



Friday Photos No 45: European Champions

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This week it is the turn of our European Champions. European events did not start until the late 1950s when the European Championships were first introduced in 1958. Additional events have been continually added since then with the latest being the European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan 2015. Nearly every event has been won by England at some time, although not quite all. An aim for the future?

Since the World Championships Official Handbook published in 1997 there has been no definitive record kept of European Champions so to find information I have searched through Annual Reports and copies of old Table Tennis News. If there are any omissions I apologise and would be pleased to receive details.

Where possible original images from the event are shown. Where these are not available a picture of the player has been inserted from another time. Any copies of photographs from any of these events would be most welcome. Please contact me on DianeK1414@hotmail.co.uk if you have any additional information about these events and players.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles

John Hilton (1980)

Women's Singles

Jill Hammersley (Parker) (1976)

Women's Doubles

Diane Rowe/Mary Shannon (1962 & 1964) 

Jill Hammersley/Linda Howard (Jarvis) (1976) 

Romania Cup – Women's Team Event

1964 – Lesley Bell (Radford), Irene Ogus, Diane Rowe (Scholer), Mary Shannon (Wright), NPC Ron Crayden 

EUROPE TOP 12

Men's Singles

Desmond Douglas (1987) 

Women's Singles

Jill Hammersley (Parker) (1978, 1980, 1981) 

Junior Boys

Paul Drinkhall (2007) 

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Boys Singles

Carl Prean (1985) 

Paul Drinkhall (2008) 

Junior Boys Doubles

Andy Barden/Paul Day (1976) 

Nicky Mason/Carl Prean (1983) 

Paul Drinkhall/Darius Knight (2008)



Junior Boys Team

Paul Drinkhall/Darius Knight/David Meads/Danny Reed/NPC Jai Yi Liu (2007) 

Junior Girls Doubles

Wendy Bates/Joyce Fielder (1955) 

Lisa Bellinger (Lomas)/Jean Parker (1983) 

Junior Mixed Doubles

Desmond Douglas/Linda Howard (1973) 

Carl Prean/*Csilla Batorfi (Hun)* (1985) 

Paul Drinkhall/Elizabeta Samara (2007 & Kolodyazhnaya (Rus) 2008) 

Cadet Boys Singles

Simon Heaps (1970) 

Carl Prean (1982) 

Paul Drinkhall (2005) 

Gavin Evans (2008) 

Cadet Boys Team

Billy Gleave/Carl Prean/NPC Don Parker (1981) 

Paul Drinkhall/Gavin Evans/Darius Knight/NPC Jai Yi Liu (2005) 

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