

# **Jill Parker – Female Opportunities in Table Tennis**



# Introduction

- My story
- Current situation in Table Tennis
- The Way Forward
- Chat

# THE EARLY YEARS

- AGED 13





# Professional Days



A faded, grayscale background image showing two people in a celebratory pose. One person is holding a large trophy or award high above their head, and the other is reaching up towards it. The scene is set against a background of diagonal hatching lines.

# TOP 12 WINNER



# EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976



# ENGLISH OPEN



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- The background of the slide features a light gray silhouette of two people playing table tennis. One person is in the foreground, seen from the back, with their right arm raised holding a paddle. The second person is behind them, also in silhouette, with their left arm raised. The scene is set against a background of diagonal hatching lines. The top and bottom of the slide are decorated with horizontal borders of small, vertical lines in light blue and red, respectively.
- Retired from table tennis in 1983
  - Family



# Coaching

- European Youths – 1981
- European Seniors – 1986
- Olympics in Barcelona - 1992

# COACH AT OLYMPIC GAMES 1996





# Commonwealth Games

- Multi Sport Environment
  - Team Manager – 3 Games
  - Manchester 2002; Melbourne 2006 & Delhi 2010
  - Fantastic opportunity for Table Tennis and indeed females
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# TEAM MANAGER CWG DELHI 2010



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# TEAM MANAGER ROLE – DELHI 2010





# TALENT & COACHING MANAGER

Matt Stanforth

Stephen Gertsen

Craig Bryant

Paul Whiting

Sally Shutt

Katy Parker

Natalie Green

Helen Lower

Alison Broe

Jane Barella





# Let's Look at Table Tennis

- Senior Management Positions ie Management
  - National Council
  - ETTA Professional Staff
  - ETTA Coaching Staff
  - Volunteer Coaching Staff
  - Players
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# Way Forward

- More female in senior management positions
- More female coaches at grass root level
- Table Tennis needs to be seen as a trendy sport
- Table Tennis needs to be played in a safe and comfortable environment.
- Role models





**ANY QUESTIONS?**