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WELCOME FROM TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND

A very warm welcome to the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships – the premier event in our domestic table tennis calendar.



Over three days here, we will see the best players in the land battle each other to win women's and men's titles at under-21 and senior levels, in singles and doubles and in para and able-bodied categories – truly a feast of top-class table tennis.

Among those competing here this weekend are England's Commonwealth Games 2022 champions, Liam Pitchford, Paul Drinkhall and Jack Hunter-Spivey, para world champions Fliss Pickard and Billy Shilton and Paralympic medallists Megan Shackleton, Aaron McKibbin and Ross Wilson.

Alongside these established stars, we may see major medallists of the future among those who have earned their place here via the rankings, or by coming through the qualifying tournament or being awarded a wildcard.

There is sure to be plenty of excitement for hundreds of spectators to enjoy, as well as for many more watching on TTE. TV – our new TV channel, which you can read about in this programme.

Also new this year, we have two para doubles showcase matches, which I know will thrill spectators.



This is my last Senior Nationals as Chairperson. During my tenure, thanks to the hard work and expertise of many staff and volunteers, I am delighted that we have seen the tournament evolve into a superb spectator experience, broadcast to high-quality TV production values.

I am also delighted that we have such passionate support from our title sponsors Mark Bates Ltd and China Taiping, partners who are deeply committed to our sport and who do so much to help us deliver a first-class event.

I would like to thank our hosts here at the University of Nottingham and the David Ross Sports Village, and I also extend my appreciation to our Official Equipment Supplier, Tees Sport.

Thanks to Steve Smith and the refereeing and umpiring team, to the team of volunteers who underpin the event, to the Table Tennis England staff and, last but not least, to all the players, coaches and to you, the supporters.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Sandra Deaton
Chairperson, Table Tennis England

WELCOME FROM OUR HOSTS

The University of Nottingham is incredibly excited to be hosting the 2023 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 2023 venue by Table Tennis England.

For our students and coaching team 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. It has also been wonderful to see the development and success of those students

in the British University programme this year with success at both Team and Individual level.

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 and China Taiping, who are an integral part of making this event a success and whose support extends to all three National Championships, including all Senior; Cadet, U17 & Junior; and U11 & U13 tournaments.

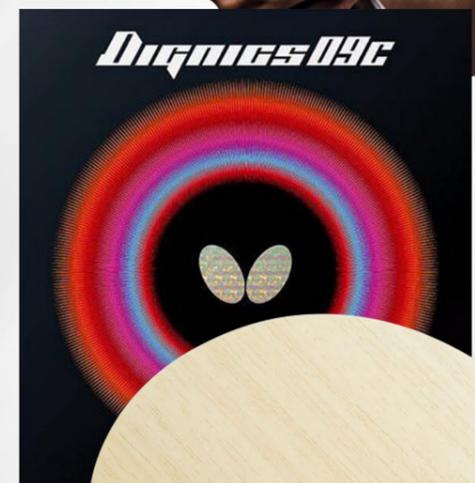
On behalf of the university, may I welcome all the players, coaches, support staff and spectators to the David Ross Sports Village and wish you all a successful tournament and visit to Nottingham.

Dan Tilley
Director of Sport, University of Nottingham



University of Nottingham Sport

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Dear friends, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Senior National Table Tennis Championships at the University of Nottingham! We are once again honoured to be headline sponsors along with our partners at China Taiping Insurance (CTI) for this year's event.



We hope you're as excited as we are to come together and cheer on the competitors as they show off their impressive table tennis skills. The atmosphere is sure to be electric as we gather to enjoy the high-quality table tennis on display.

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Don't forget to stop by our trade stand in the Fanzone during the Championships, where you can learn more about us, and even participate in one of our fun competitions for a chance to

win some fabulous prizes.

Our support for this important event is part of a long-term partnership with Table Tennis England. In the years to come, we hope that members of the table tennis community can benefit from some of the great policies and services we have to offer. We also hope that our support will help to increase the profile and participation of this fantastic sport, encouraging a new generation to get involved.

I would like to wish you all an amazing time and look forward to seeing you at the Championships!

Best Regards
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 Managing Director, Mark Bates Ltd



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We are honoured to be the headline sponsors of this year's Senior National Championships, together with our partners Mark Bates Ltd.

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 the Fanzone, where you will 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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- Flash photography and live streaming are NOT permitted but please to share your photos and short videos on Twitter - please tag @TableTennisENG and use the hashtag #MarkBatesNationals23



Above: Chloe Ireland, Jenny Sanders and Jo Outhwaite officiate a Women's Doubles semi-final here last year; Below: Kim Mudge at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham



Fancy becoming an umpire? Here's how!



Training and development of umpires is a key function carried out by Table Tennis England. The fact that Sheila Walshe (right) reached the International Umpire level only eight-and-a-half years after first starting her umpiring journey shows just what individuals can achieve with the right support and mentoring. Why not start your umpiring journey today? Scan the QR code to find out how!



It has been a big 12 months for English umpires, with a home Commonwealth Games last summer giving them the chance to showcase their skills on the international stage.

No fewer than 17 English umpires were part of the officiating team at Birmingham 2022 –Dan Bullen was also selected but received a wildcard to compete for Team England in the Men's Class 3-5 Para Singles instead.

They and their international colleagues were under the direction of Referee Karen Tonge OBE, meaning half of the officials on duty were English.

There was good representation in the gold medal matches as well, with the following English officials taking charge of some of the tournament's most important matches:

- Women's Team: Josh Reynolds
- Men's Team: Nico Calabiano
- Men's Class 8-10 Para Singles: Lyndon Griffiths and Immad Qureshi
- Women's Class 8-10 Para Singles: Chloe Ireland and Lynda Reid
- Women's Class 3-5 Para Singles: Jo Outhwaite and Kim Mudge
- Women's Doubles: Chloe Ireland
- Mixed Doubles: Josh Reynolds and Kim Mudge

Later in 2022, there was further recognition for five English umpires who completed their Level 3 International Umpire qualification. The qualification is only one step below elite Level 4 Blue Badge status and means they can apply to officiate at most World Table Tennis (WTT) and International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) events around the world.

The five are Dan Bullen, Beate Nicol, Vladimir Shadrinov, Sheila Walshe and Gary Whyman - Nicol and Walshe were also on duty at the Commonwealth Games.

Their colleagues Jenny Sanders and Jo Outhwaite were presented with their Level 3 badges at last year's Mark Bates Ltd Nationals, where they were part of an all-female umpiring team for the two Women's Doubles semi-finals - a historic moment at these Championships and a milestone in umpire development!



> Friday March 24

9am-11am Under-21 Women's Singles group stage; Under-21 Men's Singles group stage (Tables 1-6)	12.30pm Under-21 Men's Singles semi-finals (T1, T3); Under-21 Women's Singles semi-finals (T2, T4)	2.30pm-6.30pm Women's Singles group stage; Men's Singles group stage (Tables 1-6)
11.15am Under-21 Women's Singles quarter- finals (T1-4)	1.15pm Under-21 Women's Singles final (T1) Followed by presentation	6.40pm-7.30pm Mixed Doubles first round (T1-6)
11.45am Under-21 Men's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)	1.50pm Under-21 Men's Singles final (T1) Followed by presentation	7.50pm Mixed Doubles quarter-finals (T1-4)
		8.30pm Mixed Doubles semi-finals (T1-2)

> Saturday March 25

9.30am Men's Doubles first round (T1-6)	Women's Doubles quarter-finals (T2, 4-6)	3.30pm Women's Doubles semi-finals (T1-2); Para competitions group stage (T3-4)
10am Women's Doubles first round (T3-4); Men's Doubles first round (T5-6); Para competitions group stage (T1-2)	12.15pm Mixed Doubles final (T1) Followed by presentation	4pm Men's Doubles semi-finals (T1-2)
10.30am Women's Doubles first round (T1-2, 5); Para competitions group stage (T3-4)	1.15pm Women's Singles first round (T1-6)	4.30pm Showcase Para 2-5 Doubles (T1)
11am Para competitions group stage (T1, 5); Men's Doubles quarter-finals (T2-4, 6)	2pm Women's Singles first round (T1, 3); Men's Singles first round (T2, 4-6)	5pm Showcase Para 6-10 Doubles (T1)
11.30am Para competitions group stage (T1, 3);	2.45pm Men's Singles first round (T1, 4-6); Para competitions group stage (T2-3)	5.30pm Women's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)
		6.15pm Men's Singles quarter-finals (T1-4)



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 24-32.
Follow live results on the Table Tennis England website and social media, and on the screens around the venue.

> Event formats

Men's Singles and Women's Singles

The top 16 players in the December 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 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.

Para competitions

Competitors are selected by British Para Table Tennis. Matches are best of 5.

Under-21 singles competitions

Players are invited on the basis of their rankings on the December 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.

Doubles competitions

A player who has secured a place in any singles competition can also apply to 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 2023 ranking list. All information correct at time of printing.*

> Sunday March 26

9.30am Women's Singles semi-final 1	1pm Para class 2-5 final Followed by presentation	3pm Para class 6-10 final Followed by presentation
10.15am Men's Singles semi-final 1	1.40pm Women's Doubles final Followed by presentation	3.40pm Women's Singles final Followed by presentation
11am Women's Singles semi-final 2	2.20pm Men's Doubles final Followed by presentation	4.40pm Men's Singles final Followed by presentation
11.45pm Men's Singles semi-final 2		

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.

