



Anais at the double at Bishop Auckland

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The final Bishop Auckland Briar 2 star of the season took place on the 9th of April, with players from as far away as Southampton taking part.

The long, five-hour drive was deemed worth it, with Ben Poulter taking the under-11s title over Bishop Auckland's Jake Haygarth. Bishop Auckland club-mate Ben Mold took the plate title over Ashton Tallianine.

The withdrawal of top seed Che Goldbourne – through factors outside of his control – saw second seed Luke Nimmo seize his opportunity to take the under-13 title, beating Eshan Jawadi in the final. The plate event saw another St Mary's player take home a trophy, with Lennon Maughn beating home player Sean Stobart in the final.

The Cadet Girls saw Anais O'Connor get the first of her two titles, losing in the group to second seed Moke Warbuton, her form improved by the semis where Anais took out Top Seed Erin Greensmith 3-1. Katie Wray knocked out Moke but couldn't find the win in the final against Anais which went to five action-packed ends. The Cadet Girls Plate saw Rebecca Savage overcome club-mate Eve Witterick in five ends.

In the Junior Girls' round-robin event, Anais repeated her win over Erin and this time beat Moke and the rest of the group to top the group. A special mention to third-placed Katie Wray who lost to Anais and Erin by the smallest of margins in the fifth ends, making this event a very good group to watch.

The under-13 girls' title went the way of the seeds, with top seed Moke Warbuton beating Second seed Rebecca Rigg in the final. This plate event was also won by Rebecca Savage, on this occasion overcoming Sophie Richardson.

Except for top seed Kieran Wardell, the seeds went out of the window in the Cadet Boys. Kieran took the title, only dropping one end to Luke Nimmo who had taken out fourth seed Ben McDonald in the quarters. The other finalist, Jamie Peacock took his opportunity with seeds falling around him. With Che Goldbourne unable to attend, Jamie took the third seeded place and in his semi beat unknown Scot Rafal Wilowski who had beaten second

seed Adam Webster in five in the quarters.



Junior Boys' winner Dan Olsberg

Ben Savage took the Cadet Boys' plate title, beating Lennon Maughn in his second final, Lennon had beaten Kieron Bowes in his semi-final with Ben beating Mathew Westerworth.

Wardell was close to taking his second title, reaching the Junior Boys' final having taken out Adam Webster and Frasier Riley in the later stages, however second seeded Dan Olsberg had other ideas. Olsberg took out Jamie Peacock and Ben McDonald, before beating Kieran in three straight sets to take the title

The Junior Boys' plate was won by Matthew Westerworth, stopping Ben Savage matching his sister with two titles.

A big thanks to the support of all the players who took part this season and to all the volunteers who help make the events happen.

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