

RACQUET REVIEW



Des Flanagan Investment Solutions Round Up

With two events now complete in the Des Flanagan Investment Solutions Ulster Series, the over 40's and 60's rankings are topped by Rodney McKirgan and Des Flanagan respectfully.

The Ards Masters over 40s was won by the fast looping Rodney McKirgan from St Anne's Table Tennis Club in Dungannon who edged past Omagh Table Tennis Club veteran and Masters Series sponsor, Des Flanagan in a competitive final. The Ards Masters over 60s was won by the event Sponsor Des Flanagan who came back from two sets to one down to beat Ballymena's pimpled rubber specialist Oliver McQuillan.

The over 40s event final in Ballymena had two old adversaries Philip Wallace and Daryl Strong once again clashing in a final. Daryl won in straight sets 13, 4, 8. The Over 60s event final had sponsor Des Flanagan pitted against his old adversary and friend Sean McAnaney. In a game of much skill, sprinkled with the customary gamesmanship, it was Sean who edged passed Des in 5 sets 8, -7, -6, 5, 6.

A huge word of thanks to our sponsor, Des, and to our hosts, Ards TTC, and Ballymena who ran great events. A full report on both events can be found on our website.



All information regarding the competitions will be added to our website www.tabletennisulster.com

Upcoming Events

Des Flanagan Investment Solutions Ulster Series

- 14 Oct - Craigavon
- 18 Nov - Monaghan Collegiate School

Other Notable Events

- 7 Oct - Inter Counties Team Event, Ballymena
- 25/26 Nov - The Robinson's Ice Cream Ulster Open, Lisburn

TTU Junior Challenger Series

- 28 Oct - Mourne Table Tennis Club
- 12 Nov - Osmond Table Tennis Club

Sheridan Steals the Show



Congratulations to Peadar Sheridan and Ireland coach Conn Higgins who return from the Serbian leg of the European Youth Series with more silverware to add to their growing collection! Peadar won the Under 15 Boys plate event and finished in third position in Under 13 Boys. He and partner Enya Hu (Switzerland) also finished in third position in the Under 13 Mixed Doubles.

This follows on from previous event success in Spain and at the Finlandia Junior Open in Helsinki where he was awarded bronze and silver.

2023 has turned out to be another successful year for Peadar, and I'm sure he is not done yet! Well done, Peadar!

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Medal Success at UK Transplant Games

Twelve months ago, Miao Cowen was lying in a hospital bed in Newcastle upon Tyne waiting on life saving heart surgery. After 99 days in hospital, the Chinese native returned to where she now calls home in Belfast.

To help with her rehab, Miao was advised to take up sport – which meant in June she started playing table tennis and at the recent UK Transplant Games in Coventry, the 46-year-old won the silver medal and also picked up a bronze in the 3km walk.

Having relocated to Northern Ireland 23 years ago, she has since married to husband Stephen. Miao was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, and over the next 20+ years her health would deteriorate, until she was accepted for a transplant in Newcastle, UK.

With her mums influence, Miao began to play table tennis, and found Glenburn Table Tennis club was local to her, so she got in contact with Neil and Herbie and got the ball rolling – and the rest is history!

Miao said “I’m very blessed for this opportunity, my donor and his family, all the NHS staff, the doctors, the nurses and the people from the club.”

For the full report, please see our website.

2023/24 Post Primary Regionals

December and January will see the return of the Regional events for the Post Primary Individual Championships. Five regions will take place including, North East, North West, South East, South West and Belfast. This will allow many more schools from each area compete and hopefully make it to our finals day in Lisburn Racquets Club on April 17th 2024.

With the help of our RDO’s we hope to engage and promote as many kids to play our sport. Schools in each region are welcome to come and take part, which will allow more games, more competition and a better variety of skill across all five regions

To get involved in our Post Primary events, or involved in our Primary School Championships, get in contact with Participation and Inclusion Officer, Ryan Harrison. ttuparticipation@tabletennisireland.ie

TTU Spotlight



RDO Nick Rusk with some of our participants at a delivery session in Edenderry PS Banbridge.

Moving forward we hope to see many schools and groups featured on our Newsletter!

Get in contact if you want your school involved

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