



Scholer and Perry inducted into Hall of Fame

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England table tennis legends Fred Perry and Diane Scholer have been inducted into the European Table Tennis Hall of Fame.

The pair, both world champions, are two of nine inductees named by the ETTU in the second year of the programme, which recognises the stellar names through European table tennis history.

They were named alongside Jean-Michel Saive, Bohumil Vana, Zarko Dolinar, Hans Alser, Agnes Simon, Marie Kettnerova and Anna Sipos during the current championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Perry, though best known for his tennis exploits, which included winning Wimbledon three times in succession in the mid-1930s, was unique in also being world table tennis champion in 1929.

He reached No 1 in the world a year earlier, was an England international at the age of 19 and won a series of English Open doubles titles before switching to tennis, where he became the first player to win all four Grand Slam singles titles and was also a four-time Davis Cup winner.

Diane Scholer (nee Rowe) is the oldest surviving world champion, having twice won the women's doubles title alongside her twin sister Rosalind, and she is the honorary president of the Swaythling Club.

As well as winning a total of 20 World Championships medals, she was a four-time European champion – twice in singles and twice alongside Mary Shannon in the doubles – and was an international for England and later for the Federal Republic of Germany.

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FIG. 60. F. J. PERRY, WORLD CHAMPION 1928-9
In his second season, his championship year, aged 19.

Fred Perry

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