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## BEXLEYHEATH YBC strike GOLD at the N.A.Y.B.C. JUNIOR NATIONALS

**Daniel French is picked for  
England Junior Team in the  
"Triple Crown" in Dublin.**

As reported on Page 2, May has been an exceptional month for Bexleyheath YBC.

Not only have they won the Team Event at the NAYBC Junior Nationals with the team of Daniel French, James Pateman, Stephen Letchford, Alex Reed and Rose Manning from an entry of 226 teams, but Daniel [pictured here] by taking the lead in the Under-16 Merit Table, has been automatically selected to bowl for England in the Junior Triple Crown Tournament against all the other home countries in Dublin later this year.



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# KENT SUCCESSES IN THE JUNIOR NATIONALS BEXLEYHEATH PICK UP A HAT-FULL OF MEDALS

## Daniel French Number One Under-16 Boy to Secure Triple Crown England Place

AS usual, the NAYBC National Championships in Nottingham – held over 10 days in April/May and still the biggest junior tournament in the world with 2,359 entrants from 106 YBCs – reached its climax on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, and star of the tournament from Kent's perspective was Bexleyheath's **Daniel French**, who won no less than two gold medals and elevated himself to number one in the under-16 NAYBC merit rankings, to earn an automatic place in the Triple Crown England team to play the rest of the home countries in Dublin this August.

Daniel, winner of the inaugural Peter Cox Junior Matchplay tournament at Chatham last October, rolled a superb 683 series to take gold in the Senior Boys' Singles and 583 when joined by **James Pateman [531]**, **Stephen Letchford [601]**, **Alex Reed [563]** and **Rose Manning [430]** to win gold in the Regular Team event with an excellent 2708 total.

His 1759 total for the All-Events took him to fourth place where we might have expected him to have been beaten by someone scoring the magic 1800 from 9 games. But no – the quality of this field is so high that the Senior Boys' winner rolled no less than 1994!

Another medal was won by Whitstable's **Jennifer Beale** whose fine 634 series earned her Graduate Girls' silver, missing gold by just five pins. Her 1685 total, like Daniel, put her 4th in the All-Events just three pins behind Bexleyheath's **Alex Reed**, who earned a bronze to go with her team gold. Top score here was 1868 – smashing by 122 the former World Champion Gemma Burden's 1996 tournament record.

Whitstable's little **Nico Joiner** probably had one of the best results of this year's tournament without actually picking up a medal. He captured fourth place twice – once in the Bantam Boys' Singles and again in the All-Events.

This year's top placings, and the latest Merit Tables, can all be found by web aficionados on [www.naybc.co.uk](http://www.naybc.co.uk).

### KTBA JUNIOR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000

92 under-18s took part in this year's Kent Junior Area Championships at AMF Margate on May 21st and, whilst the podium places were shared around the YBCs, the bulk of the honours were deservedly taken by the strong Bexleyheath contingent.

Elite boys Division 6 was won by Bexleyheath's **James Pateman** who started with a super 253 game which remained the best game score of the day. His two series of 617 and 628 gave him an excellent unmatched 207 average. With **Stephen Letchford** and **Daniel French** taking 2nd and 3rd, Bexleyheath made this division's honours all their own.

For the high-average girls in Division 3, it was Bexleyheath again with **Alex Reed** rolling a 192 average and the girl's high game and series – 236 in a 591 – and **Dawn Webster** third, but Whitstable spoiled Bexleyheath's clean sweep in this division, **Jennifer Beale** taking the runner-up position.