MEN'S SINGLES



Liam Pitchford
Age: 29 From: Chesterfield
Ranked: 1



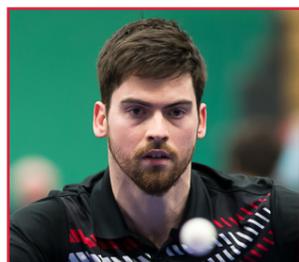
Paul Drinkhall
33, Loftus
Ranked: 2



Tom Jarvis
23, Skegness
Ranked: 3



Sam Walker
27, Worksop
Ranked: 4



David McBeath
31, Southampton
Ranked: 5



Chris Doran
31, Cogenhoe
Ranked: 6



Darius Knight (qualified)
33, Battersea
Ranked: 8



Josh Bennett
23, Eastbourne
Ranked: 10

Shayan Siraj
21, Leeds
Ranked: 11
Invited

Connor Green
16, Nottingham
Ranked: 12
Invited

Gabriel Achampong
23, Edgware
Ranked: 13
Invited

Joe Ferguson
21, Hartlepool
Ranked: 14
Invited

Louis Price
18, Bristol
Ranked: 15
Wildcard

Shaquille Webb-Dixon
24, Rotherhithe
Ranked: 16
Qualified

Ismaila Akindiya
36, Nottingham
Ranked: 18
Invited

Lorestan Trumpauskas
53, Bermondsey
Ranked: 20
Invited

Josh Bruce
18, Lewisham
Ranked: 22
Qualified

Larry Trumpauskas
15, Bermondsey
Ranked: 24
Qualified

Graeme Barella
29, Newcastle
Ranked: 26
Qualified

Ralph Pattison
15, Harlow
Ranked: 27
Qualified

Naphat Boonyaprapa
21, Nottingham
Ranked: 31
Invited

Alim Hirji
33, Totteridge
Ranked: 32
Qualified

Olly Cornish
18, Plymouth
Ranked: 35
Qualified

Naphong Boonyaprapa
18, Nottingham
Ranked: 36
Qualified

Toby Ellis
17, Morecambe
Ranked: 37
Qualified

Ben Piggott
17, Stockton-on-Tees
Ranked: 38
Qualified

Maxim Stevens
19, Nottingham
Ranked: 40
Qualified

Jakub Piwowar
15, Torquay
Ranked: 49
Qualified

Artur Caltabiano
22, Derby
Ranked: 52
Qualified

Adam Dennison
17, Morecambe
Ranked: 54
Qualified

Felix Thomis
17, Reading
Ranked: 57
Qualified

Jake Haygarth
16, Tebay
Ranked: 97
Qualified



Tin-Tin Ho
Age: 24; From: Paddington
Ranked: 1



Emily Bolton
25, Askam-in-Furness
Ranked: 4



Jasmin Wong
19, Hull
Ranked: 6



Anna Green (qualified)
16, Nottingham
Ranked: 14



Denise Payet
21, Enfield
Ranked: 3



Mollie Patterson
20, King's Lynn
Ranked: 5



Mari Baldwin
18, Okehampton
Ranked: 7



Scarlett Anders
17, Barnet
Ranked: 14

Ella Pashley
14, Guisborough
Ranked: 15
Qualified

Erin Green
18, Nottingham
Ranked: 16
Qualified

Amy Marriott
18, Rotherham
Ranked: 17
Invited

Megan Jones
17, Telford
Ranked: 18
Qualified

Mya Sultan
22, Edgware
Ranked: 19
Qualified

Anaya Patel
19, Basingstoke
Ranked: 20
Qualified

Sara Williams
47, Bedford
Ranked: 24
Qualified

Rebecca Savage
17, Northallerton
Ranked: 25
Qualified

Saskia Key
16, Sevenoaks
Ranked: 30
Qualified

Siena Jetha
13, Watford
Ranked: 31
Wildcard

Rachael Iles
15, Chalfont St Peter
Ranked: 32
Qualified

Bethany Ellis
15, Morecambe
Ranked: 33
Qualified

Mabel Shute
16, Loughton
Ranked: 35
Qualified

Evelyn Pace
16, Oxshott
Ranked: 39
Wildcard

Ella Barnard
18, Great Yarmouth
Ranked: 40
Qualified

Mia Lakhani
14, Pinner
Ranked: 44
Qualified

Isabelle Lacorte
17, Hitchin
Ranked: 45
Qualified

Naomi Coker
14, Heanor
Ranked: 46
Qualified

Lauren Loosemore (withdrawn)
17, Exeter
Ranked: 47
Qualified

Abbey Hurley
18, Tonbridge
Ranked: 57
Qualified

Lisa Rinnhofer
22, Liverpool
Ranked: 69
Qualified

Fliss Pickard
28, Burnley
Ranked: 72
Qualified

Olivia Fletcher
23, Warwick
Ranked: 72
Qualified

Mia Longman
14, Scarborough
Ranked: 98
Qualified

UNDER-21

Louis Price
18, Bristol
Joe Ferguson
21, Hartlepool
Connor Green
16, Nottingham
Joseph Hunter
16, Muswell Hill

Josh Bruce
18, Lewisham
Rhys Davies
18, Southport
Larry Trumpauskas
15, Bermondsey
Ralph Pattison
15, Harlow

Olly Cornish
18, Plymouth
Naphong Boonyaprapa
18, Nottingham
Toby Ellis
17, Morecambe
Tom Rayner
19, Darlington

Maxim Stevens
19, Nottingham
Nahom Asgedom
19, Tooting
Krish Chotai
16, Epsom
Robert Pelc
21, Wallington

Mollie Patterson
20, King's Lynn
Jasmin Wong
19, Hull
Mari Baldwin
18, Okehampton
Anna Green
16, Nottingham

Scarlett Anders
17, Barnet
Ella Pashley
14, Guisborough
Erin Green
18, Okehampton
Amy Marriott
18, Rotherham

Megan Jones
17, Telford
Anaya Patel
19, Basingstoke
Rebecca Savage
17, Northallerton
Saskia Key
16, Sevenoaks

Maliha Baig
15, Chadwell Heath
Sienna Jetha
13, Watford
Rachael Iles
15, Chalfont St Peter
Bethany Ellis
15, Morecambe

UNDER-21

PARA CLASS 6-10



Ross Wilson
Age: 27 From: Minster



Aaron McKibbin
31, Wandsworth



Ashley Facey
28, Leytonstone



Billy Shilton
24, Stonehouse



Joe Crouse
20, Truro



Max Flint
19, Guildford

PARA CLASS 2-5



Jack Hunter-Spivey
Age: 27 From: Liverpool



Megan Shackleton
23, Todmorden



Simon Heaps
67, Lymington



Lee York
34, Ossett



Andrew Green
23, Billingham



Chris Ryan
31, Welwyn Garden City

• 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.

PARA DOUBLES

Class 6-10

Ashley Facey & Aaron McKibbin
Billy Shilton & Ross Wilson

Class 2-5

Jack Hunter-Spivey & Megan Shackleton
Lee York & Simon Heaps

Draws on pages 24-32

> Women's Doubles

Tin-Tin Ho & Emily Bolton
Denise Payet & Jasmin Wong
Mollie Patterson & Mari Baldwin
Anna Green & Erin Green
Amy Marriott & Megan Jones
Scarlett Anders & Rebecca Savage
Mya Sultan & Saskia Key
Ella Pashley & Mabel Shute
Rachael Iles & Mia Lakhani
Bethany Ellis & Evie Pace
Sienna Jetha & Naomi Coker
Ella Barnard & Lauren Loosemore
Anaya Patel & Millie Rogove

> Men's Doubles

Liam Pitchford & Paul Drinkhall
Tom Jarvis & David McBeath
Sam Walker & Darius Knight
Chris Doran & Joe Ferguson
Josh Bennett & Shayan Siraj
Shaquille Webb-Dixon & Joseph Langham Ferreira
Louis Price & Larry Trumpauskas
Lorestas Trumpauskas & Josh Bruce
Gabriel Achampong & Robert Pelc
Ralph Pattison & Adam Nutland
Connor Green & Felix Thomis
Joseph Hunter & Jakub Piwowar
Graeme Barella & Ben Piggott
Naphat Boonyaprapa & Naphong Boonyaprapa
Toby Ellis & Nahom Asgedom
Olly Cornish & Adam Dennison

> Mixed Doubles

Tin-Tin Ho & Liam Pitchford
Mollie Patterson & Ismaila Akindiya
Evie Pace & Chris Doran
Emily Bolton & Alim Hirji
Lois Peake & Josh Bennett
Jasmin Wong & Ben Piggott
Erin Green & Connor Green
Amy Marriott & Louis Price
Mari Baldwin & Felix Thomis
Mya Sultan & Shaquille Webb-Dixon
Ella Pashley & Graeme Barella
Anna Green & Naphat Boonyaprapa
Denise Payet & Tommy Gritton
Sienna Jetha & Gabriel Achampong
Anaya Patel & Naphong Boonyaprapa
Jakub Piwowar & Megan Jones

TTE.TV is the go-to channel for fans of English table tennis!

Launched in October, TTE.TV showcases the very best of English table tennis, including the Mark Bates Ltd Nationals Championships, every England home match and the Senior British League, Premier Division.

Viewers can watch on their laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console or smart TV and see content live or on-demand. The channel also features exclusive special features, interviews and previously unseen footage.

The mission is to deliver great content to existing fans of English table tennis as well as take the sport to new audiences and supporters all over the world – raising the profile of our events and athletes in the process and creating commercial opportunities. An owned, dedicated channel, enables Table Tennis England to have direct engagement with their audience and to gain valuable insights into the type of content that table tennis fans want to consume.

Table Tennis England Chief Executive, Adrian Christy, said: "The direction of travel is clear when it comes to consumer viewing habits and we want to ensure Table Tennis England is at the forefront – creating more opportunities for people to connect and engage with our sport.

"This will, in turn, excite more people to play table tennis, bring fans closer to our players, help us with our elite-level ambitions and inspire more medal-winning performances."

"Launching and building content for our own, dedicated channel is not something that can happen overnight though. This is a long-term project and ambition, but one we are excited to be embarking on, with the support of a number of stakeholders"

The first major event covered by TTE.TV was the England men's European Championships Stage 1 double-header against Serbia and France in Crawley in January. Our multi-camera coverage, complete with instant replays, commentary and on-court interviews, was delivered in conjunction with our partners 1080 Media, who are also masterminding our coverage of these Championships.

We also worked with the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) to show every minute of the recent Europe Top 16 in Montreux,



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including Liam Pitchford's brilliant bronze medal-winning performance.

Other events are delivered by the Table Tennis England team – including live-streaming four tables from the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships Qualifying Tournament in January – or, in the case of the Senior British League Premier Division, by the clubs hosting each fixture.

Full coverage of the Mark Bates Senior Nationals this weekend will be live streamed across the three days, wrapped with other

content including highlights of each day.

Access to TTE.TV is free to Table Tennis England members – so, if you're not a member, or if your membership has expired, please visit our website today to join or renew.

After April 1st, subscribers to TTE.TV who are not Table Tennis England members will need to purchase tickets to watch live events.

So, don't miss out, get on board with TTE.TV today!

‘The best bit was seeing how happy and how proud the family were’



Tom Jarvis with the Guernsey Trophy last year and, facing page, bathed in smiles after his victory

Becoming national champion for the first time is a huge step on an athlete's journey, a moment when emotions burst to the surface and the years of struggle and of personal and family sacrifice all become worth it.

It was no different for Tom Jarvis when he experienced that feeling here last year, defeating Sam Walker 4-2 in the Men's Singles final to reach the summit of the domestic game.

There was a long embrace with his father Dave in his corner, celebrations with family members in the stands and then, still bathed in smiles, the TV interview and trophy presentation.

They were scenes to savour and still linger in his mind as prepares for the defence of his title.

"It was one of the best days I've ever had," says Jarvis. "It was a really crazy day. There were two tough matches, first against Dave (McBeath, who he beat in the semi-finals) and then the final, I was down at the start and looking at going down 2-0 and then I came back and it was a really tight match all the way. It was an amazing tournament, amazing to see the celebrations afterwards.

"I think that was the best bit for me, seeing how happy and how proud the family were. Normally we travel about on our own and they're not there for it, you just get them on the other end of the phone. When they're there, it makes it extra special."

Jarvis went into the tournament knowing he had every chance of success, in the absence of the injured Paul Drinkhall and with Liam Pitchford on WTT duty.

England's top two are back this year, but Jarvis' mindset, hardwired to seize opportunities, will ensure he is not short of belief that he can retain the title.

"I knew they weren't playing last year," he says. "It made it much more open. There were probably four players that could have won and you know you've just got to be the best on that Sunday and, if you get the chance, you've got to take it.

"With Paul and Pitch playing this year, it's going to make it much tougher, but obviously you want everyone to play because you want to win Nationals and beat all the best players in England.

"It's really nice to say you're the national champion. You get bragging rights in the team for another year and I know how happy it would make my family and close friends to win it again.

"It is a special tournament and a different feeling to any other tournament you play. There's a lot of spotlight on us four or five (England international team-mates) and I quite enjoy playing under that and having to step up and prove I'm still the best in England.

"It's really exciting and who knows what's going to happen? I'm definitely looking forward to it anyway."

Last year's tournament came at something of a crossroads for



Why Tom's chosen to become a hept-athlete

It would be fair to call Tom Jarvis an 'early adopter' of the heptagonal-shaped bat which is being seen in the hands of more and more players around the world.

The bat – marketed as hexagonal but, strictly speaking, a heptagon – first came to prominence when it was used by Truls Moregard of Sweden on his way to the silver medal at the World Championships in Houston in November 2021.

As product launches go, it was nothing short of a dream for Stiga. The company

behind the design is also Jarvis' sponsor, meaning he was already using it by the time Moregard was shaking up the world with that run in Texas.

