Adeleke clinches WCPP qualifier

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Kazeem Adeleke claimed his second victory of the World Championship of Ping Pong qualifying circuit at Waterside TTC in Southampton.

Adeleke, who won the event at Fusion in August, beat Eli Baraty in the final to prevent the Israeli from making it two WCPP qualifying wins in a row after he took the BATTS event earlier this month.

Nigerian Adeleke lost the first end 10-15, but bounced back to take the next three 15-12, 15-12, 15-7 to seal victory.

He had earlier gone through the knockout stages relatively smoothly, seeing off Jogenes Senorin in the last 16, Richard Hutchinson in the quarter-finals and Joe Kennedy in the semis without dropping a set.

His only blemish was defeat to Garth Kinlocke in his final group match, being defeated 15-9, 14-15, 14-15.

Baraty racked up a perfect nine out of nine in the group stages and then beat Josh Dye 2-0 (15-8, 15-10) in the last 16. In the quarter-finals, opponent Alex Rorke levelled at 1-1, only for Baraty to take the decider, and he then beat Trevor Kerry 15-7, 15-11 in the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, the Peterborough qualifier scheduled for November 22 will be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. Players will be advised of the new date as soon as possible.

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