The full divisional results follow:

#### Division 1 [Girls Ave. less than 111] [9 Entries]

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|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. <b>Helen Skudder</b>      | MAR 402 |
| 2. <b>Michelle Greenaway</b> | BEX 352 |
| 3. <b>Jade Pateman</b>       | BEX 336 |

#### Division 2 [Girls Ave. 111 to 139] [13 Entries]

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|---------------------------|---------|
| 1. <b>Nina Shrimpton</b>  | BEX 440 |
| 2. <b>Samantha Dennis</b> | CLI 428 |
| 3. <b>Samantha Denne</b>  | BEX 417 |

#### Division 3 [Girls Ave. 140 & over] [7 Entries]

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. <b>Alexandra Reed</b> | BEX 1154 |
| 2. <b>Jennifer Beale</b> | WHI 941  |
| 3. <b>Dawn Webster</b>   | BEX 875  |

#### Division 4 [Boys Ave. less than 121] [35 Entries]

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|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. <b>Alex Grace</b>     | MAR 438 |
| 2. <b>Peter Rogers</b>   | BEX 411 |
| 3. <b>Ben Southworth</b> | MAR 410 |

#### Division 5 [Boys Ave. 121 to 154] [18 Entries]

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|----------------------------|---------|
| 1. <b>Sebastian Darkes</b> | MAR 529 |
| 2. <b>Craig Derbyshire</b> | CLI 489 |
| 3. <b>Paul Cheney</b>      | WHI 480 |

#### Division 6 [Boys Ave. 155 and over] [9 Entries]

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1. <b>James Pateman</b>     | BEX 1245 |
| 2. <b>Stephen Letchford</b> | BEX 1166 |
| 3. <b>Daniel French</b>     | BEX 1108 |

The team game was a closely fought affair in which Whitstable – winners four times in the past five years – were somewhat unlucky. With the rules indicating that a team must consist of four bowlers, each from different divisions, Whitstable – due to the unavailability of appropriately qualified youngsters – fielded their third team with two Division 2 bowlers alongside a 4 and a 6 so, as such, this team had to bowl as pacers, even though their second 2 was replacing a higher-average 3. Suffice it to say, they finished in front with 597; Margate were 2nd on 595 and a perfectly legal Whitstable team 3rd on 594 – just 3 pins separating the top three finishers! Consequently, it was the Margate foursome of **Robert Joy**, **Alex Grace**, **Philippa Skudder** and **Sebastian Darkes** who became this year's Champion Team.

### NEXT K.T.B.A. TOURNAMENT

The next K.T.B.A. Tournament will be  
the

#### INTER-CENTRE TOURNAMENT

to be held on

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2000

at

**AMF BOWL MAIDSTONE**

For further details, speak to your  
Centre K.T.B.A. representative.

# CHRISTINE CONNER & CHRIS SMITH win the 2000 MASTERS

The K.T.B.A. 2000 Invitational Masters was held at AMF Ashford Bowl during the Area Championships in May. The format was the same as last year with the twelve ladies and twelve men bowling five games on different lanes when the highest six bowlers in each section progressed to the second round. They then bowled two more games with their scores carrying over from the first round. At this stage the top four went to a straight knockout stage starting from scratch. Over one game this produced the finalists who battled out for the titles in a one game final.

## Ladies.

The following ladies were invited to this year's Masters event.

**Christine Conner Carol Lakin**  
**Julie Cudmore Doreen Lodge**  
**Lucy Cudmore Alex Reed**  
**Emma Drury Mandy Shrimpton**  
**Elaine Hinch Sylvia Thomas**  
**Jan Hodge Sheila White**

The opening game saw the lead taken by Doreen Lodge, a past winner, with 197 from Alex Reed [194] and Emma Drury [192].

At the end of the second game Emma Drury had gone into the lead with a score of 384 ahead of Alex Reed, Lucy Cudmore, Elaine Hinch, Doreen Lodge and Chris Conner.

After the first three games Emma remained in the lead on 566 but after rolling a 215 game Christine moved into second place on 557 ahead of Elaine Hinch [539].

Emma held the lead after Game four on 757, Carole Lakin moving up to second on 717 and Chris third with 713. Despite a 236 game, Sheila White only moved up to seventh place.

