

## Stars feature in longest rally for WTTD

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Players and fans across the globe came together to celebrate World Table Tennis Day despite the coronavirus pandemic.

While the annual day could not be marked with its usual array of events and get-togethers, people still managed to find ways to engage with the day at home.

England stars including Maria Tsaptsinos – who 'returned' serve from Ma Long – Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford featured in the world's longest rally, an online compilation of 293 shots released by the ITTF, which you can watch below:

With the chance to watch iconic moments in a 24-hour table tennis marathon on the ITTF's channels and countless thousands doing their own thing at home, it was a day to celebrate all that is good in the sport.

Here's a flavour of some of the social media posts from England.

This week we're giving you the chance to vote for your favourite Gold Coast moment.

First up to celebrate <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u>, it's <u>@pdrinkhall</u> & <u>@liampitchford</u>'s win in the Men's Doubles up against the all England final of <u>@KimDaybell</u> vs <u>@Rosswilsontt</u>. Leave your vote below! <u>pic.twitter.com/wMe0safV8A</u>

- Team England (@TeamEngland) April 6, 2020

Another wild lockdown activity to keep myself occupied...

As it's <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u> today I thought I'd practice my rallying skills with my trusty partner... the wall

If you try this at home, dressing gowns are mandatory <u>@TableTennisENG pic.twitter.com/K87zfn7fj0</u>

- Holly Robson (@HollyRobson91) April 6, 2020

Will Bayley climbs up onto the table in celebration at Rio 2016. <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u> | <u>@willbayleytt</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/iGErUOtpnK</u>

- Paralympic Games (@Paralympics) April 6, 2020

<u>#worldtabletennisday</u> saved the best to last! Our LUXURY game! Toilet rolls as bats! Good game too. Went to 5 sets. Well played <u>#pingpongpersuader pic.twitter.com/9q8wcD2OHr</u>

- ping pong paul (@PongpingPaul) April 6, 2020

Happy world Table tennis at home/in the garden day! In these most challenging of times it's lovely to see so many people & families having fun playing Tt at home on their dining room table, garages & gardens 🖾 Take care & keep safe 🛛 #WorldTableTennisDay pic.twitter.com/HiRXFkW4S3

- Topspin Sports (@topspintt) April 6, 2020

First time playing the game <u>#WorldTableTennisDay</u> <u>@Nsport</u> <u>@TableTennisENG</u> <u>#thisgirlcan</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/iYJxr5TKLh</u>

- Henry Arthur (@HenryArthur1975) April 6, 2020

- David Wetherill (@Wetherill89) April 6, 2020

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