

# Not on top of the world but not bottom either

## Table Tennis

### **GUERNSEY'S young squads will not finish last at the world team championships in Bremen.**

The men will finish either 99th or 100th of the 108 competing countries and the women 65th or 66th out of 76.

Scott Romeril's form has been particularly good.

In the 3-1 defeat to the Maldives, he beat their top-ranked player, Mohamed, who is ranked 1,080 in the world.

Meanwhile, teammate Garry Dodd played well against Shahid and led 2-1 before going down in the decider.

On Friday, the Sarnian men enjoyed a fine 3-2 win over Liechtenstein as the play-offs for positions 97 to 108 began.

The highlights were superb wins for Romeril and Dodd.

The latter won a crucial second match 12-10 in the fifth, while Romeril beat the awkward Frommelt, ranked 871, and Toth in straight games.

The women's best result of the weekend saw them defeat Kosovo 3-1, with two wins for Alice Loveridge and one for Bethany Pipet.

The form of Pipet in her first big competition has been a revelation, showing a previously unseen determination.

She beat the Kosovan number three in straight sets while Loveridge defeated the world number 719, D. Besire, in five sets.

Loveridge won the first two sets, 11-6, 11-7 and although



**Scott Romeril has played some fine table tennis in Germany. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 0219911)**

Besire levelled the 11-year-old went up a gear to take the fifth 11-8. The result means Guernsey play Mongolia in their final match for 65th.

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