



MIDDLESEX TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The recent World Championships could be viewed on satellite TV— Eurosports as well as the Internet. I for one whenever possible took the opportunity to watch some matches on the ITTF TV site.

The Chinese domination was not a surprise though the winner of the Men's Singles was somewhat unexpected. They won all the events!!!!

English players did reasonably well, Kelly Sibley & Joanna Parker came through their qualification groups in the Women's Singles, Sibley losing in straight sets to Ma Eum Song and Parker was very unlucky to lose her 7 sets encounter against Yuka

Ishigaki 13-15 in the decider.

In the Men's Singles Paul Drinkall had as his opponent in the first round proper the seasoned and highly ranked Vladimir Samsanov who won in straight sets. Liam Pitchford lost his match against Koki Niwa of Japan 2-4 in an entertaining match. Carlos Machado of Spain beat Andrew Baggaley 4-1 also in the 1st round.

None of our Men's doubles partnerships made it through to the main rounds. Kelly Sibley & Joanna Parker did qualify in the women's doubles, losing their first round to Ai Fukuhara and Kaumi Ishikawa of Japan 0-4.

Paul Drinkall and Joanna

Parker won their 1st round encounter, just!!, 4-3, beating Chaisit Chaitat & Nanthana Komwong of Thailand and were then defeated in the next round by Yuk Cheung and Hua-jun Jiang of Hong Kong.

Picture below—Zhang Jike, courtesy ITTF



HIGHLIGHTS

- China once again dominate the World Championships
- Gold for Zhang Jike & Ding Ning

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS U11-U14

The National Championships for the U11– U14 age groups was held from 30th April to 1st May at The Dome in Doncaster.

Boy's U-14 - Zachary Bull came second in his group losing to Sam Mabey 1-3 (8-11, 7-11, 11-9, 4-11), Tyrone Wells won his

group, Gabriel Achampong came second in his group, losing to Miles Chan in a closely fought match 2-3 (11-7,5-11,11-6,3-11,4-11), Vincent Stacey also finished 2nd in his group, Daniel Wright won his group. In the knock-out stages, Vincent Stacey lost

to Helshan Weerasinghe in the last 16, Daniel Wright lost to Jack Bennett in the Q-F, Zachary Bull lost to Daniel Wright in the 1st Round, Tyrone Wells lost to Marcus Giles in the Q-F, Gabriel Achampong lost to Tyrone Wells in the last 16. **contd. page 4**



Igor Runner-Up
Cadet-Masters

CADET MASTERS

The weekend of 21/22 May saw the National Cadet Masters being hosted by the Draycott & Long Eaton Table Tennis Club at the Draycott Table Tennis Centre.

The event saw several hard fought matches as players battled for the title. Also present at this event was the England Selection Panel comprising Peter Charters, Nicky Jarvis, Carole Moore, Jill Parker and Desmond Douglas.

In the Boys event the top seed was Helshan Weerasinghe (Sussex) and 2nd seed was our very own Igor Morais. The format was a round-robin one which finally saw Helshan take

on Igor in the final round, both of them undefeated and therefore this match would see the winner crowned "Master".

Igor had previously beaten Helshan in the National cadet Championships in a closely fought battle, so expectations were high. Both player played extremely well with Helshan just shading it in the 5th and final game 11-9 to become the Master Cadet. Tyrone Wells the other Middlesex player in this event finished a credible 6th. Well done both.

The girls event saw Middlesex No.1 Tin-Tin Ho start as favourite for the title. She did not disappoint. She won the title

without losing a match. Well done Tin-Tin. Eda Aydin our other representative finished 13th. Well done both.



Tin-Tin with Carole Moore, picture courtesy of ETTA

Photos & Videos needed of Middlesex Players in action during the coming season for our website.

Parents of our younger players, I would be grateful if you could send me any photos during tournaments or county matches or even articles. These would be appreciated.

TABLE TENNIS IN MIDDLESEX

.Having been on the Middlesex Table Tennis Association Committee for just over a year, I feel I ought to give you, from my perspective the state of Table Tennis in our county.

Having seen first hand some of our very young players in action, I feel comfortable in the knowledge that in years

to come and all being well, we have enough of talent, though going by what past & present committee members have said, there was more in -depth talent then there is at present.

On the Junior & Cadet front we have quite a few players and that is very promising. The question is will they

continue to play table tennis once they are much older.

