

REPORT ON THE BRISTOL OPEN TABLE TENNIS GRAND PRIX 2011.

Appleby Academy Junior player Kelsey Le Maistre travelled to Bristol at the weekend to compete in her first senior Open Grand Prix to open her account of ranking points at this level.

In the **Women's Band 2** event she went through as runner up of her group only losing in three close games to Lucy Zhu [England No.11 Cadet] and progressed to the last eight. She then came up against the highly experienced Sanja Clements [England No.20 senior] and despite a feisty effort went out at this quarter final stage 3—0.

In the **Women's Band 3** event she played two top 150 ranked players Sam Meredith and Paulina Orzechowska in her group and gained valuable experience but missed out on the knockout rounds.

In the **Women's Singles** Le Maistre came up against the very experienced Chloe Thomas the Welsh No.7 junior and Michele Reeves from Avon. Despite losing to Thomas, Le Maistre was all guns blazing against Reeves. She took the first game but her seasoned opponent used all her savvy to win the next three games 7-11, 8-11, 7-11.

The **Under 21 Women's Singles** event was Le Maistre's most enjoyable and successful. It was played as a round robin she gained some priceless match play knowledge against the other five girls. Her first win of the weekend came against the top 100 ranked Charlotte Binley from Northamptonshire [1482 points] which she won in five games 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 7-11 and 11-4. She also beat Avon's Alice Gregory 3-0 to secure more senior ranking points.

"This was a great first performance by Kelsey at Senior level and she would have gained invaluable experience," said JTTA President Chris Band.