"Stiga released it and showed us all the research that it's got a larger surface area where you hit the ball, so there's more margin for error," said Jarvis. "It's more aerodynamic and you can be closer to the table when you're receiving short.

"But most of all, I've tried it and I liked it straight away and I've used it since.

"I've had about 100 questions about it, everyone asked me 'is it weird?' - but it doesn't feel weird when you use it and it wasn't really a long adaptation process.

"I think they sold out during the (2021 World Championships) finals. I jumped on the bandwagon early and I'm quite happy with it."

Jarvis' England colleague Tin-Tin Ho has also made the switch - only time will tell whether this is a passing trend or whether it will become the new standard.

Jarvis, as he sought his top form after a hip operation carried out while tournaments were on pause during the pandemic.

"I hadn't played a good tournament since I'd come back from my operation," he says. "I knew I had the level there in practice but I hadn't yet done it in a tournament and it had been a year and a half of quite hard times and not knowing what I was going to do.

"But from that point forward, it gave me a lot of confidence and I've picked up my world ranking 150 places or something since then.

"Nationals was really the start of what made a really good 2022 and got me a regular start in the England team.

"The most important thing for us is how we perform internationally. It's really nice to come home and win Nationals and say 'yeah, I'm national champion' but I think we're all at that stage where we want international success now and we're at the level to be able to compete."

Last year also saw Jarvis win his first Commonwealth Games medal, in the team event in front of a home crowd in Birmingham. It was not the colour the team wanted, however, as they lost the semi-final to Singapore before bouncing back to beat Nigeria in the bronze medal play-off, and Jarvis says: "The team event was probably the hardest loss I've ever felt in my life.

"I don't really know what happened, to be honest. Singapore played well and we didn't and it happens. But I still feel quite lucky that we were able to come back and take that bronze medal, because obviously that still means a lot.

"It was a weird one, it was special getting your first Commonwealth medal but I know the preparations I'd done for that and felt I didn't necessarily get to show all the hard work I'd put in at the time, so it was bitter-sweet.

"We got a medal but not the colour we wanted."

With Gavin Evans recently installed as Head of Performance Development, there is a sense of optimism that England can challenge for honours at European and world levels, perhaps repeating or bettering the 2016 World Team Championships bronze medal, or improving on recent quarter-final appearances at the same championships and at the Europeans.

Jarvis says: "I think we've got a good set-up at the moment. Gav's really pushing to make the culture of table tennis better in England



and he's setting us on the right paths. He's almost managing us as well as coaching the whole team.

"I think the team can be in a good place. I think it would be lovely if a couple of the youngsters came up through the ranks and had the level to get into the team early like I did. I think that would be good for me and all the boys, to have some new energy in the team.

"But we all know that if we all play our best on the day, we can beat nearly every team in the world. We beaten most of the teams, except for China. We've beaten Japan, who are No 2 in the world, we've got the Worlds medal, we've got a Worlds quarter-finals, we've lost in two quarter-finals of the Europeans, so we've been close the last few years to taking another medal.

"We've lost a couple of hard matches, especially at the last Europeans, losing 3-2 in the quarters, but I'm hoping the team can come together and get another medal somewhere."

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Maria's magic memories

Champion bows out at the top to focus on TV career

When Maria Tsaptsinos took her fourth championship point to beat her great friend and rival Tin-Tin Ho in last year's Women's Singles final, little did we know it would turn out to be her Nationals swansong.

Yet that is exactly what has transpired, as she is not defending her title, nor the Women's Doubles she won alongside Ho and the Mixed Doubles she landed with Sam Walker.

Tsaptsinos now works for ITV Sport and has been part of the production team for huge events including the football World Cup, the 6 Nations and the FA Cup.

Her burgeoning career is such that she has not been able to put in the hours in the practice hall and does not believe she would do herself justice here in Nottingham.

"I don't think I could defend the titles the way I would want," said the Reading athlete. "It's difficult with my work schedule – I work most weekends and I'm on the move constantly, so it's too difficult to practise and keep up a high level.

"I feel that I have achieved as much as possible with the opportunities given to me, and that I need to pursue my TV career and see where that will take me."

Tsaptsinos began playing aged 11 at the Kingfisher club in Reading and credits the club and her early coach and mentor Brian Halliday

“ I have very fond memories of the Nationals and, even though I won two singles titles, I just loved playing doubles with Tin-Tin ”



Maria wins the Women's Singles title last year

with launching her on the path to England representation.

"Brian really supported me through the early years of my career and helped me fall in love with the sport," reflected Tsaptsinos.

Halliday passed away in 2015, but he was in Tsaptsinos' corner for her first titles on the national stage, at Under-14 and Cadet level in 2011 and 2012 respectively, providing her with one of her strongest memories of competing at the Nationals through the age groups.

"When I won a singles title for the first time, bringing that back to Brian in the corner was great," she said. "He was there for my first two titles in the age groups, under-14 and under-15, but he wasn't able to see me win another one in person.

"I have very fond memories of the Nationals and, even though I won two singles titles, I just loved playing doubles with Tins (Ho).

"It's a tough tournament and you have to be focused, we won it five times together and that's my fondest memory.

"I love playing mixed doubles with Liam McTiernan from my Kingfisher days, and it's a bit of a family affair too, they all come to watch – and how often can you say you've had your dad in your corner, which I've had the last few times. So, yes, lots of happy memories."

Equally, Tsaptsinos has given spectators at

the Nationals some wonderful memories too, not least her two Women's Singles titles in 2019 and 2022. As well as those victories, she has six Women's Doubles titles to her name – five with Ho and one with Kelly Sibley – and won the Mixed for the first time last year, alongside Walker.

She plans to be among the spectators on Finals Day to see who takes her titles, a chance to enjoy the event without the associated pressure.

"It's a very prestigious event and one of the few times you get all the best players in England up against each other," she said. "It's nerve-wracking as well as you're going up against everybody.

"From under-15s onwards, I made it up to No 2 in the rankings but never quite got to No 1 – I guess I've got Tin-Tin to blame for that!

"But it means you're never the underdog, so you feel a lot of pressure and you're playing against people who want to beat you to prove themselves. You've got to be on your top game and it's a lot of mental pressure.

"I'm lucky I've been able to play every single one I've been eligible for, except when I was injured in 2020. I've never come away feeling disappointed, even though I've lost in finals and semi-finals.

"Having two singles titles is more than I can imagine when I first picked up a bat – I'll take that!"

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Maria with her inspiration and mentor Brian Halliday (above); showing off the Junior national title (below); and on interview duty with Tin-Tin Ho after another doubles title (bottom)





Billy Shilton in singles action at the World Championships and (right) celebrating winning doubles gold with partner Paul Karabardak and coach Greg Baker

Doubles champ Shilton turning single-minded in medal hunt

It has been said that perseverance has its own reward. For Billy Shilton, winning gold with Paul Karabardak in the men's Class 14 doubles at the World Para Championships in Spain last November was certainly a case of triumph over adversity for the 24-year-old from Gloucestershire.

After winning bronze in the men's Class 7 singles and team silver with Will Bayley at the European Championships in 2015, Shilton's meteoric rise was blown off course when he was subsequently reclassified into Class 8.

His hopes of competing in the Rio Paralympic Games disappeared but he refused to give up on his dream and his dogged determination and years of hard work, in addition to his pure natural talent, have resulted in a Paralympic team bronze in Tokyo as well as a world title and a new career-high singles ranking of seven in the world.

"When I was reclassified my initial thought was my career was over," admitted Shilton. "I was so young at the time and it was so unexpected I didn't really know how to react."

"I spoke to Will because it happened to him as well – he went from Class 6 to Class 7 before Beijing – so at least I had someone there

who understood the situation, which was helpful. But it was a strange feeling because it was like starting all over again against new players.

There was a period where I wasn't enjoying playing that much and it was a new challenge and quite difficult because my level at the time wasn't good enough to compete in Class 8, but it has really pushed me on.

"Looking back, I'm quite happy with how I handled the situation. I knew I wanted to be world champion or a Paralympic medallist in singles and I never lost track of those goals and that motivates me every single day when I come into training. It is all I think about and I think that sort of mentality of never giving up helped me a lot and put me in the position I'm in now."

Doubles replaced team events in Para table tennis last year, which has proved to be a massive opportunity for Shilton, who has long been considered one of the strongest doubles players in the British squad.

"I think one of the best parts of my game is my receive," he said, "and that is really good for doubles because you can set your partner up and I think the communication I try to use with whoever I am



playing with is also one of my strong points. I don't feel there is any particular thing I did in training – it just came quite naturally to me from when I was younger.

"I didn't play doubles much when I was a kid, so it is quite random for me to be considered one of the best doubles players in the team, but I really enjoy it and it is good to have that camaraderie with your partner as well.

"I started playing doubles with Will and learnt so much from him. It gave me confidence, especially when we beat the two Class 8s from Ukraine one year in Italy. Will gave me a lot of confidence when I started and helped to make me the player I am now in doubles, so it's credit to him really."

Having broken into the top 10 of men's Class 8 last year after taking singles medals in Spain, Czech Republic and Greece, Shilton is focused this season on reproducing his world title-winning doubles form in his singles as he bids to qualify for Paris in 2024.

"Being world champion has given me belief that I can do it and I want to bring that into my singles more," he said. "I had a couple of good wins last year that got me over the line in qualifying for the Worlds and beating Clement (French world No 9 Clement Berthier) in the World Championships was a big win for me mentally. He is someone I'd lost to the last three or four times I'd played him, and I don't like playing him so it was massive for me to beat him – it definitely gives me that extra belief and hopefully I can bring that into my singles."

With Ross Wilson at world No 2 and Aaron McKibbin at world No 4, the British team has a strong hand in men's Class 8 and these Championships will provide an opportunity for Shilton to put his singles credentials to the test in what is sure to be an intense battle for bragging rights in the training hall.

"I think it's going to be good," said Shilton. "We'll all be friends at the end no matter what happens, but none of us will be taking it lightly. It will be serious competition and Ash (Class 9 Ashley Facey) is playing as well. We all train together and never know who is going to win, so it will be tough as we know each other's games so well. But I'm looking forward to it and hopefully I can get the win."

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During these Championships, the Mike Watts Achievement Award will be presented to Ella Pashley (above) and Ralph Pattison (below) for the 2021/22 season.

The award is given annually to the girl and boy with the greatest improvements in ratings points between August 1 and July 31 each year.

The award is in memory of Mike Watts, who is remembered here by DIANE WEBB, Chair of our Archives, Museum & Records Committee and a personal friend of Mike.

Mike Watts loved table tennis. His passion and enthusiasm were infectious, his knowledge and commitment immense.

From Local League to County to National to International roles, which included ETTA Events Manager, he was one of the very best. His major roles included Office Manager at the World Championships in Birmingham in 1977 and Director for the World Championships in Manchester in 1997 and the World Veteran Championships the following year. He was an international umpire and national referee, a qualified coach.

Mike led the formation of Veterans English Table Tennis Society (VETTS) in 1984 and became the General Secretary and later the President. Forming the Society was perhaps his greatest achievement. It led to him being on the ETTU Veterans Committee and, linking with the Swedish initiative, helped with the inauguration of the World and European Veterans Championships.

He was also an accomplished player who represented Warwickshire, Essex, Sussex and Norfolk.

An ETTA Vice-President, recipient of the Ivor Montagu Award and Malcolm Scott Award, he was nominated to become an Honorary Life Member but died before it could be presented.

Respected by all, the Mike Watts Achievement Award, which was first presented in 2003 in Mike's memory, is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the sport he loved.





