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Paul Drinkhall the Surrey based England International **won** the **Serbian Open** and is the first English player to win two ITTF world events.

England's Men **qualified** for the **European Championships** with Surrey based Paul Drinkhall in the team. **Paul Drinkhall** has been **picked** in the **Great Britain squad** for the **European Games**. Paul Drinkhall **beat World No. 7** Hugo Calderano in the German League.

On his **England debut** **Francesco Bonato** remained **unbeaten winning** both the **team** event and the **Singles** to collect two **Gold medals** at the Primary Schools International which took place at the Lisburn Racquets Table Tennis club, in Belfast, Northern Ireland and consisted of seven nations.

At the **PTT Czech Open** in Ostrava **Arron McKibbin** took the **Silver** medal in the Men's Class 8 event. The **PTT Slovenian Open** saw **Aaron McKibbin** win **Bronze** in the **Team** Class 8 event alongside Billy Shilton and Ross Wilson. Aaron also won **Bronze** in the **Singles** Class 8 event.

An amazing **England** debut was had by **Ollie Maric-Murray** who won 2 out of 3 matches to get out of his group. Then a further 2 out of 3 to get out of the 2nd stage grouping before he lost in the main draw. Then in the consolation event he won a further 6 matches to claim the **Bronze Medal**.

At the 35th **Australian Open Veterans** Table Tennis Championships **Tony Needham won 2 Silver** Medals one in the over 70's Singles and one in the over 70's Doubles alongside Clive Sim.

Aaron McKibbin played in the World Para Table Tennis Championships in the Men's class 8 event. Unfortunately he was up against the reigning champion in his first match and lost and then was up against a former World Champion and lost again.

Danielle Kelly played for Wales at the ITTF French Youth Open and reached the last 32 in the Doubles with partner Beth Richards

Surrey based **Paul Drinkhall won** the **Men's Doubles** title with Liam Pitchford at the **National Champions**. This is Paul's eleventh National Doubles. He was also runner-up in the Singles event. In the Nationals Para class 7-10 Aaron McKibbin was Runner-up. **Danielle Kelly** reached the **semi-final** of the **Welsh National Women's Singles** and the **final** of the **Welsh Junior Girls Singles**.

Ollie Maric-Murray won the **under-12's Boys National Cup** dropping only one game all weekend. Francesco Bonato came 5th in the same event. Emily Cheung was 6th in the Girls event.

At the Cadet National Cup Ollie Maric-Murray beat England No. 10 Cadet Bertie Kelly with Ollie being at least 2 years younger than his opponents.

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At the Cadet National Championships Henry Maric-Murray was the surprise of the group stage as he won his group. Later on he lost to the second seed Louis Price. Ollie Maric-Murray also won his group but later lost to Felix Thomas.

At the **England National Championships Daniyal Palmer** came third in the **under-10's** and won a **Bronze** medal. In the National Finals, Emily Cheung (11years old) played and won many of her matches over the two days with some amazing wins beating players No. 3 and No.8 in England.

Aaron McKibbin reached the **final** of the **British Para National Table Tennis Championships** held in Grantham in the **Open standing Singles** event and he also reached the final of the **Open Standing Doubles** event.

At the **English National Schools** Table Tennis Championships **Francesco Bonato** was a **Bronze** medallist in the under-11's Boys event and he nearly reached the final losing (9-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-6) in the semi-final to Joseph Cooper. His sister **Federica Bonato** also won the **Bronze** medal but in the under 19's Girls event losing in the semi-final to top seed Charlotte Bardsley.

Max Flint has attended a GB Paralympic assessment and he performed well and has been selected for the '**Future Squad**'. **Ollie Maric-Murray** has been named in the **England 9-13 squad** the youngest squad in the England pathway with Coaches to be Mick Stanforth and Alan Cooke. In the squad for the England Schools International is Federica Bonato for the under-19's age group and Danielle Kelly for the under-16's age group.

Joseph Langheim-Ferreira was one of ten Men to qualify for the PG Mutual Senior National Championships.

The **National School Team Championships** saw **Whitgift School** come **second** in the under-19 Boys category with Ernest Bevin third. Ernest Bevin also came third in the Boys under-16's event. **Danielle Kelly's School** won the **under-16's Girls title**. Wallington School came 2nd in the under-13's Boys event.

Brothers **Henry** and **Ollie Maric-Murray** won **matching Golds** at the **Jack Petchey Table Tennis Schools finals** with Ollie winning the under-13's Boys event and Henry the under-16's Boys event. **Yuvathi Kumar** won the under-16's Girls event. **Kai Sun Yiu** won the under -11's Boys event. **Zion Boumpoutou** won the under 19's Boys Event.