I'm afraid that deep down I suspect that only a few will what with the pressures of society today, focus is on earning a living that will ensure a comfortable life-style and often means giving up on recreational activities.

What do you think?

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS—SENIOR, JUNIOR & CADETS

The County Senior 1st team have won their 1st 3 matches in the Premier Division.

The County 2nd team won 3, drew 1 and lost 3 in the Division 1b of the County Championships.

The Junior 1st team won 2 and drew 1 of their 3 matches played in the Junior Premier Division. The Junior 2nd team lost all 3 of

their matches played so far in Division 1b.

Congratulations to the Cadet team comprising of Igor Morais, Tyrone Wells, Vincent Stacey, Tin-Tin Ho & Eda Aydin who won all of their matches in the Cadet Premier Division, beating Warwickshire 10-0, 9-1 wins against Kent, Worcestershire & Glamorgan, 8-2 against

Yorkshire & Surrey and their toughest match 6-4 against Sussex. This is their 5th consecutive title. Well done.!!!

George Walsh



STAINES LEAGUE—FINAL TABLES BY STEVE GENNARI

Division 1	1	Ashford Alligators	20	18	2	154	26	154	Division 2	1	Ashford Iguanas	28	26	2	207	45	207
	2	Ashford Cheetahs	20	16	4	115	65	115		2	Ashford Jaguars	28	26	2	199	53	199
		Twickenham								3	Ashford CA	28	24	4	181	71	181
	3	Brunswick	20	14	6	111	69	111		4	Grosvenor B	28	18	10	166	86	166
	4	Ashford Buffalos	20	13	7	110	70	110		5	Ashford Hyenas	27	19	8	162	81	162
	5	Wycombe House	20	15	5	109	71	109		6	Nomads B	28	17	11	153	99	153
	6	Ashford Dolphins	20	11	9	98	82	98		7	Grosvenor C	27	15	12	149	94	149
	7	Nomads A	20	6	14	79	101	79		8	Grosvenor A	28	15	13	134	118	134
	8	Ashford Eagles	20	7	13	76	104	76		9	Ashford Lions	28	16	12	131	121	131
	9	Whitton CA	20	7	13	74	106	74			Ashford Kangaroos	28	11	17	116	136	116
	10	Ashford Foxes	20	2	18	37	143	37		11	Virgina Water	28	8	20	78	174	78
	11	Ashford Giraffes	20	1	19	27	153	27		12	Ashford Newts	28	5	23	59	193	59
										13	Ashford Owls	28	5	23	56	196	56
										14	Grosvenor D	27	3	24	44	199	44
										15	Ashford Magpies	27	0	27	37	206	37

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS—VETS

In the Vets over-60's County Championships the Middlesex team finished runners-up in Division 1b. The team comprising of Dave Crowley, Paolo Cheng, Ian Mablin, Alan Boyle & Lorna Slifkin won 4, drew 1 and lost 1. They had two 9-1 against Essex 2 & Kent 2, one 8-2 against Berks 2, one 7-3 win against HERTS 2, a 5 all draw against Hampshire and the loss was to Surrey.

Well done!!

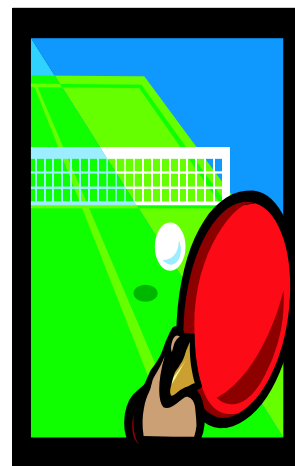
The County 1st team—finished runners-up to Berkshire 1 having won 5, drawn 1 and lost 1.

The 2nd team have finished 6th in Division 2B, winning 1, drawing 3, losing 3.

The 3rd team played Glamorgan and Kent 3 on 12th February. They beat Glamorgan 6-4 and lost to Kent

3 3-7. It must be noted that the Kent team fielded Sule Olayeye who in my view should have been playing in their 1st team considering he is a former world ranked player and has recently won the VETTS Hereford Masters and ultimately finished 7th avoiding relegation.