In the dramatic fifth game Chris Conner had a 201 game to take the lead on 914, Carole Lakin staying in second on 894, Alex Reed third on 863, Emma Drury slipping back to fourth with 861, Lucy Cudmore in fifth on 860 and Elaine Hinch in the last qualifying place on 853.

Now down to six bowlers, Elaine Hinch shot into the lead with a 223 game just ahead of Chris with Lucy shooting a 202 to move up to third place.



Game seven saw Chris regain the lead with a total of 1271 [ave. 181.5] ahead of Elaine on 1269 [181.2] with Lucy third on 1238 [176.8] and Alex Reed fourth [174.8].

The semi-finals saw Chris beating Alex 176 to 153 and Elaine defeating Lucy 193 to 139.

The final was, therefore, a battle between two sisters. Chris has previously won the Masters but this was the first appearance in the final for Elaine. The final was keenly fought but Elaine left a split in the middle of the game which allowed Chris to forge ahead and strike out to win 205 to 156.

Thus Chris Conner took the title having averaged 183.5 over nine games.

## Men.

The following men were invited to bowl in this year's event.

**Andy Allerton Keith Hodge**  
**Stephen Brough David Percival**  
**Nathan Clark Dave Ross**  
**Mark Godley Chris Smith**  
**Daniel Harman John Smith**  
**John Hinch Steve White**

The first game saw three 200+ games from Keith Hodge [223], Daniel Harman [204] and Chris Smith [202]. In Game two John Hinch had a 225 game to take the lead on 403 from Chris Smith who bowled a 236 game to total 395.

Game three saw Keith Hodge move into the lead on 607 following a 221 game ahead of John Hinch [599],

Nathan Clark [593], Chris Smith [593] and David Percival [563]. In this third Game, Nathan bowled a 226, Chris a 200 and David a 226.

Game four saw Chris Smith move into the lead with a 212 game increasing his total to 805 ahead of Keith on 796. Meanwhile Dave Ross was making a challenge with a 214 game moving him up to fourth place.

Game five saw another big game from Chris Smith, a 218 moving him to 1023, the other qualifiers for the second stage being Nathan Clark [985], Keith Hodge [983], John Smith [955], John Hinch [945] and Dave Ross [942].

In Game six Dave Ross rolled a 244 game to move up to second place just behind Chris Smith and then in Game seven he scored 214 to take the lead on 1400 [ave. 200]. Chris Smith retained second place on 1360 [194.2]. In third place was Keith Hodge on 1341 [191.5] and fourth place went to Nathan Clark on 1334 [190.5]

The first semi-final saw the closest match of the day when Dave Ross beat Nathan Clark by a single pin with 173 to 172 and went forward to the final to meet Chris Smith who beat Keith Hodge 222 to 139.

The final was well fought with some excellent bowling but Chris Smith came through to be a Masters Champion again by 221 to 187 and have an overall average for the event of 200.3.

# Report on the K.T.B.A. Area Championships 2000

By Jerry Lodge.

The K.T.B.A. Area Championships for the year 2000 attracted a record entry when held at AMF Ashford over three Sundays in May.

Many of the bowlers found the conditions difficult but, as usual, others bowled well above their entering averages to win prize money.

## Regular Division

### Singles

On the first day, John Hinch set a good target with a 644 series including a 245 last game. On the second Sunday, Jerry Moll put in a challenge with a 601 series with consistent games of 198-213-190. However, on the last day Steve White bowled games of 259, 169 & 234 for a 662 series which was sufficient to win both the handicap and scratch sections.

