two full years before we would meet again for this event. I hope the intervening time has been kind to you and your families in the midst of a difficult period for everyone.

It makes us appreciate all the more tournaments like this, where the established stars of English table tennis are challenged by those who have earned a place here either through the rankings, the qualifying tournament or by way of a wildcard. It presents a wonderful opportunity for the next generation to take on the best, and perhaps begin their own journeys to success on the international stage.

It is also a chance for spectators to watch the top English players, including para athletes, in action on home soil. This

year, of course, they will also have the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent occasion of a home Commonwealth Games in Birmingham - and many of those who are ultimately selected for the England squad for the Games will be in action this weekend.

I would like to thank our hosts here at the University of Nottingham and the David Ross Sports Village, which has become a regular home for these championships.

I would also like to thank our title sponsors, Mark Bates Ltd and their partners China Taiping Insurance. Our five-year deal to work together may have been interrupted by the pandemic, but our partnership remains strong and committed to the future of our sport. I also extend my appreciation to our Official Equipment Supplier, Tees Sport.

Finally, thanks to all the Table Tennis England staff, and the officials, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and supporters who make this event what it is.

I wish all the players the best of luck and hope everyone enjoys the weekend.

## Welcome from our hosts



**Dan Tilley**  
**Director of Sport,**  
**University of Nottingham**



**University of**  
**Nottingham Sport**

The University of Nottingham is incredibly excited to be hosting the 2022 Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships here at David Ross Sports Village.

Here at University of Nottingham Sport, we are very proud of our sector-leading table tennis performance programme and world-class competition facilities and it is an honour to be chosen once again as the 2022 venue by Table Tennis England.

For our students and alumni competing over the weekend, the opportunity to compete in front of a home crowd is invaluable. For our aspiring players, the chance to watch the country's top players in action at the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships is hugely inspirational.

At Nottingham, our heritage of outstanding table tennis alumni includes the legendary Olympic champion Deng Yaping, with whom we have a strong ongoing partnership that provides

excellent programme opportunities for our students. We are also excited to welcome back former student and previous Women's Singles champion Maria Tsapsinos. Her Commonwealth Games 2018 bronze medallist and team-mate, Tin-Tin Ho, is a current University of Nottingham Sport student scholar and competed at the Tokyo Olympic Games. Like Maria, Tin-Tin shares a rich and decorated history in the competition.

We have a great partnership with Table Tennis England and are very grateful for their continued support. Moreover we'd like to express our thanks to Mark Bates Ltd, who are an integral part of making this event a success and whose support extends to all three National Championships, including all Senior, Cadet & Junior and U10-U13 tournaments.

On behalf of the university, may I welcome players, coaches, support staff and spectators to the David Ross Sports Village and wish you all a successful tournament and visit to Nottingham.

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# Welcome from our sponsors



## Mark Bates Managing Director, Mark Bates Ltd

I would like to welcome you all to the 2022 Senior National Table Tennis Championships at the University of Nottingham. I am delighted that my business Mark Bates Ltd (MBL) and our partners China Taiping Insurance (CTI) are the headline sponsors for the Championships.

After a challenging couple of years, it is great that the event is going ahead with spectators, allowing us all to come together, rekindle friendships and celebrate this great sporting occasion. I'm sure the atmosphere will be buzzing as we all get behind the competitors and enjoy the high-quality table tennis on display.

During the Championships we will have a trade stand in the FanZone, where you can learn more about "MBL" and "CTI". You can also partake in one of our fun competitions and could be a lucky winner of one of the fabulous prizes.

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Our support for this big event is just part of a long-term partnership with Table Tennis England. In the coming years, we hope members from the table tennis community will benefit from this partnership and from some of the great policies we have to offer. We also hope that our support will increase the profile and participation of this great game, getting a new generation involved.

I'm looking forward to attending the event, hope to catch up with some of our friends on the circuit and wish you all the very best of luck.



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We hope that our partnership with Table Tennis England will enhance the profile of the competition globally and benefit the table tennis community in England.

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Please feel free to visit our trade stand at the FanZone, where you will be greeted by our friendly staff who will tell you all about our company and the services we offer.

You will also have the opportunity to meet with our partners Mark Bates Ltd, as well as take part in various fun activities.

We look forward to meeting with you at the event and wish the best of luck to all the players!

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# The schedule

## > Friday March 25

<b>9am-11am</b> Under-21 Women's Singles group stage; Under-21 Men's Singles group stage (Tables 1-6)	Under-21 Women's Singles semi-finals (T2, T4) <b>1.15pm</b> Under-21 Women's Singles final (T1) <b>Followed by presentation</b>	<b>6.30pm-7.30pm</b> Mixed Doubles first round (T1-6) <b>7.30pm</b> Mixed Doubles quarter-finals (T1-4)
<b>11.15am</b> Under-21 Women's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)	<b>1.50pm</b> Under-21 Men's Singles final (T1) <b>Followed by presentation</b>	<b>8.15pm</b> Mixed Doubles semi-finals (T1-2)
<b>11.45am</b> Under-21 Men's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)	<b>2.30pm-6.30pm</b> Women's Singles group stage; Men's Singles group stage (Tables 1-6)	<b>8.45pm</b> Mixed Doubles final (T1) <b>Followed by presentation</b>
<b>12.30pm</b> Under-21 Men's Singles semi-finals (T1, T3);		

## > Saturday March 26

<b>9.30am</b> Men's Doubles first round (T1-6)	<b>11.30am</b> Women's Doubles quarter-finals (T1-2, 4-5)	<b>2.30pm</b> Men's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)
<b>10am</b> Women's Doubles first round (T3-6); Men's Doubles first round (T1-2)	<b>12.15pm</b> Men's Singles first round (T1-6)	<b>3.15pm</b> Women's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)
<b>10.30am</b> Women's Doubles first round (T1, 3-4)	<b>1pm</b> Women's Singles first round (T1-2, T5-6); Men's Singles first round (T3-4)	<b>4.15pm</b> Women's Doubles semi-finals (T1-2)
<b>11am</b> Men's Doubles quarter-finals (T1-3, 6)	<b>1.45pm</b> Women's Singles first round (T1-4)	<b>4.45pm</b> Men's Doubles semi-finals (T1-2)

## > Sunday March 27

*Please note, Sunday is divided into two sessions, beginning at 9.30am and 1pm. All other times are approximate, as each match will immediately follow the end of the previous match.*

<b>9.30am</b> Women's Singles semi-final 1	<b>1pm</b> Para class 3-5 showcase final <b>Followed by presentation</b>	<b>2.50pm</b> Men's Doubles final <b>Followed by presentation</b>
<b>10.15am</b> Men's Singles semi-final 1	<b>1.40pm</b> Women's Doubles final <b>Followed by presentation</b>	<b>3.30pm</b> Women's Singles final <b>Followed by presentation</b>
<b>11am</b> Women's Singles semi-final 2	<b>2.10pm</b> Para class 7-10 showcase final <b>Followed by presentation</b>	<b>4.30pm</b> Men's Singles final <b>Followed by presentation</b>
<b>11.45pm</b> Men's Singles semi-final 2		

**Matches may be moved to alternative tables at the referee's discretion. For full details of the draw and schedule for each competition, please see Pages 24-31 - and follow live results on the Table Tennis England website and the screens at the venue**

## > Event formats

### Men's Singles and Women's Singles

The top 16 players in the February 2022 ranking list were invited to compete, joining 14 players who had come through the Qualifying Competition, plus two wildcards, making a maximum of 32 in each competition. If any players in the top 16 decline their invitation, their places are offered to those who finished in 15th to 32nd positions at the Qualifying Tournament and, if there are still spaces available, to the highest ranked players who have not already got a place.

**Competition format:** Top 8 seeds have a bye to last 16; group stage - best of 5, top player qualifies; knockout stage - best of 7.

### Under-21 singles competitions

Players are invited on the basis of their rankings on the February 2022 list, up to a maximum of 16 in each competition.

**Competition format:** Top 4 seeds have a bye to quarter-finals; group stage - best of 5, top player qualifies; knockout stage - best of 5.

### Para showcase finals

Matches will be played as a showcase final between two players selected by British Para Table Tennis. Both matches are best of 5.

### Doubles competitions

A player who has secured a place in any singles competition can also enter any doubles competition for which they are eligible. Their partner does not have to have a singles place. There is a maximum of 16 pairs in each category

**Competition format:** Knockout stage - best of 5.

• *Tournament seedings are based on the March 2022 ranking list. All information correct at time of printing.*

# The players: Men's Singles

## Seeded



Withdrawn - injured

**Paul Drinkhall**  
Age: 32  
From: Loftus  
Ranked: 2



**Sam Walker**  
Age: 26  
From: Worksop  
Ranked: 3



**Tom Jarvis**  
Age: 22  
From: Skegness  
Ranked: 4



**David McBeath**  
Age: 30  
From: Southampton  
Ranked: 5



**Andrew Baggaley\***  
Age: 39  
From: Milton Keynes  
Ranked: 13



**Helshan Weerasinghe**  
Age: 25  
From: Tonbridge  
Ranked: 7



**Darius Knight**  
Age: 32  
From: Battersea  
Ranked: 8



**Sam Mabey**  
Age: 24  
From: Willoughby Waterleys  
Ranked: 9

**Connor Green**  
Age: 15  
From: Nottingham  
Ranked: 11  
*Qualified*

**Lorestas Trumpauskas**  
Age: 52  
From: Bermondsey  
Ranked: 12  
*Invited*

**Josh Bennett**  
Age: 22  
From: Eastbourne  
Ranked: 10  
*Invited*

**Shayan Siraj**  
Age: 20  
From: Leeds  
Ranked: 14  
*Invited*

**Louis Price**  
Age: 17  
From: Bristol  
Ranked: 17  
*Invited*

**Gabriel Achampong**  
Age: 22  
From: Edgware  
Ranked: 18  
*Wildcard*

**Joe Cope**  
Age: 20  
From: Hartlepool  
Ranked: 20  
*Invited*

**Rhys Davies**  
Age: 17  
From: Southport  
Ranked: 22  
*Wildcard*

**Graeme Barella**  
Age: 22  
From: Newcastle  
Ranked: 26  
*Qualified*

**Naphat Boonyaprapa**  
Age: 20  
From: Nottingham  
Ranked: 31  
*Qualified*

**Krish Chotai**  
Age: 15  
From: Epsom  
Ranked: 33  
*Qualified*

**Ben Piggott**  
Age: 16  
From: Stockton-on-Tees  
Ranked: 40  
*Qualified*

**Toby Ellis**  
Age: 16  
From: Morecambe  
Ranked: 43  
*Qualified*

**Naphong Boonyaprapa**  
Age: 17  
From: Nottingham  
Ranked: 44  
*Qualified*

**Aaron Geung**  
Age: 16  
From: Maida Vale  
Ranked: 48  
*Qualified*

**Oliver Cornish**  
Age: 17  
From: Plymouth  
Ranked: 49  
*Qualified*

**Thomas Rayner**  
Age: 21  
From: Corby  
Ranked: 56  
*Qualified*

**Ollie Tyndall**  
Age: 21  
From: Gloucester  
Ranked: 65  
*Qualified*

**Joseph Hunter**  
Age: 15  
From: Muswell Hill  
Ranked: 66  
*Qualified*

**Felix Thomis**  
Age: 16  
From: Reading  
Ranked: 87  
*Qualified*

**Howard Onweng**  
Age: 19  
From: Morden  
Ranked: 92  
*Qualified*

**Larry Trumpauskas**  
Age: 14  
From: Bermondsey  
Ranked: 103  
*Qualified*

**Jamar McGlashan**  
Age: 18  
From: Brighton  
Ranked: 115  
*Qualified*

**James Hamblett**  
Age: 15  
From: Welwyn GC  
Ranked: 124  
*Qualified*  
**\* Andrew Baggaley seeded fifth at discretion of referee**

## U21 singles

- Connor Green**  
15, Nottingham
- Shayan Siraj**  
20, Leeds
- Louis Price**  
17, Bristol
- Josh Weatherby**  
18, Sunderland
- Joe Cope**  
20, Hartlepool
- Rhys Davies**  
17, Southport
- James Smith**  
21, Orpington
- Naphat Boonyaprapa**  
20, Nottingham
- Krish Chotai**  
15, Epsom
- Ethan Walsh**  
19, Stevenage
- Joshua Bruce**  
17, Lewisham
- Ben Piggott**  
16, Stockton-on-Tees
- Toby Ellis**  
16, Morecambe
- Naphong Boonyaprapa**  
17, Nottingham
- Aaron Geung**  
16, Maida Vale
- Oliver Cornish**  
17, Plymouth

