



County Seniors Win Promotion

The **County Senior Team** have successfully been promoted to the **Premier Division** for the second time in two years. The team played all seven matches over one weekend and came away with six victories and one draw which ensured promotion. All 6 players performed extremely well, with each player winning over 50% of their games.

Against **Giamorgan**, Suzy Robinson recovered from 10-6 down in the fifth to win the crucial game 12-10, but none was more notable than Natasha Hurd's excellent win against the No.10 Nationally ranked Marcia Ma, in the very last match against **Surrey**, where a draw was needed to secure promotion. After a scintillating attacking match, Natasha secured the vital win to maintain her unbeaten record and thus gain the draw to ensure promotion to the elite **Premier Division** next year. Choi Sze To (newly acquired ex Hong Kong Junior international) played really well and only lost 1 of her 6 games.

Comment by Peter Cruwys: In my long association with the County Table Tennis teams there has never been a better performance for over 40 years. It is an incredible achievement to play 4 matches on the Saturday and 3 matches on the Sunday and win six and draw one. Natasha Hurd came from Brussels by train and played with an awful cold on both days, but still managed to win all her sets. Choi Sze To, the young Hong Kong girl in her first match for **Gloucestershire** won 5 out of 6 and beat opponents ranked well above her. The men all played well, especially when the match score was critical. Three of the Gloucestershire team are home grown players, Dave Harvey (Gloucester), Darren Griffin (Cheltenham) and Suzie Robinson (Stroud). Natasha came from Wales, Brian McRandal from Northern Ireland, and Choi Sze To from Hong Kong. A truly exceptional team. If we can keep this team for next season for the Premier Division we should hold our place in that Division.

CTTC League Player Averages			
Name	Played	Won	Average
Phil Michou	3	3	100%
Richard Mant	24	23	95%
Ariston Hicks	24	21	87%
George Allcock	24	21	87%
Emma Mollison	15	13	86%
Helena Hicks	24	20	83%
Bruce Wright	12	10	83%
Ryan Godwin	24	17	70%
Keir Oakes	3	2	66%
Mike Walsh	3	2	66%
Ben Sawers	9	5	55%
Stuart Maxwell	21	13	54%
Melanie Sadie	16	7	43%
Tom Parry	24	10	41%
Jon Laramy	24	10	41%
Robert Starling	5	2	40%
Reuben Stone	22	7	31%
Tom Kent	24	7	29%
Nicky Sadie	21	6	28%
Helen Li	12	3	25%
James Hansen	12	3	25%
Leo Lucas	15	3	20 %
Jenny Sadie	18	3	16%
Simon Parry	21	3	15%
Liam Armstrong	18	1	5%
Dan France	9	0	0%
Kevin Gowing	3	0	0%

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Editors Ramblings

Hi everyone and welcome to another Net and Edge Magazine. Sorry that there wasn't an issue out just before Christmas, but due to lack of articles there was no point in producing a magazine until now.

It's sad but true that people don't seem so enthusiastic as they once were about the magazine. Maybe this is because the website has become the main focus point for results and table tennis news? I try to keep the website updated as much as possible and obviously players can access weekly results almost as soon as they have been played. All of the information that appears in this magazine, save for the divisional secretary reports, are already on the website. There is a new letters page section on the site with some very thought provoking topics, so why not head on over to www.ctta.co.uk and have your say?

Which leads me on to announce that I will be stepping down as Net and Edge editor at the end of this season. Unfortunately, I don't have the time any more to do all the jobs for the media team. Writing the newspaper reports and editing the website is pretty demanding in itself and leaves little time to spend on the magazine. Since taking over as editor 7 years ago my social life has changed quite a bit too. I am back in a band that gigs most weekends and sometimes during the week, at venues anywhere from the Forest of Dean to Swansea, so that is my main focus at this present time. Hopefully somebody will step up to the plate to take over as editor by next season. I can provide all the relevant information to carry on the magazine if you are interested and even the program that this magazine is written with if you do not have it already.

There has been a lot of success for local players over the past month or so in tournaments up and down the Country. Gloucestershire gained promotion again to the Premier Division and Darren Griffin lifted the over 40's singles title at the Hereford Grand Prix.

