

Evaluation of **GB** Blades by Mr. László Molnár, the president of Jászkun Volán Sport Club

Usage of **GB** Blades and how to switch to it

Slogan: "Wind of change"

Motto: *"When the wind of change start to blow
the doubters are building walls,
but the optimists pull up sails."*

A Chinese wise saw says: *"Tell it to me and I forget,
Teach me and I remember,
Let me be part of it and I learn it!"*

Richard Lukacs is a junior player with 2 years of experience. He is part of the Heraklesz program and also member of the Hungarian Junior National Team. The end of December 2008 we decided with Richard, that he would try to train with **GB Science** blade during the end of the year, and in case he have good experiences, he switch to the new blade type from the second part of the competition year. It was a brave decision and also risky at the same time: there was only 3 weeks left till the Junior Twenties Competition and Richard planned to try **GB Blades** in competitive situation as well.

On the trainings I was there with Richard, but in the period of the 'break through' his father also trained him a lot. His father, Tibor Lukacs, was player in the NBI till a few years ago and he reached plenty of valuable victory also after he entered his 50ies. In the past he was one of the players in Szolnok who changed the most on their blades: he tried several rubbers and blades. He also ordered one from the **GB Blade** collection in order he can get to know the opportunities **GB Blades** can provide and so that he can forward the knowledge to his son.

We experienced the following advantages during the trainings:

- The backhand of Richard became safer and more efficient, it helped him to start short shots
- His forehand became more aggressive when he was close to the table, and he can start a shot quicker also in this position
- In general **GB Blades** proved to be useful in short or 'close to the table' play
- It is easier to spin the ball continuously and spins proved to be more efficient against defensive players

Some movements were more difficult with the new blade:

- Both backhand and forehand were more difficult for him, when he was further from the table
- He had some difficulties by serving and getting service
- He had to be careful with lifting strong flat shots

To summarize our evaluation, Richard's performance did not fall back despite the dramatically changed shape of the blade and the **very short period of switch (2-3 weeks)**, moreover the feeling of the novelty and the idea of the National product proved to be even motivating.

At the Junior Twenties Competition (10-11/01/2009) Richard lost his first two matches (in his team of 5 players) against weaker players. But he didn't give up, continued to play with **GB Blades** and won two very important matches. With some little luck, but he finally got to the best 10 players. There were no limits anymore, he played with **GB Blades** more and more safely and ended at the elegant 4th place. Richard still plays with **GB Blades** and he won **26 matches out of the 28 (93%)** with the NBI East group during the spring season.

According to our experience it is worth to get to know **GB Blades**, because as also our example shows, it is easy to get used to the new type of blade and it has a lot of advantages which are very difficult to reach with traditional blades. Richard Lukacs became part of the launch of **GB Blades** and he seems to learn using it better and better.

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