

An opinion about GB-Blades

I met the blades planned by Gábor Béla on a display at a junior competition, and I admit, I was skeptic about the unusual, asymmetric forms at the first time. Later I borrowed a dozen of Science type blades onto a trial. I was using only this type of blade two weeks long and I tried to find out, how it differs compared to the traditional blades, what kind of benefits it offers and what kind of disadvantages we have to calculate with while using it. I decided after short brooding to start teaching the beginner's team entering at the beginning of October 2008 with Science blade, and this decision seems to be correct after nearly four months, because the children can learn the basis techniques more quickly.

Science

- This blade can not be grabbed badly; it fits to the hand and the line of the forearm wonderfully. You do not need much energy to grasp and keep it. Since we use these blades for teaching the beginners, we have to correct the catch of the blade significantly less times, and there is hardly a child, who catches the handle convulsively.
- The blade's weight centre is near to the hand, which results a better perception and it is not heavy despite the relatively big head size.
- The wide blade head makes a longer ball catch possible, increases the efficiency of spinning hits.
- The Science blade proved to be exceptionally beneficial in the short game, by starting a short shot, because compared to the hand the blade reaches more deeply above the table, and the ball can be started with simple, short, fast move of the wrist more efficiently and with bigger safety.
- As a result of the stable hold of the blade the forehand-backhand-forehand changes are much smoother, the catch of the ball is clearer.
- As a result of the longer catch of the ball the length of the spinning hit grows largely, this demands a movement correction, in the case of the sportsmen playing former with a symmetric blade. This makes it a bit longer to switch to the new blade. I suggest to those, who wants to get used to this blade type to do this in the summer time.
- By the Chinese type (Shu-Sao-fa) serves it is more difficult to keep back after the serve with this blade type, which is caused by the hook-like part of the handle, which is responsible for the stable, loose catch of the blade.

Who uses **GB Science** blade for a longer time, can presumably reveal even more experiences about it. For me two weeks usage and the beginners' nearly four month experiences emphasize these concerned characteristics.

Turbo

- This is the model which is quite close to the original blade form, the only difference is the handle shape. The handle is very flat on the backhand side, while it is thicker on the forehand side. The upper part of the handle is shaped according to the thumb, and the bottom part to the palm.
- It is extremely good to keep it in hand. It is easy to change side during a quick play (forehand-backhand-forehand).
- Due to the flat handle of the forehand side, the first finger comes fully on the blade. This provides extremely good feeling, especially while playing with backhand.
- On the bottom of the handle the concave is somewhat wider than the ideal, it may disturb some players by the impetus before spinning the ball, but this problem can be redeemed with a little modification.

Sfinx

I recommend Sfinx blade for the players with very wide palm. The head of the blade is symmetric, the handle is asymmetric – it is flat on the backhand side, the upper part of the handle is shaped according to the thumb than it suddenly gets thicker at the palm, a bit thinner downwards and there is a hook like part at the bottom.

The handle fills out the palm very well. The feeling is especially good on the forehand side.

It has heavy head; it gives a good impetus at the fling.

Rolling

It has similar symmetric head and handle to **GB Turbo** blade. The handle is shaped according to the little finger, which provides very good and stable catch and hold of the blade.

Its features are almost the same as **GB Turbo** blade.

I tried 4 types of **GB Blades** and I enjoyed the play with all of them. It was good to use them. The quality of the wood is first class by all types. It has the same quality as the best brands on the sports equipment market.

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