Wallington High School won the Jack Petchey South London Schools team qualifiers under 16's Girls age group with Yuvathi Kumar, Xin Yi Lim, Amineh Abbas and Kavingajah Viknarajah in the team. Wallington High School also won the under 13's Girls age group and the team consisted of Sanjna Madan, Maisy Lightowler, Alexia Owusu-Agyakwa and Tiffany Luong. Surrey had 9 entries in the Jack Petchey Foundation Competition in 8 events in the London South region. They won 3 events and were runner-up in 3 events.

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In January on the England Ranking lists Daniyal Palmer was No.9 in the under-11 Boys. Caron Charles was No. 6 in the under-11 Girls. **Ollie Maric-Murray** was **No.1** in the under 12 Boys with Francesco Bonato at No.6. Emily Cheung was No. 8 in the under-12 Girls. Ollie Maric-Murray was No.2 in the under-13 Boys. Jamie Liu was No.5 in the Cadet Boys. Shaquille Webb-Dixon was No.10 in the Men's under 21's. Darius Knight was No.9 in the Men's. In the **Welsh Rankings Danielle Kelly** was No. 3 in the Junior Girls, **No.1** in the **Women's under 21's** and No.6 in the Women's rankings. Tony Needham was No.6 in the over 70's. In the Irish Ranking lists Alexander Gillen was No.4 in the Men's

Congratulations go to **Max Flint** who achieved two British rankings in the categories of Men's Standing Class 9 and Junior Male Standing Class 6-11 No.9 and No.13 respectively and to Surrey's amazing wheelchair players **Lochlann O'Higgins Class 4 No.1** and Class 3 Triantafylios Tychoyios No.6 & Oliver Carpenter No.9.

The Jarvis Sports Burgess Hill 2 star saw Henry Maric- Murray steal the show winning both the under-14's and under -15's events. Krish Chotai won the under-13's event. Jai Chotai won the under-18's consolation event.

Ollie Maric-Murray won the under-13's Greenhouse 4 star at Crest Academy.

Max Flint won a Silver Medal at the PTT Waterside tournament losing the final to the narrowest of margins to Buckinghamshire's Jaiden Caldeira 10-12, 11-9, 11-5, 10-12, 11-13.

Darius Knight won the Hunts 2 star Open.

The Bristol 1 star veterans tournament saw Sammy Bekele win the Men's Band 2 event.

The British Para Table Tennis St Neots Open saw Max Flint win a Gold and Silver medal. The Silver was in the Junior Standing Singles and the Gold was in the Standing C Singles. Max beat British Junior No. 8 Theo Bishop and British Junior No.6 Jaden Caldeira.

At the Cardiff Grand Prix Phil Snelson won the Vets Open event.

Jacob Archer won the under-13 event at the Jarvis Sports Burgess-Hill 2 star.

The Jarvis Sports Veterans and Senior 1 star saw Jonathan Chernett win Gold in the Veterans Band 2 event.

The Cippenham Team 2 star Open saw Adam Laws win the title with Andrew Smith.

Evie Pace won both the under-13 and Cadet Girls singles at the Hunts 2 star Open.

The Horsham Cadet and Junior 2 star saw Ollie Maric-Murray win both the under-12's Boys and under-13's Boys events.

Phil Snelson won the Veterans Singles at the Wolverhampton Grand Prix

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Darius Knight's team **Ormesby** are the **British Premier League Champions** and Darius finished as the highest averaged Surrey man in the Senior British League with 71% in the Premier league. In the British League Women's Premier Division Danielle Kelly finished as the highest averaged Surrey player. Graham Spicer were Surrey's top Women's team and they played in Division 4. Simon Philipsz finished as the highest averaged Surrey player in the British League Veteran's with 62.50% in Division 1A, with Graham Spicer 1 being Surrey's top team in Division 3A. In the Veteran's Women's British league Guildford League's Julie Lawrence was Surrey's highest averaged player on 61% in the Premier Division. Robert Pelc was the highest averaged Surrey Player in the Junior Boys British League playing for Fusion TTC with Crusaders being the top Surrey Team in Division 2B. Danielle Kelly of Grantham College finished the highest Surrey player in the Junior Girls British League on 62%.

