



Tees Sport Sussex Junior 4 star report

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The Tees Sport Sussex Junior 4 star organised by London Table Tennis Ltd was successfully delivered on the 19th & 20th September 2015 at K2 , Crawley.

Some key statistics for the event were:

- The number of individuals that helped to deliver the event was 29 for which London Table Tennis Limited is extremely grateful.
- The tournament made a £118 loss on a turnover of £6,918.
- 182 players from all over the country including Scotland, Cleveland, Wales, Lancashire, Cornwall, Devon, Northamptonshire, Dorset, Yorkshire, Hampshire, Surrey, Essex, Kent, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Nottinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Middlesex, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Oxfordshire, Avon, and Sussex to play a total of 814 matches.

The tournament started at just before 09:00 on Saturday 19th September with Cadet boys and Cadet girls banded events kicking the weekend off.

Cadet Boys band 4 was won by Daniel De Gay by 3-1 against Justin Rathe. The two boys had earlier been drawn in the same group where Justin had prevailed over Daniel to win the group. However both boys progressed to the final with Daniel overturning his earlier defeat.

In the Cadet Boys band 3 the two finalists also came from the same earlier group. Timothy Walters beat Reuben Jarrett 3-0 in the final after earlier defeating Reuben 3-1 in his group match.

Vitor Marquiori came through a very close match with Ryan Darwen winning 11-9 in the 5th in the quarter finals of the Cadet boys band 2 and then lost by the same score line to Naphong Boonyaprapa in the semi-final. Joe Walker also won by the same 11-9 in the 5th score line in the bottom half semi-final against Zaiim Premji to set up the final between Naphong and Joe. Naphong winning by an emphatic 3-0 result.

The Cadet Boys band 1 produce some excellent quality table tennis from a number of young talented players. Reece Chamdal progressed to the semi-final against Jamie Liu and produced a game of exceptional quality which was won 3-1 by Jamie Liu. The bottom half semi-final was played between Theo Achampong and Reiss Vydelingum with Reiss coming through 3-1 after being 1-0 down. The final was a close fought match despite the 3-0 winning score by Jamie Liu who surely has a tremendous table tennis career ahead of him.



Jamie Liu

The Cadet Girls band 1-3 were played as round robin events. The band 3 event was won by Natalie Ianau who beat Jasmine Williams (2nd place) 11-8 in the 5th. Band 2 victor was Gemma Kerr who beat 2nd place Temeesha Hobbs from the Isle of Wight 11-9 in the 5th. In the Band 1 Amelia Chan from Middlesex beat Lydia John (2nd place) by 3-0.

The Cadet Girls Open event include 23 competitors and produced some amazingly high quality matches. Bhavika Mistry was on fire in the early rounds to beat Mollie Patterson the no.2 seed 9 in the 4th only to then come up against Tiana Dennison who was also in tremendous form in the semi-final. Tiana prevailing 11-9 in the 4th to meet the no.1 seed Charlotte Bardsley in the final. The match did not disappoint with Tiana displaying some superb backhand control to win 11-9 in the 5th.



Tiana Dennison

The Cadet Boys event had 53 competitors battling it out for top honours .Ethan Walsh in the top half of the draw beat the inspiring Jamie Liu 3-1 in the semi-final after Jamie had earlier defeated Naphat Boonyaprapa 11-5 in the 5th in their quarter final encounter. In the bottom half of the draw James Smith was demonstrating why he was the no.2 seed for the event with comfortable wins over Louis Price, Louis Moyes and Jonathan McMullan. Hence Ethan Walsh and James Smith the no.1 and no.2 seeds met in the final. In a high quality match James Smith found himself 8-3 up in the 5th only to see Ethan grinding out the points to level at 8-8. Ethan then went on to seal the championship with an 11-9 win in an excellent match. Play finished at just before 20:00.



Ethan Walsh

On Sunday the 20th September the Junior events began with Junior Boys Bands 1-5 and Junior Girls Bands 1-3.