The 4th team finished 3rd in 4C, winning 4 and losing 2



NEW—REFRESHED WEBSITE & COUNTY AGM

After 10 months of frustration the county is now in total control of it's website which can be found at www.middlesextta.org.uk

The site is still being updated and we expect that this will continue for the next few months. Please register and subscribe to receive future copies of our newsletters

If you possess any memora-

bilia or old handbooks, newspaper articles, photographs, please contact our press secretary—Tony Dias. Copies or photographs will be taken of these and uploaded onto the website. Tony has undertaken to ensure that these items will be returned to you safe and sound.

If you have any other sugges-

tions please write to or contact Tony.

The County AGM is on 23rd July At Eastcote Community Association, the Centre, Southborne Gardens, Eastcote HA4 9SQ.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Committee Members needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Michael Close or Doreen Stannard, details available on page 4



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County Ranking list (Top 5 based on ETTA ratings)

Sr Men.

- 1 ZAK ZILESNIK
- 2 NEIL CHARLES
- 3 IGOR MORAIS
- 4 DANIEL BASTERFIELD
- 5 TOM CUTLER

Jr Boys

- 1 ZAK ZILESNIK
- 2 IGOR MORAIS
- 3 TYRONE WELLS
- 4 RYAN MAYNARD
- 5 PING HO

Cadet Boys

- 1 IGOR MORAIS
- 2 TYRONE WELLS
- 3 DANIEL WRIGHT
- 4 VINCENT STACEY
- 5 CHARLIE AUSTEN

Sr Women

- 1 EGLE ADOMELYTE
- 2 KLAUDIA SZADKOWSKA
- 3 TIN-TIN HO
- 4 SARAH HORSNELL
- 5 BARBARA IZYK

Jr Girls

- 1 TIN-TIN HO
- 2 SALLY HOANG
- 3 MAJADA YASMIN
- 4 SUSHMITA LIMBU
- 5 HARRIET TAYLOR

Cadet Girls

- 1 TIN-TIN HO
- 2 EDA EMEL AYDIN
- 3 SAMANTHA LAI
- 4 DENISE PAYET
- 5 RHIANNON FOLAN

Veteran Men

- 1 C PAPANIONI
- 2 F RASUL
- 3 J SENORIN
- 4 L MIDDLETON
- 5 R ZIVKOVIC

Veteran Women

- 1 SALLY RAYMOND
- 2 SUSAN WILLSON
- 3 LORNA SLIFKIN
- 4 FLAVIA WADE



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS U11-U14 CONTINUED...

In the U-14 Girls Tin-Tin Ho won her group and progressed to the final where she lost her title to Maria Tsaptsinos of Berkshire. Samantha Lai came second in her group and in the knock-out stages lost to Emily Bolton in the last 16.

Eda Aydin finished 3rd in her group and thus did not get into the knock-out stages.

In the U-13 boys, Vincent Stacey won his group, whilst Omar Khassal, Jamie Dignum and Charlie Rabhani came second in their respective groups. Omar won his first round match and then played his county colleague Vincent Stacey losing 0-3. Jamie Dignum and Charlie Rabhani lost their 1st round matches. Vincent was beaten by Matthew Leete (Li) in the quarter-

finals.

U-13 Girls saw Tin-Tin Ho win her group, Jasmine Chan finish 3rd and Eda Aydin finish 2nd in their groups. Eda was beaten by Emily Bolton who played Tin-Tin in the finals where Tin-Tin prevailed to retain her title.

U-12 Boys in the group stages, Jamie Dignum won his group, Kester Pardoe and Omar Khassal finished 2nd in their group. Jamie & Kester were beaten in their 1st round matches in the knock-out stages and Omar lost in the last 16.

Denise Payet won her group in the U-12 Girls and Jasmine Chan was 3rd in her group. Denise went on to reach the final where she was beaten by Jane Li of Essex.

U-11 Boys - James Corner & Alex Rabhani came 1st and 2nd in their group where James prevailed over Alex 3-1. Harry Fang & Zaiim Premji 2nd in their groups. Branislav Zivkovic 3rd & Hardip Dhaliwal was last in their groups. In the knock-out stages James Corner was beaten by Alex Ramsden in the Quarter Finals, Alex Rabhani lost to Marcus Bracey in the last 16 and Harry Fang in his 1st round. Good effort by Zaiim Premji & Branislav Zivkovic in this their first nationals.

In the Girls U-11 Denise Payet was the sole Middlesex player, who went on to the final where she lost a thriller to Kate Cheer 11-13 in the final game.