

# Drinkhall in partnership deal with Bribar

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Paul Drinkhall in action in his new kit at the Senior Nationals. Picture by Alan Man

Bribar Table Tennis have announced a partnership deal between England No 1 Paul Drinkhall and the TIBHAR brand.

The four-time National singles champion and Commonwealth gold medal winner is enjoying the best period of his career, including victory in the GAC Group Spanish Open last year, followed by victories over both the European No 1 and No 2 ranked players Dimitrij Ovtcharov (WR 5) and Marcos Freitas (WR 9) on his way to the final of the GAC Group ITTF World Tour Russian Open.

That form has seen the former triple European Youth champion rise to a career high of No 33 in the world in January. He is currently ranked at 37.

TIBHAR is a leading brand and is renowned for producing top quality rubbers and blades along with a first-class range of tables, textiles and accessories. Some of their other world-class athletes include Vladimir Samsonov (BLR) and Chen Chien-An (TPE).

Drinkhall said: "I'm really happy to be a member of the Bribar Table Tennis and TIBHAR families. At this stage in my career it's important I have the support of table tennis experts and that I'm playing with the very best equipment.

"In the UK everyone knows Bribar and the support they provide to their customers, so it's great to be in partnership with them. TIBHAR equipment is absolutely outstanding– the Evolution rubbers are the absolute perfect choice for my game, and I would recommend them to anybody who wants to play an attacking game based on power, spin and precision."

Barry Chapman, Managing Director of Bribar Table Tennis, the main UK agents for Tibhar, added: "We are delighted that Paul has joined Bribar and Tibhar at a time when he is playing at his best.

"As well as being an extremely talented player he is very personable and friendly and is about to enter a new phase of his life. He and Jo are expecting their first child in a few months time, and this has given him renewed focus.

"Paul is very enthusiastic about our plans for the future. More than anything else, I think he is looking forward to working within the family environment that Bribar and Tibhar offer."

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