

Leicestershire Junior County Champs: Adam claims title in thriller

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Six clubs were represented over the seven events of the Leicestershire TTA County Junior Table Tennis Championships at Knighton Park, with all events organised on a round-robin format to ensure everyone getting a fair share of play.

The highlight came in the Under-18 Boys won by Barlestone's Adam Pettitt. In what was to all intents and purposes the final, Pettitt beat Rhys Emery (Harborough) 3-2 (7-11, 11-4, 10-12, 11-7, 11-9) with some of the best play seen in these events for many years. The Girls' Under-18 winner was Kelsey Andrews of Winstanley Wizards.

Other results

Under-11 Boys: Winner – Edward Brown (Barwell), Runner-up – Jack Bennett (Barwell).

Under-11 Girls: Winner – Frankie Hallam (Barwell).

Under-13 Boys: Winner – Jack Rogers (Knighton Park), runner-up – Hugh Duffield (Knighton Park).

Under-13 Girls: Winner – Sufyaana Dhanji (Knighton Park), runner-up – Chloe Edmunds (Knighton Park).

Under-15 Boys: Winner – Oscar White (Knighton Park), runner-up – Jack Kermode (Winstanley Wizards).

A new innovation tried this season in Leicester was the **Daytime Ladder League**, an individual event held over nine weeks with 20 players taking part altogether. In each session every player is guaranteed four matches whatever the number playing, with each match consisting of three games so that results of 3-0 (2 pts) and 2-1 (1 pt) are obtained. Players move up and down each time to reflect their performances.

Overall, Andy Searle made the event his own with no deficits recorded and the title all but claimed in the third week when he won all three matches 3-0 for an eight point benefit that took him into a lead he never lost. Charlie Bateman and Chris Woodward tied for second place, the latter coming through the final session with a plus-four count.

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Knighton Park was used as a Polling Station in the recent elections and they took the opportunity to stage a **“Sports in the Workplace Challenge”** to give the voters something to watch as they marked their ballot papers.

Helen Lower, the local Coach Development Officer, organised the event with eight doubles partnerships playing a round-robin, with Gateway College seconds emerging as winners and the Energy Technologies Institute first team runners-up.

Two events coming up soon from the point of view of the Leicester League includes their Annual General Meeting on Thursday May 21 at the Syston Casuals headquarters. Doors open at 7.30pm and the meeting begins at 8pm sharp.

The following week, on Wednesday May 27, is the League's Presentation Evening, with the usual fare dished up by Goons' Barry Robinson at the Thurmaston Progressive WMC starting at 7.30pm. An enjoyable time is guaranteed.

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