England's heroes

The gold medal winning moments for Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford (left) in the Men's Doubles and Jack Hunter-Spivey (right) in the Men's Class 3-5 Para Singles were the highlights of a brilliant home Commonwealth Games in Birmingham last year for Team England's table tennis and para table tennis squad.

As well as the golds, there was a Men's Singles silver for Pitchford, and bronze medals for the Men's Team and Ross Wilson. Also pictured (clockwise from top left) are Men's Team bronze medallists Drinkhall, Tom Jarvis, Pitchford and Sam Walker and staff; Women's team members Maria Tsaptsinos, Tin-Tin Ho, Emily Bolton with coach Kelly Sibley; Charlotte Bardsley; Dan Bullen; Men's Class 8-10 Singles bronze medallist Ross Wilson; Fliss Pickard; Sue Bailey; Members of the amazing team of volunteers at the NEC; Referee Karen Tonge OBE; Umpires on the field of play.

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Table Tennis England's Strategic Plan

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Scan this QR code to watch the Table Tennis United launch video. Visit tabletennisunited.co.uk to read more and download a copy of the strategy.

Table Tennis United is here – our new strategy outlining our vision to turn England into a 'Table Tennis Nation'.

Table Tennis United sets out a series of bold targets across the breadth of the sport – from delivering success on the Olympic stage to strengthening clubs and leagues, from getting more children playing table tennis in schools to creating a world-class coaching and officiating workforce.

Table Tennis United defines our Purpose – *Hosting generations of players at our table* – and our Vision to be *A Table Tennis Nation*.

But it does much more than that, laying out our guiding principles, setting the roadmap to deliver our ambitious plans in the coming years through four central pledges:

- Table tennis will be a thriving community – a sport for everyone with no barriers to taking part
- Culture change across the pathway that inspires world class performances and medal success
- Connection across the table tennis community
- A high performing organisation not just fit for today but fit for the future

People are at the centre of Table Tennis United as we will work with our members, stakeholders, and partner organisations to develop strategies which will be delivered locally across the country by a strong network of clubs and other environments.

We will be driven by data and insight to ensure that our investment is targeted to where it will deliver results, and we will measure the impact of that investment to ensure we are honouring our pledges.

The Table Tennis United website and strategy document detail how we will work to deliver those pledges.

Table Tennis England Chief Executive, Adrian Christy said: "We undertook a wide-reaching consultation, capturing the thoughts of the table tennis community, the wider sporting sector and those from outside the sector. An over-riding 'ask' was for the organisation to be more 'present' locally, to be 'where the people are at' and this will be one of the strategy cornerstones.

"I am confident the strategy speaks to the direction of travel that will see the creation of more opportunities for everyone; inspire and excite more people to fall in love with table tennis, regardless of their background; stronger clubs and leagues; greater and more meaningful engagement with members and fans; more and better developed coaches, officials and volunteers; more players and coaches coming through the pathway and medals at world and Olympic level to make the country proud."

On February 1, we saw the launch of the new Area Manager network which was one of the core elements of the Table Tennis United strategy and a key part of Pledge 1 – "Table Tennis will be a thriving community – a sport for everyone with no barriers to taking part".

This is an important milestone as our Area Manager team will be critical to providing local support across England and working with local clubs, leagues, volunteers and key external partners to ensure we see a growth in participation with a purpose.

There are seven Areas each with an Area Manager – see below to put names and faces to each Area.

The team will be led by Claire Warner, our Senior Area Manager who will be well known to many of our clubs and members.

The team will work closely with colleagues across Table Tennis England to ensure the local voice and local needs are reflected in the work our various teams do and to ensure this is all connected up. It's a critical role and provides local clubs, leagues and volunteers with a local voice across a range of activities.

The team will have a very focused work programme which will concentrate on growing the sport where participation has a sustainable purpose – and this will be in partnership with clubs

Claire Warner
Senior Area Manager



What I'm looking forward to in the role: I am excited to build on the huge opportunity that surrounds our sport – working with the team, clubs, volunteers and partners across the country to grow participation and maximise the game's great potential. I'm looking forward to listening and understanding the needs of the newly established areas, and working with the team to provide opportunities for areas to thrive and achieve their ambitions.



Johnathon Driscoll
London

I'm looking forward to building relationships in the table tennis community and beyond to support the development and delivery of a range of table tennis opportunities in the London Area.

Shaping Our Area Manager network

and other partners. We have to prioritise activity that will achieve the pledges set in Table Tennis United so their work will be driven by this. Pledge 1 is all about a thriving table tennis community and their work will look to achieve that.

I ask members across the sport to support the team and where you feel you can support in helping achieve the pledges in Table Tennis United, please let us know.

I also want to ensure that clubs are supported through these challenging times around finance and facilities and your Area Manager will be your first port of call, so please use them.

Over the next 12 months, each Area Manager will be looking to establish Local Organising Groups for each Area and an Area Delivery Plan that will shape activity in the local area. This will help



Andy Wilesmith
Head of Table Tennis Development

inform where investment will go and where we need to establish partnerships to help us grow that participation with a purpose.

The message I will keep reiterating is as a sport we can't do this alone and our local partners, be it Local Authorities, charitable partners, Active Partnerships, schools etc are a crucial asset and we will work with those willing partners to increase the support and investment into the sport.

It's a real privilege to be the Head of Table Tennis Development for an amazing sport that offers so much and I look forward to working with you all over the coming months and years to continue to build that thriving table tennis community.

Thanks!

Andy Wilesmith

Chris Newton
West



I am looking forward to being reacquainted with some old friends and colleagues who I previously worked with five or six years ago and to see what has changed and developed in meantime. Given that we all know we need to start young people playing at a young age to make champions, I am excited by the prospect of starting another generation of players and trying to adapt league competitions to attract in this new generation.

Martin Ireland
North West



It's great to be back in the North West of England, meeting and working with club and league contacts. As a player, coach and event organiser, I'm a firm believer that table tennis is a unique sport, reaching the parts other sports cannot reach. I'm looking forward to helping clubs and organisations increase table tennis participation of all ages in the North-West!

Chris Turner
East



I'm looking forward to working with clubs and local partners to support and develop the infrastructure to support more people to play as well as supporting the development of competitions across the area.



Lauren Evans
North East

I am looking forward to creating lots of new table tennis opportunities that will help bring the North East Table Tennis community together.



Alan Lane
South East

What I'm looking forward to in the role: I am most looking forward to engaging with partners and clubs across the area and getting more people playing more table tennis, more often.



Stephen Bourke
South West

I'm looking forward to starting with Table Tennis England and working with the clubs and members in my Area and helping grow and develop the sport.

> Men's Singles groups

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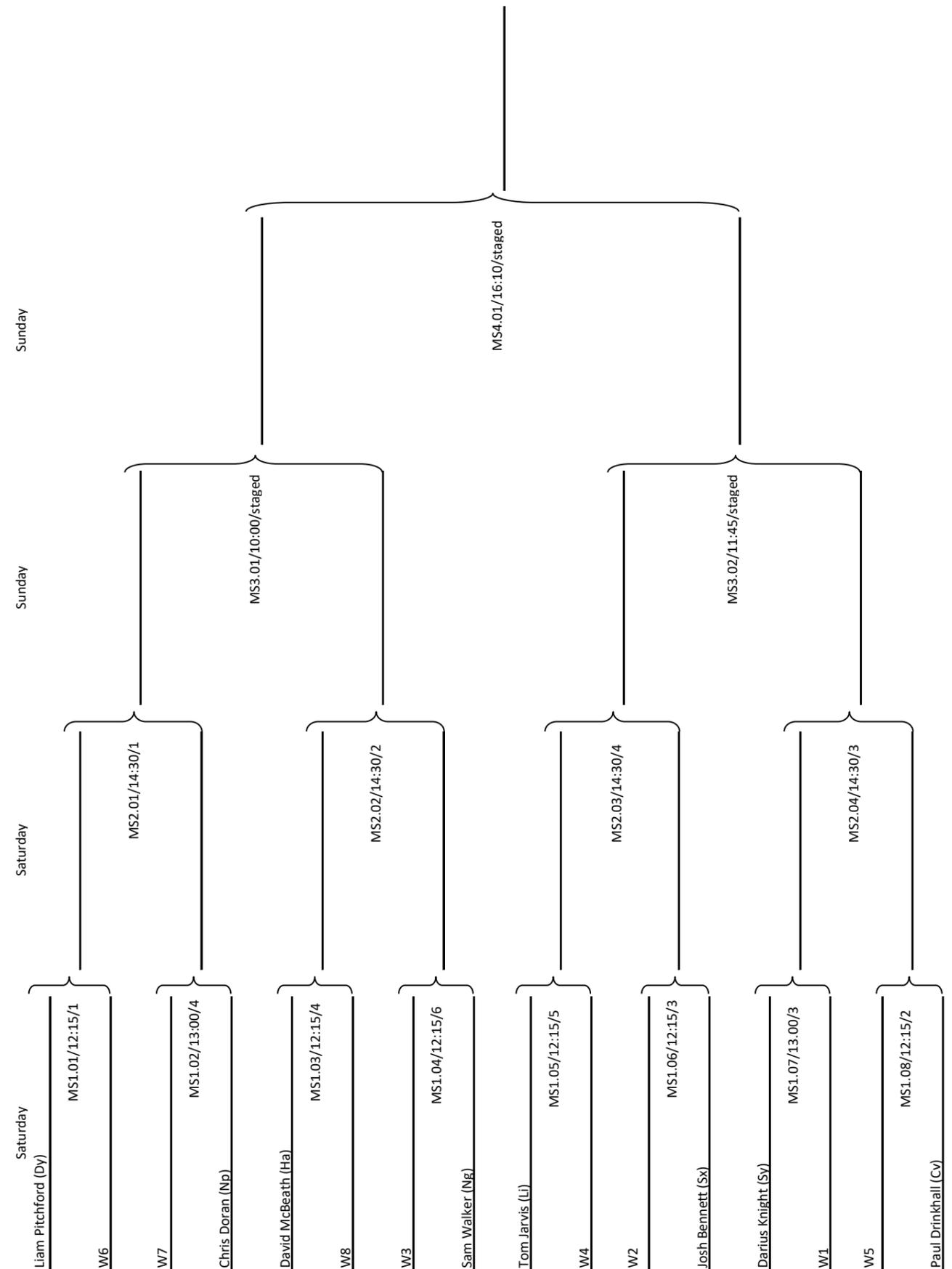
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B	Olly Cornish (Dv)	B	Graeme Barella (Nd)	B	Naphat Boonyaprapa (Ng)
C	Toby Ellis (La)	C	Ben Piggott (Cv)	C	Jake Haygarth (Du)
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16:00: A vs C (T3)		16:00: A vs C (T1)		16:00: A vs C (T5)	
17:00: A vs B (T5)		17:00: A vs B (T6)		17:00: A vs B (T3)	
Group 4		Group 5		Group 6	
A	Joe Ferguson (Cv)	A	Louis Price (Av)	A	Shaquille Webb-Dixon (Sy)
B	Naphong Boonyaprapa (Ng)	B	Alim Hirji (Mi)	B	Josh Bruce (K)
C	Felix Thomis (Bk)	C	Maxim Stevens (Ng)	C	Jakub Piwowar (Dv)
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A	Ismaila Akindiya (Ng)	A	Lorestan Trumpauskas (K)		
B	Larry Trumpauskas (K)	B	Ralph Pattison (E)		
C	Artur Caltabiano (Ha)	C	Adam Dennison (La)		
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> Women's Singles groups