# The players: Women's Singles

## Seeded



**Tin-Tin Ho**  
Age: 23  
From: Paddington  
Ranked: 1



**Maria Tsaptsinos**  
Age: 24  
From: Reading  
Ranked: 2



**Denise Payet**  
Age: 20  
From: Enfield  
Ranked: 3



**Emily Bolton**  
Age: 24  
From: Askam-in-Furness  
Ranked: 4



**Charlotte Bardsley**  
Age: 19  
From: Stourbridge  
Ranked: 5



**Mollie Patterson**  
Age: 19  
From: King's Lynn  
Ranked: 6



**Mari Baldwin**  
Age: 17  
From: Okehampton  
Ranked: 7



**Lois Peake**  
Age: 25  
From: Chichester  
Ranked: 8

**Evie Collier**  
Age: 27  
From: Nottingham  
Ranked: 9  
*Invited*

**Jasmin Wong**  
Age: 18  
From: Hull  
Ranked: 11  
*Invited*

**Scarlett Anders**  
Age: 16  
From: Barnet  
Ranked: 13  
*Invited*

**Letitia McMullan**  
Age: 23  
From: Fareham  
Ranked: 15  
*Invited*

**Millie Rogove**  
Age: 17  
From: Totteridge  
Ranked: 16  
*Invited*

**Anaya Patel**  
Age: 18  
From: Basingstoke  
Ranked: 18  
*Wildcard*

**Amy Marriott**  
Age: 17  
From: Rotherham  
Ranked: 19  
*Qualified*

**Erin Green**  
Age: 17  
From: Nottingham  
Ranked: 20  
*Qualified*

**Rebecca Savage**  
Age: 16  
From: Northallerton  
Ranked: 25  
*Qualified*

**Megan Jones**  
Age: 16  
From: Telford  
Ranked: 27  
*Qualified*

**Mya Sultan**  
Age: 21  
From: Edgware  
Ranked: 28  
*Qualified*

**Bethany Ellis**  
Age: 14  
From: Morecambe  
Ranked: 32  
*Qualified*

**Charlotte Weatherby**  
Age: 19  
From: Sunderland  
Ranked: 33  
*Qualified*

**Ella Pashley**  
Age: 13  
From: Guisborough  
Ranked: 37  
*Qualified*

**Anna Green**  
Age: 15  
From: Nottingham  
Ranked: 38  
*Qualified*

**Lisa Rinnofer**  
Age: 21  
From: Liverpool  
Ranked: 42  
*Qualified*

**Jodie Morris**  
Age: 18  
From: Brighton  
Ranked: 48  
*Qualified*

**Ella Barnard**  
Age: 17  
From: Great Yarmouth  
Ranked: 51  
*Qualified*

**Stefania Popa**  
Age: 17  
From: Grantham  
Ranked: 58  
*Qualified*

**Rachael Iles**  
Age: 14  
From: Chalfont St Peter  
Ranked: 70  
*Qualified*

**Isabelle Lacorte**  
Age: 16  
From: Hitchin  
Ranked: 78  
*Qualified*

**Saskia Key**  
Age: 15  
From: Sevenoaks  
Ranked: 94  
*Qualified*

**Eve Witterick**  
Age: 17  
From: Stockton-on-Tees  
Ranked: 108  
*Qualified*

**Eva Eccles**  
Age: 13  
From: Norwich  
Ranked: 160  
*Qualified*

## U21 singles

**Denise Payet**  
20, Enfield  
**Charlotte Bardsley**  
19, Stourbridge  
**Mollie Patterson**  
19, King's Lynn  
**Mari Baldwin**  
17, Okehampton  
**Jasmin Wong**  
18, Hull  
**Scarlett Anders**  
16, Barnet  
**Millie Rogove**  
17, Totteridge  
**Anaya Patel**  
18, Basingstoke  
**Amy Marriott**  
17, Rotherham  
**Tiana Dennison**  
20, Leyton  
**Erin Green**  
17, Nottingham  
**Rebecca Savage**  
16, Northallerton  
**Megan Jones**  
16, Telford  
**Bethany Ellis**  
14, Morecambe  
**Charlotte Weatherby**  
19, Sunderland  
**Stefania Popa**  
17, Grantham

# The players: Para and doubles

## Women's Doubles

Tin-Tin Ho & Maria Tsaptsinos  
Charlotte Bardsley & Emily Bolton  
Denise Payet & Jasmin Wong  
Mollie Patterson & Lois Peake  
Mari Baldwin & Amy Marriott  
Evie Collier & Erin Green  
Anaya Patel & Millie Rogove  
Letitia McMullan & Jodie Morris  
Rebecca Savage & Charlotte Weatherby  
Anna Green & Megan Jones  
Scarlett Anders & Isabelle Lacorte  
Tiana Dennison & Saskia Key  
Ella Barnard & Lisa Rinrhofer  
Ella Pashley & Eve Witterick  
Eva Eccles & Stefania Popa



## Men's Doubles

Paul Drinkhall & David McBeath (W/D)  
Tom Jarvis & Sam Walker  
Joe Cope & Chris Doran  
Josh Bennett & Shayan Siraj  
Louis Price & Josh Weatherby  
Joshua Bruce & Lorestas Trumpauskas  
Gabriel Achampong & Liam McTiernan  
James Smith & Ethan Walsh  
Graeme Barella & Ben Piggott  
Rhys Davies & Toby Ellis  
Naphat & Naphong Boonyaprapa  
Krish Chotai & Aaron Geung  
Connor Green & Felix Thomis  
Oliver Cornish & Dominic Sussex  
Jamar McGlashan & Robert Pelc  
James Hamblett & Joseph Hunter

## Mixed Doubles

Maria Tsaptsinos & Sam Walker  
Tin-Tin Ho & David McBeath  
Charlotte Bardsley & Chris Doran  
Denise Payet & Shayan Siraj  
Sam Mabey & Mollie Patterson  
Emily Bolton & Joe Cope  
Josh Bennett & Lois Peake  
Mari Baldwin & Toby Ellis  
Connor Green & Erin Green  
Ben Piggott & Jasmin Wong  
Rhys Davies & Anaya Patel  
Graeme Barella & Rebecca Savage  
Naphong Boonyaprapa & Millie Rogove  
Scarlett Anders & Joseph Hunter  
Krish Chotai & Megan Jones  
Oliver Cornish & Amy Marriott

**Draws: Pages 24-31**



If it is true that you get out of life what you put in, then Daniel Bullen deserves all the success that comes his way.

The 24-year-old, who will compete in Sunday's wheelchair match against Tokyo bronze medallist Jack Hunter-Spivey, is not only one of the hardest working athletes in the British Para Table Tennis Team Pathway squad but also finds the time to umpire, coach and get involved with grassroots development in the sport that he admits has changed his life.

"Before I played table tennis, I couldn't sit up straight in my wheelchair," he explained. "I couldn't catch a ball, I didn't speak to anyone unless they were an adult, and I struggled to write – it was so bad that it would be one letter a page. Table tennis helped me to get that grip which has enabled me to write better; it has helped me in every way and that is why I give so much back as a coach and an umpire because it has given me a purpose in life."

Two years ago at the National Championships, Bullen pushed Hunter-Spivey to five sets twice, showing the benefit of competing with his opponent in the team event at the European Championships in 2019 – his first major championships.

"I'd never played like that before against Jack," he said, "and I think the Europeans helped me a lot to get used to some of the pressure of being on a big stage and the experience of having a crowd. Something I struggle with because of my disability is concentration and a couple of years ago I'd have been looking round at the crowd rather than focusing on my game, so it got

me in that mindset."

Having started umpiring in 2018 to help out at his table tennis club in St Neots in Cambridgeshire, Bullen will officiate at the Nationals, as well as compete.

"I'm really enjoying it and it has become my hobby," he said. "I feel it has helped me as a player because as an umpire I have to watch the serve closely to make sure it is legal, and I am learning how to read it. It has also helped me understand the best time to take timeouts and I'm not afraid to call someone up on something if it's not right."

"Coaching has also helped me – when I coach some of the juniors at the club, I'm having to watch the other player to work out the tactics and that has helped me be more tactically aware on the table."

Bullen secured his first international title in Costa Rica last December, fighting back from 2-0 down and saving match points to beat the PanAmerican Championship silver medallist Ahad Bakhshaei Sarand 13-11 in the fifth.

"Costa Rica gave me a lot of confidence," he acknowledged, "and meant a lot to me because I've been working so hard and it was nice to see all my game come together."

With support from BPTT psychologist Andy Hill, Bullen is growing in confidence and is impressing Pathway manager Shaun Marples with his progress on and off the table.

"Dan was playing a match in France last year when he had an experience that went against him and it fired him up and annoyed him a little bit," said Marples. "You saw his attitude change around –



Daniel Bullen takes on Jack Hunter-Spivey in the group stage of the 2020 Nationals - they also met in the final. Inset: Dan umpiring at a recent event



# Hard work paying off for Bullen

rather than being a nice competitor he was fighting to win. He won that match and took that into Costa Rica, where he claimed his first title, which shows a good level of maturity.

“Off the table, he is more independent and growing as a person. On the table, he is starting to become a bit more tactically aware of what he needs to do against his opponents. He is not just playing to enjoy and hoping he wins, he is playing for a purpose to give himself a chance.”

Bullen is hoping to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham later this year, having been inspired by the last multi-sport Games to be held in England, London 2012.

“It would mean a lot to compete at a Commonwealth Games, especially as it is

a home Games,” he said. “I went to the Paralympics in London four times and watched our players winning medals and I realised that I could chase that dream of getting there one day. Before that I used to play table tennis and enjoy the competitions but after London it really made me think about where I wanted to go with it.

“Qualifying for the Commonwealths is my main goal for this year and I hope that I can get there. After my final in Costa Rica, Mat (BPTT coach Mat Kenny) said he has seen a big improvement in me and could see the potential there for me to go on now and achieve more and that has inspired me knowing one of the performance coaches can see that.”

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## Para showcase finals



**Wheelchair Class 3-5:** Daniel Bullen (Class 5, age 24, from St Neots) versus Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5, age 26, from Liverpool)



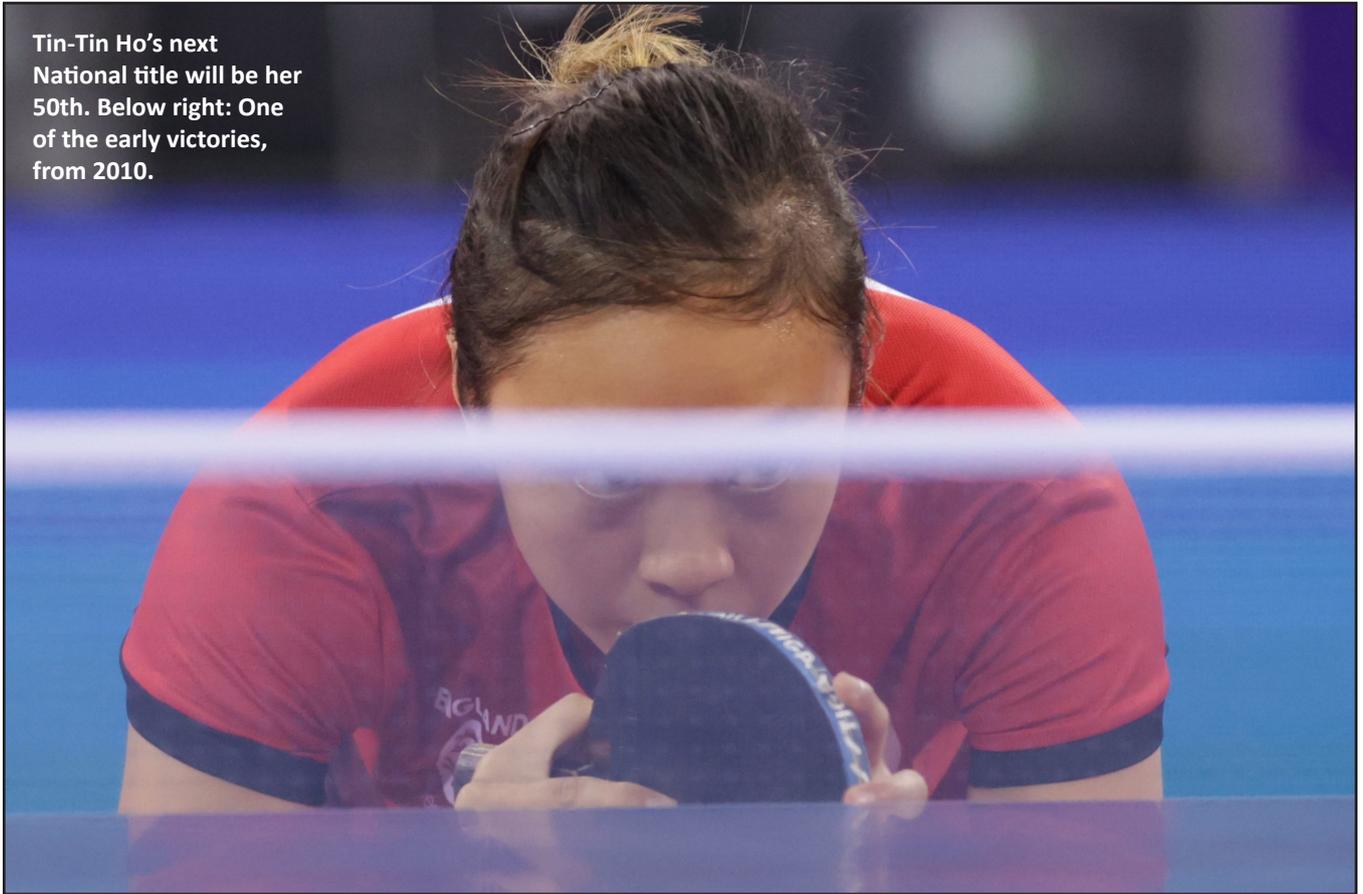
**Standing Class 6 -10:** Kim Daybell (Class 10, age 29, from Sheffield) versus Ross Wilson (class 8, age 26, from Minster)

● **Classes 1-5 are for physical impairment (sitting), class 1 being the most severely affected and class 5 having the most physical functionality.**

**Classes 6-10 are for physical impairment (standing), class 6 being the most severe and class 10 the least. Class 11 is for those with an intellectual disability. These are set by the International Paralympic Committee.**

## Feature articles

Tin-Tin Ho's next National title will be her 50th. Below right: One of the early victories, from 2010.



