



England earn medal haul at Home Internationals

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England won 14 medals, seven of them gold, at the Home Countries International Championship in Douglas, Isle of Man.

As well as the host nation, England took on Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Jersey and Guernsey in team and individual events.

The women's team of Lois Peake and Evie Collier were in unbeatable form, winning the team event without dropping a set and then Peake defeating Collier in the singles final.

The Cadet Boys were also in top form as they won all their matches 5-0 as well and then Naphong Boonyaprapa took individual gold, with his team-mate Connor Green winning bronze.

The team events were first and Peake and Collier were unassailable, winning all five matches (Jersey did not feature in the competition) 5-0 to take gold ahead of Wales and Ireland.

Boonyaprapa and Green were just as impressive, with six 5-0 victories to top the podium ahead of Ireland and Wales.

The other team gold was for the Junior Boys (Joe Cope and Rhys Davies), who picked up 5-0 victories over Guernsey, Isle of Man and Ireland and were 4-1 winners over Jersey and Wales. The clash versus Scotland decided the top two places and England edged it 3-2. Bronze went to Ireland.

The men's team of Ethan Walsh and Shayan Siraj finished second on countback, beating Isle of Man, Ireland and Jersey 5-0 and edging out Guernsey 3-2.

The key results saw England beat Wales, Scotland beat England and Wales beat Scotland all by 3-2 margins. The three-way countback saw Scotland get the verdict for gold, ahead of England and with Wales taking bronze.

There was silver as well for the Junior Girls and Cadet Girls. The former, represented by Erin Green and Gemma Kerr, had 5-0 wins over Guernsey, Wales and the hosts and overcame Scotland 4-1. However, a 3-2 defeat to Ireland, who won all their other matches 5-0, meant England had to settle for silver. Wales took the bronze in a competition which did not feature Jersey.

The Cadet team was Amy Marriott and Sienna Jetha and they overcame Guernsey, Isle of Man and Scotland 5-0, Jersey 4-1 and bronze medallists Ireland 3-2. The gold was decided in favour of Wales when they defeated England 3-2.

In the individual events, as well as the golds for Peake and Boonyaprapa, Gemma Kerr won the Junior Girls' Singles and Amy Marriott the Cadet Girls' Singles and there were also two silvers and two bronzes.

Peake defeated Collier in the Women's Singles final, having earlier beaten Danielle Kelly of Wales in the last four. Collier overcame Scotland's Lucy Elliot in her semi-final.

The Junior Girls was also an all-England affair as Kerr overcame her team-mate Green in the final. The bronze medallists were the Irish pair, Mia O'Rahilly Egan, who was beaten by Green, and Silke Heinen, defeated by Kerr.

Amy Marriott won the Cadet Girls' Singles gold, beating Anna Kelly of Ireland. The beaten semi-finalists were Lara Whitton (Wales) and Lucy McIvor (Ireland).

Boonyaprapa won his Cadet Boys' Singles final against Louie Evans of Wales, who had beaten Connor Green in the semi-finals. The other bronze winner was Max Skelton of Ireland.

In the Men's Singles, Siraj was England's sole medallist, taking bronze after losing to Callum Evans of Wales in the semi-finals. Evans went on to take silver, with Scotland's Colin Dalglish winning the gold. The other bronze went to Dean Cundy of Wales.

England missed out on the medals in the Junior Boys' Singles, which was won by Martin Johnson of Scotland, who beat Luc Miller of Jersey in the final. Bronzes went to Tom Colvin and James Skelton of Ireland.

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