The divisions appear to be pretty tight at the top even at this late stage which makes a nice change.

That's it from me for this issue. Good luck for the rest of the season!

Dave Cosnette
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Cheltenham Table Tennis Club League

Report on the matches played on Thursday January 25th and February 1st, 2007

Buck Toothed Fish	2	Cheddar Cheese	8
Sadie Sisters	0	Dragons	10
Panthers	2	Allsorts	8
Buck Toothed Fish	2	Sadie Sisters	8
Allsorts	4	Cheddar Cheese	6
Dragons	8	Panthers	2

CTTC League Table					
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Dragons	8	7	0	1	72
Allsorts	8	6	1	1	58
Cheddar Cheese	8	6	2	0	48
Sadie Sisters	8	2	6	0	26
Bucktoothed Fish	8	1	7	0	20
Panthers	6	1	7	0	20

Dragons had a win of 10-0 over the **Sadie Sisters**, but dropped two sets to **Panthers**. James Hansen had a surprise win over Helena Hicks, and then Reuben Stone and Simon Parry beat Helena and George Allcock in the doubles.

Allsorts won 8-2 against **Panthers**, with James Hansen winning the only singles, and then James combined well with Simon Parry to beat Ariston Hicks and Emma Mollison.

Cheddar Cheese had two good wins, with an 8-2 victory over **Buck Toothed Fish** and a shock 6-4 win over 2nd placed **Allsorts**. In this match Ryan Godwin excelled himself by beating both Emma Mollison and Ariston Hicks and then combined well with Stuart Maxwell to beat Emma and Tom Parry.

The Sadies won 8-2 against **Buck Toothed Fish**, with Nicola Sadie winning 3 for the first time and reserve Phil Michou winning 3.

Report by Pete Cruwys

Letters To The Editor

The other day I met an umpire who I had not seen for some years and we got on talking about Table Tennis. He told me a surprising thing that I had never heard before, and after all I have said how I thought that after over 70 years, unlike some other sports (principally football) Table Tennis had retained its pristine sporting elements. He said that some youngsters won't even pick up the ball at the end of the game. AND WORSE, they can be so arrogant.

Won't pick up the ball? Won't pick up the ball?

Now I know that sometimes at the end of a game which has been a ding dong struggle the ball can be quite forgotten wherever it finishes up, but for players to deliberately refuse to pick up the ball at the end raises many different questions.

I want you to imagine Michael and Robert contesting the final of the Cheltenham Closed championships at the College. Michael has just won a rousing game with a smashing forehand at 15-13 in the 5th. The ball, forgotten, lies in a corner of the court.

Umpire: May I please have the ball Robert?

Robert: Oh! Pick it up yourself!

Umpire: Robert, let me have the ball please.

Robert: (Pointing at Michael) He put it there let HIM pick it up.

Michael: It's your end. YOU pick it up.

Gill Smith: (from the audience) Will SOMEBODY please pick that ball up?

Peter Cruwys: If you do not pick that ball up Robert I will send a polite letter to your parents and tell them that you are "Not fit for purpose" and you will be banned from playing at the College in future until you mend your ways.

Robert: Please yourself!

Now we all know that Wellington had a lot of trouble with Sam because he wouldn't pick up his musket and that he had to do a lot of cajoling before Sam would pick it up and Wellington could give the order "Let battle commence", but for sheer rudeness we need look no further than Toad of Toad Hall who had once escaped from gaol dressed as a washer woman but who is finally brought to justice and has to defend himself in Court. In front of the Judge, policeman and other people of great authority he cry's out. I am the Toad, The Toad, Master of the Universe before whom all will be smitten and cast into everlasting night and what are you? Just fat faces!

So would I have picked that ball up? Well would you?

Division One Report

With just three or four matches left, **Smiths A** currently lying in second place are my favourite for taking the title lying just three points behind **Cheltenham B** who have been recently weakened by the loss of Michael Harvey. It was sad to see Michael drop out, because with him there was a realistic chance of them taking the title and I think this would have been the first time that a Father and Son's side had lifted the title in Cheltenham's Table Tennis history.

