

Golden Hat Trick for Shaun

New Milton Table Tennis Club's wheelchair player Shaun Newcomb had what he describes as a "Terry's tournament....All Gold" at the recent British Disability Sport Events National Table Tennis Championships held at the birthplace of disability sport, Stoke Mandeville Stadium near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Sponsored by Nationwide Building Society, the event is part of a Grand Prix series of National tournaments in which competitors compete in their own disability class, doubles and the overall Open competition for all classes. Shaun swept the board by coming out top in all three of his classes.

In addition to landing his three golds, Shaun was also particularly pleased with the progress of his young protégé, Jack Pegram from Watford, who he coached to victory in last year's UK School Games.

16 year old Jack won his own class, beating several more experienced players, gained a silver in the doubles and against all odds, having won his semi final against a player who was two disability classes above him, reached his first senior Open final, where he faced his mentor Shaun. "Jack played amazingly to qualify for the final, beating players who I struggled against. Knowing his game and having the extra experience gave me the edge over him, but it could be a close call next time." said Shaun.

Shaun is looking forward to competing in the next Grand Prix tournament which is to be held in Crewe in October.