

October Column by Chris Andrews

Surrey based Paul Drinkhall was part of the England Men's team at the European Championships where England were knocked out at the quarter-final stage by Denmark. Paul even beat Denmark's top player Jonathan Groth. Paul also played his part in the earlier 3-0 win for England against Slovakia and played in the 3-2 win against Serbia.

Drinkhall partnering Liam Pitchford reached the final of the Men's Doubles at the WTT star contender event in Doha where they lost to the Korean partnership of Cho and An. In the semi-final the English pair beat Cedric Nuytinck & Bojan Tokic and in the quarter-final they beat Robert Gardos & Daniel Habesohn.

Paul Drinkhall has been re-nominated as a member of the ETTU Athletes commission and will remain on the panel for 2021-2025.

Robert Pelc won a match in the Senior British League Premier Division against Shayan Siraj as his team fusion won 5-2 against Batts.

The results of the Surrey Trials are as follows with the names in order of who came first.

Under-19 Girls Yuvathi, Gabriela, Evelyann.

Under -15 Girls Chui-Qui, Emily, Caron, Anishka, Kayla.

Under-19 Boys Nahom, Henry, Krish, Howard, Gordon, Ollie, Jacob/Chid/Alex, OJ.

Under-15 Boys Shantosh, George, Daniyal, Gosi, Dimesh, Thaksan, Callem.

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