**T**in-Tin Ho has been such a mainstay at the Senior Nationals that it's easy to forget she's only 23 and could reasonably expect the best years of her career to still be ahead of her.

Considering she has already played at the Olympic Games and has three Commonwealth Games medals in her collection – among many other accolades – it's amazing to think what she might add to her trophy collection in the coming years.

In fact, there could be a milestone achievement right here in Nottingham this weekend, because Ho's next National title will be her 50th – though she admits: "I haven't really been counting, I've just been playing, but it's a little bonus and I certainly never imagined I would manage to win that number of titles."

It all started in the 2007/08 season, when she won the under-11, under-12 and under-13 girls' singles and there is no title which has eluded her since, at Cadet, Junior, Under-21 or Senior level.

Her first chance to reach the golden landmark will be in the Mixed Doubles on Friday, but if that doesn't come off, there is always the Women's Doubles and Women's Singles to fall back on.

Ho, who is the defending champion in the singles having won the title for a fourth time in 2020, added: "I'm really excited to play again at the Nationals, it's always a great tournament to play and I'm excited for everyone to get together again.

"It would be nice to get some more titles but my main goal is just to play how I would

like to play and take the things I've been working on and trying to improve in training into a competition. It's a good opportunity to do that and I'm trying not to put too much pressure on myself."

Ho's main threat is likely to be fellow Commonwealth Games medallist and 2019 National women's singles champion Maria Tsaptsinos, who missed the 2020 event through injury.

Senior England internationals Denise Payet and Charlotte Bardsley are also likely to be in contention, and it will be interesting to see how 2020 beaten finalist Mari Baldwin has developed since she reached the final as a 15-year-old two years ago.

Ho said of Baldwin: "I hadn't really seen Mari beforehand and it was interesting that she had a good run and got to the final – and it was interesting to play against her.

"I think if she can develop her game she can have more success. A lot of international players have a similar style, including (2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist) Manika Batra of India, so it shows that style can do really well on the world stage.

"It's also great that Maria's back competing, it felt a bit of a shame for her that she missed it last time. She's a great competitor and she's always good to have in the competition."

Further Commonwealth Games medals are also on the horizon – Tin-Tin already has Mixed Doubles silvers from both 2014 and 2018, both alongside Liam Pitchford, and a team bronze from 2018 with Tsaptsinos, Payet and the now-retired Kelly Sibley.

Asked what her targets are for Birmingham

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# Tin-Tin has eyes on landmark 50th title!



2022, Ho said: "It's hard to answer that one! It would be nice to get good results and exceed what I've done in the other two Games I've been to."

"Getting a gold would be very nice and we've got a chance in the Mixed because we've won silver twice."

"But the main thing will be playing how I'd like to play. I've been working hard in training, particularly on a lot of match stuff and knowing my game a bit more, and the mental side of things as well. If I take that into a big competition, hopefully the results will come with that."

"I haven't really thought much about the home crowd yet but it will be really cool to have that, and hopefully table tennis can be made a bit more popular in England on the back of the Games."

Off the table, Ho is well into her medical degree here at the University of Nottingham and has recently started her

clinical placements, which will in due course encompass a number of medical disciplines.

She said: "We had our dissertation over the autumn and that was quite a standard schedule, but I've just started my clinical placements and it's been a lot busier as I'm managing that with my training. It's a lot out of my comfort zone but it's exciting as well."

"I've been at QMC (Queen's Medical Centre) and I started with Ophthalmology and by the time of the Nationals, I'll be in ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat). I've got quite a few more to come. I'm really looking forward to the mental health placement, which is after the Commonwealths, and I'm excited for the surgery placement as well, which is after ENT."

"Actually, I'm excited for all of them because they're all so different."

It remains to be seen whether Tin-Tin is at her clinical best on the table during the Nationals.

PAUL STIMPSON

## Qualifying Tournament

The Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships Qualifying Tournament took place at this venue in January, with 14 men and 14 women booking their places to compete this weekend.

Among them was three-time Men's Singles national champion Andrew Baggaley, who did not have a current ranking and would therefore not have received an invitation to the Nationals 'proper'.

Baggaley (right), also a multiple winner of the World Championships of Ping Pong, duly won the men's event, while the corresponding winner of the Women's Singles was Scarlett Anders.



As well as the 14 qualifiers in each competition, a number of those who finished 15th and below also earned a place at this weekend as some of those who were invited declined their place, or those who finished in the top 14 also received an invitation.

The list of those who qualified via the Qualifying Tournament is:

### Men

**Top 14 finishers:** 1 Andrew Baggaley, 2 Connor Green, 3 Graeme Barella, 4 Toby Ellis, 5 Shayan Siraj, 6 Ben Piggott, 7 Krish Chotai, 8 Oliver Cornish, 9 David Gofton (misses Nationals through suspension), 10 James Hamblett, 11 Naphong Boonyaprapa, 12 Howard Onweng, 13 Joseph Hunter, 14 Aaron Geung.

Also qualified: Felix Thomis, Naphat Boonyaprapa, Larry Trumpauskas, Jamar McGlashan, Olly Tyndall.

### Women

**Top 14 finishers:** 1 Scarlett Anders, 2 Millie Rogove, 3 Bethany Ellis, 4 Lisa Rinnhofer, 5 Erin Green, 6 Stefania Popa, 7 Amy Marriott, 8 Charlotte Weatherby, 9 Rebecca Savage, 10 Megan Jones, 11 Jodie Morris, 12 Isabelle Lacorte, 13 Anna Green, 14 Rachael Iles.

Also qualified: Eve Witterick, Ella Pashley, Ella Barnard, Saskia Key, Eva Eccles, Mya Sultan.



Larry (left) and Lorestas Trumpauskas

# Father-and-son achievement is relatively rare

Sibling rivalry is commonplace at the Senior Nationals, but to find two generations of the same family in the field is more unusual.

Certainly, since the competition became limited entry in recent years, it has not happened, but that has all changed this year as Lorestas Trumpauskas and his son Larry take the stage at the David Ross Sports Village.

Lorestas, 52, earned an invitation by virtue of his place in the rankings, while 14-year-old Larry came through the Qualifying Tournament - not as an automatic qualifier but as one of the next in line when a small number of invitations were declined.

It is a first Senior Nationals for Larry, who recently won his first major trophy by lifting the Cadet National Cup, a tournament which sees the top 10 under-15s in the rankings play each other on a round-robin basis to decide the champion.

The youngster said: "It feels very good to get here and I think I'll get a very good experience and see my true level against the best players in England and I'll be very interested to play in an environment like that."

Lorestas says of his son: "He's improving on a weekly basis so far and I'm happy to see the way he is learning from his mistakes and progressing the way I wanted him to play. If he's going to be playing like that, with listening and learning, hopefully he will go far.

"For him to be just 14 and playing National men's last 32, I think that's a big achievement, that's really good, he will learn a lot seeing the best players in the country and that will be an experience itself."

As for those siblings, look out also for brothers Naphat and Naphong Boonyaprapa, twins Connor and Anna Green and their older sister Erin, plus brother and sister Toby and Bethany Ellis, who are all competing this weekend.

They say that as one door closes, another opens. So, while Paul Drinkhall's late withdrawal from these championships through injury and Liam Pitchford's absence to play the WTT Star Contender in Doha mean neither of England's top two will be able to add to their long lists of Senior Nationals titles, it does create an opportunity for others.

Pitchford and Drinkhall have won the last 10 Men's Singles titles between them and the last time there was a different winner was in 2010, when Andrew Baggaley claimed the last of his three titles.

Baggaley is competing this weekend, the first time he has been at this tournament since 2014, and will certainly have his eyes on the top prize. Tom Jarvis, David McBeath and others will also sense an opportunity.

But it is Sam Walker who now carries the tag of No 1 seed and favourite and who, having been beaten in three previous Men's Singles finals, now feels ready to seize his moment.

"It's a big driving force," says the man from just up the road in Worksop. "I don't want to make four finals and get four second places. I want to make sure I win it this time."

Walker beat Pitchford in the semi-finals two years on the bounce in 2016 and 2017, losing to Drinkhall in the final on both occasions, and was then defeated by Pitchford in the 2018 final.

He feels the middle of those finals was the one where he really had the chance to get his name on the famous Guernsey Trophy.

"The one against Liam, I didn't feel like I had much of a chance," he said. "I know it was 1-1 after the first two games but I felt I was chasing the game and Liam was the more dominant player and, to be fair, was the better player.

"Against Paul they both ended 4-2 but I was 2-1 up in 2017 and I think that was a good chance for me. If I could have won one of the next two, it puts a lot of pressure on him. I've never beaten Paul in a competitive match but I've always felt I played well against him and a lot of the time I've been the dominant player or more aggressive player and still lost because, and this is all credit to him, he's very good at finding a way to win."

Walker feels that the experiences of three finals will stand him in good stead, but he adds that his approach to the tournament has not changed just because Pitchford and Drinkhall are absent.

"Obviously, it makes me the No 1 seed but that doesn't mean anything changes for me in terms of preparation," he said.

"There's still a lot of players in there who are dangerous and it's still going to take me playing some good table tennis to win the tournament.

"Even if Pitch and Paul had been playing, I'd be looking to win the tournament. I can

# Walker ready to make running in quest for title

## Top seed has singles success in mind after three defeats in final

only play who's in front of me and whoever that is going to be, my preparation is still the same. I've just got to go out there and perform as I know I can.

"If I do that, I know I'm good enough to win the title.

"It's very open and even if I am the favourite, it probably puts more belief into all the other top seeds that they have more of a chance to win it.

"But I welcome the challenge and I hope they're thinking like that because it's good for the sport and good for me.

"I very much believe I'm going to be the best player at the tournament and I have to show that now."

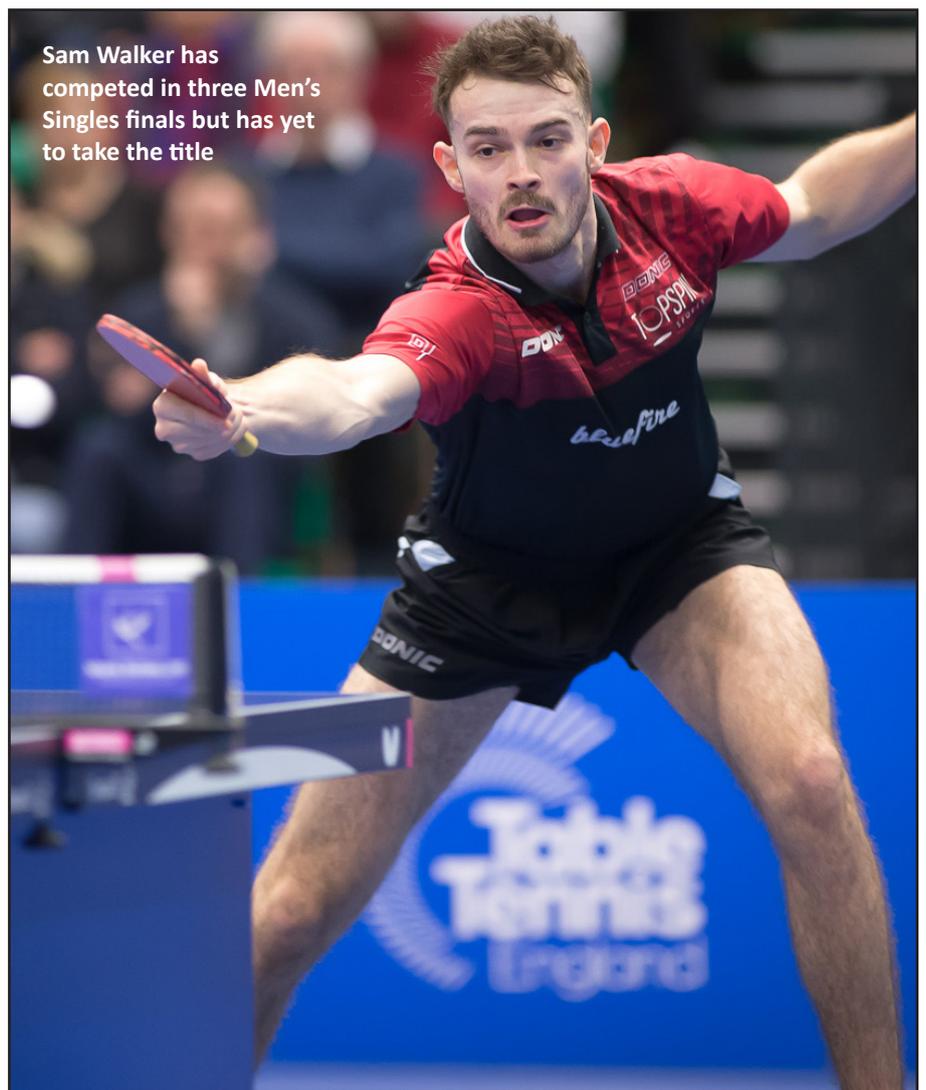
Beyond the Nationals, the home Commonwealth Games this summer loom large, with England confident of going better than the team bronze they won at the 2018 Games in Gold Coast.

"Birmingham has been in my thinking for 12-18 months already and I'll definitely be looking to take confidence from the Nationals to go into the summer months with more international tournaments – with the Commonwealth Games being the biggest goal," said Walker.

"We haven't had a formal conversation about it recently, but it's clear to everybody what the goal is as a team. We were all very disappointed with our team result at the last Games and we felt like we could have done more.

"We don't really need to talk about it as a team because it's clear our aim is to win gold."

PAUL STIMPSON



# TT Kidz proving a huge success

After the uncertainty around sport in general across the last two years during the pandemic, TT Kidz returned to our clubs once again during autumn 2021.

