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English National Under 11,12,13 & 14 Championships

The English National Under 11,12,13 & 14 Championships were held at the University of East Anglia, Norwich on the 2nd and 3rd June 2007.

Displaying great fighting spirit, Harry Lumb from Chatham, Kent had a tremendous run to the under 13 boys' singles final, via the top seed Eddie Mitchell (Bucks), 4-11, 11-9, 7-11, 1-7, 11-7 in the quarter-finals, and Ping Ho (Middlesex), 11-6, 11-6, 10-12, 11-7 in the semis. He then fell 7-11, 5-11, 9-11 to the all-conquering Zac Zilesnick (Middlesex).

Ross Wilson (Isle of Sheppey) and Helshan Weerasinghe (Dartford) won a nail-biting 5 setter boys' doubles final over the Middlesex pairing of Zilesnick and Connor Neenan to land their first English national title. Wilson also lost to Zilesnick in the semi-finals of the under 12s singles, while Weerasinghe reached the semi-final stage of both the under 11 and under 12 singles. Kirsty Wilson (Isle of Sheppey), lost in the girls' under 14 singles quarter finals.

Lewis Gray, 13, from Benenden, had the misfortune to lose to the eventual title winner in both the under 13 and under 14 boys' singles. In the quarter-finals of the under 13s, he lost in 3 very close games, 10-12, 9-11, 10-12 (after leading 10-9 in the third game) to the new 'golden' boy of English table tennis Zak Zilesnick (Middlesex), who went on to win both the under 13 and 12 boys' singles, the latter title in succession to Lewis. And in the quarter-finals of the under 14s, Lewis went out to top seed Liam Pitchford (Derbyshire). But Lewis was within an ace of reaching the boys' under 14 doubles final, when at deuce in the 5th game his partner, Reece Tan (Essex), served off against Sean Cullen (Derbys) & Graeme Barella (Durham) in the semi-finals.

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