

WEALD'S DAN LAWRENCE WINS FIRST OPEN TOURNAMENT

Dan Lawrence from Tonbridge, a member of the Weald Table Tennis Club based at Angley School, Cranbrook, won his first open tournament singles title at the Horsham 1 Star Junior Open Championships on Saturday, when he beat Hugo Pang (Dorset) in the under 12s boys' singles final, 11-13, 12-10, 8-11, 11-6, 11-6. Dan also reached the semi-finals of the under 13s boys' singles, going down 13-11, 11-7, 11-8 to Tony Steel (Sussex).

Other Weald Club members also did well. Darren Velvick from Cranbrook, and a pupil of Cranbrook Primary School, lost to Joss Hole (Sussex) 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 in the semis of the under 11s boys' singles, while Jamie Pryor, also from Cranbrook and a pupil of Angley School, lost to Aaron Soraghan (Brighton) in the under 13s consolation final, 11-6, 10-12, 9-11, 9-11.

Jessica Wen from Sutton Valence Prep School, who also attends South East Regional Squad training at Angley School, lost to Kieran Gray (Horsham) 5-11, 13-11, 11-7, 11-8 in the under 11 girls' consolation singles final.

England cadet (under 15) internationals and Weald club members Lewis Gray, 15, and Yolanda King, 14, are playing for the first time in the English National Senior Championships at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield from 6-8th March.