# CHELMSFORD AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

# THE M&G INVESTMENTS CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017/2018

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# **GRAND FINALS**

AT
OLD CHELMSFORDIANS SPORTS CLUB
LAWFORD LANE, CHELMSFORD

MONDAY 12 February 2018

7.30pm

# WELCOME TO FINALS NIGHT

The Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League Committee has pleasure in welcoming you all to the M&G Investments Annual Closed Tournament Finals Night. We extend a warm welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Duncan Lumley and Mrs Edna Lumley. The League Committee are again very grateful to its sponsor M&G Investments for their very generous support of the event. We are pleased that Mrs Anna Emtage, Charity and Community Relations Manager of M&G, can be with us tonight accompanied by her colleague, Geoff Curd.

The earlier matches were once again played at Hylands School. The Committee would like to thank the School for their help in making the weekend so successful. All the matches were completed on schedule by early Sunday evening.

Taking part in this year's Finals Night there will be ten players who have appeared on Finals Night before – Wale Bada, Dawn Baldry, Paul Davison, Jan Fuller, Ryan Gooday, Sam Hume, Julie Johnson, Charles Sweeny, Duncan Taylor and Gary Young and three newcomers – Gracie Edwards, Trevor Lloyd and Daniel Young. In the preliminary rounds there were some excellent matches and, therefore, we look forward to an enjoyable and competitive evening of table tennis.

Julie Johnson (Chelmsford) The most successful player in the League's Championships' history, Julie is looking for her 59<sup>th</sup> Senior Title tonight when she will try to win the Mixed Doubles title for the 15<sup>th</sup> time. She will be playing once again with Ryan Gooday, her nephew. Julie has already added the Ladies Doubles to her list of titles at the Weekend playing with Jan Fuller and nearly won the Over 50's Singles losing narrowly in the final over five sets.

# Wale Bada (Chelmsford)

Making his second successive appearance on Finals Night in only his second full season in the League, Wale has made a tremendous impression with his fast attacking style. He won the Veteran's Singles and Men's Doubles last year and will be hoping to win the Men's Singles for the first time tonight.

Dawn Baldry (Maldon) – Dawn, who is making her fifth appearance on Finals Night, will be defending her Ladies' Singles title which she has won for the last two years. At the Weekend she won the Handicap Doubles with Dave Carter. Dawn is the current Ladies' Singles and Mixed Doubles Champion in the Burnham League.

Paul Davison (Liberals) – Paul, who is making his third successive appearance on Finals Night, is hoping to win the Men's Doubles title tonight for the fifth time. He will also be hoping to add to his two previous wins in the Mixed Doubles. Paul has won the Braintree League Men's Singles on five occasions and is also a well-respected coach. He was a well-deserved recipient of the Corti Woodcock Award in 2017 for his coaching activities.

Jan Fuller (Maldon) — This is Jan's third successive appearance on Finals Night having returned to the Chelmsford League after a 25-year break. She won the Ladies Doubles for the second successive time at the Weekend paired with Julie Johnson. Jan is hoping for her first success in the Mixed Doubles tonight.

Ryan Gooday (Chelmsford) – Ryan is making his second successive appearance on Finals Night and as last year will be looking to win the Under 21 Singles and Mixed Doubles titles. An outstanding former Junior he will be looking to defend the Mixed Doubles title and to win the Under 21 Singles for the first time.

Sam Hume (Bocking) – Currently Essex Junior Boys Champion and ranked the No. 1 Junior in Essex, Sam, continues to make a considerable impact in the League. He is looking to defend his Under 21 Singles title tonight and to win the Men's Singles for the first time. These will go with the Junior Boys Singles and Junior Doubles titles he won again at the Weekend. He is also playing with great success in the Clacton, Colchester, and Southend Leagues. He is currently the Under 21 Singles holder in the Southend League and holds the Junior Boys' Singles titles in both Clacton and Colchester.

## Trevor Lloyd (Maldon)

Trevor in only his second season in the League is making quite an impact. Seeded No. 1 in the Men's Singles he is looking for his first success in this event as well as the Veteran's Singles. Trevor has already had his first success in the League having won the Veteran's Doubles at the Weekend. He is the current Veteran's Champion in the Colchester League. Before moving to Essex Trevor was a four times Wiltshire County Men's Singles Champion as well as winning the West Wiltshire League's Men's Singles title thirteen times and the Veteran's title ten times.

#### Charles Sweeny (Rawreth)

This is Charles' third appearance on Finals Night having been Runners-Up in the Men's Doubles in 2006 and 2009. Charles has won the Southend League's Men's Doubles title for the last three years and he was Runner-up in the Men's Singles in the Burnham League in 2017 just losing out after five closely fought sets.

#### Gracie Edwards (Liberals)

It has been a remarkable year for this youngster from Clacton. Aged just 16, Gracie in her first season is playing in Division 1 and at the time of writing these notes has a win average of 50%. Ranked 39 in England and No 2 in Essex she has played in the Essex Junior First Team. Gracie is looking for her first win in the Ladies' Singles against Dawn Baldry. However, she did lose to Dawn in 2017 in the final of the Colchester League's Ladies Final but only just after five sets.

**Duncan Taylor (Rawreth)** – A former top ten England Ranked Junior and now an Essex First Team Veteran player, Duncan is making his fourth appearance at Finals Night. This superb defensive player is hoping for his first success in both the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles. He won the Men's Singles in the Burnham League in 2014 and 2015 and has also won various titles in both the Southend and Basildon Leagues.