There is still an outside chance for **Cheltenham B** as they have transferred Paul Perks over to replace Mike and they have two of the weaker sides still to play. **Cheltenham A** may have a very outside chance lying in third place four points adrift, but they have played one more game than the top two teams.

I am not sure what structure the league will take next year, but **Smiths B** and **Cheltenham C** are firmly at the foot of the Division and look to be playing in Division 2 next season.

Personally, I have had to retire from matches for this season, due to a recent back injury, but I hope to make a comeback when the injury is 100% recovered, hopefully in time for the Cheltenham tournament.

Guy Greening
Division One Secretary

NB: The editor wishes to stress that Guy's back injury was not caused by any nocturnal activity after his recent marriage to Nikola in January :o)

Gloucester Veteran's Win

Gloucestershire Veteran's represented by Dave Adamson, Guy Greening, Alan Smith and Judy Morley played **Hertfordshire** away this weekend (17/2/07) and ran out winners by 8-2. Guy Greening who is still recovering from a recent back injury lost one, and then combined with Dave Adamson in the men's doubles. **Hertfordshire** managed to claim the doubles but not the match. Greening has since retired from league play for the remainder of the season so that his back can recover.

<i>Division One</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	
Cheltenham B	14	12	1	1	107	
Smiths A	13	11	0	2	104	
Cheltenham A	14	11	1	2	103	
Saracens B	14	5	3	6	72	
Chelsea A	15	7	0	8	68	
Saracens A	13	5	3	5	66	
Winchcombe Wizards	14	4	2	8	57	
Winchcombe Cavaliers	15	3	4	8	56	
Smiths B	13	2	1	10	30	
Cheltenham C	12	0	3	9	27	
<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>%</i>
Darren Griffin	Saracens B			18	18	100
Dave Harvey	Cheltenham B			41	39	95.1
Brian McRandal	Saracens A			17	16	94.1
Matt Hartwell	Smiths A			26	24	92.3
Bill Dawe	Chelsea B.S.			27	23	85.2
Milan Dragojlovic	Cheltenham A			37	31	83.8
Nick Mytton	Smiths A			38	31	81.6
Gordon Shaw	Cheltenham A			16	13	81.3
Michael Harvey	Cheltenham B			39	30	76.9
Mark Billsborrow	Smiths A			21	16	76.2
Roy Morley	Saracens B			15	11	73.3
Choi Sze To	Winchcombe Wizards			32	23	71.9
Doug Payne	Smiths A			17	12	70.6
Jon Atkinson	Cheltenham A			28	19	67.9
Dave White	Smiths A			12	8	66.7
Dan Kolesnik	Cheltenham A			22	14	63.6
Alan Smith	Saracens B			36	22	61.0
Suzy Robinson	Saracens A			17	10	58.8
Luke Moffat	Winchcombe Cavaliers			17	10	58.8
Dominic Wynn-Sands	Chelsea B.S.			26	15	57.7
Grahame Brown	Winchcombe Cavaliers			23	13	56.5
Roy Fowler	Saracens A			20	11	55.0
Robert Harvey	Cheltenham B			44	24	54.5
Pete Wood	Saracens A			15	8	53.3
Paul Perks	Cheltenham A			12	6	50.0
Guy Greening	Chelsea B.S.			18	9	50.0