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3	
A	Ella Pashley (Cv)	A	Erin Green (Ng)	A	Amy Marriott (Ys)
B	Evelyn Pace (Cy)	B	Rachael Iles (Bu)	B	Ella Barnard (Nk)
C	Naomi Coker (Dy)	C	Fliss Pickard (La)	C	Mia Longman (Y)
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17:30: A vs B (T5)		17:30: A vs B (T6)		17:30: A vs B (T4)	
Group 4		Group 5		Group 6	
A	Megan Jones (Sp)	A	Mya Sultan (Mi)	A	Anaya Patel (Bk)
B	Mabel Shute (E)	B	Bethany Ellis (La)	B	Saskia Key (K)
C	Olivia Fletcher (Wa)	C	Isabelle Lacorte (He)	C	Lauren Loosemore (Dv)
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17:30: A vs B (T1)		18:00: A vs B (T4)		18:00: A vs B (T1)	
Group 7		Group 8			
A	Sara Williams (He)	A	Rebecca Savage (Du)		
B	Mia Lakhani (Mi)	B	Sienna Jetha (He)		
C	Lisa Rinnhofer (Wa)	C	Abbie Hurley (K)		
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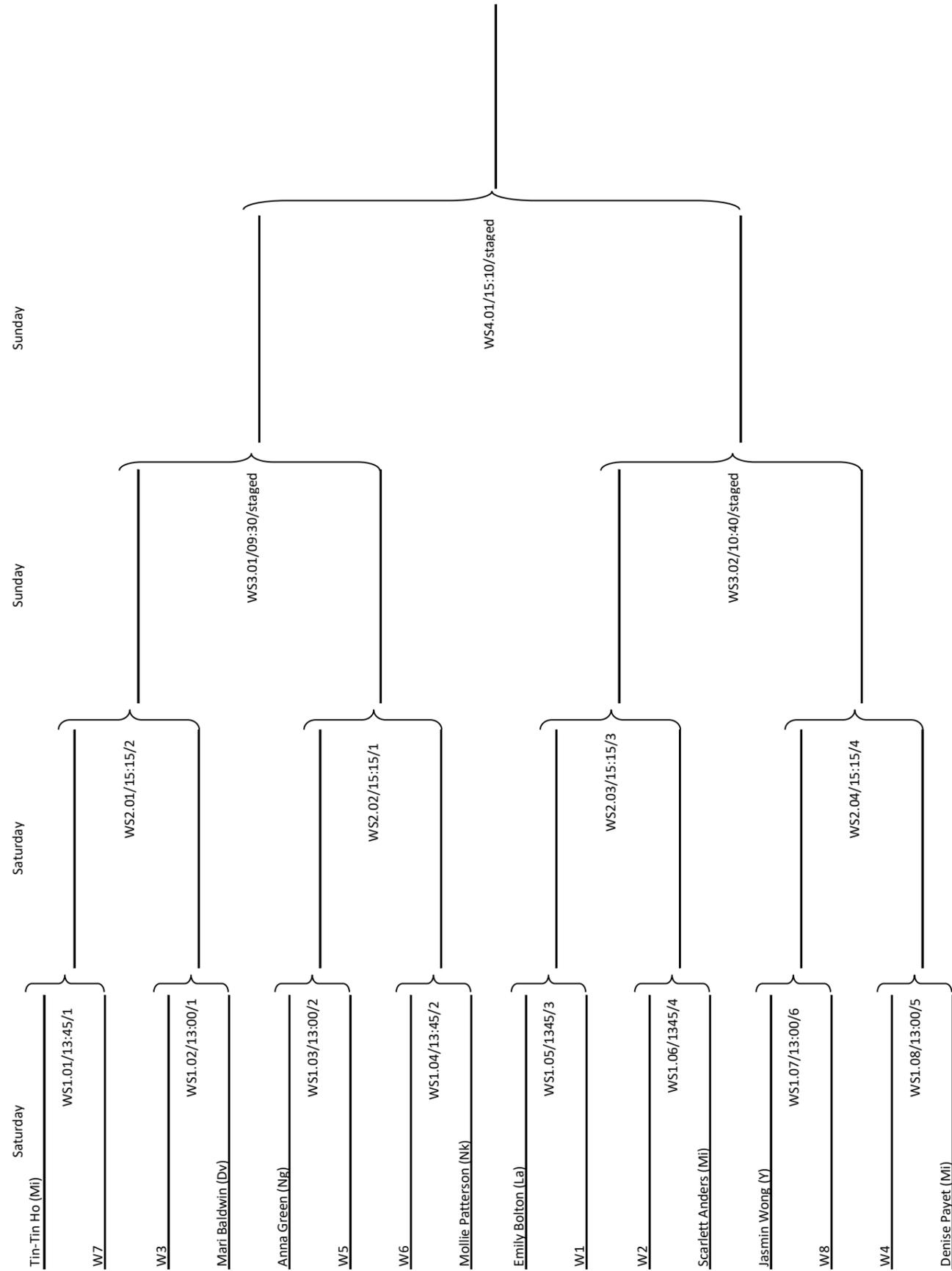
> Men's Singles Knockout

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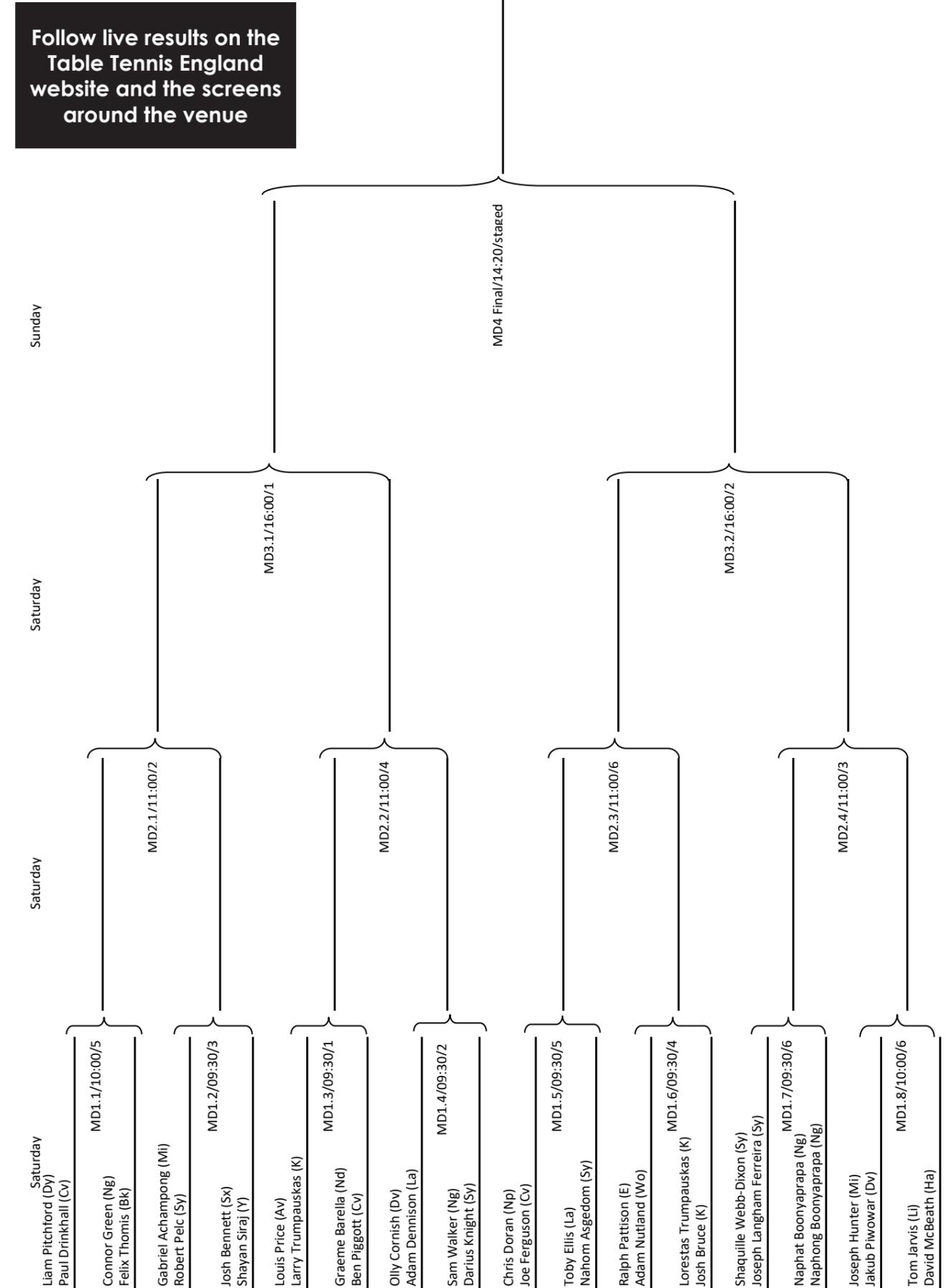
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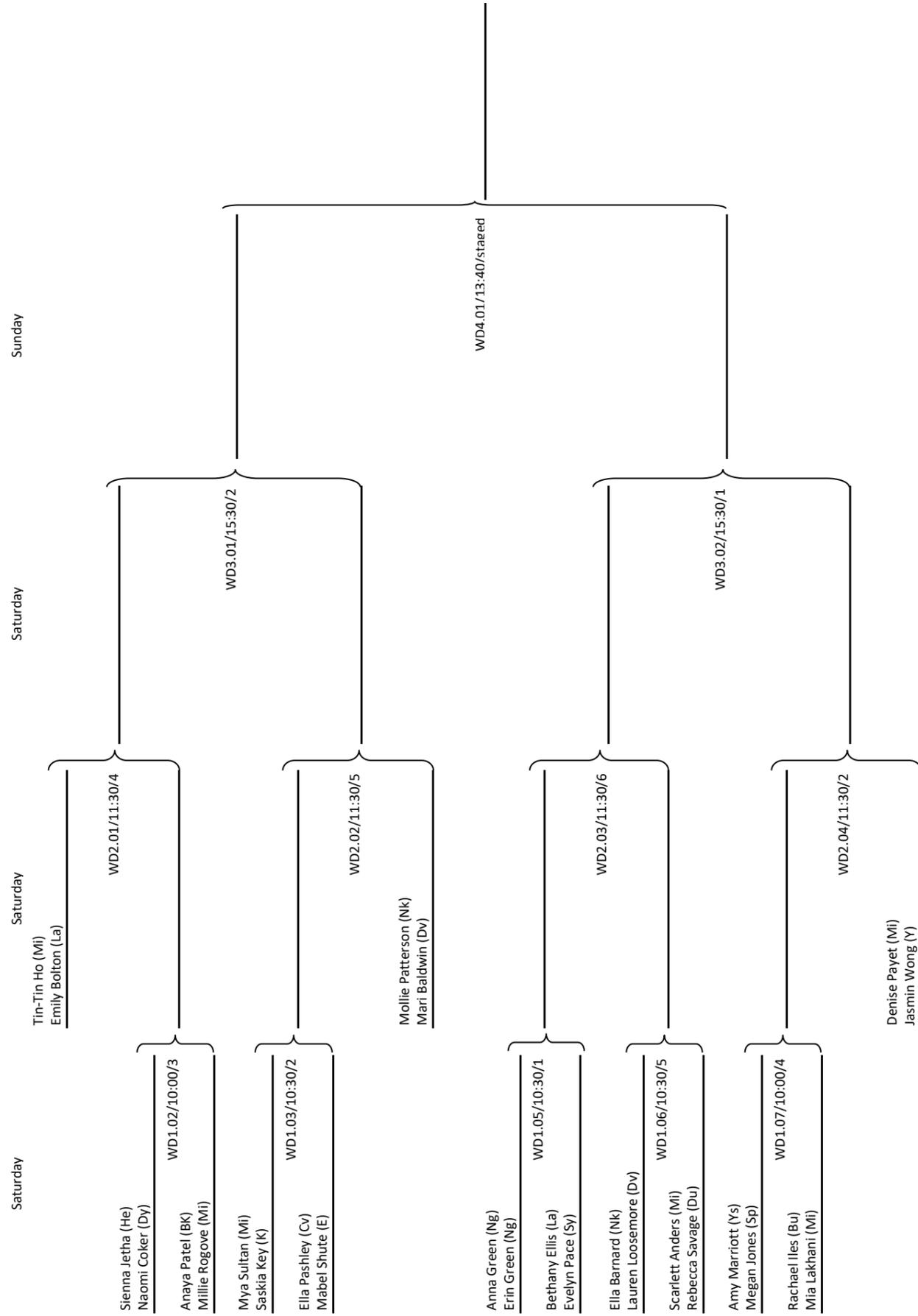
> Men's Doubles