The initiative, which was highly commended at the ukactive Awards 2021, aims to provide a fun, engaging and inspiring first experience in table tennis for children aged 7-to-11.

A total of 29 clubs from Torquay to Middlesbrough, keen to reinvigorate their junior offerings, signed up to deliver the eight-week programme - between them attracting 390 new children to the game!

To support clubs to bounce back from the pandemic, Table Tennis England provided the equipment and training free to clubs as well as reducing the session costs in areas of high deprivation.



Feedback from the programme has been overwhelmingly positive, with 98% of children finding the sessions fun and 87% of children becoming or wanting to become a member of the club after the eight weeks. 99% of parents surveyed were also highly satisfied with the equipment and value for money TT Kidz provides.

TT Kidz is also supporting Table Tennis England's Level the Table campaign with 30% of the 390 participants being female, 21% having a disability and 41% being from an ethnically diverse community.

Some clubs are now using the TT Kidz Awards scheme to support the children's ongoing development and enjoyment.

Another success story from TT Kidz is Bankfields Primary School in Middlesbrough. For the first time, they have qualified boys' and girls' teams in the National U11 School Team Championships, with six out of the eight children involved starting their table tennis journey with TT Kidz.

TT Kidz is running during the spring of this year with more than 200 children engaging. The initiative will run again in autumn 2022 and we really want to use the excitement of the Commonwealth Game to inspire a new generation of children to take up the game. Is a future Team England player waiting in the TT Kidz wings?

For more information on how your club, league or school can get involved with TT Kidz, please visit [www.ttkidz.co.uk](http://www.ttkidz.co.uk) or come and see us in the Fan Zone.

Scan me with your smartphone to watch a great video all about TT Kidz!





# Why we're committed to equality, diversity & inclusion

**T**able Tennis England has a strong standing commitment to equality, diversity, inclusion and promoting a positive culture - celebrating difference, challenging prejudice, achieving gender parity and ensuring fairness. It has been six months since we launched our diversity, and inclusion strategy *Level the Table*.

### At a glance

A portfolio of work to embed inclusion across the sport has commenced within the organisation. We have strengthened our partnership with British Para Table Tennis (BPTT), aligning our strategies to develop a set of shared goals to ensure there is a pathway of opportunities for Disabled People across our sport.

Our programme of work together looks at increasing the number of disabled coaches, holding joint talent recruitment days, increasing the opportunities for players from grassroots to performance, and providing opportunities for coaches to upskill in knowledge when creating accessible and inclusive environments.

We're proud signatories of the Sporting Equals charter, supporting a global movement to put ethnically diverse communities on the sports sector agenda, specifically tackling the ethnicity gap.

In our race representation audit, we were awarded top marks for our Board diversity, however we do have targets to improve representation across leadership and performance.

The charter's framework enables us to continue to contribute towards a sport that is inclusive and representative of the population in England, where we capture data, commit to tackling inequalities and celebrate positive role models.

To accelerate the pace of gender parity, we introduced a women and girls internal working group, which promises action, regular updates and maximum transparency. We're making excellent progress in the focus of developments across the women and girls work-streams and target areas.

To ensure we move with intention and support our commitment, it is important to us that we work with organisations who are on the same journey.

Internally, we have formed a Partnerships Group and have made significant strides in how we initially engage, offer resource and eventually work with partners. Our partner engagement must result in the delivery of our strategy and ultimately support and engage more diverse audiences.

As part of our focus on improving representation, we have been reviewing processes to ensure we remove barriers and unconscious bias when reviewing applications. This has included removing

**#LevelTheTable is our five-year Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, led by our Diversity, Inclusion and Volunteering Lead, Zoiey Smale (pictured above right).**

**It supports our commitment to tackle inequalities, ensuring that everyone involved in our sport is treated fairly, equitably, with dignity and respect.**

**Our priority areas are Women and Girls, Disability and Ethnically Diverse Communities.**

names and details in the shortlisting stages and having diverse assessment panels. We piloted this when we launched the Level the Table Grants in November 2021. We will be rolling this out across assessments, including our tendering process.

We are delighted to be supporting projects providing more opportunities for under-represented communities, with more than 160 applications to the Level the Table Grants scheme reviewed and a confirmed funding of just over £45,000.

We supported clubs, community groups, schools, universities, charities and individuals to deliver innovative projects which support the *Level the Table* strategy. For example, Worthing TTC clearly demonstrated their ambitions to increase the number of Disabled People taking part in table tennis, providing an ongoing pathway for players to progress onto if they wish to take a competitive route.

We look forward to seeing the outcomes of all the supported projects over the coming months.

**More about our women and girls initiatives on pages 32-33**

### What we plan on doing next

In our focus for sustainable change, over the next six months we're planning more ways to deliver on our commitments - providing training to enhance knowledge, raise awareness through celebrating a diversity and inclusion calendar, introducing new programmes, projects and policies.

We will shortly be releasing a six-month report with a breakdown of what we have achieved since the launch of *Level the Table*. To read more about the strategy, please visit our website.

For more information on how you can get involved, be an ally in your local area, or if you have any questions, please email [diversity@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:diversity@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

# Remarkable life of England star Joyce



England line up in Germany in 1951: from left are Kathy Best, Joyce Roberts, Aubrey Simons, Ken Craigie and Michael Thornhill. Inset: Joyce in action with Kathy Best at the far end

Sometimes, one is privileged to be able to speak to or meet a person who is a bit special and that was the case when I contacted a lady whose name may not be familiar with the players of today, Joyce Bogoni - or Joyce Roberts as she was when she started playing table tennis.

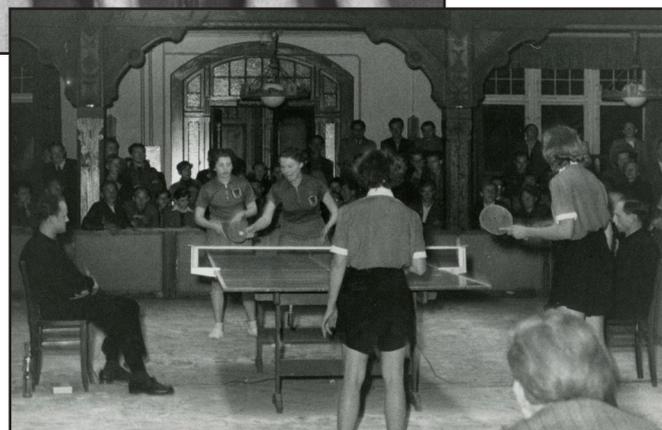
Joyce was born in London in 1926, the year the foundation meeting of the ITTF was held. She lived through the Blitz and was a WAAF working at Bletchley Park before playing in two World Championships, winning a bronze medal in the Corbillon Cup (women's team), and then as a member of the England squad which had an eight-match tour of East and West Germany in 1951.

Joyce later went on to be a Founder Member of the National Autistic Society and later still helped establish two homes for people with learning disabilities on the Isle of Wight.

It was while at Bletchley Park where Joyce saw Sergeant Cadet K Sebestak and Private E Berger of the Czechoslovak Army and England's Cyril Merrett and Maurice Kriss in a war-time final. This enthused her enough to take up a bat seriously and it wasn't long before she was representing the WAAF against the WRENS and other services, along with Betty Blackburn, who later went on to win a World Championship gold medal in the Corbillon Cup. Excellent company indeed.

Nearly all the canteens in the WAAF had table tennis tables and it wasn't long before Joyce was beating all the men, which didn't always go down too well. However, it was after the war that her game really blossomed and by the late 1940s she was winning a considerable number of Open tournaments in singles and also in doubles with Peggy Franks – a World Championships multiple gold medallist.

Joyce's first international took place in 1949 before she went on



to play in two World Championships. The first in Vienna in 1951 where with Peggy Franks, Diane and Rosalind Rowe, the Corbillon Cup team took home a bronze medal, she reached the quarter-finals in the Women's and Mixed Doubles that year too. Joyce also played in the 1954 Worlds on home territory at Wembley.

Further caps came when Joyce was selected to go on a tour of Germany in September 1951, the first visit after the Second World War. Matches were played in both East and West Germany as well as an international against a combined team, the players were warmly welcomed in most cities. Eight matches were played in total and England won them all.

Having lived through the blitz in London it gave Joyce a very special feeling when the National Anthem was played after the win in the international. Ivor Montagu accompanied the team which comprised Kathy Best, Ken Craigie, Aubrey Simons and Michael Thornhill.

Joyce played in other internationals and also achieved success at



Joyce in her England shirt and, inset, as she is today

the English Open when she was runner-up in the Women's Doubles with Peggy Franks in 1952, at the time the English Open was regarded as only second in importance on the world stage to the World Championships.

The French Open the following year also proved a good hunting ground when Joyce won the Mixed Doubles with Brian Kennedy and a silver medal in the Women's Doubles with Ann Haydon.

Joyce reached England number 3 but in an era when England's ladies were on top of the world this was no mean achievement with Betty Blackbourn (WR 2), Vera Dace (WR 3), Rosalind Rowe (WR 3), Diane Rowe (WR 5), Dora Beregi (WR 6) and Peggy Franks (WR 7).

Joyce was described as sporting, good-natured, one of the most popular players in the game and her attitude was never, never give up. An attitude which served her well in later years.

Following her marriage to Bruce Bogoni which lasted nearly 60 years, Joyce's interest in table tennis waned as he had little interest in the game and when Joyce gave birth to her son, who was autistic, her energy and drive were directed into helping found the National Autistic Society. Later, a daughter was a further addition to the family.

Later still, when the family moved to the Isle of Wight, Joyce went on to help establish two homes for people with learning difficulties.

Joyce still meets up with old friends and colleagues at Bletchley Park for a Veterans Reunion and on their Open Day the former WAAF ladies are paraded before those fortunate enough to attend.

At 95, Joyce retains her vibrant personality and looks back with affection on her truly remarkable life. A very special lady.

DIANE WEBB



Jill Parker and Des Douglas check out the book

## Centenary book is on sale now!

The Table Tennis England Centenary book has landed - and you can now order either the Official Edition or our Special Edition signed by three greats of the English game!

*English Table Tennis at 100 - A Century in Photographs* is a 192-page hardback book which showcases the pictures which perfectly illustrate the key moments, events, performances and people over the 100-year history of the National Governing Body.

Starting with the early days after the foundation in November 1921, it is packed with photos which take the reader on a journey from the days of 'founding father' Ivor Montagu and 1929 world champion Fred Perry all the way through to the Tokyo 2021 Olympics and Paralympics.

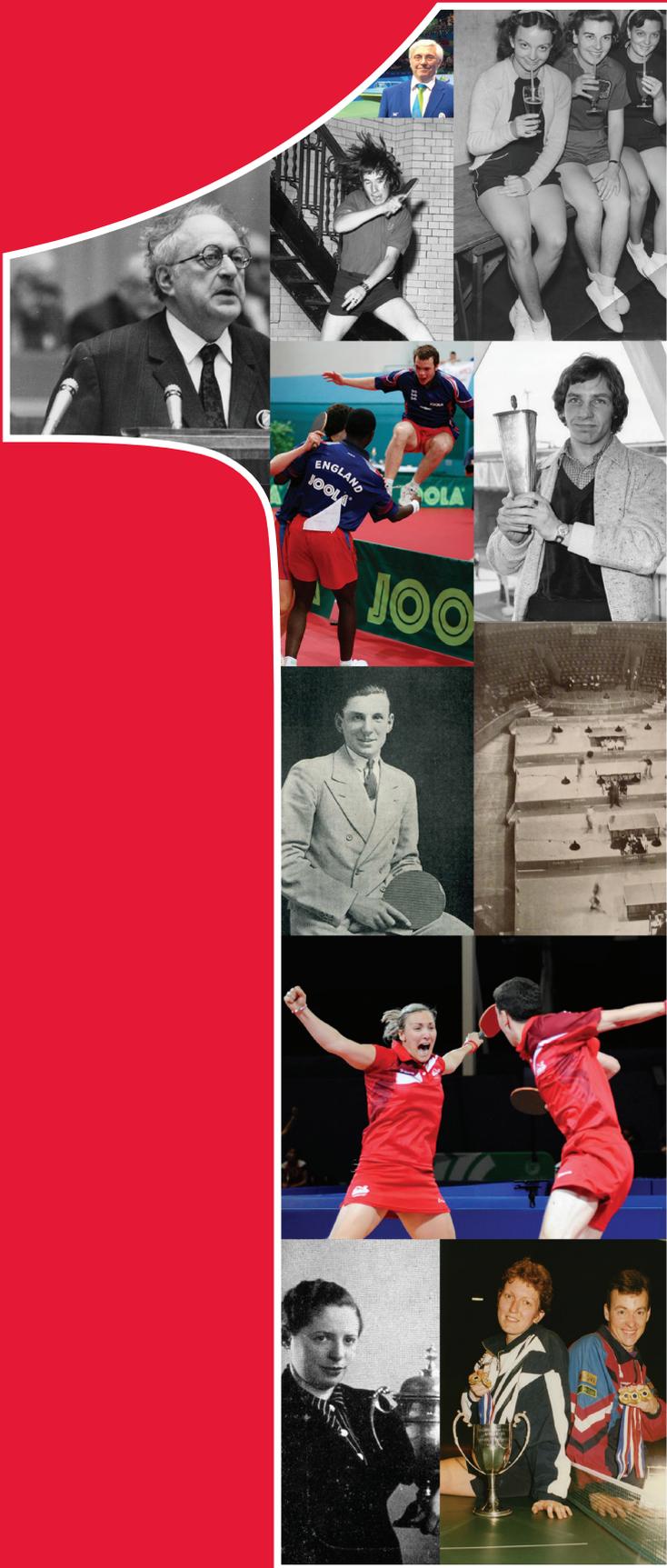
On the way, readers will discover more about the personalities who have made an indelible mark on the sport in this country, whether as administrators or players, and enjoy some rarely-seen photos from every decade of our history.