London South Schools Championship results:- under-11's Girls Winner Caron Charles of Croydon High, Runner-up Calina Dawson of Fitzory Academy, Under -11's Boys winner Daniyal Palmer of Homefield, Runner-up Kai Sun Yiu of Whitgift, under-13's Girls Winner Evelyn Pace of Surbiton High, Runner-up Naziyah Hasan of Norbury Manor, under-13's Boys Winner Ollie Maric-Murray of Whitgift, Runner-up Ojasvii Borah of Wallington Boys, under-16's Girls Winner Yuvathi Kumar of Wallington Girls, Runner-up Elizabeth Pass of Richmond Park, under-16's Boys Winner Angus Norman of Whitgift, Runner-up Alex McDonnell of Sutton Grammar, under-19's Girls Joint winners Daria Ditri & Georgia Street of Kings College, under-19's Boys Winner James Smith of Whitgift, Runner-up Robert Pelc of Cheam High.

In the Inter Regional Competition Emily Cheung and Evie Pace won the under-13's Girls team event. The under-13's boys team were runners-up with Ojasvii Borah, George Noel and Jacob Archer. The under 13's girls Singles winner was Evie Pace and the under-13's boys losing semi-finals were Jacob Archer and Adam Palmer.

The National Cadet League after day 3 saw Graham Spicer A come second in Division 1 with Daniel Clark on 76.9% Jin Su Choi on 57.7 % and Lenard Rzepka on 52.9%. Graham Spicers Girls topped Division 3 with Eyelyn Pace on 100%, Chui-Que Wong on 88.9% and Lucy Adams on 55.6%.

The **Surrey Senior 1st team** now playing in the **Premiership** beat Middlesex 1 7-3, drew with Nottinghamshire 5-5 and drew with Yorkshire 5-5. A 4-6 lost over Sussex 1, 6-4 win over Warwickshire, 5-5 draw versus Derbyshire and a 7-3 victory over Leicestershire 1 secures **2nd place** for the Surrey Seniors, which is an excellent result for Surrey. Surrey Senior 2nd's beat Sussex 3 7-3 and Wiltshire 9-1, but lost a tight match 6-4 to Buckinghamshire. The Team consisted of Andrew Smith, Robert Pelc, Tim Goodship, Jessica Monis and Ruochen Liang. On the 2nd day Damien Gray played instead of Tim Goodship and the Surrey 2nd's won against Cornwall 6-4, Hertfordshire 6-4 and Somerset 8-2.

Amazing achievement for Surrey as **both Surrey Junior 1st team and Surrey Cadet 1st team** get **promoted** to their respective **premier Leagues**. Surrey Cadet I remained unbeaten.

Surrey's Cadet 2nd team beat Sussex 2 9-1. The Surrey 2nd Team consisted of Francesco Bonato, Ojasvii Borah, Jacob Archer, Lucy Adams and Lena Mitchell.

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On Saturday the Surrey 3rd team consisted of Krish Chotai, Adam Palmer, Kai Sun Yiu, Max Flint, Daniyal Palmer, Caron Charles and Calina Dawson. On Sunday the Surrey 3rd Team consisted of Harshil Shah, Daniel Clark, Lucas Gabb, Lenard Rzepka, Katie Snelson, Calina Dawson and Anishka Kumar. All players in the 3rd team were making their debuts and all except 2 were 13 or under.

The **Surrey Junior 2nd team** did amazingly well to **win** the **2nd Division** and remained **unbeaten**. In the first group of matches with a team of Howard Onweng, Nahom Goitom, Ollie Maric-Murray, Angus Norman, Henry Maric-Murray, Yuvathi Kumar, Karishma Shah and Xin Yi Lim. Evelyn Pace also played in the second group of matches instead of Karishma Shah and Xin Yi Lim. The Npc was Goran Maric.

Surrey Veterans I were relegated from Division 1B although they did have 2 wins. Surrey Veterans III were also relegated. However Surrey Veterans II are safe. Surrey Veterans IV beat Middlesex V 9-1 and drew 5-5 with Kent VI.

Surrey's Over 60's came second in their Division. The team consisted of Steve Davis, Simon Vine, Paul Baker and Carmen Vadji.

At the Surrey Closed in the Women's over-40's Singles Carmen Vadji won the event. In the over-40's final Steve Davis beat Michael Silver 3-1. The over-60's Women's event saw Carmen Vadji win Gold. In the over-60's Steve Davis beat Paul Baker. The Women's under 21's saw Gabriella Lee win. The Men's under -21's saw Robert Pelc's toughest Singles match of the day was against Damien in the semi-final which he won 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6. In the final Robert beat his older brother Richard 3-1. The women's Doubles winners were Gabriella Lee & Kumiko Williams. The Men's Doubles final was an amazing match with Robert Pountney & Adam Laws coming out on top against Richard & Robert Pelc.

