

Surrey County Notes (October 2007) by Chris Andrews

At the European Youth Championships in the Slovak Republic, Bratislava, England won Gold in the Junior Team event (boys under 18s) with Darius Knight as England No.2. Darius also won Silver in the Mixed Doubles Junior event with Natalia Bak of Poland.

In the ITTF World Junior Circuit Event in El Salvador Darius team up with Paul Drinkhall to win the Doubles event and they were also runners-up in the Team event. Madeira's World Junior Circuit Event saw Darius as runner-up in the Singles and runner-up in the Doubles with Paul Drinkhall.

Darius lost to David Meads in the final of the Singles event at the UK Schools Games. The Overall Team Winners were the South East.

Sir Steve Redgrave and Dame Tanni Gray Thompson have selected Darius Knight for Team Visa, which is an exclusive sponsorship programme designed to help 16 of the Country's most talented athletes prepare for the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games.

Chris Bush of London Progress won the 2006/07 Player of the Season Award for Division 1 South with Chris Martin of York Gardens winning the Division 4 South Award.

At the Wolverhampton Grand Prix, Abdul Wuroala was runner-up in the Veteran Men's event with Martin Smith runner-up of the Men's restricted event. The Mid-Sussex Grand Prix also had Abdul Wuroala losing in the final of the Veteran Men's event. However, Surrey did a lot better in other events as Matthew Pernet and Patrick Beckley fought in the Men's Band 6 final with Matthew winning. Diane Melville was runner-up in the Women's Band 3 event. In the Men's restricted event Martin Smith beat Leo Veinsreider both of Surrey. In the first Grand Prix of the 2007/08 Season held at Liverpool, Matthew Pernet was the runner-up in the restricted event.

Our hearts go out to members of Crusaders Table Tennis Club who lost Roger Hill whose funeral was on the 29th August 2007.