

English youngsters show their quality in Bristol

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Day two of the Bristol Grand Prix saw a high quality field take to the tables. It was a great day especially for two young England internationals.

Men's Singles

Tom Jarvis was crowned the 2015 Bristol Grand Prix Men's Singles champion after beating David McBeath in a very exciting final match. All eyes were on the table that witnessed Jarvis's great performance that ended with a 3-1 score in his favour.

Also playing at a high standard, second placed McBeath fought his way through the rounds defeating Welshman Ryan Jenkins 8–11, 11–7, 11–7, 4–11, 11–7 in the semi-final. The battle the 'David's' was won by McBeath taking all three sets over David Arrowsmith in the fourth round and in the previous match, he left Dean Cundy behind. With a 3–0 score on the board, McBeath ended his first match against Jamie Fisher after becoming winner of group three.

On the other side of the board, Tom Jarvis beat Northampton's Chris Doran to the final thanks to a 3-1 victory. Quarter-finals came in easy for Jarvis as he was provided with a bye as Luke Savill had to withdraw with injury. Having ended group five in first position, on his way to the top cash prize, Tom also won against Esben Larson and previous opponent John Taylor.



Winner - Tom Jarvis (left) & Runner-up - David McBeath

(right)

Women's Singles

A top quality final was seen in the South West of England, between Maria Tsaptsinos and Chiara Colantoni. The battle began with two long sets in Tsaptsinos's favour that she managed to win 12-10 and 14-12. Colantoni did not give up and fought back obtaining desired results. She beat Maria 13-11 and 11-5. Having equaled her chances Colantoni kept the game up, and had three match points at 10-7, but the final score swung back to Tsaptsinos's side as she won the next five points in her typically gritty style.

Tsaptsinos began her winning ways earlier in the day, becoming winner of group two. Further on in the competition, the champion left Emma Ludlow behind when beating her 3-1 in the semi-finals. Not long before that, she also defeated Women's Band 2 finalist Emily Bolton with the same 3-1 score line.

Winner of group four, Chiara Colantoni made her way through the semi-finals, winning 3-1 against number one seed, Hannah Hicks. Welsh champion of Women's Band 2, Beth Roberts, on her battle to stop Colantoni, did not take any of the three sets played in their quarter-final match.



Winner – Maria Tsaptsinos (left) & Runner-up – Chiara Colantoni (right)

Men's Under 21 Singles

Two well-known names and successful players during this weekend in Bristol, fought for a second time in the search for victory, only this time it ended with different results. Winner of Men's Band 2, and finalist of Men's Band 1; Callum Evans took his revenge defeating winner of Band 1 Danny Lawrence, 3-1.

In the semi-finals, Evans left another known rival for him behind. He beat Callum Morrison 11–9, 13–11,12–10, 9–11, 11–6. Previously, Evans also prived Joshua Dye and Carl Baldry from passing the rounds.

Lawrence made his way through the draw beating Matthew Daish, Olly Tyndall and Danish player Esben Larsen, all with the 3-0 score line that assured him a place in the final.



Winner – Callum Evans (left) & Runner-up – Danny Lawrence (right)

Women's Under 21 Singles

For the second time today, Maria Tsaptsinos was crowned champion, winning 3-0 over Emily Bolton who also had a very successful weekend.

After reaching the top position in group one, the winner sailed through with the same 3-0 score line in her semi-final match against Gina Rieck as she did in the quarter-final against Kelsey LeMaistre.

Emily Bolton managed to beat Women's Band 1 winner Emma Ludlow 11-3, 11-8, 9-11, 11-5 in the semi-finals. Before that, Bolton became winner of group two and defeated Beth Roberts of Wales in their quarter-final match.



Winner – Maria Tsaptsinos (left) & Runner-up – Emily Bolton (right)

Veteran Singles

The final of our most experienced players was between Simon Griew and final winner Jannik Larsen. The Danish champion won the first set 11–1, then lost the next one 8–11 but managed to make it through the last two sets of the match to claim the title.

In the semi-final, Simon Griew won 3-1 against Mike Bishop after beating quarter-finalist Martin Gunn 8-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-13, 11-2 and previous opponent David Harvey.

On the other side of the table, Larsen began his journey by becoming winner of group five, then dispatching Shaun Bibby to reach the final 3-1.



Winner – Jannik Larsen (left) & Runner-up – Simon Griew (right)

Open Doubles

The doubles final match was played by Bryan Kwan and Ho Yin Lee who tried to beat the eventual winners David and John McBeath. The champions took all three sets and the glass trophies home after winning that last match.

Earlier in the day, son and father pair, Chris and Louis Price won the first and second set of the semifinal against the McBeath brothers, who got their pass to the final by winning the next three sets of the semifinal.

Kwan and Lee faced the runners-up of group two, Cheung and Farrant in the semi-finals and made their way to the final, thanks to an 11-6, 11-1, 12-10 victory.



Winners – John McBeath (far left) and David McBeath (middle left) & Runners-up – Ho Yin Lee (middle right) and Bryan Kwan (far right)

Results

Men's Singles

Tom Jarvis (Li) bt David McBeath (Ha) 3-1 (3-11, 15-13, 11-7, 11-7)

Women's Singles

Maria Tsaptsinos (Bk) bt Chiara Colantoni (Li) 3-2 (12-10, 14-12, 11-13, 5-11, 12-10)

Men's Under 21 Singles

Callum Evans (WAL) bt Danny Lawrence (K) 3-1 (11-2, 6-11, 13-11, 14-12)

Women's Under 21 Singles

Maria Tsaptsinos (Bk) bt Emily Bolton (Cu) 3-0 (11-5, 11-9, 11-9)

Veteran Singles

Jannik Larsen (DEN) bt Simon Griew (Wa) 3-1 (11-1, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9)

Open Doubles

David McBeath & John McBeath bt Bryan Kwan & Ho Yin Lee 3-0 (11-7, 11-2, 11-7)

Player of the Weekend

Callum Evans (WAL) – Player of the Weekend went to Callum Evans after some fantastic play. Evans was the winner of the Men's Under 21 Singles and Men's Band 2 Singles, and Runner-up of the Men's Band 1 Singles.



Player of the Weekend - Callum Evans

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