### Handicap Section.

#### [102 Entries]

1.	Steve White	695
2.	John Hinch	692
3.	Graham Gapp	678
4.	Jerry Moll	673
5.	Dave Button	666
6.	Graham Knight	660
7.	Nathan Clark	639
	David W Goddard	639
9.	Vic Field	634
10.	Adrian Greenfield	628
11.	Rob Packman	627
12.	Peter Harman	625
13.	Dave Carter	625
14.	Peter Dockerill	623
15.	Alan Haley	621
16.	Mark Godley	620
17.	David Ross	619
18.	Paul Clark	615
19.	Buck Bromwich	613
20.	Steve Gore	612
	Keith Porter	612

### Scratch Section [42 Entries]

1.	Steve White	662
2.	John Hinch	644
3.	Nathan Clark	594
4.	David Ross	592
5.	Dave Button	573
6.	Andy Allerton	571
7.	Chris Smith	565
8.	Graham Knight	564
9.	Rob Packman	561
10.	David W Goddard	552
11.	Peter Williams	551
12.	Bob Potts	544

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### Doubles

On the first morning of the Tournament, yours truly was asked to bowl as a last minute substitute for a bowler who had injured himself at home earlier in the day. Bowling with Steve McElwaine, who had bowled in my team many years ago, we went into the lead thanks to an excellent series by Steve of 148-241-224 for a 613 scratch. On the middle Sunday, a challenge came from Chatham bowlers, Lee Robinson & Kevin Cranfield with Kevin bowling a 600 series with 181-211-218.

This turned out to be the winning score in the handicap section, despite a strong effort from Steven Gore & Nathan Clark on the last day when Nathan also bowled a 600 series with games of 234, 160 & 213.

### Handicap Section [61 Entries]

1.	Lee Robinson & Kevin Cranfield	1306
2.	Steve Gore & Nathan Clark	1275
3.	Stephen McElwaine & Jerry Lodge	1257
4.	Bob Greenfield & Graham Gapp	1254
5.	Alan Petherick & Steve Perryman	1251
6.	Nick & Frank Weston	1248
7.	Rodney Gibbs & Graham Smith	1247
8.	Graham Knight & Alistair Smith	1239
9.	Peter Williams & David Ross	1228
10.	Sean Purcell & Rob Packman	1205
11.	Alan Jones & Chris Skudder	1204
12.	Daniel Hobson-Wallis & Matt Phillips	1203
13.	Bruce Maguire & Jim Middleditch	1199
14.	Ken Jobson & Vic Field	1195

### Scratch Section [24 Entries]

The scratch section developed into a battle between Whitstable bowlers with Peter Williams [594] & David Ross [559] beating Steve Gore [542] & Nathan Clark [607] by a mere four pins, bowling on the same squad.

Third place was taken by Steve White [596] & Keith Hodge [494] from Bexleyheath.

1.	Peter Williams & David Ross	1153
2.	Steve Gore & Nathan Clark	1149
3.	Steve White & Keith Hodge	1090
4.	Sean Purcell & Rob Packman	1085
5.	Alan Jones & Chris Skudder	1072
6.	Steve McElwaine & Jerry Lodge	1071
7.	Tony Baker & Mel Allerton	1058
8.	Rodney Gibbs & Graham Smith	1046
9.	Bob Potts & Chris Smith	1040
10.	John Smith & Dave Buck	1034

### Team Event

Action in the Regular Team event did not really hot up until the second Sunday when the home team, Ashford Oddballs found the lanes to their liking and swept into the lead, their anchor bowler, Darren Smith, having games of 228, 159 & 224 for a 611 scratch series. On the same squad, Highwaymen moved into second place and their anchor bowler, Alan Jones, had a 615 series including a 256 game. However, on the last day, Mean Machine overtook them to take second place aided by a 660 series from Sean Purcell with games of 247, 172 & 241.

### Handicap Section [28 Entries]

1.	ASHFORD ODDBALLS	3211
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[Rodney Gibbs]  
[Graham Smith]  
[Stephen Carter]  
[Craig Freathy]  
[Darren Smith]

2.	Mean Machine	3159
3.	Highwaymen	3048
4.	Gale Force Ten	2951
5.	500 IR	2927
6.	Firestones 2	2920
7.	Nightstalkers	2914
8.	Firestones 1	2894
9.	Firestones 3	2893
10.	Totally Anonymous	2882

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