

News of Junior Table Tennis

Junior Grand Prix at Perth on 19 October

Aberdeen Sports Village Academy players made an early season impact at national level when the first Junior Grand Prix of the Scottish TT season was held at Perth.

At Junior boys level (Under 18), Joe Cranna reached the quarter finals but was beaten by the eventual winner Calum Morrison of Edinburgh. In the next round Ethan Chapman came up against the same opposition but lost in 4 sets.

In the cadet boys event (under 15), Ethan was beaten by Joe in the quarter finals and then Joe lost to Dylan Curry in the semi-final. Dylan went on to take the title in fine style, winning 3-0 against the fancied Calum Morrison who had previously won the Under 18 title!

Dylan also came out on top when he won the Under 13 minor boys title beating Zaid Khalid 3-0 in the final. On the way he beat Yifei Fang in a very close 5 setter in the quarter final. Rafal Wilowski also reached the quarter finals before losing to Zaid Khalid.

Tessa Yau reached the semi-final of the minor girls event and she reached the last 8 of the cadets. Venus Cheung from Westhill lost in 5 sets to the losing finalist in the quarters of the cadets and got to the same stage of the junior event as well.

So it was a great day for all the Aberdeen youngsters but particularly for Dylan with 2 titles to his name.

Stockton 4 star Tournament on 25/26 October

Dylan also went down to this major tournament in England and again had some impressive results in the Under 13 event. He beat the Welsh No 1 and English No3 on the way to the quarter finals where he came up against a nine year old Chinese player Cai Zmifa. After a great battle Dylan lost out in 5 sets and the Chinese player went on to win the title beating the English Under 13 No 1 Ethan Walsh in the final. So a lot of credit to Dylan who must be rising in the rankings in UK table tennis.