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Romeril lives with the best

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SCOTT ROMERIL starred for Guernsey when they competed for the first time at the Junior Six-Nations table tennis tournament.

The 13-year-old , who was playing at under-15 level, beat a player from Ireland, lost on deuce in the fifth game to a Scottish player and suffered a tight defeat to one of the Welsh contingent at the competition held in Cardiff.

'Scott had a brilliant weekend, he performed extremely well,' said Guernsey Table Tennis Association president Derek Webb.

'We were expecting to get some results from our players and Scott was very close to winning more matches than he did, but the point is that he has shown that he is close to the top players from his age group in Britain - he is competing at this level.

'James Lesbirel was unlucky not to win - he had a couple of five-set matches - but our performances show that we are obviously doing something right over here.'

Although Guernsey ended up with the wooden spoon, Webb has taken many positives from attending the event, although he was disappointed that the Isle of Man did not compete.

He believed that the Sarnians could have come away with more victories had the Manx been there.

'Being involved in this competition is good for our youngsters.

'It gives us something to measure them by and by going away for such tournaments, it is assisting us with our development.

'It is nice that Guernsey is now part of this circuit and something to look forward to is that the Junior Six Nations will be held in Guernsey in 2006,' added Webb.

In the more immediate future, Webb is away again this month with the Guernsey under-12 team for the British Schools Championship in Blackburn.