

Comeback king Baraty wins WCPP qualifier

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Eli Baraty (left) receives his award for winning at BATTs

Eli Baraty three times came from behind in the knockout rounds to win the latest World Championship of Ping Pong qualification event at BATTs.

Baraty was also the scourge of the Walsh family, seeing off father Jimmy and son Luke in the quarter and semi-finals respectively before beating Kazeem Adeleke in an epic final.

Jimmy Walsh had taken the first set 15-13, but Baraty stepped up his game to take the next two 15-6, 15-7 and advance to a last-four clash with Luke Walsh, who had shaded Trevor Kerry 15-14, 15-13.

Again, it was first blood to the Walshes as Luke took the opener to 11. But again Baraty came back, recording 15-11, 15-10 scorelines to turn the match around.

In the bottom half of the draw, Adeleke was victorious against Jogenes Senorin and Graham Sandley in straight games.

The final went the distance as Adeleke won the first 15-7, only to see Baraty yet again bounce back to move into a 2-1 lead with 15-13, 15-12 games.

Nigerian Adeleke leveled by taking the fourth to 10, but the Israeli had the last word by taking the decider 15-11.

There are four remaining dates in the English Series of WCPP qualification events. They are:

Waterside, Southampton Saturday October 18 (main event)

Jack Hunt School, Peterborough Saturday November 22 (main event)

Britannia, Ipswich Sunday December 7 (satellite event)

Batts, Harlow Saturday December 20 (main event)

The Last Chance Saloon is scheduled to take place on Thursday January 22, 2015. A maximum of two spaces will be available for this event.

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