



Lowe double a highlight of Bishop Auckland 2*

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The ninth Bishop Auckland Bribar 2 star took place on April 17 at Bishop Barrington School, the Home of Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club.

The first event to complete was the U11 Girls, where Cleveland's Lucy Gent overcame Anya Milne from Bishop Auckland.

The Under-11 Boys' title was won by Sam Lowe from Yorkshire with Bishop Auckland pair Luke Mitchell and Joe Sparke finishing in second and third place. Lowe also took home the U13 plate title later to round off a nice day for the young man from Scarborough.

The Cadet Boys' event went to plan until the quarter-finals, where seventh seed James Neal took out third seed Rhys Davies. Top seed Kieran Wardell won his semi-final over Bishop Auckland's Peter Smallcombe who had beaten his club-mate Max Duffin in the quarter-finals.



Thomas Rayner who won the Cadet Boys

The final was an Ormesby affair with Kieran taking on second seed Tom Rayner. The final was a tight match with neither player able to establish a clear lead before Tom came out winner 12-10 in the fifth set. The plate event was taken home by Callum McRae, beating his Durham team-mate Luke Robinson in the final.

Just like the Cadet Boys, the Cadet Girls' singles went to seeding, with the top two seeds reaching the final. This time Rana Raseem came out winner over Katie Peacock. Karenza Baker made her trip from the Isle of Man, taking home the Cadet Girls' plate title, beating Cleveland's Eve Witterick in the final.



Kieron Wardell, the Junior Boys champion

The Junior Boys saw Kieran Wardell get his hands on the winner's trophy and justify his No 1 seeding, overcoming

Durham's Max Duffin in the final, with the third end going a marathon distance with Kieran winning 22-20! The plate event saw Kieran's club-mate Callum Mcmenamin win the title, beating Carl Draper who has just returned to the sport after 12 months out.

Kelsey Bradley was the winner in the Junior Girls' singles, beating Jessica Dunn in her semi-final and Katie Peacock in the final, who had knocked out Erin Greensmith in her semi-final. Northfield's Amy Webster came out on top in the Junior Girls' plate final, beating Katie Wray in five ends.



Junior Girls winner Kelsey Bradley

A re-drawn U13 Girls saw Rebecca Rigg continue her good form recently by taking the title, beating Anna Lambert in the final. Eve Witterick won the plate final, beating Reem Raseem in three.

The final event of the day was the U13 Boys. The semis saw Peter Smallcombe beat top seed Thomas Rayner in five sets, and Rhys Davies beat Adam Gent to set up a final with Smallcombe who came out victor 3-1.



Peter Smallcombe with the U13 Boys' trophy

A big thanks to referee Steve Smith and to all the BATTC volunteers for the hard work over the season. We look forward to seeing you all next season at the Bishop Auckland Bribar 2stars.

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