The **Women's Open Singles** saw **Gabriella Lee** storm to her third title of the day. The top four seeds of the **Men's Open Singles** all came through to the semi-finals with Adam Laws matched up against Richard Pelc and Robert Pountney against **Robert Pelc**. No-one gave Richard Pelc a chance but he didn't take any notice but this was to be the match of the day. Richard led the first set 9-3 only for Adam to make a big comeback. However Adam could not quite catch him and lost the first set 11-8. Again in the second set Richard took a big lead only for Adam to come back and lose this time 12-10. Adam won the 3rd set 13-11 but Richard took the fourth and the win 11-9. The other semi-final between the two Roberts was also a magnificent match with lots of long powerful rallies but the young second seed prevailed 11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 11-4. In the final Robert again beat his older brother this time 3-0 11-8, 11-9, 11-8.

At the Surrey Junior & Cadet Closed tournament The Cadet final was a family affair as Goran Maric Umpired the match. It was a superb match of defender versus attacker which No.1 seed Ollie Maric-Murray beat Henry Maric-Murray 3-1 (11-8,11-7,7-11,12-10). The Cadet Girls event was a Round Robin and Yuvathi Kumar won by beating everyone in her path. The Junior Girls was also a round robin which Federica Bonato won. In the Junior Boys event In the semi-final Robert Pelc beat Damien Gray 3-1 and Jamie Nordin beat Henry Maric-Murray 3-0. This set up a Seed 1 versus seed 2 final. The final was an absolutely cracking match which Jamie Nordin won 11-9 in the fifth.

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Surrey's under-13 Closed Tournament semi-finals saw the top 2 seeds both win 3-0 with Ollie Maric-Murray beating Ojasvii Borah and Francesco Bonato beating Adam Palmer. In the final the No.1 seed Ollie didn't have it all his own way as he lost the third game 11-5. However he did triumph overall in a great match. The under-13 girls was a round robin with Emily Cheung winning in a tight match 11-3, 6-11, 12-10 11-9 against under 12 Caron Charles. Daniyal Palmer won the consolation event.

Surrey's under 11's closed event is brand new for Surrey. In the final Daniyal Palmer won 3-0 against Calina Dawson. Sam Brewer was the best player in the consolation event. In the Girls event Caron Charles beat Calina Dawson 3-1.

The Inter League 2019 was an eight team involvement with teams from Croydon, Guildford, Haslemere, Sutton and Wandsworth. In the semi-finals Wandsworth 1 beat Sutton 2 3-1 and Guildford beat Sutton 1 3-0 (Although John Robinson only just beat Jeremy Wu in 5 sets). The final saw unbeaten Guildford and Wandsworth 1 challenging to become Champions of the elite Surrey Inter League 2019. Adam Laws beat a fighting Cain Fagan putting Guildford 1-0 up and then Steve Fagan won the first two sets against John Robinson but lost the next three 9-11, 10-12, 8-11 in a Classic, fast match. In the Doubles we saw superb rallies with Guildford winning the match 9-11, 12-10, 12-10, 12-10 and coming through winners 3-0 as overall Champions of the Surrey Inter League 2019.

The Surrey versus Sussex initiative involved their younger cadets from the age of just 8. Surrey 'A' beat Sussex 'A' 8-2, Surrey 'B' beat Sussex 'B' 6-4. Sussex 'A' beat Surrey 'B' 6-4 and Surrey 'A' beat Sussex 'B' 8-2. To end the day Surrey 'A' beat Surrey 'B' 9-1.

Joanna Drinkhall attended one of the Surrey Training Camp this month and presented **Henry Maric-Murray** with the **Jim Forrest Trophy**.

Greta Linter, Graham Spicer's former long term Secretary and Ladies Champion has passed away. Ron Stracey passed away in his sleep at the beginning of February. He played for Chessington in the Thames Valley League and was an over -80's International player. This is to let you know the sad news that Colin Henderson died recently. Colin helped improve the fitness of the National squad and was Chairman for many years of the Surrey Schools Table Tennis Association. He played in the Guildford League. It is with great sadness that the Wandsworth League announce the news that their league President Len Saker has passed away. Len died on the 25th January having been battling against bowel cancer. He was one of the longest surviving members of the league having started playing in the 1950's. He was a great stalwart for the lower division players and it is a huge loss for the league to lose his knowledge and enthusiasm.