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## ITTF Pro Tour Grand Finals—London

In November I had the privilege of attending the ITTF Pro Tour grand Finals through the courtesy of an invitation by the ETTA.

I attended the 1st day's play along with a few of my colleagues from the Wembley & Harrow Table Tennis League. The action we witnessed was from all events including the under

21's which started the proceedings with the Boys Singles event.

Darius Knight was a replacement for a Russian player who could not participate in the under 21 men's event.

Throughout the day there were some very entertaining matches, but the best

was the very last match where Gao Ning from Singapore caused an upset when he beat former world number 1 Ma Lin. It was a thrilling match and an unexpected result, especially as Ma Lin led 3-1 only to lose 3-4. Well played Gao Ning. Ma Long won the Men's Title and Liu Shiuwen the Women's.



## 75 years for Ellenborough Table Tennis Club

Ellenborough Table Tennis Club celebrated its 75th year on Sunday 23rd October 2011.

At 4p.m the club opened it's doors "with a chance to renew old friendships and acquaintances."

The organizing committee comprised of David Hope, Harold Webb, Terry Wilson, Bernie Kelly, Peter Bussey, Alan Lamprell, ron Smith, Eileen Corbitt and Keith Ferguson.

A brochure was produced for the occasion. There were congratulatory letters from ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch, MTTA Chairman Michael Close & NMTTL Chairman Alan Shepherd.

Ellenborough TTC has had some excellent players over the years, Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson, Helen Williams, Anne Flowerday, Sylvia Tyler to name a few.

Their current bunch include talented youngsters Vincent Stacey, Sam Cowan, Daniel Wright, Eda Aydin & Denise Payet

The event was well attended with both players past & present and club officials and other dignitaries attending including Alex Murdoch from the ETTA, Michael Close from the MTTA . Presentations were made to Tom Chapman, Alan Shepperd, David Hope, Sylvia Tyler & Harold Webb.

## Special points of interest:

- Ma Long reigns again
- Liu Shiwen denies ding Ming a place in history
- Good showing by English players
- Will Middlesex Seniors retain their title?
- Are the Juniors going to regain their title?



*“Tin-Tin was the only player to win all six games over the weekend”*



Tin-Tin Ho above

Ryan Maynard below



## County Championships — Senior

Our county has won the Senior Championships on several occasions. Another familiar name on the trophy is that of Derbyshire.

Once again it is these 2 counties who are battling it out for top honours after the first weekend of Senior County Championships Premier Division which took place at Cippenham Table Tennis Club in Slough.

There were three newly promoted sides; Avon, Cornwall and Nottinghamshire, who were hoping to retain their Premier Division status alongwith the other established counties and this season could prove to be an interesting one!

Middlesex and Derbyshire both have five points out of six. The two sides didn't meet. It seems that the competition is going to be very evenly matched this year. Middlesex dominated their first round match beating Cornwall 8-2. The team was a very young one – Daniel Basterfield, Ryan Maynard, Tin-Tin Ho and Sarah Horsnell, who were all undefeated in their singles games in this match.

Tin-Tin Ho was the only player to win all six games over the weekend, and held her side together in their 5-5 draw against Avon. She beat Michele Reeves 3-1 and got the better of Melissa Wright 11-9, 11-7, 11-6.

Lloyd Gregory scored a superb 3-1 win over Daniel Basterfield but was found wanting in his second singles, when he lost 3-0 to Ryan Maynard.

In the next match Middlesex had an impressive 8-2 win over Nottinghamshire. Tin-Tin Ho played a tight match against Sophie Neil and despite serving into the net at 8-7 in the final game she kept her nerve to win 11-3, 5-11, 11-7, 6-11, 11-9. Jason Ramage suffered his only defeat when succumbing 3-0 to Daniel Basterfield whilst Ping Ho and Ryan Maynard both beat Mark Green.



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The talented Tyrone Wells above

## County Championships — Juniors

Our Middlesex Junior team head the County Championships Premier Division after the first weekend which was played at Cippenham. The team won all their three clashes by the narrowest of margins beating Yorkshire, Berkshire and Cleveland 6-4.

The team began with a narrow 6-4 victory against Yorkshire with Sam Cowan and Tin-Tin Ho leading the way with unbeaten performances and supported by team mates

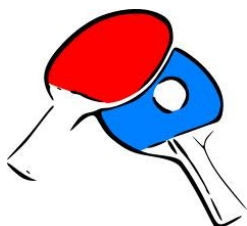
Ping Ho and Sushmita Limbu who each chipped in with one win to confirm their narrow victory.

Berkshire were the next opponents and an all round team effort once again - Cowan recorded two wins with all remaining four players, Tyrone Wells, Tyla Anderson, Tin-Tin Ho and Limeu each chipping in with one win each as once again Middlesex won 6-4.

the girls who were instrumental in the victory as both recorded maximums and with Anderson and Cowan each chipping in with one set apiece Middlesex ended the weekend with three straight wins.

Well done!!!! Keep it up!!!!

Against Cleveland it was





## World Schools Championships—2012

The English Schools' Table Tennis Association has confirmed its teams to face the challenge of the International School Sport Federation World Schools' Table Tennis Championships in Sardinia.

