**Surrey Press Report 2019-20**

At the **European Para Table Tennis Championship** in Helsingborg, Sweden, **Aaron McKibbin** won **Silver** in the team Men’s class 8 event.

**England beat Japan** 3-1 in the Ittf World cup in the group stage. In the match Surrey based **Paul Drinkhall** **beat** Maharu Yoshimura the **World No.48**. **England** also beat **Austria 3-0** to top their group and **Paul beat** Daniel Habeshon 3-0 the **World No.43**. Chinese Taipei beat England in the quarter-finals of the event. Paul Drinkhall reached the quarter-finals of the Portugal Open losing to Qiu Dang of Germany. At the Hungarian Open Paul Drinkhall lost in the final preliminary round to World No.50 Yukiya Uda of Japan. **Paul Drinkhall** was part of the Great Britain team that beat **Argentina 3-0**. Paul Drinkhall beat former World Junior Champion China’s Xue Fei at the Bulgarian Open before losing 4-3 to China’s Zheng Peifeng. Paul also played in the German Open but got knocked out by the world No. 32 Tomislav Pucar of Croatia. Paul also played in the Swedish Open where he had a good run to the last 32 until he was beaten by Japan’s World No.5 Tomokazu Harimoto

Due to a string of excellent results **Danielle Kelly** was picked to play in Kosovo for the Welsh Senior Women’s team in the Euro Qualifiers of the European team Championships against Kosovo, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Malta and Ireland. At the Safirs International Seniors tournament in Sweden she reached the last 16 of the event and also won 2 out of 3 matches in the group in the Swedish Open Juniors to qualify as the only UK girl through to the group stages. She had **noticeable wins** over **Swedish No.2** Hannah Holgersson, **Spanish No.2** Fiona Rad, **Holland’s No.2** Emma van der Zanden and England’s Gemma Kerr. Danielle represented Wales Senior Women in the Finland Open and finished 33 out of 74 the highest of all the other Welsh females. Danielle was selected for the Belgium Junior Open in April. Danielle also played in the Czech Junior Open. In the team event of the Czech Junior Open Danielle had a great win against a Spanish opponent. Danielle Kelly was selected by Wales for the Italy Youth Ittf Open in Lignano. **Danielle Kelly** is now **No. 990** in the Women’s ITTF World Rankings.

**Ollie Maric-Murray** was the **best English finisher** at the **Euro Mini’s** in France. Ollie won through four qualifying stages in the Boys 2007 event narrowly missing out on a place in the main draw beating seven players along the way. After which he won a further three matches in the Consolation event and reached the semi-finals before losing to the eventual winner Noe Keusch of Switzerland. Overall Ollie came fourth in the consolation.

**Danielle Kelly** represented Wales’s Senior Women at the Home Countries Internationals, this year held in Douglas, in the Isle of Man. Danielle and Beth Richards took **Silver** in the team event losing to England in the final. Danielle also had a good run out in the singles where she was seeded 3rd due to winning 8/10 in the team event. She unfortunately went out to a very in form winner Lois Peake in the semi-finals, so picked up a **Bronze** medal.

At the **English National Championships** Surrey based **Paul Drinkhall** **won** the **National Men’s Doubles title** with Liam Pitchford. It is the seventh National Doubles title that they have won together and the twelfth National Men’s Doubles title that Paul has won. In the Men’s Singles Paul reached the final. Shaquille Webb-Dixon and Medha Verma played in the Men’s and Women’s Singles respectively. **Danielle Kelly** was a **semi-finalist** at the **Welsh National Championships** in the Women’s Singles event and had a great **win** over **Chloe Thomas**. Danielle was the Runner-up in the Women’s Singles under 21s. In the Junior Singles Danielle reached the semi-finals. The Junior Doubles had both boys and girls completing in it. Danielle was a runner-up with Beth Richards as her playing partner.Top of Form

At the **Butterfly Schools team national Championships Ernest Bevin** **won** the Norman Cup in the **under-19’s Boys** event with a squad of **Zion Boumpoutou**, **Nahom** **Goitom, Howard Onweng, Adam Banmohamed, Romanie Hilton** and **Kagethan Kunthakumar**. Whitgift School came 3rd in this age group. Wallington came 3rd in the under-16’s Boys event. **Whitgift School won** the T Austin Harris Cup by winning the **under -13’s Boys event** with a squad of **Ollie Maric-Murray, Jacky Lee, Kai Sun Yiu, David Aboagye** and **Thomas Sullivan Ferrarin**.

