

BUCS Individual win boosts Doran's hopes

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2013/14 Champion Chris Doran with Trent team-mate Alice Loveridge

England no. 7 Chris Doran sent out a strong signal ahead of the 2013/14 Senior National Championships as he beat fellow international Daniel Reed to secure the coveted Men's Singles title from the British Universities and Colleges Sport Individual Table Tennis Championships.

The Nottingham Trent student was triumphant in a classic four-game encounter, which will boost his hopes ahead of the big event this weekend (Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2014) as he looks for a first singles final.

It was another strong weekend all round for the Trent team who have dominated recent University Championships and again secured three of the five main titles on offer at Nottingham University.

Along with the Men's Singles win from Doran, Trent also won the Women's Doubles through Alice Loveridge and Emma Vickers and the Men's Doubles from Doran and partner Sean Cullen.

However, they were denied the clean sweep as Durham University's Clara Hai Qing took the Women's Singles while Yolanda King and Paul McCreery secured the Mixed Doubles title as the only triumph for the host Nottingham Uni.

It was a record entry to the championships with 57 groups of four in the Men's Singles, 20 groups of four in the Women's Singles and a combined 148 pairings contesting the three doubles events.

BUCS Individual Table Tennis Championships Results (Nottingham University, Feb 22-23, 2014)

Men's Singles:

Semi-Finals:

Daniel Reed (Sheffield Hallam) bt Paul McCreery (Nottingham) 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-7)

Chris Doran (Nottingham Trent) bt Sean Doherty (Edinburgh) 3-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-8)

Final:

Chris Doran (Nottingham Trent) bt Daniel Reed (Sheffield Hallam) 3-1 (11-6, 13-11, 12-14, 11-9)

Women's Singles:

Semi-Finals:

Clara Hai Qing (Durham) bt Yali Wang (Central Lancashire) 3-0 (11-7, 11-3, 11-4)

Jessy Zhou (Cambridge) bt Alice Loveridge (Nottingham Trent) 3-2 (9-11, 11-7, 11-4, 5-11, 11-6)

Final:

Clara Hai Qing (Durham) bt Jessy Zhou (Cambridge) 3-0 (11-9, 11-7, 11-5)

Women's Doubles:

Semi-Finals:

Alice Lovridge/Emma Vickers (Nottingham Trent) bt Yolanda King/Maria Lebedeva (Nottingham) 3-0 (11-6, 11-2, 11-4)

LingyuYang/Xinshi Yang (Liverpool) bt Heyi Chen/Clara Hai Qing (Durham) 3-2 (7-11, 11-9, 12-10, 4-11, 16-14)

Final:

Alice Lovridge/Emma Vickers (Nottingham Trent) bt LingyuYang/Xinshi Yang (Liverpool) 3-2 (5-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-3)

Mixed Doubles:**Semi-Finals:**

Yolanda King/Paul McCreery (Nottingham) bt Alice Lovridge/Sean Cullen (Nottingham Trent) 3-2 (9-11, 10-12, 12-10, 11-8, 11-6)

Emma Vickers/Chris Doran (Nottingham Trent) bt Laura Robinson/Mike Fraser (Sheffield) 3-0 (11-3, 11-8, 11-9)

Final:

Yolanda King/Paul McCreery (Nottingham) bt Emma Vickers/Chris Doran (Nottingham Trent) 3-2 (11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 7-11, 11-7)

Men's Doubles:**Semi-Finals:**

Daniel Lowe/Josh Robinson (Nottingham Trent) bt Kim Daybell/Steve Mccloughlin (Leeds) 3-2 (12-10, 10-12, 11-7, 10-12, 11-8)

Chris Doran /Sean Cullen (Nottingham Trent) bt Emran Hussain/Joe Killoran (Nottingham Trent) 3-2 (11-9, 5-11, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9)

Final:

Chris Doran /Sean Cullen (Nottingham Trent) bt Daniel Lowe/Josh Robinson (Nottingham Trent) 3-0 (11-9, 11-8, 11-8)

Women's Plate:**Semi-Finals:**

Paris Li (Newcastle) bt Maitreyi Shivkumar (Cambridge) 3-2 (11-9, 12-14, 3-11, 11-5, 11-7)

Hweiching Lim (Kent) bt Lanke Li (Liverpool) 3-0 (11-2, 11-8, 11-2)

Final:

Paris Li (Newcastle) bt Hweiching Lim (Kent) 3-1 (7-11, 13-11, 13-11, 11-8)

Men's Plate:**Semi-Finals:**

Jake Crocker (Birmingham) bt Robert Shrimpton (Manchester) 3-2 (11-6, 14-16, 7-11, 11-5, 11-1)

Chung Ki Poon (Exeter) bt Xiao Collins (Lancaster) 3-1 (11-7, 7-11, 11-8, 11-6)

Final:

Chung Ki Poon (Exeter) bt Jake Crocker (Birmingham) 3-0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-9)

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