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**Table tennis notes by Chris Blake**

Young table tennis stars of the future participated in the Sunderland & District Table Tennis Championships held last weekend.

Many of these emerging and talented young players attend practice and coaching sessions up to 3 times a week held in a number of venues across the city. Their hard work and dedication has seen their performance dramatically improve over the season and it bolds well for the future.

Robert Renton (pictured) capped off an excellent season, in which he played for St John C, by winning the Under 13 Boys and Cadet Boys (Under 15) events narrowly overcoming Simon Knoph (Lanchester CC) in both events in 2 excellent finals.

In the Under 13 Boys Renton came from 2 – 1 down to take the 4th game to force the match into the deciding end. Both players had opportunities to win the match but Renton just edged the 5th 11 – 8.

The Cadet Boys followed a similar pattern with Renton just emerging victorious 3 – 1 (11 – 8 in the 4th).

There was mixed fortunes in both of the girl events – in the Under 13’s event Amy Lambert beat Kate Hannah in 3 very tight games - 11/9, 11/6, 11/9 before Hannah gained revenge by beating her opponent in a quite enthralling match which finished 2/11, 11/9, 17/15, 10/12, 11/6.

The Junior Girls (under 18) (Round Robin) event was dominated by Eszter Soos (St John A) but Rachel Turnbull and Amy Lyle can be proud of the way they played in their first tournament.

**Practice and Coaching Sessions**

(See details on your e-mail)

**\*\*\*Please insert 3 or 4 pictures if possible – i.e., Robert Renton, Eszter Soos, Amy Lambert, Kate Hannah who all did particular well in the Tournament\*\*\***