

HHTTL Closed championships Junior Event Report

Played in groups of four with the top two in each group going through to the main event and the second two to the Consolation the two top seeded players Kate Cheer and Michael Bridger having a bye until the quarter finals.

With fourteen juniors entering it was the strongest entry for many years

Group one saw Bertrand Siu and Charlie Hough coming through to the knock out stage with Sam Oosterbaan and Luke Allum to the consolation. Luke Allum came close to causing a slight upset in taking Bertrand Siu to five sets.

Group two saw Toby Champneys and Luke Gallagher through with newcomers to table tennis Keigo Burnham and Johnny Griffiths going into the consolation.

Group three was a very even group with lots of tight matches with Annabel Bridger coming through two five setters against Kate Bridger and Alex Bryant to top the group and Alex Bryant coming second. Kate Bridger and Tom Smith went through to the consolation.

In the quarter finals Alex Bryant went down to last years junior champion 11-3, 11-7, and 11-7. Charlie Hough went down to the number one seed Kate Cheer 11-8, 11-8, and 11-6. Luke Gallagher went down 11-8, 11, 9, and 15-13 to Bertrand Siu. One upset was the defeat of Toby Champneys by Annabel Bridger with Annabel winning 2-11, 11-7, 11.6, 8-11 and 12-10.

The first Semi saw Michael Bridger coming through against Luke Gallagher 11-9, 11-4, 11-9 and the second semi final saw the number one seed Kate Cheer coming through 11-8, 11-5, and 11-5. against Annabel Bridger.

Junior Final

An exciting five set final which was between the reigning junior champion Michael Bridger and the number one seed Kate Cheer.

Although the match see-sawed with Kate winning the first 11-6. And Michael winning the second and third 11-8, 11-4. the England player Kate Cheer showed her strength in winning the last two 11-3, 11-9 to become a well deserved junior champion for 2013-2014.

Consolation junior singles.

The quarter finals saw Tom Smith defeating Johnny Griffiths 11-5, 11-7, 11-6. Sam Oosterbaan winning over Keigo Burnham 11-7, 11-8, 11-7.

Both Semi's went to thrilling five setters with Luke Allum defeating Tom Smith 11-9, 12-10, 4-11, 8-11, 11-6. And Kate Bridger defeating Sam Oosterbaan 8-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-7.

The final saw another five setter with Kate losing the first two sets against Luke but fighting back to win the next three to become the junior consolation winner.

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