The Official Edition is priced at £25 plus £3.20 postage and packing. The autographed Special Edition, of which there are only 200 copies available, is £45 plus P&P. Signed by three giants of the game - Jill Hammersley-Parker MBE, Desmond Douglas MBE and Will Bayley MBE - this is a truly special souvenir of the last 100 years.

With a foreword by Matt Syed, journalist, author, broadcaster and former English table tennis international, national champion and English No 1, this is a must-have addition to the bookshelf or coffee table of all table tennis fans.

Copies of both editions are available to buy at this venue and via the Table Tennis England website.

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## Feature articles: **Our Centenary**



**Steve Joel, Centenary Project Manager**  
I watched on TV as Will Bayley won the Paralympic gold medal in Rio and it was such a fantastic moment.



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**Our Centenary book *English Table Tennis at 100 - A Century in Photographs* contains hundreds of photos from throughout our history. We're sure every reader will find the ones which stand out for them - but what about the people who were involved in the project? We asked them to pick their favourites from among the book's huge selection.**

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**Paul Stimpson, book editor**  
This picture of Kelly Sibley and Danny Reed winning mixed doubles bronze at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games shows the sheer joy that sport can bring - as well as being a significant moment as it completed a podium clean sweep for England.



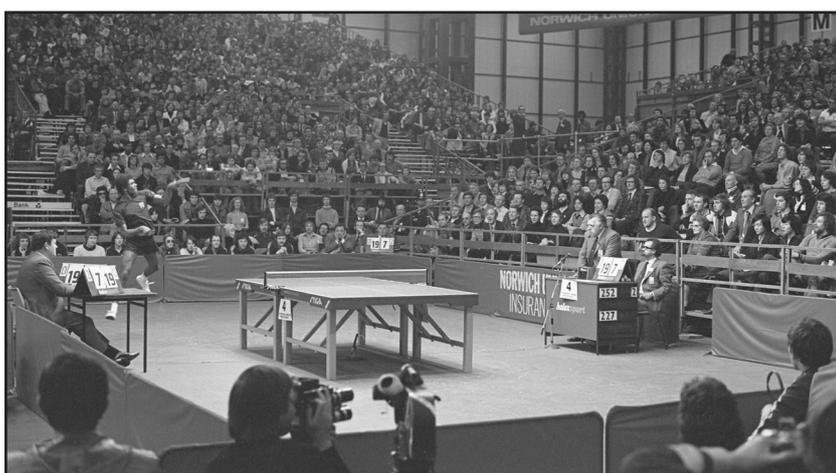
**Diane Webb, Chair of the Archives, Museum and Records Committee**

You can almost smell the atmosphere as all eyes are focused on the two players as Diane Rowe defeats Phyllis Lammin in the Women's Singles final of the Daily Mirror Tournament at the Royal Albert Hall, Diane also won the Junior Girls' event. The beginning of a magical career. The total tournament entries were over 10,000.



**Jill Parker MBE, Table Tennis England President and Special Edition signatory**

The photo of Ross Wilson and coach Greg Baker after Ross became world champion in 2018 shows the bond between a player and his coach.



**Desmond Douglas MBE, table tennis legend and Special Edition signatory**

This is from the 1977 World Championships in Birmingham - it must be from my match against Secretin as only he would be so far from the table!

# The draws: Men's and Women's Singles groups

## Men's Singles

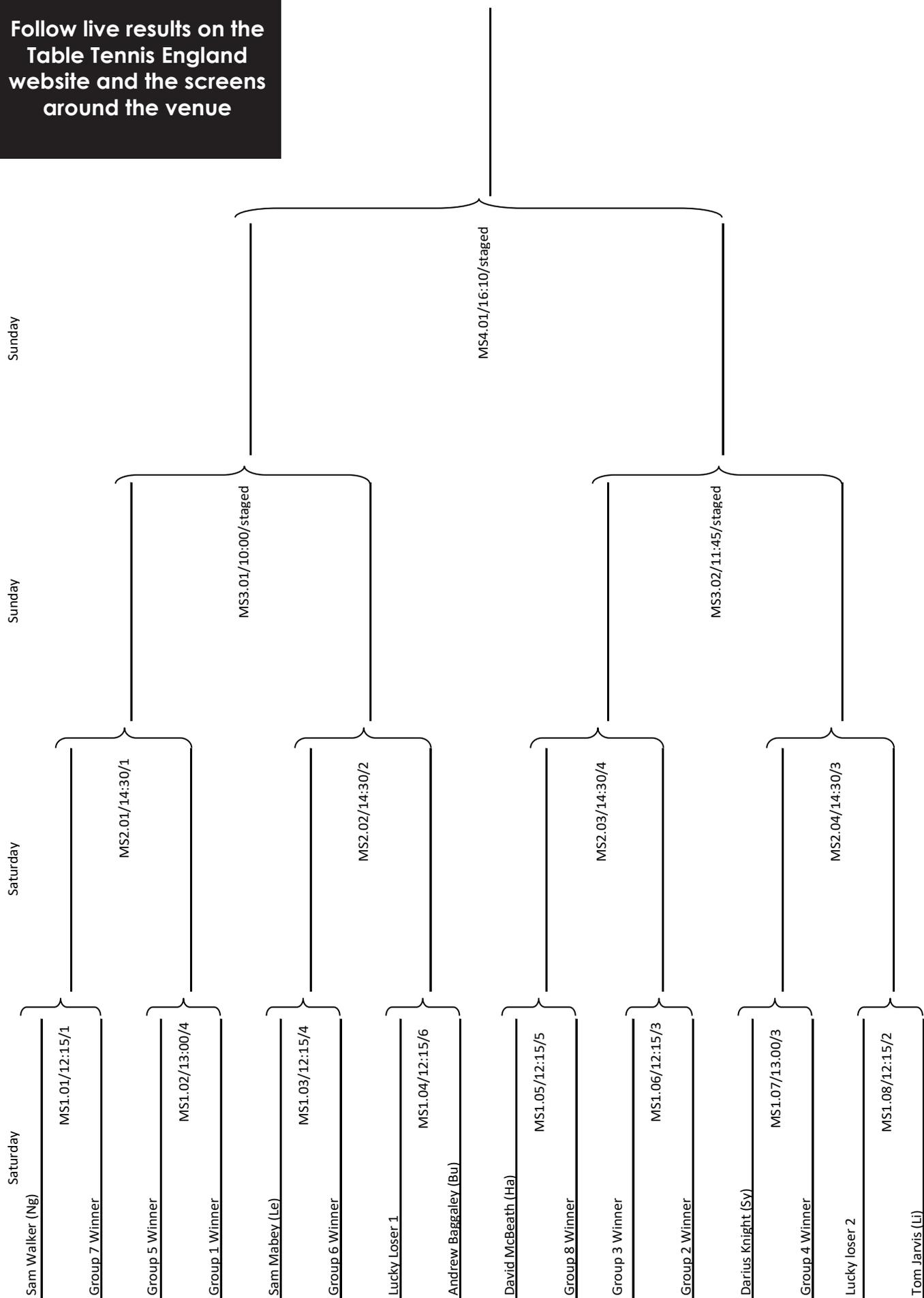
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A	Josh Bennett (Sx)		A	Connor Green (Ng)		A	Lorestas Trumpauskas (K)	
B	Oliver Cornish (Dv)		B	Aaron Geung (Mi)		B	Naphong Boonyaprapa (Ng)	
C	Thomas Rayner (Du)		C	Olly Tyndall (Gs)		C	Joseph Hunter (Mi)	
<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>		
14:30: B vs C (T5)			14:30: B vs C (T6)			15:00: B vs C (T1)		
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Group 4			Group 5			Group 6		
A	Shayan Siraj (Y)		A	Louis Price (Av)		A	Gabriel Achampong (Mi)	
B	Toby Ellis (La)		B	Ben Piggott (Cv)		B	Krish Chotai (Sy)	
C	Felix Thomis (Bk)		C	Howard Onweng (Sy)		C	Larry Trumpauskas (K)	
<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>		
15:00: B vs C (T2)			15:30: B vs C (T4)			15:30: B vs C (T3)		
16:00: A vs C (T3)			16:30: A vs C (T1)			16:30: A vs C (T2)		
17:00: A vs B (T4)			17:30: A vs B (T3)			17:30: A vs B (T4)		
Group 7			Group 8			<b>Follow live results on the Table Tennis England website and the screens around the venue</b>		
A	Joe Cope (Cv)		A	Rhys Davies (La)				
B	Naphat Boonyaprapa (Ng)		B	Graeme Barella (Nd)				
C	Jamar McGlashan (Sx)		C	James Hamblett (He)				
<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>					
15:30: B vs C (T2)			15:30: B vs C (T1)					
16:30: A vs C (T3)			16:30: A vs C (T4)					
17:30: A vs B (T1)			17:30: A vs B (T2)					

## Women's Singles

Group 1			Group 2			Group 3		
A	Evie Collier (Ng)		A	Jasmin Wong (Y)		A	Scarlett Anders (Mi)	
B	Lisa Rinnhofer (Wa)		B	Anna Green (Ng)		B	Ella Pashley (Cv)	
C	Jodie Morris (Sx)		C	Ella Barnard (Nk)		C	Stefania Popa (Li)	
<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>		
14:30: B vs C (T1)			14:30: B vs C (T2)			14:30: B vs C (T3)		
16:00: A vs C (T2)			16:00: A vs C (T1)			15:30: A vs C (T6)		
18:00: A vs B (T5)			18:00: A vs B (T6)			17:30: A vs B (T6)		
Group 4			Group 5			Group 6		
A	Letitia McMullan (Ha)		A	Millie Rogove (He)		A	Anaya Patel (Bk)	
B	Charlotte Weatherby (Du)		B	Bethany Ellis (La)		B	Mya Sultan (Mi)	
C	Rachael Iles (Bu)		C	Saskia Key (K)		C	Isabelle Lacorte (He)	
<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>		
14:30: B vs C (T4)			15:00: B vs C (T4)			15:00: B vs C (T3)		
15:30: A vs C (T5)			16:30: A vs C (T5)			16:30: A vs C (T6)		
17:30: A vs B (T5)			18:00: A vs B (T3)			18:00: A vs B (T4)		
Group 7			Group 8					
A	Amy Marriott (Ys)		A	Erin Green (Ng)				
B	Megan Jones (Sp)		B	Rebecca Savage (Du)				
C	Eve Witterick (Cv)		C	Eva Eccles (Nk)				
<b>Playing order</b>			<b>Playing order</b>					
15:00: B vs C (T5)			15:00: B vs C (T6)					
17:00: A vs C (T6)			17:00: A vs C (T5)					
18:00: A vs B (T1)			18:00: A vs B (T2)					