Congratulations to **Francesco Bonato** who is in the **England Aspire Squad** with **Ojasvii Borah, Krish Chotai, George Noel**, and **Daniyal Palmer** in the **England Hopes Squad**.

**Robert Pelc,** Surrey Junior No.1 has jumped to **No.10** on the latest **England rankings** list. This was after Robert had lots of superb wins at the Junior British League.

**Max Flint won Gold** at the 2019 St. Neots Para Open.

The **Jack Petchey Foundation** did an article on **Goran Maric** and his son **Ollie Maric-Murray**. Read it here at https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/news/jack-petchey-london-schools-table-tennis-team-finals/

**Phil Snelson** is the top Surrey player in the **British Veterans** playing in Division 1 Group 2 playing for Bribar Failand TTC1. Both Graham Spicer 1 and Graham Spicer 2 finished 3rd in their Division 4 Groups with Graham Spicer 2 coming 3rd in the top half of Division 4A where Crusaders were 4th and Graham Spicer 1 coming 3rd in the top half of Division 4B. **Carmen Vadji** playing for MK Ladies in Division 1 of the **Women’s Veterans** League was the top Surrey Veterans Lady. In the **Senior Men’s** British League **Darius Knight** was the top Surrey player playing in the premier Division for Ormesby 1.Godalming Simply Lets 1 were 2nd in the National B Division group 2 and thus the top Surrey team. In the **Women’s** British League **Danielle Kelly** was top Surrey player playing for Fusion1 in the Premier League with a 55% average and Fusion 1 finished the league as runners-up. Graham Spicer TTC 1 were the top Surrey team and they played in Division 4. Fusion 1 were runner-up in the Premier Division of the **Boys** British league with **Robert Pelc** on 64% as the top Surrey player. In the **Girls** British League **Danielle Kelly** playing for Grantham College TTA Girls was the top Surrey Girl.

At the **Preston Grand Prix Danielle Kelly won** the **Band 2** Women’s event, got to the semi-finals of the Women Singles and was runner-up in the under-21 Women’s Singles. Surrey based **Radoslav Kamberov won** the **Open Doubles** with Gregory Vlasov.

At the **Vetts Midland Masters** Rupert Bole came joint 3rd in the over 60’s Singles event beating Rick Jemmott, Raymond Hurst and Mike Rhodes in the process. Diane McLellan was Runner-up in the over 50’s Doubles with Rachel Smith. Guildford League player **Ramesh Bhalla** **won** the **over 80’s Doubles** event with Mike Meredith.

Surrey had a lot of great results at the **Vetts Southern Masters** including: **Tony Needham winner** of the over 70 Men’s Singles and **Phil Snelson winner** of the over 40 Mixed Doubles with partner Julie Lawrence.

The **Swansea Open** Junior Girls event was **won by Danielle Kelly** who beat both Lara Whitton and Beth Richards on her way to the gold medal.

The **Cippenham 4 star Open** saw **Ollie Maric-Murray** do extremely well, where he came 3rd in the Cadet Boys Singles and beat the No.1 Seeded in the Junior Boys Singles. Ollie then made it all the way to the final.

**Francesco Bonato** was runner-up in the **Stockton-on-Tees Junior 4 star** Championship in the under-13’s event.

**Surrey Senior 1st team stay up in the Premier Division** in a mixed weekend where the ladies easily outshone the men, which included a 8-2 win over Derbyshire and a 5-5 draw with Northumberland. The team consisted of **Danielle Kelly, Gabriela Lee, Federica Bonato, Adam Laws, Shaquille Webb-Dixon** and **Joseph Langham-Ferriera**. In the first weekend they had a 5-5 draw with Nottinghamshire, lost 7-3 to Yorkshire and lost 6-4 to Middlesex. The team was Shaquille Webb-Dixon, Joesph Langheim-Ferreira, Adam Laws, Gabriella Lee, **Sandra Go** and 1st team debutants **Robert Pelc** and Federica Bonato.