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> Women's Doubles

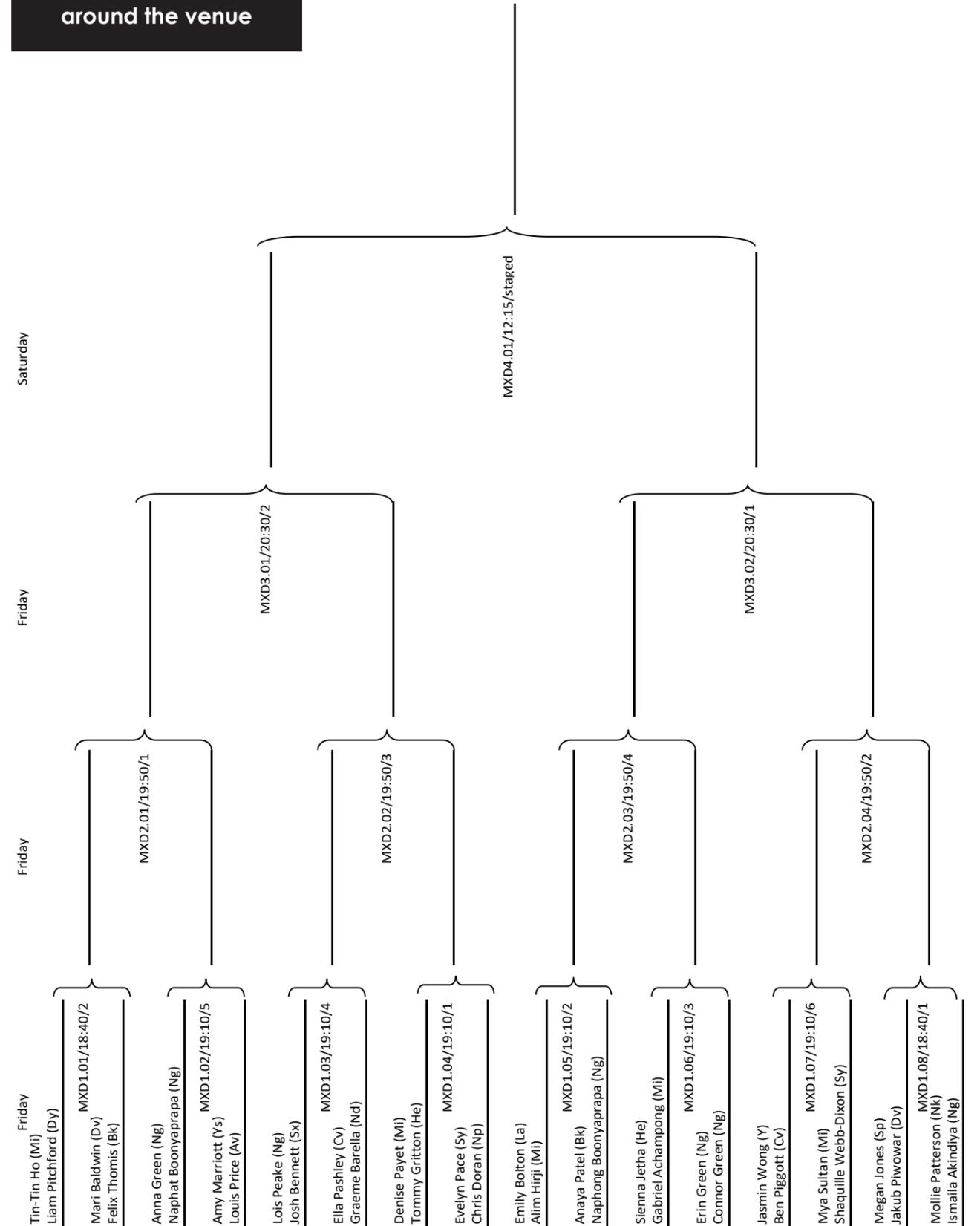
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> Mixed Doubles

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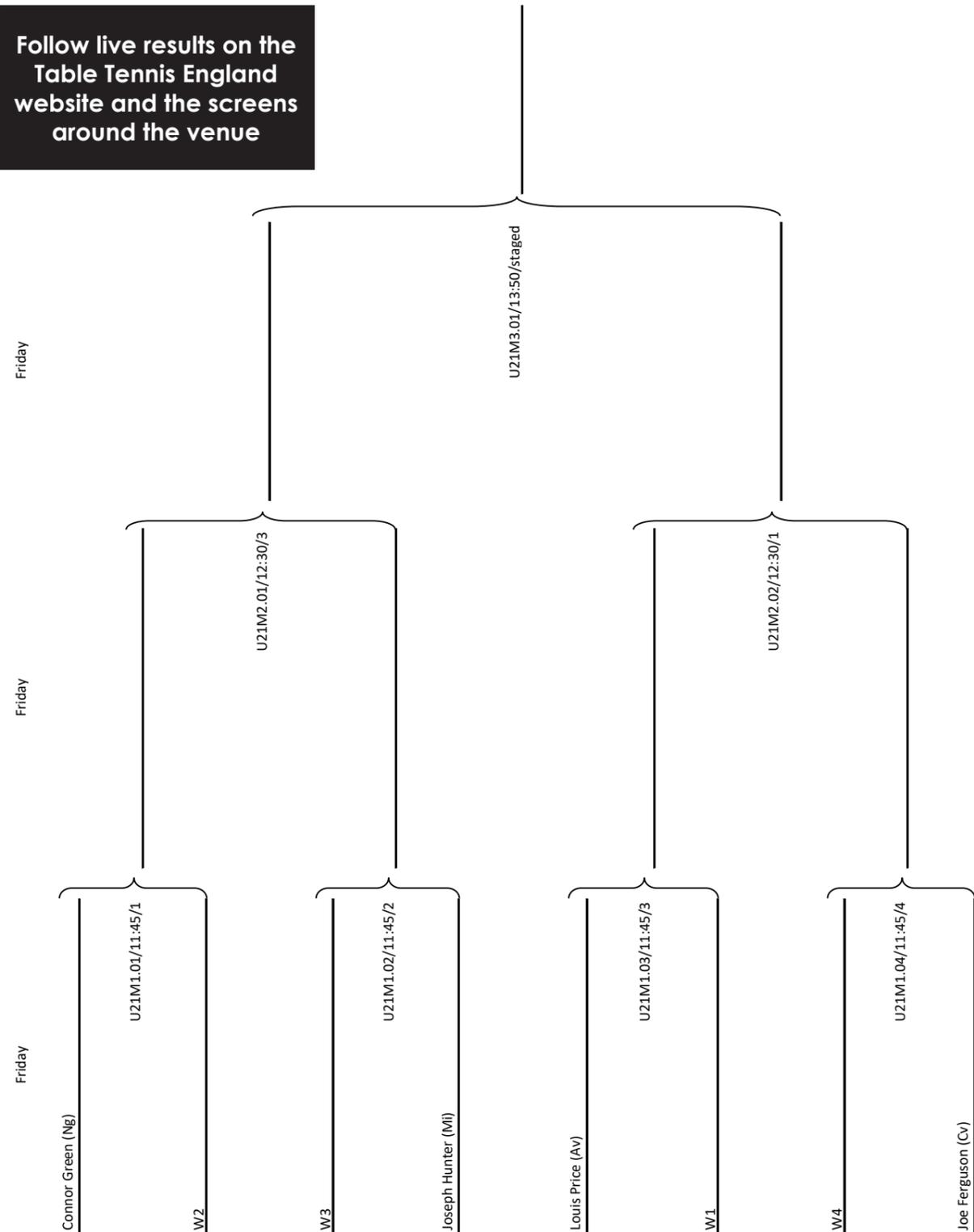


> Under-21 Men

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A	Josh Bruce (K)	A	Larry Trumpauskas (K)	A	Ralph Pattison (E)	A	Rhys Davies (La)
B	Olly Cornish (Dv)	B	Toby Ellis (La)	B	Tom Rayner (Du)	B	Naphong Boonyaprapa (Ng)
C	Nahom Asgedom (Sy)	C	Maxim Stevens (Ng)	C	Krish Chotai (Sy)	C	Robert Pelc (Sy)
Playing order		Playing order		Playing order		Playing order	
9am: B vs C (T4)		9am: B vs C (T2)		9.30am: B vs C (T3)		9.30am: B vs C (T1)	
10am: A vs C (T5)		10am: A vs C (T6)		10am: A vs C (T2)		10am: A vs C (T4)	
10.30am: A vs B (T1)		10.30am: A vs B (T3)		10.30am: A vs B (T5)		10.30am: A vs B (T6)	

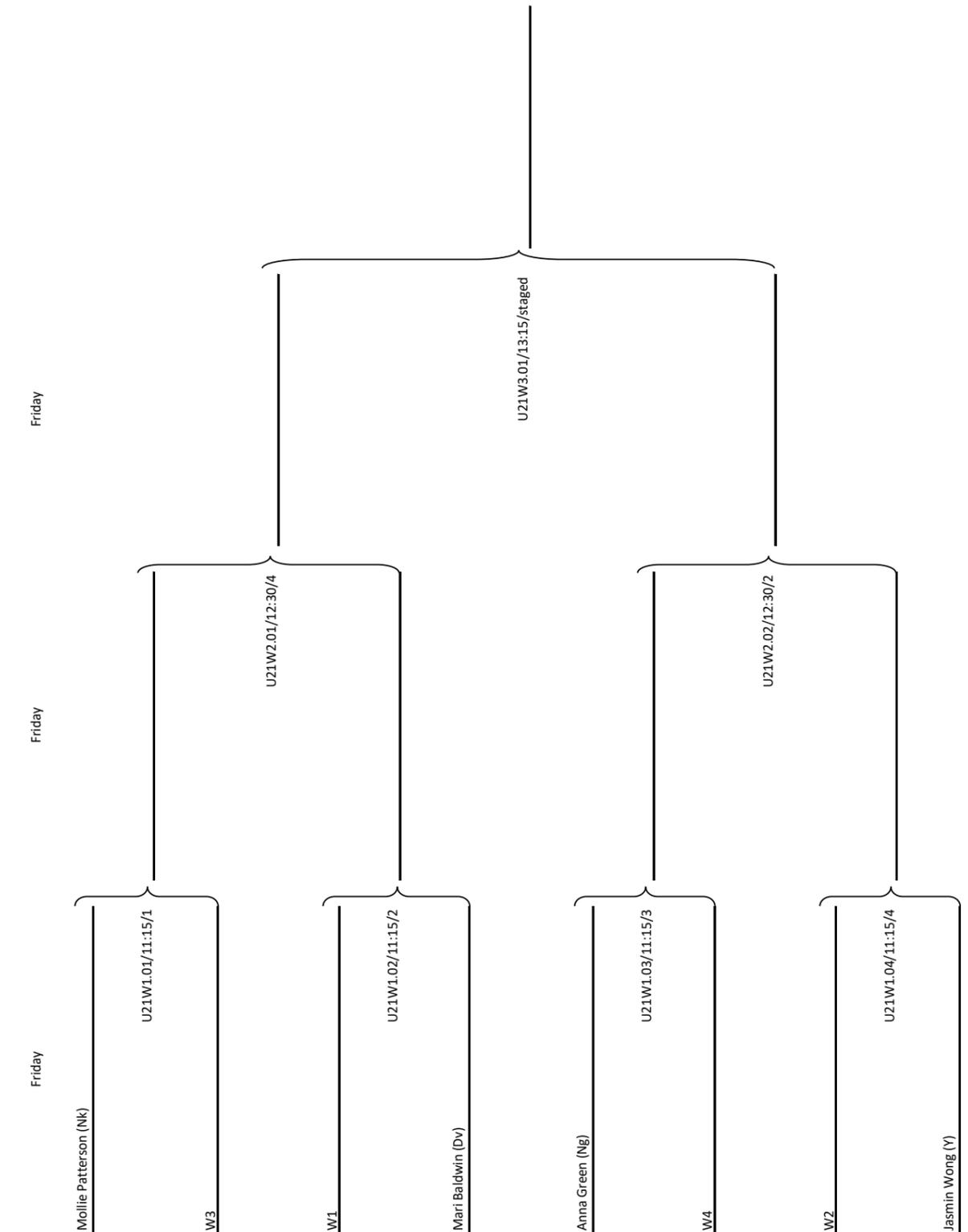
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> Under-21 Women