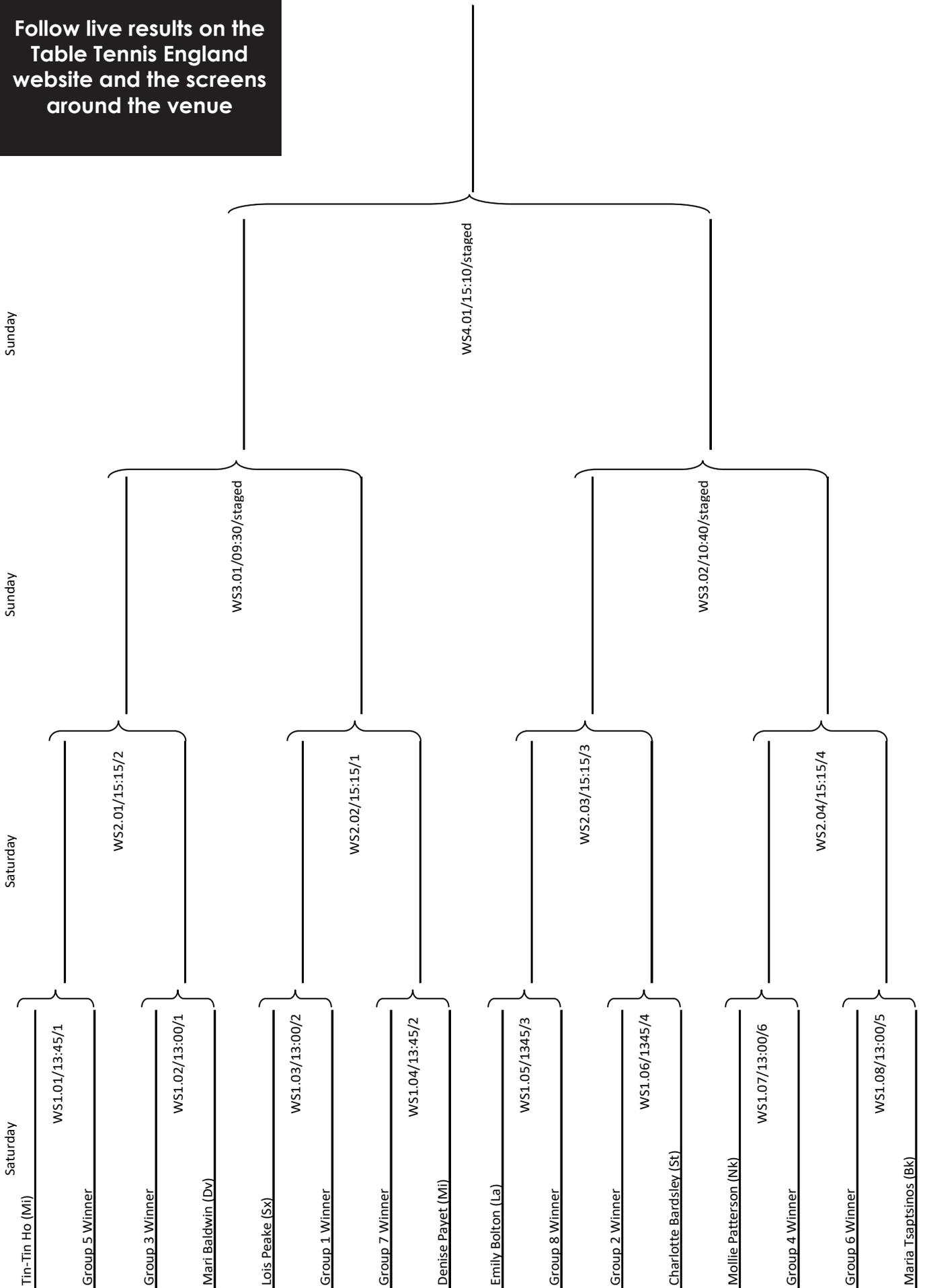
# The draws: Men's Singles knockout

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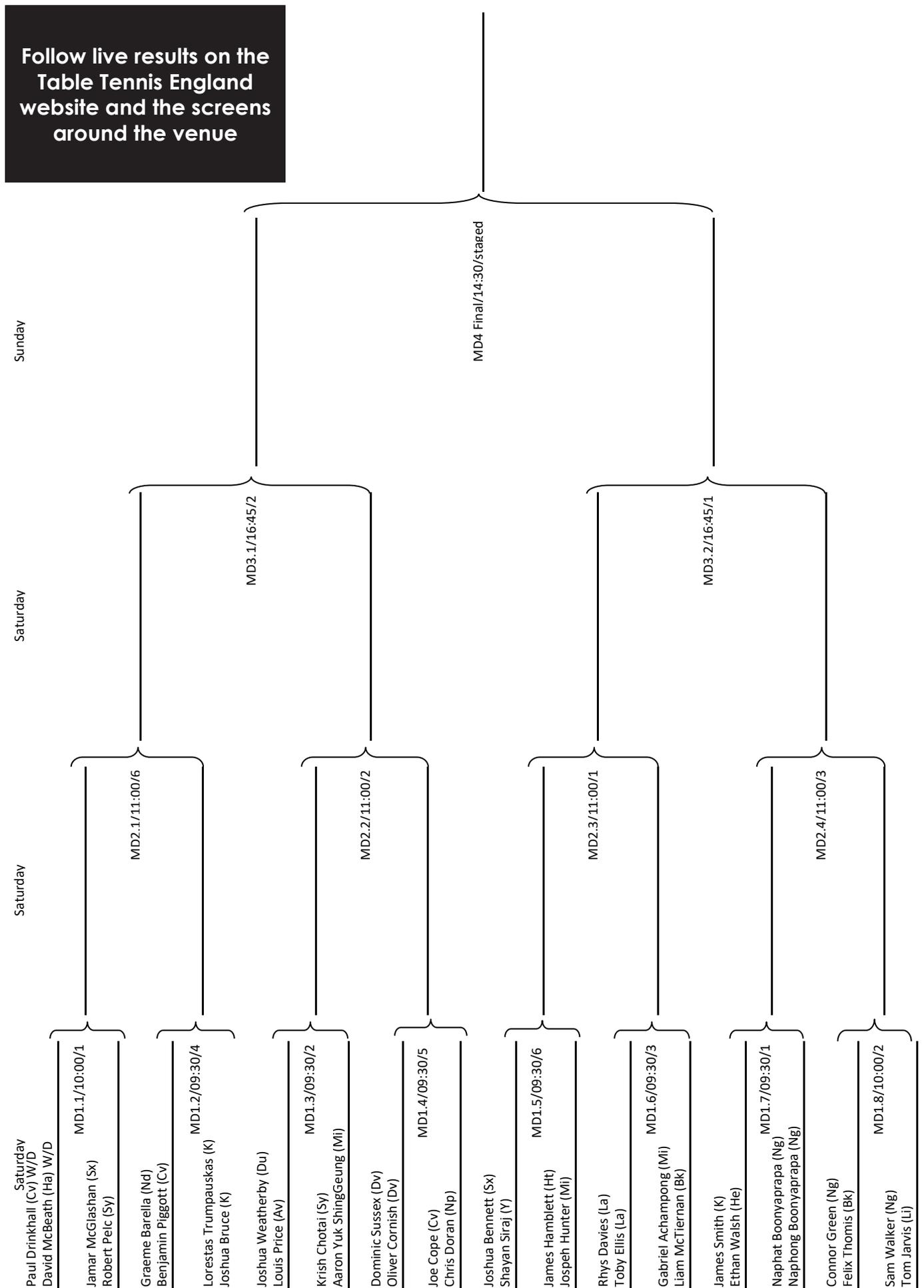


# The draws: Women's Singles knockout

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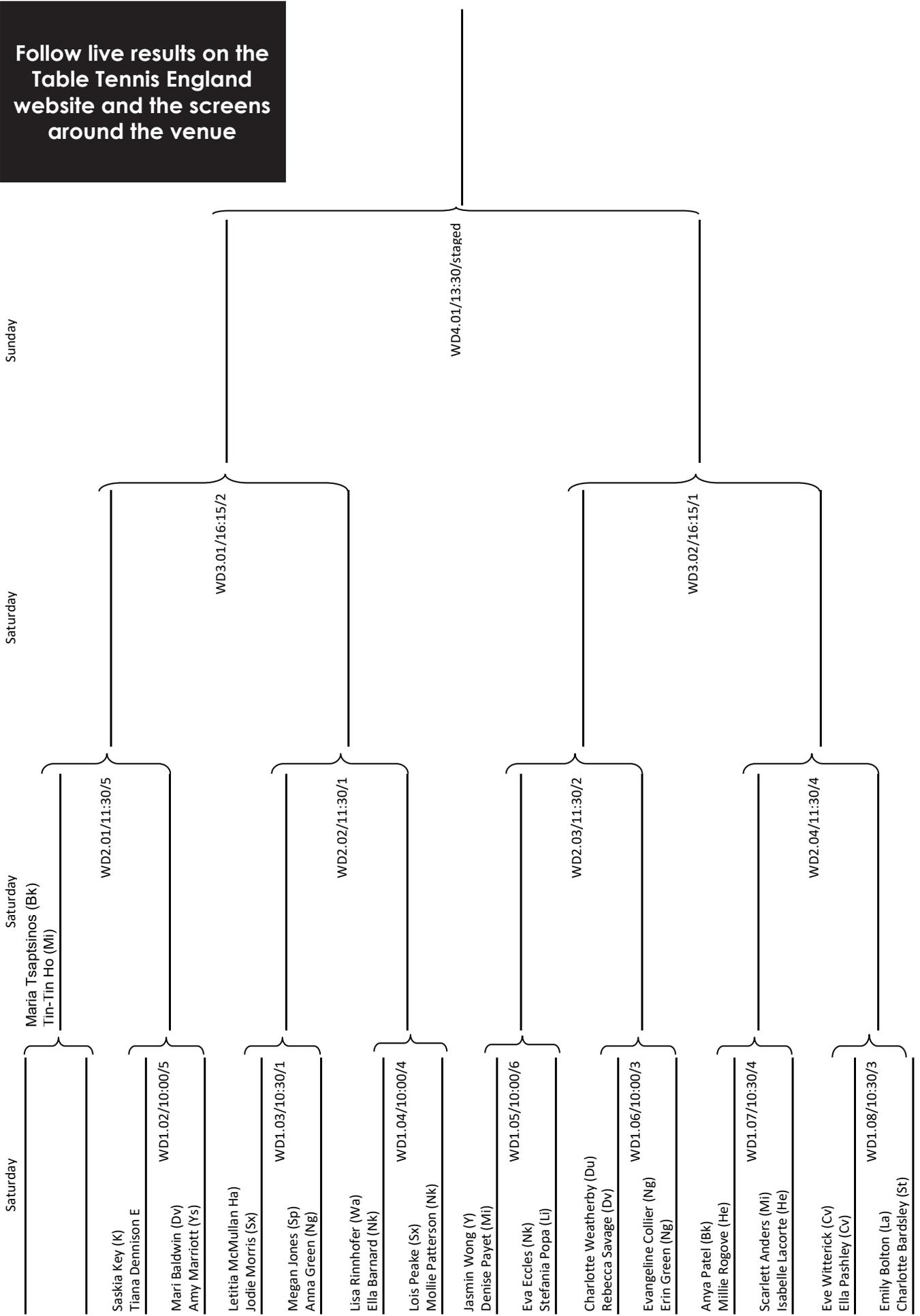


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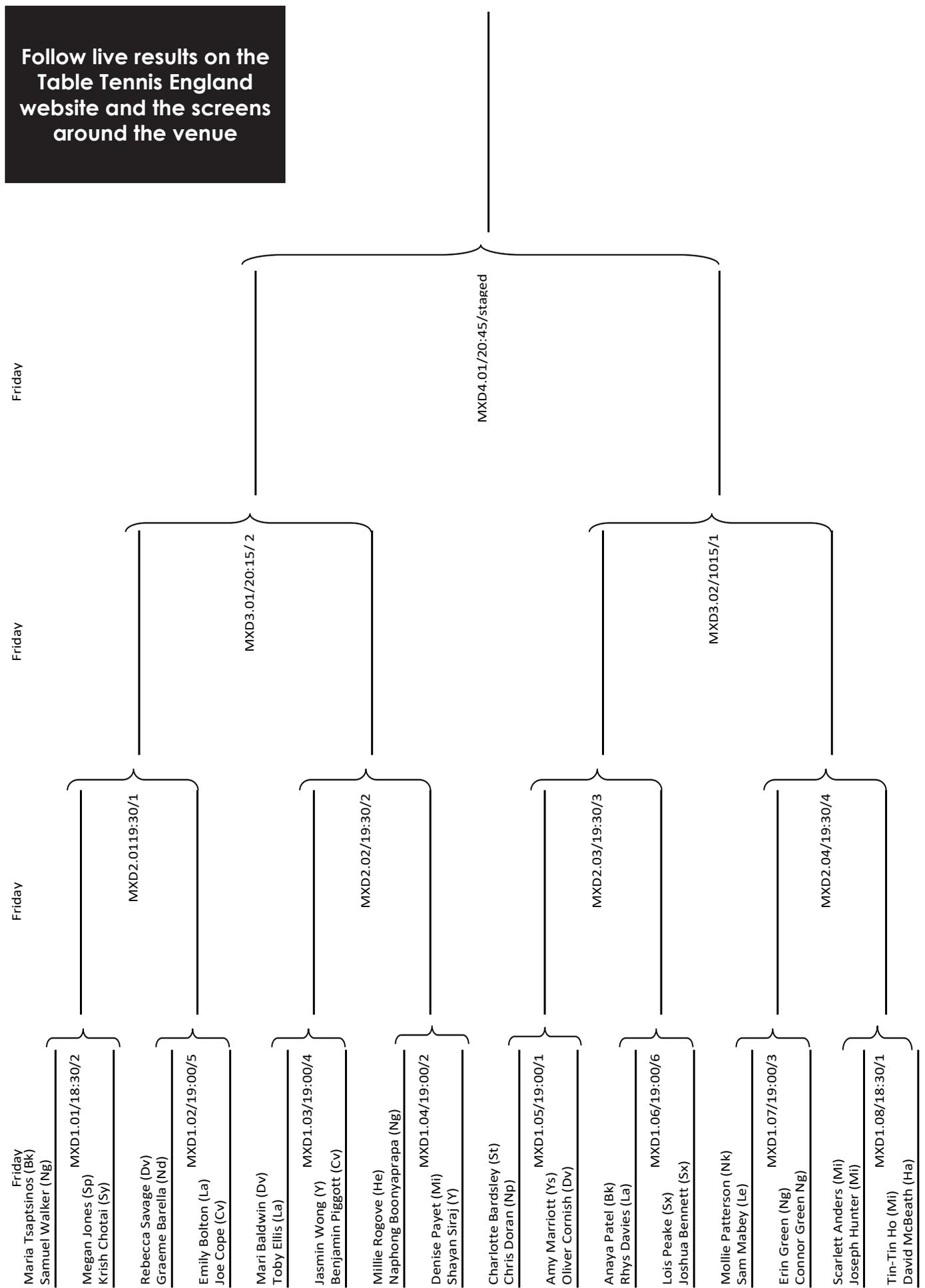
# The draws: Women's Doubles

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# The draws: **Mixed Doubles**