## Gary Young (Danbury)

Gary is making his third appearance at Finals Night. He is looking for his second success in the Men's Doubles tonight having won this for the first time in 2014. He has won the Veteran's Doubles on three previous occasions and last Weekend finished as Runner-Up in this event. Gary is a former Clacton League's Men Singles Champion and currently is their Veteran's Singles title holder.

# Daniel Young (Danbury)

Yet another exciting junior talent who is making his mark on the Essex table tennis scene. Ranked at No. 3 in Essex he plays for the Essex Cadet First Team. Aged just 13 and one of the youngest player to appear on Finals Night, Daniel is hoping for his first success in the Under 21 Singles. The son of Gary Young this is the first father and Son combination to reach Finals Night for at least 40 years. He won the Under 14 Singles at the Weekend.

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# **PROGRAMME**

1. MEN'S SINGLES – SEMI FINAL

Duncan Taylor (Rawreth)
V
Sam Hume (Liberals)

2. MEN'S SINGLES - SEMI FINAL Trevor Lloyd (Maldon) V Wale Bada (Chelmsford)

3. MEN DOUBLES – FINAL
Duncan Taylor (Rawreth) & Charles Sweeny (Rawreth)
V
Paul Davison (Liberals) & Gary Young (Danbury)

4. UNDER 21 SINGLES - FINAL
Sam Hume (Liberals)
V
Daniel Young (Danbury)

**INTERVAL** 

## 5. VETERAN'S SINGLES - FINAL

Trevor Lloyd (Maldon)

V

**Duncan Taylor (Rawreth)** 

# 6. MIXED DOUBLES - FINAL

Ryan Gooday (Chelmsford) & Julie Johnson (Chelmsford) V

Paul Davison (Liberals) & Jan Fuller (Maldon))

7. LADIES SINGLES - FINAL

Dawn Baldry (Maldon)

V

Gracie Edwards (Liberals)

8. MEN'S SINGLES - FINAL

# **HONOURS TO DATE**

## **OVER 60s SINGLES**

Winner:

Ian Whiteside (Danbury)

Runner-up:

Mike Johnston (Chelmsford)

**VETERANS DOUBLES** 

Winners:

Colin Stallwood (Maldon)

Trevor Lloyd (Maldon)

Runners Up:

Gary Young (Danbury) Paul Davison (Liberals)

**UNDER 14s SINGLES** 

Winner:

Daniel Young (Danbury)

Runner Up:

Harry Buckle (Chelmsford)

**UNDER 16s SINGLES** 

Winner:

Gracie Edwards (Liberals)

Runner Up:

Daniel Young (Danbury)

**UNDER 18 BOYS' SINGLES** 

Winner:

Sam Hume (Liberals)

Runner Up:

Daniel Young (Danbury)

# **HONOURS TO DATE (Continued)**

**UNDER 18 GIRLS SINGLES** 

Winner:

Gracie Edwards (Liberals)

Runner Up:

Annabel Sweeney (Chelmsford)

**UNDER 18s DOUBLES** 

Winners:

Sam Hume (Liberals)

Connor Payne (Chelmsford)

Runners Up:

Gracie Edwards (Liberals)

Daniel Young (Danbury)

JUNIOR HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner:

Aidan Noguchi (Galleywood)

Runner Up:

Matthew Elliott (Chelmsford)

LADIES DOUBLES

Winners:

Jan Fuller (Maldon)

Julie Johnson (Chelmsford)

Runners Up:

Gracie Edwards (Liberals)

Jacqueline Smith (Chelmsford)

**OVER 50s SINGLES** 

Winner:

Babul McLeod (Rawreth)

Runner Up:

Julie Johnson (Chelmsford)

# **HONOURS TO DATE (Continued)**

#### **DIVISION 2 SINGLES**

Winner:

Lee McHugh (Writtle Excalibur)

Runner Up:

Ian Whiteside (Danbury)

**DIVISION 3 SINGLES** 

Winner:

Ciaran Whelan (Maldon)

Runner Up:

**David Gatheral (Danbury)** 

**DIVISION 4 SINGLES** 

Winner:

Mervyn Perriman (Maldon)

Runner Up:

Malcolm Storey (Writtle Excalibur)

**DIVISION 5 SINGLES** 

Winner

Richard Gardiner (Chelmsford)

Runner Up:

Ben Jackson (Chelmsford)

HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner:

Connor Payne (Chelmsford)

Runner Up:

Ciaran Whelan (Maldon)

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Winners:

Dawn Baldry (Maldon)

**David Carter (Hatfield Peverel)** 

Runners Up:

Richard Gardiner (Chelmsford)

Daniel Young (Danbury)

# **COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION COMPETITION**

Enclosed with this programme is a slip to enter the Competition. There is a prize of £10 for the winner!

All you must do is to guess the total number of points which will be scored during the last two matches on the Programme (Match 7 – Ladies Singles Final and Match 8 - Men's Singles Final). The Slips will be collected during the Interval. The winner will be announced at the end of the evening. **Remember** all matches are played 11-up best of five games.

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2017/18 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on

THURSDAY 31st MAY 2018

AT 7.30 p.m., at

OLD CHELMSFORDIANS LAWFORD LANE, CHELMSFORD

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