Sammy Kaye from Middlesex more than proved that he was worthy of the band 5 Junior Boys title with straight sets victories over all but one of his opponents , ultimately beating Harry Boston 3-0 in the final.

Jamie Liu picked up his second medal of the weekend with a 3-0 win over Theo Achampong in the Junior Boys Band 4 event.

Ryszard Pelc from Surrey made hard work of his Junior Boys Band 3 victory with 11-9 in the 5th wins against Anthony Lynch in the Quarter final, Jacob Goss in the semi-final and Sam Chesterman in the final. To top it off Ryszard also won 11-9 in the 5th in his group match against Lehman Chan but lost 11-9 in the fifth to Aadil Anand!

In an extremely competitive field Ben Foster made it to the final with wins against George Hazell, Jimmy Yeung, Ben Naylor-Smith, Edward Haskell, Eren Gozcu and Zac Dowling whilst his opponent in the final Liam Grant had had victories against Tom Windram, Gus Thomis, Israel Awolaja, Zac Dowling, Jimmy Yeung and Artur Caltabiano. Ultimately Liam Grant showed his experience at this level to win 3-1.

The Junior Boys Band 1 put on a show of extremely high quality all morning for the spectators watching the event. Callum Evans producing some sublime table tennis to defeat Joe Clark, Shaquille Webb-Dixon, James Hobson, and Josh Bennett on route to the final and Alex Ramsden winning against Ben Cawston, Omar Khassal, Calum Morrison, Josh Bennett and James Hobson . The final being the conclusion of an early season mini-masters type event was won by Alex Ramsden: 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 12-10.

In the Junior Girls Band 3 Federica Bonato Tazartes managed to get through her group on a three-way count back involving Mya Sultan and Gemma Kerr as did Patricia Ianau whose count back involved Medha Verma and her sister Natalia Ianau. Both Federica and Patricia then progressed to the final which Federica won 12-10 in the 5th.

The Junior Girls Band 2 saw the finalists of the previous days Cadet Girls band 1 meet in the final again: Amelia Chan and Lydia John. Unfortunately for Lydia it was the same outcome with victory to Amelia in a 3-1 win.

The Junior Girls Band 1 was a very high quality affair with many of the country's top Junior girls involved. Kate Cheer progressed to the final after a semi-final win against the inform Tiana Dennison while Zahna Hall had an emphatic victory against Charlotte Bardsley in her semi-final. Kate and Zahna had played each other in the group stages with Kate winning 3-1. The final was a closer affair which ended in victory for Kate in a closer 11-9 in the 5th score line.

The Junior Girls event created upsets galore. Zahna Hall finally got her revenge for the morning's defeats against Kate Cheer with an 11-9 in the 5th victory in the quarter final. Unseeded Mollie Patterson defeated the seeded Amy Blagbrough in their quarter final encounter 11-7 in the 5th, while unseeded Bhavika Mistry won against the seeded Isabelle Joubely to book her place in the semi-finals. At the bottom of the draw no.2 seed Letitia McMullan beat Charlotte Bardsley 11-5 in the 5th to complete the semi-final line ups. Mollie Patterson showed no nerves with a 3-1 win versus Zahna Hall while Bhavika Mistry completed the line up with an amazing upset against Letitia and then went on to maintain her form and won against Mollie in the final 11-6, 11-8, 11-7.

The final event of the day was the Junior Open which involved 76 players. Josh Bennett of Sussex had a great tournament with superb wins against Liam Grant, Ben Cawston and Callum Evans but the story of the day was that Alex Ramsden was the best player on show on the day with wins against Ethan Walsh, Jimmy Yeung, Naphat Boonyaprapa and finally 3-0 against Josh Bennett to secure the Junior Boys title as well as his earlier Band 1 title.

Play finished at 20:50. London Table Tennis Limited would like to thank our sponsors Tees Sport, the Umpires, The Top Table Officials, the checking in volunteers, the staff who set up and set down the equipment, the staff that transport the equipment and K2 for supplying a superb venue.

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