

Giles is new Surrey Champion

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Alex Forshaw, Marcus Giles, Michael Ho & Joseph Langham-Ferreira

Twelve-year-old Marcus Giles from Kingston is the new Surrey Junior (U18) Champion following numerous displays of determination and skill on his way to the final. He started the day making short work of Liam Grant, Murray Wilson and Lobsang Lama. However, in his semi-final encounter he faced a serious challenge from Wandsworth's Joseph Langham-Ferreira. Marcus had to pull out all the stops against Joseph to win 11-9, 12-10, 9-11, 9-11, 11-7.

Meanwhile, in the bottom-half of the draw there were a number of surprises. Carshalton's George Harris was the first seed to fall to Olamide Wuraola from Dulwich TTC. Olamide then beat the No 7 seed Lewis Bray 11-9 in their fifth game. Number 2 seed Michael Ho from Wallington had struggled past Croydon's Mickel Miller by scores of 13-11, 9-11, 11-7, 10-12, 12-10, while Kingswood's Alex Forshaw cruised into the semi-finals to take on Michael Ho. Alex triumphed 11-6, 13-11, 5-11 15-13 to earn his place in the final.

The final started well for Marcus against Alex with scores of 11-8 and 11-8. In the third game Alex changed his tactics and won by an impressive 11-5. Marcus regained his composure in the fourth game and dug deep to win it 15-13 to take the crown and £100 of Bribar vouchers.

In the boy's consolation event Ross Hagen, having beaten Alex Kwaskowski, then beat Jake Mitchell in his semi-final. Meanwhile, Ovi Eyarhono overcame stern resistance from James Corner for his place in the final against Ross. In another marathon match Ross won through against Ovi 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11, 11-8.

The girls' competition resulted in a three-way tie in which Battersea's Jennifer Higham finished just above Juliette Moussarie and Mariele Lock. However, Tooting's Jessica Monis managed to beat them all on her way to taking the Junior girls title and a £50 prize.



Ross Hagen & Ovi Eyarhono

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