

# RACQUET REVIEW

## Junior Challengers kick start the year!

With over 50 entries through two events, the TTU Junior challenger series has been a real hit with the players. Two great events in Glenburn and Mourne have set the standard for six further events before the end of the season.

With many new juniors, and returning players from previous years, competition is at an all time high, with very little separating our top players. Having won both Division 1 events, Christopher Allsop (Ormeau) tops the charts, closely followed by club mate Karsten Close.

Competitors Eimear Hutchinson (Belturbet), Luke Massey (Lisburn Rapid) and Reece Maguire (Mourne) have all shown great skill over the first two events, with Stanley Rintoul (Glenburn) finishing in the top 4 in both events. Jane Wilson (Glenburn) has impressed and improved alongside Matthew Bailie of Ormeau.

With ages ranging from 7-17, we are looking forward to our next event, which will be held in Coleraine, and hosted by the Osmond Club on December 3rd.



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	<b>JUNIOR CHALLENGER</b> HOSTED BY <b>OSMOND TTC</b> IN ASSOCIATION WITH TABLE TENNIS ULSTER
<b>3 DEC 2023</b> COLERAINE WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE 40 THE ROPE WALK COLERAINE, BT51 3BT	 TIME 13:00-17:00 PRICE: £10 PER PLAYER

## Upcoming Events

### Des Flanagan Investment Solutions Ulster Series

**18 Nov** – Monaghan Collegiate  
School

### Other Notable Events

**25/26 Nov** – The Robinson's Ice Cream Ulster Open,  
Lisburn

### TTU Junior Challenger Series

**3rd Dec** – Osmond Table Tennis  
Club

## Arnold collects School Coach of the Year



Congratulations to Table Tennis Ireland Chair Arnold Morgan, who recently was awarded School Coach of the Year at the ABC Council Junior Sports Awards. Arnold is pictured above with Richard Bullick (Sport NI) and Ken Redpath (Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Sports Forum).

ABC Council reported "Venerated table tennis coach Arnold Morgan who led many individuals and teams from Ballydown Primary School, Banbridge Academy, Banbridge High School, and Killicomaine Junior High School to Ulster Championship wins and All-Ireland Silver medals scooped the School Coach of the Year Award."

Keep up the great work Arnold!

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## TTU link with DSNi and ABC Council for New Opportunities

Young people from Ceara School and Lismore College's Learning Support Unit were invited along to South Lake Leisure Centre this week to try their hand at table tennis.

This is the first event to have been delivered for children with disabilities by Disability Sport NI Table Tennis Ulster and ABC Council.

Great work by everyone who took part. We were really impressed by the skill, teamwork and competitiveness shown.



## Robinsons Ice Cream Ulster Open 2023

## TTU Spotlight

The Robinson's Ice Cream Ulster Open Table Tennis Championships, supported by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, returns for the 9th year to the impressive Lisburn Racquets Club over the weekend 25th-26th November 2023. This year's event celebrates the Centenary of the presentation of the Ulster Open Awards which is a significant milestone for table tennis in Ulster. TTU are extremely grateful to our sponsor – ROBINSON'S ICE CREAM for once again providing generous sponsorship for the Ulster Open Championships.

Once more, the event will cater for every age group, from Under 11's through to Masters level, with some top class table tennis guaranteed at this celebration of table tennis. An attractive Prize Fund will be offered for senior events. Consolation events will be held in all categories (time permitting). See our website for more information on entries and timings for the event.



Adrian Brown (left) pictured with Des Flanagan, after his impressive win at the Over 60's event at the Des Flanagan Investment Solutions Ulster series event held in Craigavon.

Round 4 takes place on November 18th in Monaghan.

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