The England team for this, the 10th World Schools' Championships, has a large contingent from London. London schools' represent England in both the Boys' and Girls' School Team events. The Boys' School Team event will see The Harefield Academy, Ux-

bridge represented by Mitchell Jones, Danny Lewis, Baiden Thoroughgood and Tyrone Wells led by Eli Baraty.

In the National Selected Team event, players from different schools join together to form a team. Representing the boys will be Adam Harrison (The King's School, Grantham), Liam McTiernan (Waingels College, Reading), Igor Morais (West London Academy) and Helshan Weerasinghe (The Judd School, Tonbridge). Paul

Birch will be the teams non-playing captain.

The girls' team includes Emily Bates (Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School), Tin Tin Ho (City of London School for Girls) Vicky Smith (Devonport High School for Girls) and Emma Torkington (King's School, Canterbury). Gail Johns will be their non-playing team captain.



Do you know the name of this former Middlesex County Player?

## County Championships - VETS

The 1st team have not had the best of starts this year losing both their matches. They lost to Gloucester 4-6 and then 1-9 to Kent2. The team of Farhat rasul, Jojo Seniorin, Lee Middleton and Rachel Smith hope to rectify this when the next round resumes.

The 2nd team led by Radovan Zivkovic won one and

lost one (2-8 to Wilts & 7-3 against Surrey3)

The 3rd team won 6-4 against Somerset2 and drew with Hampshire2

The 4th team have drawn 2 and lost one, drawing with Herts5 and Surrey4 and losing to Herts4 (4-6).

The 5th team have won 2 and lost one—beating Berkshire5 8-2 and Wilts4 6-4.

The Over-60's team have had 3 great wins beating Kent2, Herts2 and Berks 2, 9-1, 8-2 and 8-2 respectively with Dave Crowley & Chris Pickard undefeated.



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## Sponsors Wanted!!!

In recent times there has been a gradual decline in the number of people playing table tennis and consequently this has affected the number of leagues in existence.

There was a time when Middlesex has had numerous inter-

national players at all age levels and at one time could boast 23 member Leagues, over 30 Inter-League teams and over 80 qualified umpires.

The Management Committee has found it rather difficult to oversee and foster

the growth of our young talented players. However, some of our local leagues are working hard to drive up interest and induct new talent into their leagues.

What we need are Sponsors. Can you help??





## MTTA Management Committee

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## County Ranking Lists (Top 5 based on ETTA Ratings)

Sr Men	Sr Women	Veteran Men
1. Jekwon Choi	Egle Adomelyte	Costas Papantoniou
2. Igor Morais	Tin-Tin Ho	Farhat Rasul
3. Daniel Basterfield	Malgorzata Muda	Jojo Seniorin
4. Tom Cutler	Sarah Horsnell	Lee Middleton
5. Dariusz Zurowski	Barbara Izyk	Radovan Zivkovic
Jr Boys	Jr Girls	Veteran Ladies
1. Igor Morais	Tin-Tin Ho	Sally Raymond
2. Tyrone Wells	Majada Yasmin	Susan Willson
3. Tyla Anderson	Sushmita Limbu	Susan Merican
4. Sam Cowan	Harriet Taylor	
5. Gabriel Achampong	Sayeeda Miah	
Cadet Boys	Cadet Girls	
1. Tyrone Wells	Tin-Tin Ho	
2. Gabriel Achampong	Eda Aydin	
3. Daniel Wright	Hiba Feredj	
4. Senjo Owusu	Samantha Lai	
5. Charlie Austen	Denise Payet	

## Tin-Tin Champion in Portugal!!!

Tin-Tin Ho became only the third English player to return triumphant from the Portuguese Youth Open after winning the Cadet Girls' singles competition in Tavira.

She joins Joanna Parker (2003 Junior Girls' Champion) and Paul Drinkhall (2004 Cadet Boys' Champion) on a prestigious list of victors including previous winners such as Tiago Apolonia, Bernadette Szocs and Dmitrij Ovcharov.

It was the 19th edition of the Portuguese Youth Open and England had sent 10 players to compete in both the singles and team competitions.

With the teams' results

proving fruitless (all four sides finished between eighth and 12th) it was down to the singles competitions to see if any of the young English starlets could produce a big performance.

It proved to be the case with Tin-Tin Ho winning all six of her matches to take the title over favourite Yuan Wan from Germany in a pulsating day of entertainment.

Tin-Tin progressed through her group with relative comfort – only dropping one game, before almost stumbling in the second round to Arina-Dora Singeorzan from Romania (who she lost to in the team matches) but eventually she held on for

a narrow 3-2 win.

Her steady progress continued into the quarter-finals and semi-finals where she beat Swede Tilda Johansson 3-1 before cruising past Jennie Wolf from Germany 3-0 to reach the final.

In the final she met Wolf's team mate Wan who was the number one seed but Tin-Tin showed no break in her form and coasted the title with a confident 3-1 (11-9, 3-11, 11-9, 11-7) win.

National Junior Coach Nick Jarvis said: "Tin-Tin started off in the team event a little bit slowly but as the tournament went on she started taking the ball at the top of the bounce

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and attacking more.

He added: "She played the best table tennis in the important points. At key times in the matches she came out with her best table tennis and when she had to win the point to keep the pressure off she was a star."

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