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## Great first outing for Saints girls

NEWLY formed St James's Montefiore girls cricket team enjoyed a successful first taste of competitive cricket when they represented the club at the Lady Taverners U11 tournament on Sunday.

The team, made up of girls between the ages of eight and 11 played four matches of pairs, Kwik cricket during the day against Bells Yew Green, Worthing Chipps, Hastings Priory and Ansty.

They got off to an excellent start, winning their first match by 15 runs, hitting some excellent fours and fielding well. They lost their next game against eventual finalists despite hitting two sixes, but did win their third game before losing their last match by just four runs or one wicket. It was a great experience for the team, who are trying to recruit more girls of all ages. Visit [www.stjamescricket.com](http://www.stjamescricket.com) for details.



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# Emma aims to put her rivals in a spin

By Ben Baker, Sportsbeat

**EMMA Torkington is making her return in England colours this week and does so with a new weapon - ready to unleash a devastating backhand on her European Youth Championships rivals.**

The 14-year-old, from Lindfield, will take on the best under-15 table tennis players Europe has to offer in Kazan, fresh from winning silver at the National Cadet Masters last month, losing out to Tin Tin Ho in the final.

But the duo then joined forces to claim the London Youth Games title for Westminster and Kings School pupil Torkington heads to Russia full of confidence, representing England for the first time since under-12 level.

And after spending most of her training on developing a better backhand top spin, she can't wait to show the rest of the continent the steps she has made.

"I am really excited about the



Rising star. Emma Torkington.

trip to Russia and I just can't wait to get going now," said Torkington, who is part of the Lloyds TSB Local Heroes initiative which sees her handed £1,000 of funding on an annual basis.

"I have had quite a busy year with table tennis and then my exams but they are all over now and I can just concentrate on doing my best in Russia.

## Jean-Philippe sweeps to boy's gymnastics trophy

honours were shared with 18 girls winning the different sections.

Libby Waters won the Year 6 Floor and Year 6 Vault titles, helping her towards the 'Stan Brown Memorial' cup for the Junior All-round Champion Girl.

There were several outstanding

were the deserved winners.

The Club would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of Tamarind Natural Therapies of Burgess Hill, which enabled free entry to all competitions and free entry for spectators.



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see where that gets me."

Torkington's sporting prowess isn't just confined to table tennis after reaching national finals with her school in netball and hockey, as well as being a former national champion in the javelin.

But it was this year the former Cumnor House School pupil decided to concentrate solely on table tennis, and she couldn't be happier with her choice.

"I do like a lot of sports and play a lot of different sports at school but I decided to just concentrate on table tennis," she added.

"It wasn't an easy choice to make but I think it was the right one and I am happy with it all so far.

"Hopefully the extra time training and stuff will help me get better and I can have more success in the future."

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