

Men's World Cup coming to Liverpool

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The World Cup is coming to Liverpool this September 28-30th which could be your chance to see top Olympians in action.

With top sporting venues such as Goodison Park and Anfield, Liverpool – the 2008 City of Culture, is used to hosting exciting sporting events and this year will be no different with a number of the world's top players heading to the Echo Arena for the Liebherr Men's World Cup.

It will be the first major table tennis event after the Olympics and for those of you who may have missed out on tickets for that can certainly make up for it here when international table tennis returns to the North West of England.

The Liebherr Men's World Cup is one of the highest profile events on the International Table Tennis Federation's calendar and it could see the competitive debut of the new Olympic Champion.

The tournament consists of an elite group of 19 players, made up from Olympic and World Champions, four Intercontinental Champions (Africa, Latin America, North America and Oceania), a home nation wildcard and the highest ranked international players.

The competition is a solely singles affair with only male entrants (a separate women's world cup takes place in the calendar) who will fight for pride, honour and a share of the expected prize fund of £150,000.

It will conclude an exciting 12 months for English table tennis which has hosted the ITTF Pro Tour Grand Finals, The Olympic and Paralympic Games and now the Liebherr Men's World Cup.



Zhang Jike, the 2011 winner in Paris

Last year the event was held in Paris, France where it was won by China's Zhang Jike over his compatriot Wang Hao in an exciting 4-2 final (7-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-5, 11-3).

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