National Cadet Division Two Averages						Played	Won	%
Luke Thaxter		Southampton West B				8	8	100.0
Stephanie Wells		Southampton West B				28	27	96.43
Kate Ha		Southampton West B				20	19	95.00
Tressa Armitage		Southampton West B				28	23	82.14
Chris Arthur		Full Circle				26	21	80.77
Kiron Young		Full Circle				28	21	75.00
Polly Clarke		Rollercoaster				8	5	62.50
Tim Webb		Rollercoaster				20	12	60.00
Will Sadlier		Stroud High School				22	13	59.09
Sam Cowansay		Stroud High School				22	13	59.09
Ryan Moore		Rollercoaster				18	10	55.56
Gina Stedman		Rollercoaster				20	11	55.00
Holly Clark		Rollercoaster				18	9	50.00
Florence Butler		Stroud High School				10	5	50.00
Owain Joslin		Full Circle				26	11	42.31
Khuram Ishtiaq		St Georges B				10	4	40.00
Guy Baylis		Cirencester				18	7	38.89
Amber Perry		St Georges B				10	3	30.00
Tom Watts		Stroud High School				22	6	27.27
Rosemary Davies		Stroud High School				8	2	25.00
Kristian Joslin		Full Circle				4	1	25.00
Luke Palmer		St Georges B				10	2	20.00
Faheem Uddin		St Georges B				10	2	20.00
Dominic Lunn		Cirencester				16	3	18.75
Ryan Fisher		Cirencester				22	2	9.09
Ciara Carr		Cirencester				4	0	0.00
Andrew McGrotty		Cirencester				6	0	0.00
Kieran Luce		Cirencester				6	0	0.00
Joe Terry		St Georges B				10	0	0.00
Connor Rawlings		St Georges B				10	0	0.00
Jack Inkpen		Cirencester				12	0	0.00
						480	240	

Division Two Report

Hi everyone!

Not much to write I'm afraid – I haven't had time since I've moved house. I hope you all have my new address, if not it is 19, Grayston Close, Milton, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 8AY.

It is hotting up at the top of the table with the title race clearly open between the top three. **Smiths C** currently look favourites, although they have recently lost quite resoundingly to near rivals **Saracens C**. Indeed, it is **Saracens** who seem to be in the best current form, and particularly so Mike Dodwell who has been gaining maximums week after week – well done Mike! **Winchcombe Warriors** are still second and of course are still well in the mix. Richard Bishop stands proudly undefeated at the top of the averages, but if he were to play a bit more often, I believe **Winchcombe** would have a commanding lead at the top of the table.

Cheltenham D are also in good form at the moment and they have shot up to fourth place. Matt Mulcahy has been their most consistent player this season. However, it is their doubles performance that has really stood out! This season's performance must be a record for the CTTA – I bet it is impossible to check this out but I'd be very interested if anyone can remember a winning streak like this one! At the time of print, **Cheltenham D** had won all their doubles matches in the season so far – a consecutive winning streak of fourteen games! This is a mighty achievement, and these 14 points may be the difference between finishing fourth and eighth this season. Well done to all their players, but particularly to Mulcahy and Alan Harvey who have shouldered the majority of those matches. It will be interesting to see if they can remain undefeated for the entire season!

Mid table is still close, with **Tewkesbury A**, **CCS A**, **Smiths D** and **Saracens D** all vying for that elusive place in the top four (they are still just in touching distance of **Cheltenham D**). **Tewkesbury B** and **Saracens E** occupy the bottom two places currently, and there appears to be little hope that they will rise any higher. However, their performances on the whole this season have not been fairly reflected often enough in the score lines.

Well, that's it – I know, nice and short from me! Until next time ...

Simon Lockley
Division Two Secretary

TABLES after third round of matches 11th February									
Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
SOUTHAMPTON WEST A	13	11	2	0	67	20	67		
CHELTENHAM	13	9	1	3	50	37	50		
FERNDALE	13	6	2	5	46	41	46		
EVESHAM	13	2	3	8	29	58	29		
WEST WILTS	10	2	2	6	23	37	23		
St GEORGES A	10	0	2	8	19	41	19		
Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
SOUTHAMPTON WEST B	14	14	0	0	77	7	77		
FULL CIRCLE	14	9	2	3	54	30	54		
ROLLERCOASTER	14	6	3	5	47	37	47		
STROUD HIGH SCHOOL	14	5	2	7	39	45	39		
CIRENCESTER	14	1	1	12	12	72	12		
St GEORGES B	10	1	0	9	11	49	11		

