



Ace Smallcombe sweeps board at Cramlington 2*

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Twelve-year-old Peter Smallcombe was the star of the Cramlington 2 Star Junior tournament when he swept the board to win the Under-13 Boys, Cadet Boys and the Junior Boys events.

First up was the Cadet, where he won all four of his group matches, beating Luca Pontone, Jamie Peacock, Hayden Gilmour and Kieran Bowes. This put him into the semi-final, in which he was given a very close match by Luke Robinson before taking control in the fifth game to reach the final, where he easily accounted for Sam Hume.

Next came the Under-13s, which saw him defeat George Forster and both Leo and Luca Pontone to get to the final. He then took the title by defeating Rotherham's Adam Szabo.



Peter Smallcombe receives his trophies from Aubrey Drapkin (picture by Alan Hedley)

The Junior Boys saw him sail through his group with victories over Joe Watts, Elliott Dorrington and Andrew Matfin to go on to beat Sam Hume and Luke Robinson again to set up a meeting with Robert Renton in the final. He won the first two games comfortably but was pushed all the way in the third before taking it 11-9 to complete a tremendous day.

The Junior Boys' plate event saw an all-Cramlington TTC final, with Tim Bryce coming out on top against Jamie Hall.

Szabo came out on top in a round-robin contest for the Under-11 Boys.

Holly Williams triumphed in the Junior Girls with victories in her group over Katie Wray, Rana Rassem, Rebecca Harrison and Abbet Maddison before beating Katie Peacock in the semi-final and then coming up against and defeating Rassem for the second time.

The Junior Girls' plate was won by Jessica Dunn, who beat Kerenza Baker from the Isle of Man in the final.

The Cadet Girls saw seven competitors in a round-robin, in which Rassem triumphed with Peacock finishing as runner-up. Sophie Newton finished third simply because she lost when playing Peacock.

Results

Junior Boys: Semi-finals – Peter Smallcombe (Du) beat Luke Robinson (Du) 11-7, 11-4, 11-9; Robert Renton (Du) beat Jack Jacomb (Du) 7-11, 11-5, 11-5, 8-11, 11-8; Final – Smallcombe beat Renton 11-9, 11-5, 12-10.

Junior Boys' Plate: Semifinals – Tim Bryce (Nd) beat Richard Anderson (Nd) 11-5, 6-11, 11-6, 3-11, 12-10; Jamie Hall (Nd) beat MacKenzie Clark (Nd) 9-11, 11-3, 11-6, 11-4; Final – Bryce beat Hall 11-6, 11-9, 11-6.

Junior Girls: Semi-finals – Helen Williams (Cv) beat Katie Peacock (Du) 12-10, 11-4, 11-8; Rena Rassem (Du) beat Sophie Newton (La) 12-10, 11-6, 11-4; Final – Williams beat Rassem 11-4, 11-7, 4-11, 13-11.

Junior Girls' Plate: Semi-finals – Kerenza Baker (IOM) beat Abbey Maddison (Du) 11-7, 14-12, 11-5; Jessica Dunn (Cv) beat Rebecca Harrison (Du) 7-11, 5-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-8; Final – Dunn beat Baker 11-8, 11-3, 12-10.

Cadet Girls: Round Robin – 1st Rana Rassem (Du); 2nd Katie Peacock (Du); 3rd Sophie Newton (La).

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