* Draws may be subject to change

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
A	Scarlett Anders (Mi)	A	Ella Pashley (Cv)	A	Erin Green (Ng)	A	Amy Marriott (Ys)
B	Megan Jones (Sp)	B	Anaya Patel (Bk)	B	Rebecca Savage (Du)	B	Saskia Key (K)
C	Sienna Jetha (He)	C	Rachael Iles (Bu)	C	Bethany Ellis (La)	C	Maliha Baig (E)
Playing order		Playing order		Playing order		Playing order	
9am: B vs C (T1)		9am: B vs C (T3)		9am: B vs C (T5)		9am: B vs C (T6)	
9.30am: A vs C (T5)		9.30am: A vs C (T6)		9.30am: A vs C (T2)		9.30am: A vs C (T4)	
10.30am: A vs B (T4)		10.30am: A vs B (T2)		10am: A vs B (T3)		10am: A vs B (T1)	



> Para competitions

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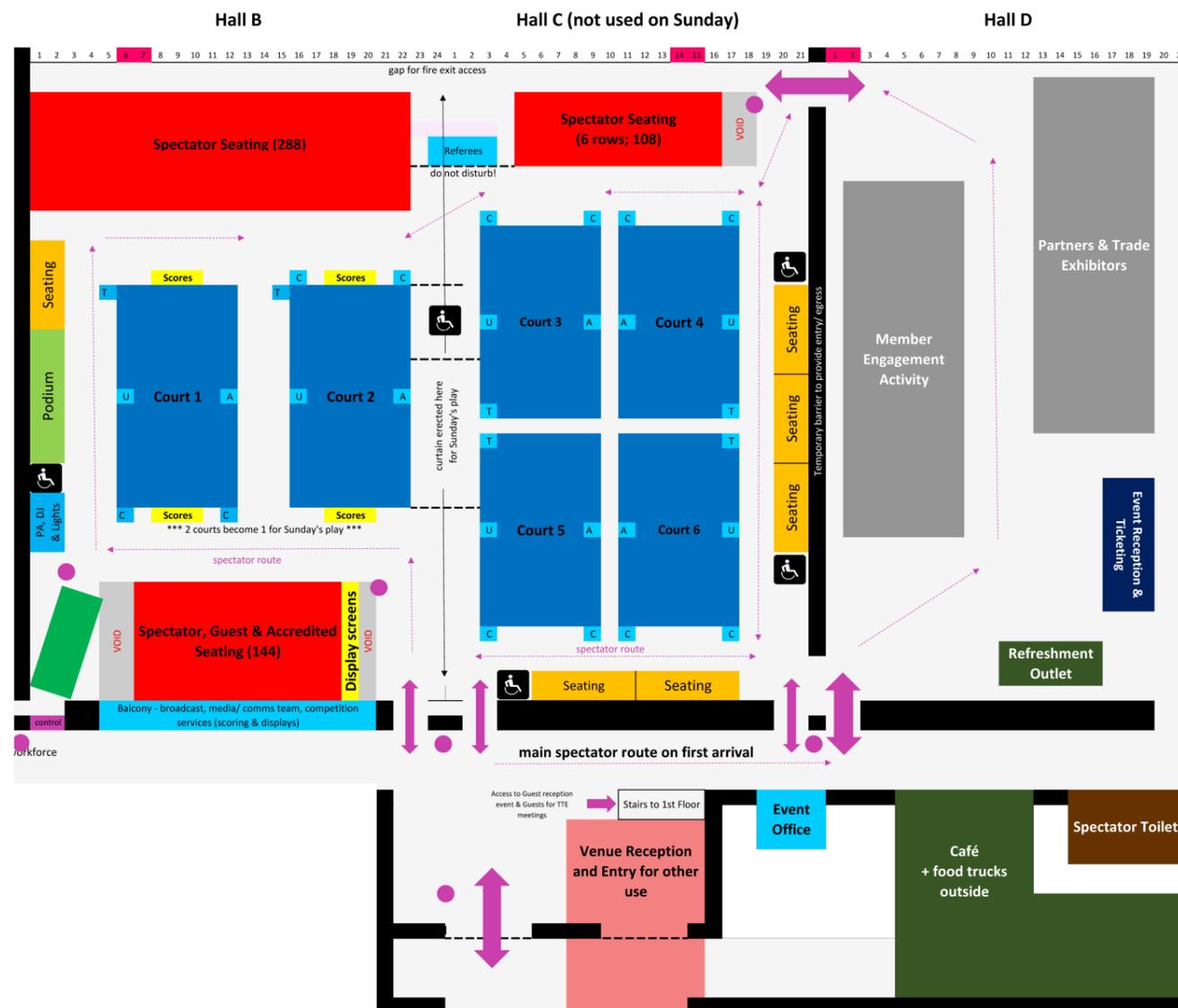
Para Class 2-5 Qualification Groups			
Group 1		Group 2	
A	Jack Hunter-Spivey	A	Megan Shackleton
B	Lee York	B	Simon Heaps
C	Chris Ryan	C	Andrew Green
Playing order		Playing order	
10:00: B vs C (T1)		10:30: B vs C (T3)	
11:00: A vs C (T1)		11:30: A vs C (T1)	
14:45: A vs B (T3)		15:30: A vs B (T3)	

Para Class 6-10 Qualification Groups			
Group 1		Group 2	
A	Ross Wilson	A	Aaron McKibbin
B	Ash Facey	B	Billy Shilton
C	Joe Crouse	C	Max Flint
Playing order		Playing order	
10:30: B vs C (T4)		10:00: B vs C (T2)	
11:30: A vs C (T3)		11:00: A vs C (T5)	
15:30: A vs B (T4)		14:45: A vs B (T2)	

* In each of the para competitions, the top players in each group advance to face each other in the respective finals on Sunday.
See tournament schedule on page nine.

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VENUE GUIDE



EnterTTainment for all in our Fanzone!



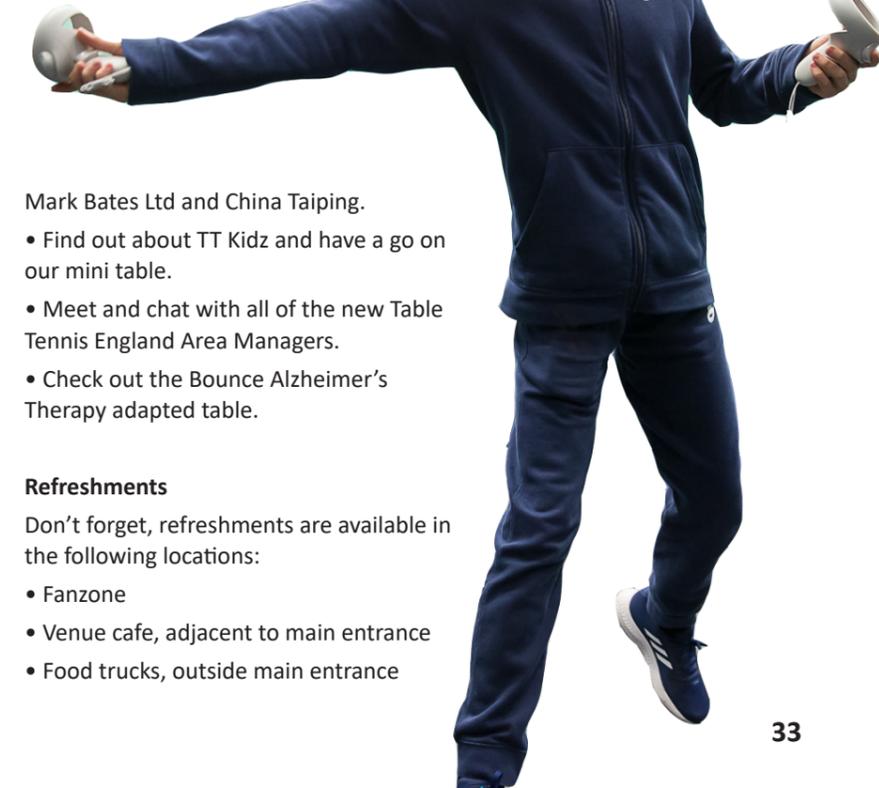
Join us in the Fanzone alongside the main arena and enjoy the following attractions!

Fun and games

- **Speed Gun:** How fast are your shots and can you top our 'speederboard'?
- **Target Board:** Accuracy is key in this tricky challenge.
- **Robot challenge:** Can you master your automated opponent?
- **VR table tennis:** Step into an immersive TT world.
- **Street TT:** Compete against opponents – come back throughout the weekend to improve your rating!

Plus

- Test out a new bat while to take on all of the above challenges!
- Visit the Tees Sport stall for kit and equipment purchases.
- Discover more about our event sponsors,



Mark Bates Ltd and China Taiping.

- Find out about TT Kidz and have a go on our mini table.
- Meet and chat with all of the new Table Tennis England Area Managers.
- Check out the Bounce Alzheimer's Therapy adapted table.

Refreshments

Don't forget, refreshments are available in the following locations:

- Fanzone
- Venue cafe, adjacent to main entrance
- Food trucks, outside main entrance



Last year's Female Volunteer of the Year Dale Ward (above) and Male Volunteer of the Year Chris Beckley (below) receive their awards from Nationals sponsor Mark Bates and Table Tennis England President Jill Parker MBE



As well as crowning our national champions here this weekend, we will also once again be giving our volunteers pride of place, as we honour the sport's unsung heroes at the Table Tennis England Pride of Table Tennis Awards, supported this year by University of Nottingham.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of table tennis in England, so it is vital we recognise the individuals and organisations who are committed to developing and improving participation and performance in table tennis up and down the country.

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

The awards run on a two-year cycle and the 2022/2023 season is year two of the cycle, including awards in 14 categories ranging from Club of the Year and League of the Year to awards for coaches, schools and partner organisations.

This year we are pleased to add the new Lifetime Achievement award. This award recognises a person whose long and distinguished service of an outstanding and exceptional standard, over at least 30 years, has made a real and significant difference to table tennis in a club, league, county or region. And, of course, we have the blue riband awards for Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year, in both male and female categories.