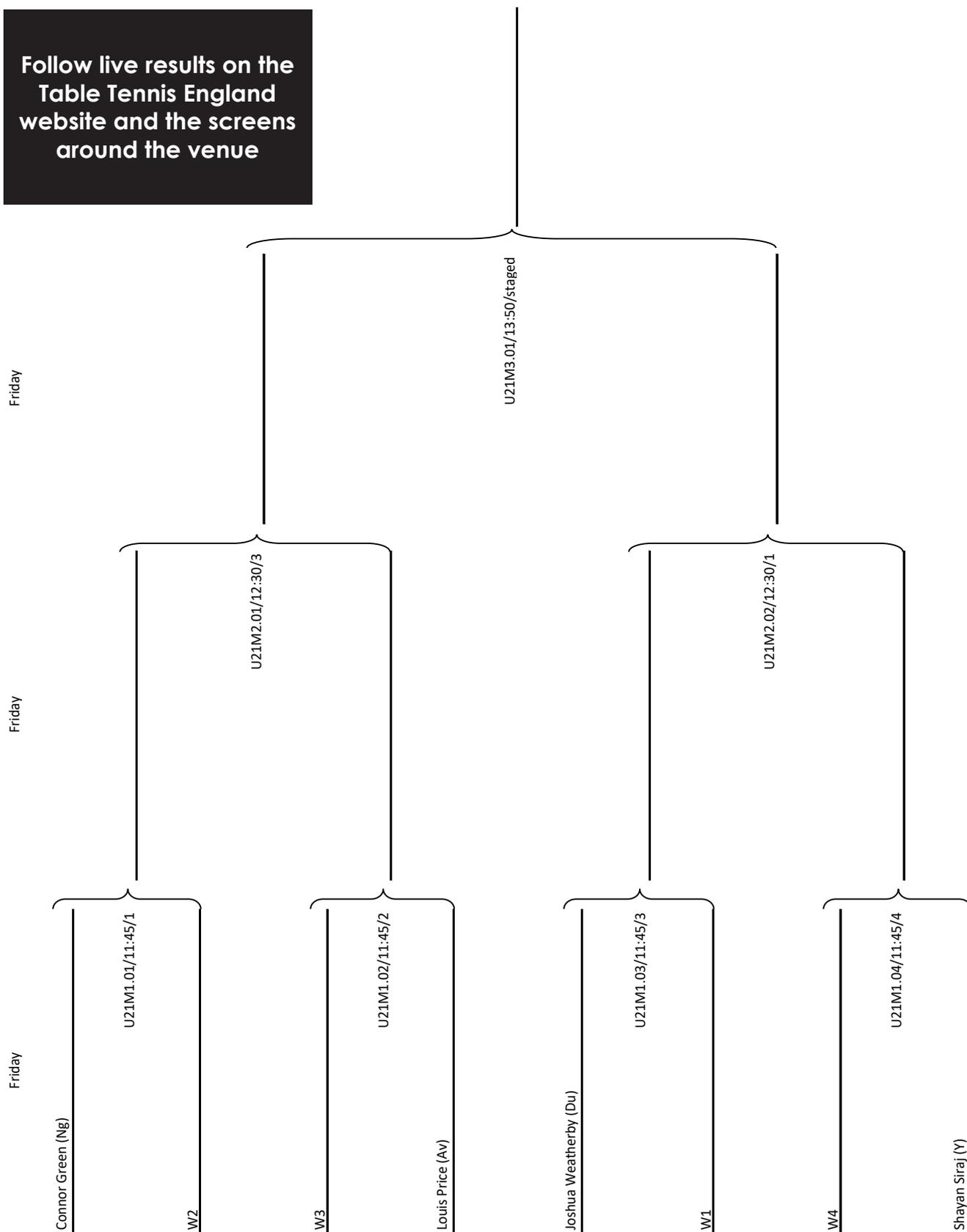
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# The draws: Under-21 Men

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A	Joe Cope (Cv)	A	Rhys Davies (La)	A	James Smith (K)	A	Naphat Boonyaprapa (Ng)
B	Joshua Bruce (K)	B	Ben Piggott (Cv)	B	Ethan Walsh (He)	B	Krish Chotai (Sy)
C	Toby Ellis (La)	C	Naphong Boonyaprapa (Ng)	C	Aaron Geung (Mi)	C	Oliver Cornish (Dv)
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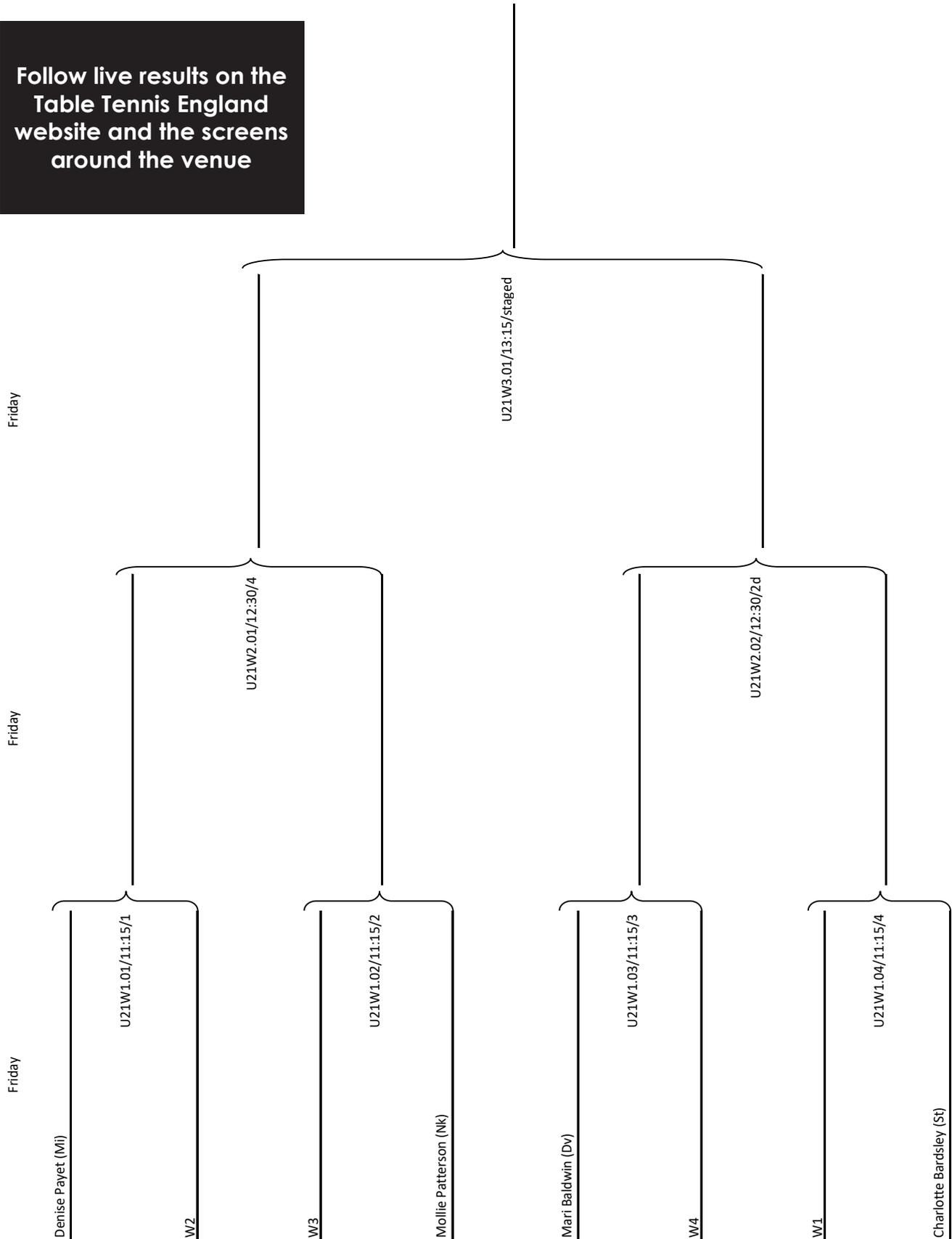
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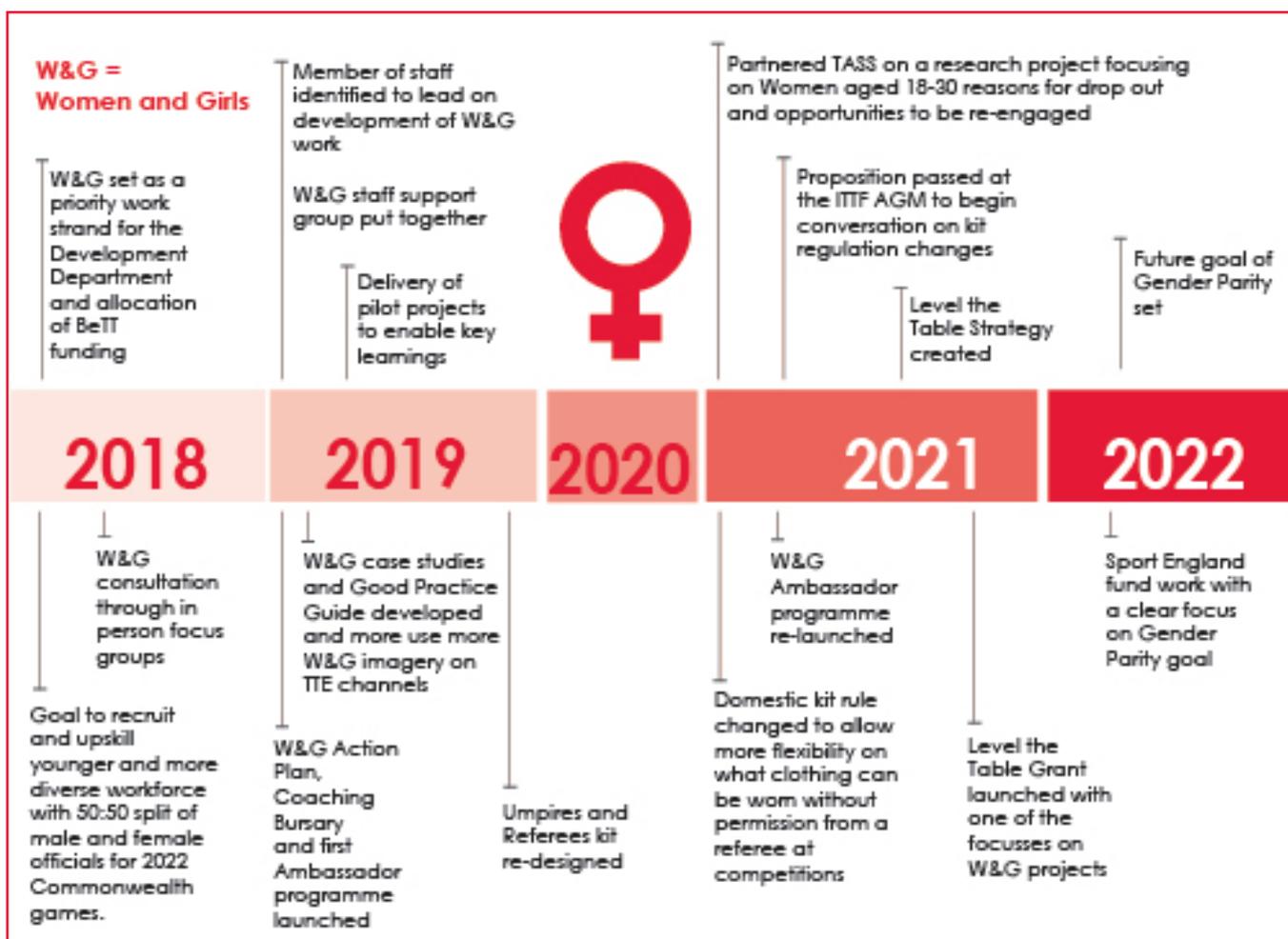
# The draws: Under-21 Women

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
A	Jasmin Wong (Y)	A	Scarlett Anders (Mi)	A	Millie Rogove (He)	A	Anaya Patel (Bk)
B	Rebecca Savage (Dv)	B	Tiana Dennison (E)	B	Erin Green (Ng)	B	Amy Marriott (Ys)
C	Megan Jones (Sp)	C	Bethany Ellis (La)	C	Charlotte Weatherby (Du)	C	Stefania Popa (Li)
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## Our gender parity mission



# Our gender commitment

It is Table Tennis England's vision to achieve gender parity in table tennis. Women make up 51% of the population in England (Census data) but only 12% of our members, 17% of coaches and just 3% of club or league chairs are female.

Therefore, we will unapologetically focus on increasing women and girls' involvement in our sport and making table tennis a space where females feel welcomed, valued and visible and have the opportunity to progress.

Through surveys and direct contact with our female members and women involved in the sport, we have a clear understanding that, for many people, table tennis looks and feels like a space designed and dominated by and for men.

This doesn't negate that there are women and girls having fantastic experiences in the sport and that there are clubs, leagues, coaches and volunteers doing some great work to create inclusive spaces but, we cannot ignore that there are also females having very bad experiences in our sport and who are being put off playing and participating.

Our insight shows that females would like to engage more in our sport and, when provided with the right opportunities, they do! So gender parity is not only important for our inclusivity agenda, but for the growth, development and future of our sport too.

Our commitment to females does not mean that male participation becomes less important - we will continue to work hard to develop opportunities for men and boys too - but we must acknowledge the disparity that exists.

We are therefore wholehearted committed to #LevelTheTable for women and girls and, going forwards, a much higher percentage of our time, funding and energy will be directed towards increasing opportunities for females in our sport.

If you are interested in discussing a women and girls project please email [jenny.leach@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:jenny.leach@tabletennisengland.co.uk) or find her in the FanZone.

**Jenny Leach – Women and Girls Lead:** “We know that for many women and girls, the traditional table tennis environment can be an intimidating and unwelcoming space and therefore, responding to our insight, we have started to create more female only opportunities such as girls only TT Kidz, Women's only Bat and Chat and girls' schools' projects through the Jack Petchey programme.

Our Level the Table grant scheme has also supported club and league projects as well as charities and community groups to start creating more female only spaces.

Our next steps will be to look into other areas of the sport such as committee roles, coaching and education, branding and performance as our gender parity ambition is much wider than just participation based.”



