

# Burgess Hill 2\*: Aadil the Real Deal; Bert a Cert

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The Burgess Hill 2 Star held at the Triangle Leisure Centre, attracted an entry of 48 players, with 38 entries in the morning age groups (U10s, U12s and U15s) and 43 in the afternoon age groups (U11s, U13s and U18s).

Eleven-year-old Aadil Anand (K) of the Fusion TT Club (and eligible for the U11s event), yet again won both of his age groups, winning both the U13s and U15s categories in convincing style. Bertie Kelly (So) also impressed, also winning his two age groups, U11s and U12s.



The under-10s medallists

There were three groups of three in the U10s. All three seeds won their groups with relative ease. In the two quarter-finals Francesco Bonato (Mi) beat Charlie Jannels (Sx-Horsham Spinners TTC) and Ben Poulter (Ha) beat Kushagra Verma (Sy), both matches being in straight sets.

In the semis top seed Ollie Maric-Murray (Sy) beat Bonato 3-0 and second seed Danny Emery (He) beat Poulter 3-0. Maric-Murray won the final again 3-0. For the bronze medal, Poulter defeated Bonato 3-0. Damien Mutch (Mi) beat Oliver Dugaric (Mi) in the consolation final 3-0.



The under-11 podium

There were three groups of four in this event. Unusually, all 18 group matches went according to ranking. In the two quarters Toby Crawcour (Mi) overcame Emery 12-10 in the fifth and Maric-Murray knocked out James Henry (Mi) 3-0.

No 1 seed Kelly stopped Crawcour in the semi-final 3-0, while No 2 seed Arthur Bracken (K) ended Maric-Murray in four in the other semi. Kelly won the final in three close games. Maric-Murray won the bronze medal at the expense of Crawcour in three. The consolation final was won by Poulter over Bonato 3-0.



The top players in the under-12s

There was one group of four and two groups of three in this age group. All three seeds won their groups with no drama. In the two quarters Millie Rogove (He) triumphed in five sets over Henry and third seed Ollie Michell (Sx-Horsham Spinners TTC) beat club-mate Hayden Jannels in three.

In the first semi, Kelly won in four against Rogove and in the lower half Michell had a good four-set win over second seed Bracken. Kelly then won the final in four games.

There was a gruelling battle for the bronze medal, with Bracken pipping Rogove to the post 12-10 in the fifth. Blake Sanderson (Ha) won in four vs Henry Maric-Murray (Sy) in the final of the consolation event.



The under-13 medallists

There was one group of four and three groups of three in this category. The top three seeds won their groups, but fourth seed Ollie Gray (Sy) lost out to Rogove in five sets.

Three of the quarters were 3-0 with top seed Aadil Anand brushing Finley Peters (Ha) aside 3-0, Gray getting his own back on third seed Ed Cozens (Sx-Horsham Spinners TTC) 3-0 (having lost to him earlier in the U15s event), second seed Fraser Kent (Sx-Weald TTC) being too strong for Sam Watts (Sx-Horsham Spinners TTC) 3-0 and Rogove overcoming Lewis Marsh (K) in a close five-setter.

The top two seeds both won comfortably in the semis, Anand over Gray and Kent vs Rogove. Anand made no mistakes in taking the final 3-0. Gray got the bronze medal 3-0 over Rogove. Samadhi Udamulla (He) beat Sanderson 3-1 in the consolation final to stop him having two consolation wins in the same day.



The under-15 top three

There was one group of four and five groups of three in the U15s. There was only one ranking upset out of all the 21 group matches, which was Will Michell (Sx-Horsham Spinners TTC) getting a good 3-1 win over Jared Schaller (Ha), the No 5 seed.

In the quarters, Anand defeated Damien Gray (Sy) in four, Michell had another 'unexpected win' over fourth seed, Kent in three, Louis Rogove (He) came through vs third seed Charlie Graham-Adams (Sx-Horsham Spinners TTC) despite having trailed 0-2 in games and Schaller succumbed in three to Alex AhI (Mi).

In the semis, Anand ended Michell's good run in three and Ahl put a halt to Rogove's progress in four. Ahl put up a decent fight in the final vs the much higher ranked Anand, but lost in four. Rogove won in four in the bronze medal match vs Michell. Will Poulter (Ha) scraped a victory over Cozens 11–9 in the fifth in the consolation final.



The under-18 medallists

There were three groups of four and two groups of three in this event. There weren't any big upsets in the group and the quarter-final results were as follows: Top seed Luke Gallagher (Sx-Warden Park TTC) beat Damien Gray 3-0, Billy Keegan (Sx-Brighton City TTC) beat Graham-Adams 3-1, Ahl overcame third seed Schaller 11-8 in the fifth and second seed Ollie Guile (Sx-Brighton City TTC) beat Will Michell in four.

In the semis, Gallagher beat Keegan and Guile beat Ahl, both matches going to four ends. In the final Gallagher took a 2-0 lead, was pegged back to 2-2, but managed to win the fifth to get the gold medal. Keegan won the bronze medal 11-8 in the 5th over Ahl. Louis Rogove beat Varun Jain (Sy) by the same score in the consolation final.

The next 2 Star tournament in Sussex is at Collyers Sixth Form College in Horsham on July 3, for which the entry form is available on the entry forms page of the Table Tennis England website by <u>clicking here</u>

#### **Results**

### Under-10

Main: Ollie Maric-Murray (Sy) beat Danny Emery (He) 11-4, 11-7, 11-5 Consolation: Damien Mutch (Mi) beat Oliver Dugaric 11-6, 11-8, 11-5

### Under-11

Main: Bertie Kelly (So) beat Arthur Bracken (K) 11-7, 11-9, 11-9

Consolation: Ben Poulter (Ha) beat Charlie Jannels (Sx) 11-6, 11-7, 11-4

#### Under-12

Main: Bertie Kelly (So) beat Ollie Michell (Sx) 10-12, 11-6, 11-7, 13-11

Consolation: Blake Sanderson (Ha) beat Henry Maric-Murray (Sy) 6-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9

#### Under-13

Main: Aadil Anand (K) beat Fraser Kent (Sx) 11-3, 11-5, 11-7

Consolation: Samadhi Udamulla (He) beat Blake Sanderson (Ha) 8-11, 12-10, 11-5, 11-9

### Under-15

Main: Aadil Anand (K) beat Alex Ahl (Mi) 11-9, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7

Consolation: Will Poulter (Ha) beat Ed Cozens (Sx) 8-11, 14-12, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9

### Under-18

Main: Luke Gallagher (Sx) beat Ollie Guile (Sx) 11-4, 11-5, 11-13, 8-11, 11-5 Consolation: Louis Rogove (He) beat Varun Jain (Sy) 11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 9-11, 11-8

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