We have received more than 140 nominations to celebrate and honour the fantastic contributions that have been made.



Winners and runners-up at last year's ceremony

In the first stage of the awards, local clubs and leagues honoured their volunteers and young volunteers in both male and female categories. All of those local nominees were forwarded to a regional stage of the awards, alongside nominations in other key categories.

From that stage, the national judging panel decided the finalists, who will be recognised at the special Pride of Table Tennis Awards ceremony on Sunday. The shortlisted individuals and organisations are highlighted below.

Johnathon Driscoll, who leads the Pride of Table Tennis Awards

at Table Tennis England, said: "This weekend is about showcasing table tennis at the highest level in the country, and it's fitting that we also showcase the members of the table tennis community who help our great sport flourish and grow throughout the year by honouring them in the Pride of Table Tennis Awards.

"The awards celebrate the immense contribution volunteers, coaches, officials and organisations provide throughout the year, who are the sport's lifeblood. We would like to thank all of our table tennis family for their efforts – and congratulations to our finalists!"

Club of the Year

For clubs that have made a significant impact or achievement over the past 12 months. This could be by having made a significant contribution to the community or having delivered a successful project that has increased participation and/or volunteering. Clubs must be part of the Premier Club programme to be considered.

Continental Stars TTC
Nominated by Steve Bertie
Worthing TTC
Nominated by Amanda Worne

Coach of the Year

This recognises the outstanding contribution of a coach to get more people starting to play and/or developing players to reach their potential in table tennis over the last 12 months. To be eligible for the regional and national awards, coaches should have a coach licence in place.

Teresa Bennett (Brighton TTC)
Nominated by various
Dave Nouth (Darlington Dolphins TTC)
Nominated by David Marley

League of the Year

To recognise a league which has, in the past 12 months, had a significant impact improving their members' experience of league table tennis and/or increasing the number of players competing within their local league. This may be evidenced by acting on member feedback, introducing innovative new competitions or initiatives such as junior leagues, or growing their current league structure through new partnerships.

Heathrow Table Tennis League
Nominated by Luke Miller

Partner of the Year

This award is to recognise a partner that has gone above and beyond in their support and work with table tennis over the past 12 months. Any table tennis club or league can nominate a partner of the year, which could be a business, charity or any other organisation that may have supported and helped contribute to the success of table tennis.

Sported
Nominated by Colin Eley
Sport in Mind
Nominated by Colin Eley

School of the Year
Archbishop of Cranmer CE Primary School
Nominated by Chris Turner
St Johns C of E Primary School
Nominated by Alastair Williams

Technical Official of the Year

This award recognises the important work carried out by technical officials over the past 12 months. Nominations are invited for those technical officials - umpires, referees, tournament organisers - who have made an important contribution to officiating, either in the field of play or in support of the officiating pathway.

Dan Bullen (St Neots TTC)

Nominated by Karen Tonge OBE and Brian Jackson
Sheila Walshe (Scunthorpe TTA)
Nominated by Jackie O'Shea

Lifetime Achievement Award

To recognise a person whose long service of an exceptional and outstanding standard over at least 30 years has made a real and significant difference to table tennis in a club, league county or region.

Dennis and Margaret Calver (Norwich TTL)
Nominated by Shaun Parsley
Mike Withyman (Somerset County TTA)
Nominated by Jos Kelly

Contribution to Table Tennis

To recognise the outstanding contribution to table tennis this person gives through their time and talents which enables others to participate and succeed – it is open to any age but must be for a recognition of at least 10 years' service in a club, league, county or region.

Jan Johns (Crewe Central TTC)
Nominated by Catherine Ingram
Mike Pantin (Crusaders TTC)
Nominated by Ian Kelly

Inspirational Story of the Year

We are looking to find inspirational table tennis stories which show where table tennis has made a positive impact on someone's life or lives in the last 12 months. Table tennis may have helped them recover from



Our 2023 finalists

a serious illness or helped them to get back into sport and keep fit and healthy. No matter what the story is, we want to hear about it.

Amanda Worne (Worthing TTC)
Nominated by Pedro Santos

Male Volunteer of the Year

To recognise a person over 25 years of age for their dedication, commitment or impact in/on table tennis on a voluntary basis over the past 12 months. This may take place at a club, local community, league, county, schools county, regional or national level.

Henry Arthur (Corby Town TTC)
Nominated by Chris Haynes
Stephen Longmoor (N&B TTC)
Nominated by James Loring
Colin Gower (Bromley Table Tennis Club)
Nominated by Mark Nicholls

Female Volunteer of the Year

To recognise a person over 25 years of age for their dedication, commitment or impact in/on table tennis on a voluntary basis over the past 12 months. This may take place at a club, local community, league, county, schools county, regional or national level.

Josephine Boyd (Frome Table Tennis Club)
Nominated by Sheila Lupton
Bowie Tong (Altrincham Table Tennis Social Group)
Nominated by Harry Au



Scan this QR code to read more about the nominees

Young Male Volunteer of the Year

To recognise a person under 25 years of age for their dedication, commitment or impact in/on table tennis on a voluntary basis over the past 12 months. This may take place at a club, local community, league, county, schools county, regional or national level and includes those young people involved in coaching and/or officiating.

Tom Scard (Salisbury TTA)
Nominated by Richard Penny
Nicholas Walker (Banbury TTL)
Nominated by Barry Hook

Young Female

Volunteer of the Year

To recognise a person under 25 years of age for their dedication, commitment or impact in/on table tennis on a voluntary basis over the past 12 months. This may take place at a club, local community, league, county,

schools county, regional or national level and includes those young people involved in coaching and/or officiating.

Mia Soloman (Corby Town TTC)
Nominated by Henry Arthur

Level the Table Award

The level the table award is given to an individual or organisation for outstanding volunteering with underrepresented groups, e.g. ethnically diverse, women and girls, disabled in table tennis over the past 12 months.

Juliet Bertie (Continental Stars TTC)
Nominated by Steve Bertie
Sally Hughes (Worthing TTC)
Nominated by Becky House

Special Panel Award

Sue Hayes (Cippenham TTC)
Nominated by Brian Whitehead

Sandra's pride at Nationals evolution

As she attends her last Senior National Championships as Table Tennis England Chairperson, we asked **Sandra Deaton** to reflect on how the Nationals has evolved and improved during the years since she took office in March 2014.

"As I walk into the David Ross Sports Village, I'm so proud of the presentation of our Senior National Championships.

"It now attracts more spectators, provides a first-class streaming service for our table tennis family and, thanks to Mark Bates Ltd we have financial support. The event is now truly an elite competition.

"Secondly, through the qualification process I am delighted that our aspiring young players have the opportunity to test themselves against our current senior players.

"Finally, I am proud of the equality this competition displays, both through equal prize money for men and women and through the fact that our elite English para players also compete here."



Sandra Deaton chats with Darius Knight (left) and presents a Pride of Table Tennis award (right) at the Nationals. Above: a TV camera focuses on the action



Another reason to be proud as TT Kidz breaks records!

More clubs and programmes than ever before were involved in the latest round of TT Kidz – the fun, engaging and inspiring table tennis programme for seven-to-11-year-olds.

A total of 34 clubs between them delivered 40 eight-week programmes up and down the country from Devon to Newcastle.

An amazing 381 children signed up and received kit bags and played within clubs, many for the first time.

The TT Kidz network of clubs also continues to grow, with 16 clubs delivering the programme for the first time and joining a network which now stands at 74 clubs which have delivered the programme over the last three years, introducing close to 2,000 children to the game.

In addition, all these clubs have a kit bag which they can use for delivering the programme in schools, growing the number of children experiencing the game all the time and supporting school-club links.

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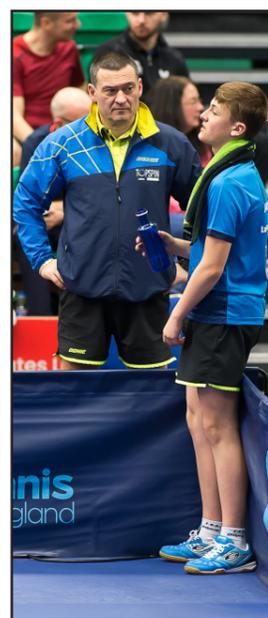
More than 170 players competed at the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships Qualifying Tournament in January, with 14 men and 14 women qualifying, including winners Ella Pashley and Darius Knight (below)





Clockwise from top left: Emily Bolton; Sam Mabey; Rachael Iles; Larry Trumpauskas coached by his father Lorestas, who both qualified for the Men's Singles; Gabriel Achampong celebrates a big win with coach Liam McTiernan

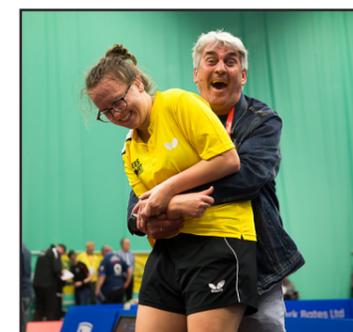
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- Men's Singles**
Tom Jarvis
- Women's Singles**
Maria Tsaptsinos
- Men's Doubles**
Sam Walker & Tom Jarvis
- Women's Doubles**
Tin-Tin Ho & Maria Tsaptsinos
- Mixed Doubles**
Sam Walker & Maria Tsaptsinos

2022 roll of honour

- Para class 3-5**
Jack Hunter-Spivey
- Para class 7-10**
Ross Wilson
- U21 Men's Singles**
Shayan Siraj
- U21 Women's Singles**
Charlotte Bardsley



Clockwise from top: Tom Jarvis and Sam Walker line up with the mascots before the Men's Singles final; Maria Tsaptsinos and Tin-Tin Ho; Jack Hunter-Spivey; Shayan Siraj; Ross Wilson; Charlotte Bardsley; Tom Jarvis and Maria Tsaptsinos celebrate with their fathers after their singles victories

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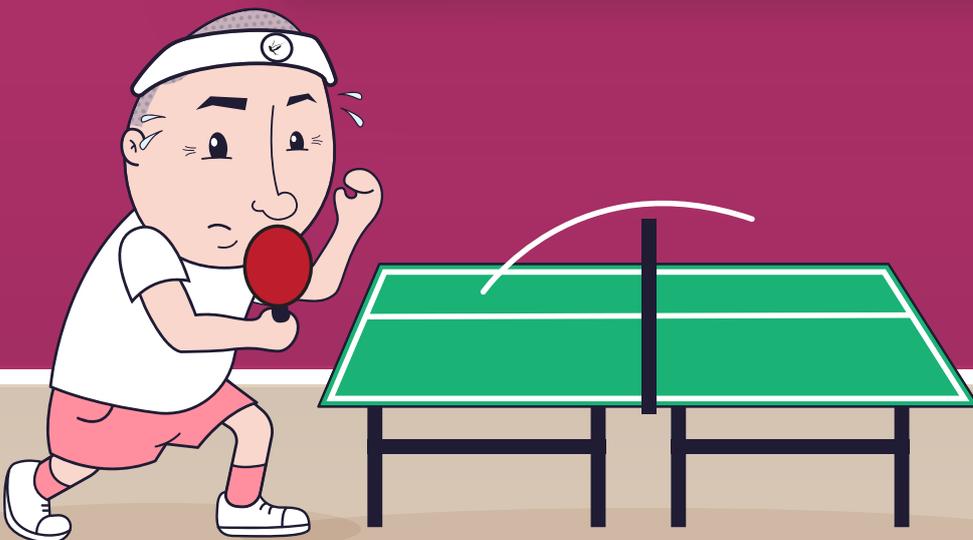
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