In Senior Division 2C **Surrey 2nds are Champions!** Well done **Rob Pountney, Richard Pelc Robert Pelc, Isabelle Joubeily, Rachel Tsang, Federica Bonato, Andy Smith** and **Medha Verma**. They beat Cornwall 8-2, Somerset 7-3, Wiltshire 9-1 and Sussex 3 8-2.

The Surrey County Senior 3rd team drew with Cambridge II 5-5, lost to Cambridge I 7-3, lost to Suffolk 8-2, beat Norfolk 8-2. The team consisted of Damien Gray, Asa Gaunlet, Ollie Maric-Murray, Fei-Fei Pei and Jessica Monis. Overall excellent results for a very young Senior team. They also lost to Kent 2 and a very strong Hertfordshire team.

The Surrey Juniors playing in the Premier Division beat Cheshire 7-3, drew with Kent 5-5, drew with Lancashire 5-5, lost to Nottinghamshire 7-3, beat Durham 6-4, beat Devonshire 7-3. Overall the team did excellently and came third in the Premier League. The team consisted of Robert Pelc, Ollie Maric-Murray, Henry Maric-Murray, Danielle Kelly and Federica Bonato.

Surrey’s Junior 2nd team beat Middlesex1 8-2, Middlesex 2 10-0, Norfolk 10-0 and drew 5-5 with leaders Essex. The team consisted of Nahom Goitom, Howard Onweng, Ojsavii Borah, Gabriela Lee and Yuvathi Kumar. Surrey are grateful to Sascron’s for supplying the Surrey Junior 2nd team shirts.

**Surrey’s Cadets** came a very respectable **3rd place** in the **Cadets County Premier Division**, which included a 9-1 win over Devon. The team consisted of **Ollie Maric-Murray, Francesco Bonato, Ojasvii Borah, Chidumeli Egbeama, Yuvathi Kumar, Chui que Wong** and **Emily Cheung**.

In the veterans County matches Surrey I finished runner-up in Division 2C and beat Sussex III 10-0, Middlesex III 8-2and Essex 7-3. The team consisted of Simon Philipsz, Steve Davis, Tim Waller and Michelle McGovern.

Surrey II Veterans team lost Middlesex III 6-4. The team consisted of Tim Goodship Paul Baker, Keith Falconer and Maria Hilsden.

Results from the London South Schools Individuals are as follows: Under 11 Girls

Winner **Anishka Kumar** Holy Trinity, Runner Up Evie Lippett St Thomas Becket. Under 11 Boys W **Callem Pace** Surbiton High, RU Channel Joseph St James the Great. Under 13 Girls W **Evelyn Pace** Surbiton High, RU Emily Cheung Tiffin Girls. Under 13 Boys W **Ollie Maric-Murray** Whitgift, RU Francesco Bonato  Kings College. Under 16 Girls W **Yuvathi Kumar** Wallington Girls, RU Libby Hudson Coopers. Under 16 Boys W **Henry Maric-Murray**  Whitgift, RU  Ojasvii Borah  Wallington Boys. Under 19 Girls W **Min Jie Guo**  St Olaves, RU  Xin Lim  Wallington Girls. Under 19 Boys W **Robert Pelc** Cheam High, RU Angus Norman  Whitgift.

**Ojasvii Borah** beat Krish Chotai in the final of the **Cadet Boys Surrey trials**, **Ollie Maric-Murray** won the **Junior Boys** event and Angus Norman came second. **Gabriella Lee** won the **Girls** event.

Horsham Spinners Roundup of their events Simon Kempton was Runner-up of the Horsham Spinners 1 star veterans tournament on the 8th March. The event on the 1st March, George Noel was runner-up in the under 15’s. **Krish Chotai** won the under 14’s. Daniyal Palmer was runner-up in the under-12’s. The 2nd February event saw **David Mckenzie** win the under-19’s event with Josh Amanor runner-up. **David McKenzie** Champion, Nahom Goitom was runner-up in the under 18-‘s. Nahom Goitom was runner-up in the under-17’s. **Ollie Maric-Murray** won the under16-s event.

Surrey had a very successful **training camp** with current England No.1 **Tin-Tin Ho**.