

# Drinkhall back as Number One

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Coach Jia Yi Liu and the returning number one Paul Drinkhall

Andrew Baggaley's reign as the British number one was short-lived as the new ITTF World Rankings display.

The man from Milton Keynes was displaced after just one month by Paul Drinkhall who reclaims his top British spot. Drinkhall, 21, remained in 144<sup>th</sup> place in the world while Baggaley dropped five places from 142<sup>nd</sup> to 147<sup>th</sup>.

British number three Liam Pitchford continued his dramatic rise up the rankings by moving up another 29 places in November to reach a new high of 171<sup>st</sup> in the world. This means the youngster from Derbyshire has now risen 98 places in two months.

Joanna Parker has also reached a new personal high of 128<sup>th</sup> in the womens' world rankings. Her previous highest was 130<sup>th</sup> in February 2010.

Womens' number two Kelly Sibley had a minor drop of two places but all of the other six women in the Olympic Long List rose in their world rankings.

The full December positions for the Olympic Long List players are shown below:

(English unless stated)

Men Rank:	Name:	Change:	Women Rank:	Name:	Change:
144	Paul Drinkhall	+ 0	128	Joanna Parker	+ 10
147	Andrew Baggaley	- 5	159	Kelly Sibley	- 2
171	Liam Pitchford	+ 29	215	Liu Na (IRL)	+ 6
226	Gavin Rumgay (SCO)	+ 5	401	Naomi Owen (WAL)	+ 12
245	Darius Knight	+ 0	488	Hannah Hicks	+ 15
262	Daniel Reed	+ 5	489	Alice Loveridge (GGY)	+ 17
439	Chris Doran	+ 12	497	Emily Bates	+ 16
650	Gavin Evans	- 57	554	Charlotte Carey (WAL)	+ 13

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