Umpire Sheila Walshe has been selected for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

# A more diverse team of technical officials

The 2018 Commonwealth Games held in the Gold Coast saw a record-breaking medal haul for Team England, however, things didn't look quite so rosy for England's Technical Officials and the event highlighted the need to diversify the umpire and referee community within England.

All sports were mandated by the Commonwealth Games Governing Body to produce a team of officials for the Birmingham 2022 Games that would be much more diverse and have a 50/50 split between males and females (we were currently 80/20).

The modernisation of training was the first thing needed to inspire the next generation of officials and it was achieved by the creation of online learning methods for the entry level qualification.

Graduates of this were then supported at the start of their journey with training and mentoring opportunities at events, from senior officials and all new umpires were fast-tracked to gain a higher qualification, making them eligible to officiate at national events.

Although controversial to some, a new casual style of umpires uniform was also introduced. The blazers and ties were discarded and polo shirts (made and designed to be fit for purpose by umpires and referees themselves) were introduced. This approach copies the ITTF's and has also been adopted by the 2022 Games.

Sheila Walshe from Scunthorpe was inspired by the 2018 Games and has turned from Accountant-by-day to umpire-by-weekend! She took up umpiring while her two young sons were playing and was

convinced by a local umpire to take a formal qualification, which she passed, and subsequently attended some lower level events.

At one of these events she bumped into another highly experienced umpire, who was also a member of the Table Tennis England Technical Official Committee, who inspired her and gave her the dream of umpiring at major events.

Although nervous, she was supported well by a local International Umpire, who guided her to National Level where she became eligible for Commonwealth Games selection and has subsequently been given a place to umpire.

"I like the big family atmosphere at an event and once I got the idea of umpiring at Birmingham 2022 I gave it 100 per cent," says Sheila.

"My training has now taken me to Finland as well as many domestic events and I cannot wait to get to Birmingham this summer.

"Next up for me is my International Umpires exam in September and hopefully I will get selected for more major events in the future."

The process of diversifying and modernising the training process and kit for umpires shows if the right opportunities are presented to the right people, it can really be a catalyst for change.

By engaging younger and more diverse umpires to take part in the Commonwealth Games, the impact of them will hopefully trickle down to inspire the next generation and continue to build on this success . . . and at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, there will be two 18-year-olds from England umpiring too!



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Our gender parity mission

# TT Kidz: a way to increase the number of girls at your club

As part of the successful TT Kidz programme, Table Tennis England are looking to support clubs and leagues to develop girls-only TT Kidz sessions.

One club that took advantage of this in the autumn 2021 phase was Ormesby Table Tennis Club in Middlesbrough, with 16 girls signing up for the session.

The club's TT Kidz Lead Activator, Malcolm Muldoon, who decided to run the girls-only session, also ran a mixed session and a boys-only session alongside this. He recruited the children through local schools, working closely with the teachers and speaking directly to parents.

Before running a girls-only session, Malcolm had always delivered to this age group as a mixed group. He believes there is still value in this but the girls-only session had very clear benefits to the participants and the girls were more confident to interact, all of them getting involved in the activities with less reservation.

The TT Kidz programme focuses on being fun, engaging and inspiring which Malcolm believes is the way to keep the girls coming back.

The girls improved very quickly and were all supportive of each other, in fact there was more of a cohesion amongst the group with even the best players wanting to help



the ones with less ability. Four months on, the session is still going strong, with 10 girls regularly attending.

Players from Ormesby previous TT Kidz phases have had some fantastic success in Table Tennis too:

- Four of the primary-aged girls have reached the Butterfly Schools Team National Final and one reached the Schools Individual National final, both to be held in

Wolverhampton next month.

- Two of the now 12 year olds reached the county finals of the same school competition.

Table Tennis England is keen to talk with any clubs or leagues wanting to start TT Kidz girls-only programmes in our next window in the autumn 2022. Please email [ttkidz@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:ttkidz@tabletennisengland.co.uk) or come and see us in the FanZone.

## How your club or league can help to #LevelTheTable for women and girls

### Know your target audience and ask them to help design your 'offer'

When planning your project, try and narrow down who you want to engage, perhaps focusing on a particular age group, standard or ability or maybe even a specific cultural group if you have the knowledge and personnel for this. Ask them to help design your project by them telling you what the perfect session looks like for them.

### Find the right session leaders and deliverers

It's really important that you have the right people to lead and support the sessions. Having the right qualifications is just a

small part of what they need; do they also have the right personality and the right experience to deliver a session that is engaging and enjoyable for the audience? For women and girls, the most important thing to begin with is fun and friendship, so can the people leading the session create the right environment for this?

### The session environment

Before hosting a session for women and girls, try to think of anything that lessen the enjoyment for them. For example, are there suitable changing facilities and usable, clean toilets that they can access? Are there other people using the facility and if so, does their behaviour need to be

modified to ensure that women and girls feel welcome and safe?

### Language and marketing

The marketing of the session needs to reflect the group you want to engage - if your potential participants can't see themselves in your marketing, they simply will not see the session as something for them. Contact us to access our image library if you are struggling for the right photo for your marketing.

### Ask for feedback

Once you have delivered your first session, ask people for feedback straight away. What did they enjoy, what didn't they enjoy, and, are they going to come back?



# Don't forget to visit our FanZone!

Join us in our FanZone alongside the main arena and enjoy the following attractions:

- Come and Try Tables
- Virtual Reality Table Tennis
- Speed gun – how fast can you hit a ball? (Saturday only)
- Table Tennis England – come and meet members of our development team, including representatives from coach education and TT Kidz, plus club support officers
- Meet our sponsors from Mark Bates Ltd and China Taiping
- Tailored Branding – for all your clothing and merchandise needs
- Tees Sport – for all your equipment needs
- SAQ International – demonstrations of the equipment and how their resources can support your coaching.
- Refreshments

Please note, ticket collection is also in the FanZone



# A huge thanks to our sport's unsung heroes!

Volunteers will once again be given pride of place this weekend, as we honour our unsung heroes at the Table Tennis England Centenary celebrations.

During the last few years, as a nation we have lived through unprecedented times which has seen normality come to a standstill. Throughout this time, however, we have seen the strength of the table tennis family, who have come together to ensure sessions have returned safely and people can enjoy table tennis once more through the resilience of our volunteers and young volunteers.

Each year we showcase the inspirational people who give their time to ensure table tennis is able to flourish and grow through their passion, enthusiasm and commitment, by honouring them in the Pride of Table Tennis Awards.

Clubs and leagues from across the country have come together to celebrate the amazing volunteers in our sport for their vital contributions by making a nomination.

Each volunteer and young volunteer who has been nominated will receive a certificate from their nominator and will be honoured locally. The national judging panel has decided the finalists, who are joining us this weekend and will be recognised at the special Centenary Gala Dinner. The shortlisted volunteers are highlighted on the next page.

For more information on the Pride of Table Tennis Awards, please visit [www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/pride](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/pride)

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Throughout the pandemic, we have seen the strength of the table tennis family coming together . . .

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Table Tennis England Chairperson Sandra Deaton presents the 2020 awards to Volunteer of the Year Pat Johnson (above) and Young Volunteer of the Year Sophie Storey (below)



# Pride of Table Tennis Awards: The candidates

## Young Volunteer of the Year (female)

### Anna Cole (nominated by Duncan Arrandale)

Anna is an active member of Littleton Table Tennis Club. Alongside being a keen table tennis player, Anna is a star at the club by supporting the development of the junior sessions each week and also assists the women-only sessions which is delivered at the club each month. Anna always makes sessions fun, especially during festive occasions, and is a role model for the younger members at the club.

### Eddie Newman-Dewhurst (nominated by David May)

Over the last 12 months, Eddie has been making a difference at Cape Cornwall TTC through her enthusiasm and encouragement when assisting the junior sessions. Eddie plays in the local West Cornwall League and also helps run a club at her secondary school. Eddie's involvement and reliability in the coaching sessions enables participants to progress quicker and she is a role model, for girls in particular, to look up to.

### Holly Williams (nominated by Steve Brunskill)

Holly, a volunteer at Swerve Table Tennis Club has been an amazing asset for the club by helping out at the beginner sessions. Through Holly's involvement, she has enabled girls to become more confident and has been incredibly important for members with disabilities to develop through her support. Holly's can-do attitude has enabled female participation to steadily grow by creating a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. A real asset to the club.

## Volunteer of the Year (female)

### Rita Dixon (nominated by Chris Leishman)

Rita Dixon has been going the extra mile for Brandon Table Tennis, which has enabled the club to blossom and flourish following Covid. Rita also ensures sessions can be delivered smoothly by setting up tables, delivering administrative tasks and providing refreshments for members. As the first point of contact, Rita's friendly demeanour has had a huge impact on the club's reputation, with more and more people coming to play at the club.

### Jenny Swain (nominated by Sam Timms)

Jenny has had a big impact on Ashford Table Tennis Club over the last year by running sessions twice a week. Jenny's enthusiasm and encouragement has been instrumental in providing table tennis opportunities. Jenny has provided equipment and co-ordinated the league teams alongside running a school club. As an inspirational volunteer, Jenny has made table tennis sessions much more enjoyable for everyone.

### Dale Ward (nominated by Sarah Jackson)

Dale has been an inspirational volunteer at Harrogate Racquets Club as a coach and player, encouraging more girls to play table tennis, and has supported with school groups, including GCSE sessions and enabling junior teams to continue. Dale's approachable and cheery attitude has allowed participant numbers to grow by providing fun and engaging sessions. The dedication and commitment of Dale has given an important injection of fresh blood into the local league.

## Young Volunteer of the Year (male)

### Tarkan Ates (nominated by Anita Maddox and Lee Evans)

In the last year Tarkan has played a key role at Crawley Table Tennis Club through his contribution to committee meetings as the junior

representative, assisting with the training sessions and writing articles for the club newsletter. Tarkan's dedication and enthusiasm has ensured the junior sections have become more active over the last 12 months and has attended various school training sessions and after-school clubs. For the first time, the club has entered teams in the National Junior and Cadet Leagues, which was made possible through Tarkan's inspirational efforts.

### Damien Henderson (nominated by Chris Leishman and Ryan Morton)

Damien has been influential at Brandon Table Tennis Club and Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club through helping develop players of various abilities and ages through his friendly, and enthusiastic manner. Damien is regularly going the extra mile, recently completing the Table Tennis England Young Ambassador programme. This commitment has enthused younger players to follow in his footsteps. His efforts have resulted in a number of new younger players entering the sport and he is a valuable asset to his clubs.

### Joseph Race (nominated by Chrissy Sykes and Geoff Harris)

Over the last 12 months Joseph has created a great atmosphere at Barnsley Table Tennis Club, which has resulted in 30-40 new young players joining through his training sessions, work in the community and administrative tasks. Joseph is also inspiring the next generation to take up coaching roles and promoting table tennis in the area by showcasing his commitment to the sport. This has injected new life into the club by Joseph's tireless efforts, dedication and enthusiasm.

## Volunteer of the Year (male)

### Tajudeen Alao (nominated by Irving Table Tennis Club members)

Tajudeen has been instrumental for Irving Table Tennis Club and his local area. He has been an inspiration to his peers through his organisation of tournaments and matches between teams. From promotion on social media, live streaming matches, organising prizes and equipment, Tajudeen's influence has seen more people play, improve and enjoy table tennis. Tajudeen has provided training to a range of individuals and is always willing to go above and beyond to help anyone. His passion for table tennis has allowed others to enjoy the sport.

### Chris Beckley (nominated by Fabio Petito)

Chris has been an inspiration in the Central London Table Tennis League through his dedication and passion for the sport. By staying in contact with members, Chris has been able provide more opportunities for people to play in the area. To name just a few, Chris has enabled teams to enter competitions, founded and captained various teams, offered outdoor sessions and popular drop-in sessions; alongside organising a Fire Sport UK National Championship in Britannia Leisure Centre. His limitless energy and enthusiasm has had a huge impact on table tennis in the area.

### Chris Haynes (nominated by Henry Arthur)

Corby Table Tennis Club has benefitted from Chris' efforts over the last 12 months as the club has returned to play. Chris has been at the forefront of ensuring members were supported during a difficult time. Organising quiz nights, keeping members informed, planning committee meetings and securing sponsorship; alongside being an integral part of entering five teams into the local league, bringing Bat and Chat sessions to the club and assisting coaching sessions. Chris' commitment and dedication has been instrumental to the club.



# When we last met: The Mark Bates Ltd Nationals 2020



Clockwise from above: Women's Doubles champions Denise Payet & Emily Bolton wait to be interviewed on court; Sam Wilson on the defensive against Tom Jarvis; Men's Singles champion Liam Pitchford; Women's Singles champion Tin-Tin Ho receives the trophy from Mark Bates, Managing Director of sponsor Mark Bates Ltd; Para Class 7-10 champion Ross Wilson; Women's Singles finalist Mari Baldwin and mascot Jemima Choudhury; Anaya Patel; Jack Hunter-Spivey takes on Dan Bullen in the Para Class 3-5 final; Players share a joke off court.

Photos by Alan Man





**Men's Singles**

Liam Pitchford

**Women's Singles**

Tin-Tin Ho

**Men's Doubles**

Liam Pitchford  
& Paul Drinkhall

**Women's Doubles**

Denise Payet  
& Emily Bolton

**Mixed Doubles**

Sam Walker  
& Tin-Tin Ho

## 2020 roll of honour

**Para class 3-5**

Jack Hunter-Spivey

**Para class 7-10**

Ross Wilson

**U21 Men's Singles**

Luke Savill

**U21 Women's Singles**

Denise Payet



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