

Maria gets first senior call in squad for Euros

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Maria Tsaptsinos in action at the recent European Youth Championships

England's Commonwealth Games silver medal-winning men's team are reunited, and there is a first senior call-up for Maria Tsaptsinos, as England's squad for the European Championships is revealed.

Table Tennis England has announced a nine-strong squad for the championships in Russia at the end of September.

Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford, Andrew Baggaley, Sam Walker and Danny Reed comprise the men's squad and will be competing as a unit for the first time since taking team silver at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games last year.

The women's line-up sees Tsaptsinos in for the first time alongside three more Glasgow competitors – mixed doubles medal-winners Kelly Sibley and Tin-Tin Ho plus Karina Le Fevre.

Table Tennis England's Head of Coaching & Performance, Simon Mills, said: "I'm looking forward to getting the Commonwealth Games men's team back together and seeing how they perform, and seeing Maria Tsaptsinos earn her first cap."

The competition is in Ekaterinburg, Russia, from September 25 to October 4.

Ekaterinburg is a happy hunting ground for Paul Drinkhall, having reached the final of the Russian Open there last year, beating top-10 players Marcos Freitas and Dimitrij Ovtcharov along the way.

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