Next matches to be played on Sunday 11th March

National Cadet Division One Averages						Played	Won	%
Chris Pearce	Evesham				20	19	95.00	
Ryan Makepeace	Cheltenham				16	13	81.25	
Lewis Creighton	Southampton West A				29	23	79.31	
Matthew Smith	Southampton West A				14	11	78.57	
Jordan Fallows	Southampton West A				23	18	78.26	
Michael Siket	St Georges A				20	15	75.00	
Adam Valovec	West Wilts				20	14	70.00	
Jason Lam	Southampton West A				17	11	64.71	
Thomas Jeffcott	Ferndale				29	17	58.62	
Matt Williams	Cheltenham				24	13	54.17	
Dominic James	Cheltenham				19	10	52.63	
Peter Eyles	Ferndale				27	13	48.15	
Ivona Swistun	Ferndale				27	12	44.44	
Karl Foster	Cheltenham				24	10	41.67	
Alex MacLachlan	West Wilts				19	6	31.58	
Chris Handy	Evesham				28	5	17.86	
Jonathon Spinks	Evesham				18	2	11.11	
Glenn Bartlett	West Wilts				9	1	11.11	
David Thompson	Evesham				9	1	11.11	
Gabriel Dent	St Georges A				9	0	0.00	
Shafaz Ditta	St Georges A				9	0	0.00	
Joe Lock	St Georges A				18	0	0.00	
					428	214		

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Tirley Tigers	14	12	0	2	109
Saracens F	12	11	1	0	100
Cheltenham F	14	7	4	3	91
Winchcombe Eagles	14	8	1	5	83
Tewkesbury C	12	8	2	2	77
Civil Service B	13	2	3	8	51
Cheltenham G	14	3	0	11	43
Cheltenham J	14	2	2	10	42
Cheltenham H	14	5	0	9	39
Chelsea B	11	1	1	9	25

Player	Team	Played	Won	%
Mike Maxwell	Tewkesbury C	24	24	100
Martin Cosnette	Saracens F	9	9	100
Elaine Evans	Tirley Tigers	17	15	88.2
Tony Walsh	Saracens F	25	22	88.0
Pete Humble	Tirley Tigers	36	31	86.1
John Teare	Tewkesbury C	33	27	81.8
Dave Cosnette	Saracens F	35	28	80.0
Dave Foulser	Saracens F	35	28	80.0
Lesley Dewick	Tirley Tigers	35	27	77.1
Rob Browning	Civil Service B	21	16	76.2
Janie Kirby	Tirley Tigers	20	15	75.0
Derek Brown	Winchcombe Eagles	23	16	69.6
Tiffany Hopton	Winchcombe Eagles	25	16	64.0
Karl Foster	Cheltenham F	36	23	63.9
Matt Williams	Cheltenham F	30	19	63.3
James Bird	Cheltenham G	39	24	61.5
Mick Holder	Winchcombe Eagles	24	15	62.5
Dominic James	Cheltenham F	30	18	60.0
Jason Harwood	Chelsea B	17	10	58.8
Carey Maisey	Cheltenham H	29	17	58.6
Daniel Crook	Winchcombe Eagles	28	15	53.6
Mike Brook	Cheltenham H	26	13	50.0

Division Two	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Smiths C	15	12	0	3	103
Saracens C	14	10	2	2	89
Winchcombe Warriors	13	10	1	2	88
Cheltenham D	15	9	1	5	88
CCS A	13	7	0	6	72
Smiths D	13	6	0	7	67
Tewkesbury A	12	5	1	6	64
Saracens D	14	4	1	9	58
Tewkesbury B	13	1	0	12	23
Saracens E	12	0	0	12	18

Player	Team	Played	Won	%
Richard Bishop	Winchcombe Warriors	22	22	100
Mike Dodwell	Saracens C	37	35	95
Rob Amphlett	Tewkesbury A	34	30	88
Mike Vick	Winchcombe Warriors	32	26	81
David Hart	CCS A	35	28	80
Dennis Wadley	Saracens C	18	14	78
Paul Singh	Smiths C	36	27	75
Chris White	Smiths C	38	28	74
Barrie Pope	Smiths C	29	21	72
Mike Gleeson	Smiths D	27	19	70
Matt Mulcahy	Cheltenham D	40	27	68
Alan Harvey	Cheltenham D	40	26	65
Chris Ball	Smiths D	36	23	64
Jan De Wet	Winchcombe Warriors	29	18	62
Mark Nally	Saracens D	21	13	62
Niall Pawsey	Saracens D	27	16	59
Graham Chandler	Smiths C	25	13	52

Of the remaining three sides, there is virtually nothing between them, and individual performances in the remaining fixtures in which they meet, will have an impact on their final positions.

