

Kent Schools Table Tennis Individual Tournament

Thursday 25th February 2010

Approximately 90 primary and secondary school pupils from 18 different schools competed in the annual Kent Schools Individual tournament on Thursday 25th February 2010 at the Howard School Table Tennis Centre. The first final of the day was extremely exciting and very close indeed, between Tom Windram of Wilmington Primary and Luke Savill of Borough Green Primary School. Both players fought hard and Tom played some excellent aggressive Table Tennis against Luke, who is England ranked: number 3 in the Under 11's. However the final score summed up how both players have improved massively in the last year and Luke overcame Tom, 12 – 10 in the fifth:

Luke 9 11 11 7 12

Tom 11 7 7 11 10

The winner and runner up of the Under 11 boy's consolation singles were as follows:

Wnr: William Gray (Amherst Primary School) and RUp: Ammar Kisat (Amherst Primary School)

In the Under 13 Girls singles, a large group of five players played each other and Yumeng Li (Danecourt Grammar School) came 1st, Evie Foster (Rainham School for Girls) came 2nd, Kirsty Blundell (Wrotham Secondary School) came 3rd, Anna Leveridge (Angley School) came 4th and Holly Andrews (Angley School) came 5th.

The Under 13 boys singles was a large event with two outstanding players, Helshan, currently ranked number 1 in England and Danny who is currently ranked number 5 in England, who battled the final out:

Helshan Weerasinghe (Judd School) 11 11 11

Danny Lawrence (Hugh Christie School) 8 6 6

3rd place: Austin Edwards (Howard School)

4th place: Toby Bartram (Dartford Grammar School for Boys)

The winner of the boys Under 13 consolation event was: Harry Wright Walton (Danecourt Grammar School) and the Runner up was: James Barber (Danecourt Grammar School)

The Under 16 girls singles resulted in the following places:

1st Daniella Gary (Angley School)

2nd Lauren Beaumont (Rainham Girls School)

3rd Rosie Waud (Rainham Girls School)

The Under 16 Boys singles was dominated by the overall winner from Angley School: Lewis Gray England ranked number 8. The score in the final, against Sean Gutteridge (Howard School) was as follows:

Lewis Gray 11 11 11

Sean Gutteridge 2 4 6

The Under 16 Boys singles consolation event was won by Zachary Ferris (Mascalls School) who beat Dale Ballard (Harvey Grammar School) in the final.

The under 19 Boys and Girls singles was eventually won by: Sam Smith (Hugh Christie School) who beat Phil Thomas (Howard School) in the final 11-9, 11-5 11-8. The under 19 consolation singles final was won by Joe Watson (Cranbrook School) who beat Franklyn Frantos (Harvey Grammar School).

Each of the age group winners will be invited to represent Kent at the National English Schools Individual Championships in Doncaster on 24th April 2010, whose entry will be paid from by the Kent Schools Table Tennis Association – this is a great achievement and honour to represent both their school and Kent as a whole at these

championships. Many thanks go to Teachers and parents for supporting and helping to organise this annual Kent Schools event.

The event was organised by the Kent School TT Association, for more details about these annual events (school team in November and school individual event in February) contact: Claire Moore: moorc019@medway.org.uk or tel: 07725724393.