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World Championships



The young England & Dorset player Alex Kley triumphed in the Singles event at the recent Short Mat World Championships in Aberdeen. Alex entered the championships as one of the favourites having won the British Isles Singles title in November 2022 to add to his recent English national title and his victory in the ESMBA Open Singles competition. His win at the World Championships leaves him as one of the few players to simultaneously hold a National, British and World title.

To follow up on his World title, Alex successfully defended his English title at the National finals in Melton Mowbray two weeks later. Becoming only the second player to win back to back singles titles. Emulating Gary Brown's achievement in 1990 and 1991.

At 22 years of age the future is very bright for Alex. One of the stars of English Short Mat Bowls.

Video Footage of Alex's Semi Final & Final is available on the ESMBA Facebook Page

National Championships 2022/23

Singles: Alex Kley



<u>Under 18 Singles:</u> <u>Matthew Harwood</u>



Pairs: Ryan Knight, Saul Featherstone



Woodbridge Trophy: Christopher Hall



<u>Triples: Lawrence Moffat, Lee</u>
& Bronagh Toleman



Over 55 Pairs: Chris Hopkins, Stephen McAlister



Fours: Craig Strong, Ross Dunkley, Jon Pitcher, Adam Easthope



Mixed Fours: George Main, Gill Cawrse, Diane Shepherd, Elliott James



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Under 21 International:

England Faced Wales in the Under 21 International with England retaining the trophy with a 46-34 win, the 7th win in 13 years



Safeguarding News:

We have now started regular Safeguarding Natter sessions on Zoom. These sessions allow County Safeguarding Officers to discuss Safeguarding topics. If you have a question you'd like to ask or would like to be involved please contact Lynn Dean, Lead Safeguarding Officer by email: lynn@esmba.co.uk

Have you got anything you wish to include in the Newsletter? Email James@esmba.co.uk with your news.

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Inter County Championships

Premier 1 Winners: Dorset



Premier 2 Winners: Cheshire



A Team Winners: Kent

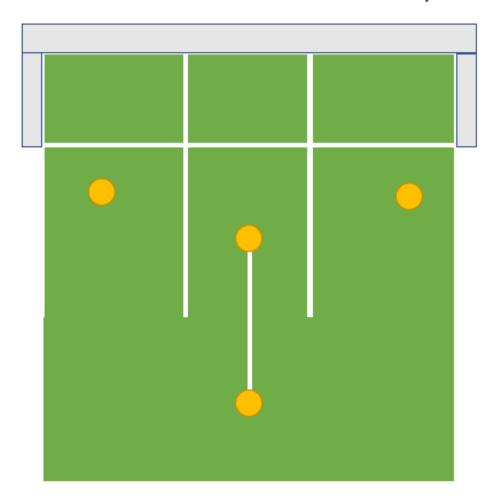


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Coaching Corner

Leads- Exercise 2 - Draw to Four Jacks as nominated by the bowler.



Nominate a jack and draw to it

1 point for drawing within 1 foot of nominated jack

Max 4 Points



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