James Bird continues to lead **Cheltenham G** well, and they have recently signed up Michael Walsh as an addition to their team. Carey Maisey and Mike Brook remain the driving force in the **Cheltenham H** side. They play together relatively rarely, which in part explains their current position.

In contrast, the all-junior **Cheltenham J** side contains no individual 'stars', but all of their players contribute regularly when it comes to grinding out results, and they should be pleased with their progress.

On a general note, the result cards have, with a couple of exceptions, been sent through promptly, so well done to all you captains! Also there have been only a handful of postponements, with sides preferring to turn out with one person short rather than having to mess about with re-arranging the fixture.

And so, as we approach the 'run in', all of our teams have individual league placings to fight for, thus ensuring a spirited end to the campaign. Top slot is surely between **Tirley** and **Saracens F**, whilst **Tewkesbury C**, **Eagles** and **Cheltenham F** will be vying for the next three places. The remaining sides look to be battling it out for the other five positions.

Derek Brown

Division Three Secretary

Senior Closed Championships

A reminder that this year's **Senior Closed Championships** take place on Friday 23rd March (Jubilee event) and Sunday 25th March (all other events). The closing date for entries is Saturday 10th March. The entry form can be downloaded from the website and also appears in the handbook. Please note that entries should be sent to Gill Smith (not to me, as I didn't know where I would be moving to). Please also note that Gill's postcode on the handbook entry form should read GL51 6AF - it's shown correctly on the website entry form.

We had a record entry last year - let's see if we can better it this year. With your support, it's possible - pass the word around to your fellow players, fill in the form and send it to Gill - by March 10th.

Please note for your records that I have now moved to:

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Keith Ferguson

Senior Closed Organiser

Division Three Report

When Chris Foster and son Karl of **Cheltenham F** turned up for an away match against **Saracens F** (ten wins out of ten) and announced that they did not have a third player, the home side must have thought that they would have an easy time and get an extra hour in front of the telly. By the end of the evening, Chris had notched up wins against Dave Foulser, Dave Cosnette and Tony Walsh, supported by Karl who won two as well.

Their previous encounter had resulted in a 9-1 win for the leaders, so this must go down as one of the divisional shocks of the season. Chris has only played occasionally, and one can only speculate on the impact if he had been involved more regularly.

The pattern for the rest of the season is now fairly predictable, with **Saracens F** and **Tirley** comfortably clear of all opposition. **Tirley** currently have the edge in points, but **Saracens** have precious games in hand.

Tony Walsh has fitted into the **Saracens** team well, and being of similar standard to his team mates, allows for flexibility within the squad without any apparent weakening of the standard. Martin Cosnette remains unbeaten, but has only played in a limited number of matches.

Tirley have substantially kept to a squad of four, despite having six players registered. They should have sufficient overall strength to maintain second spot, led by Pete Humble and Elaine Evans. The question however, is how these two sides will re-adapt to life in a higher division, and remain strong enough to stay there. Only time will tell, but strengthening their respective squads may be the only logical answer.

Thanks to the continuing 100% record of Mike Maxwell, **Tewkesbury C** hang on to third spot, but **Winchcombe Eagles** will be fancying their chances of overhauling them, if Mike's recovery from a recent operation keeps him out of action for too long. Hope you are soon okay Mike, but if you fancy a period of convalescence up to say, the middle of March, my **Eagles** will not complain!

Cheltenham F have earned the right to move into the top half of the division, and with a side mainly comprising some promising juniors (plus Chris!) all of their players have produced some excellent individual results. They will only get better, which will be a problem for the rest of us next season!

Chelsea remain at the foot of the division, but are not that far adrift, and will continue to pick up points against other sides in the bottom half. Hopefully, their experience from the first half of the season will stand them in good stead for those matches which remain.

Civil Service's best player is Rob Browning, who has not turned out too often for them this season, hence the fact that they have so far only picked up a couple of wins.