



Report

Colin Dalgleish continued his recent excellent form by taking the men's title and Gillian Edwards the women's at the Jarvis Sports Edinburgh Open at Bathgate Academy at the weekend. On the Sunday (under 21 events) John Hannah was the only player to win the three events he competed in, winning the Band 1, Under 21s and Under 18s. The event was well attended, with 130 players taking part in 27 categories and playing a grand total of 565 matches.

This was the first experience of a banded tournament for many of the seniors. Many players likened the experience to a tough final group at an assessment with lots of good, tight games.

Saturday

In the Band 1 on the Saturday, Calum Main dominated the event, which was played in a single group of the 7 top players at the event. With both the number 1 and 2 seeds left to fight it out in the deciding match, Calum faced Sean Doherty, with Calum winning 7,8,6 to pick up the £150 cash prize. There were many other excellent matches in Band 1, with Chris Main and Niall Cameron getting the best value for money in the group playing 25 ends each in the event!

The Band 2 prize was picked up by Scottish number 1 woman Gillian Edwards, who won all her games in the group and then beat West Lothian player Dariusz Szymczak. In their previous 3 meetings Dariusz had won 2/3, so Gillian must have been delighted to win in the 5th, -9, 8, -12, 8, 4 and pick up the £50 cash prize.



Band 1 winner Calum Main, Band 5 Winner and Women's R/up Rachel Crawford and Women's and Band 2 winner Gillian Edwards

Most of the other bands were tight affairs, with 4 out of 12 of the groups going to countback to decide the winner. And in probably the most impressive stat of the tournament, **all seven of the banded finals went to 5 sets!**

There were few upsets in the afternoon singles event group stages, with most number 1s qualifying from their groups reasonably comfortably. The one upset was in the vets as defender Charlie Brindley beat Japanese penhold style player Simon Jeon in 4 tight sets to knock out the number 4 seed. Brindley was however stopped in his tracks by Alan Whitton, who, maybe, warmed up against against defence, went on to beat allround twiddler Roy Claxton in 4 sets to take the £50 cash prize.

The women's event was played in 3 groups with the winner of each group going into a final group of 3. Although there were some great fast rallies between Gillian and her younger opponents she was never pushed the distance, and won the event and the £80 prize money to add to her Band 2 victory!

The Under-23 final between Harvey McDonald and Joe Cranna left many of the crowd watching the match in preference to other, higher profile matches. In the 5th Joe stormed to a 8-2 lead, but after a timeout at 8-3, Harvey made a fantastic comeback, to win 11-9 and pick up the £50 cash prize.

In the men's Colin managed to reset well after disappointment in the band, beating Calum 3-1 to make the final. Impressively Niall, despite his ahem, greater... experience(!) managed to keep fuel in the tank to withstand Sean's strong 3rd ball attacks and win 3-2 to make a repeat of the Perth GP final earlier in the season. Colin for the 3rd time this season managed to dispatch Niall 3-1 with some excellent backhands and strong serving. Afterwards Colin said 'I was really happy to bounce back after the losses in the banded event. My game improved over the course of the day and I am delighted the way my season is going so far.'



Left - U23s championship point

Right - Men's winner Colin Dalgleish and Runner Up Niall Cameron

'It was a great event with a lot of tough matches. Colin was excellent in the final, blitzing any loose balls.' Niall Cameron

Sunday

The most well represented club at the event, North Ayrshire, had a fantastic showing in Sunday's under 21 banded event with 7 out of the 14 prizes on offer heading back to Saltcoats. Well done guys!

John Hannah did well to win his three events, while maybe struggling to get in an attacking mind-set early in the day his play improved throughout. He played particularly well to beat Ethan 5,9,7 in the Under 21 final; a game with lots of high quality rallies.

In possibly the most competitive Sunday age category, Danny Bajwa (Dumfries) produced a flawless display, winning the cadet boys event without dropping a set. A shock result on the day was produced by up and coming Charlie Morton (Glasgow South) who knocked out Martin Johnson (North Ayrshire) in the cadet boys group stage (in the 5th set). He then almost beat Zaid Khalid in the semi finals - having 3 match points.

In the girls' events, the most successful player was Wiktoria Smolarek (Drumchapel) winning the Under 21s Band 4 and the Minor Girls.

John Hannah, Wiktoria Smolarek and Danny Bajwa pictured



Umpires and Player of the day awards

Ethan Chapman won Roger's umpire of the day award, as he was consistently attentive, from 1st serve to result.

On the Sunday Roy gave the award to Luke Hennessy, due to his excellent focus when umpiring his matches.

Sunday's player of the day was North Ayrshire's Kayser Collins, for a selfless show of sportsmanship at game point up pointing out an edge for his opponent, and for always being happy to help top table with umpiring duties. Kayser was also the player to win the most rating points over the weekend, maybe proof that a good attitude helps your TT game? It wouldn't surprise me!

All winners were presented with a sheet of Donic Bluefire JP 01 Turbo.



Ethan and Luke picked up umpires of the day while Kayser was player of the day on Sunday

Thanks

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Appendices

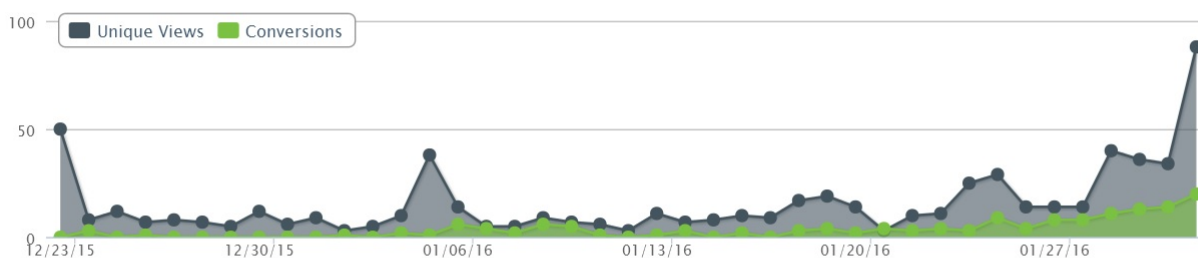
Club	Number of players
North Ayrshire	16
Aberdeen	14
Murrayfield	13
West Lothian	10
Grange	9
Glasgow South	8
Drumchapel	8
N/A or national team	7
North Merchiston	5
Penicuik	5
Dumfries	4
South Ayrshire	4
Edinburgh University	4
Brunswick	4
Knightswood	3
Haddington	3
Dundee	3
Edinburgh International	2
Bowhouse	2
St Andrews	2
East Kilbride	1
Perth	1
Fife	1
Edinburgh Sports Club	1
Total	130

Where your money goes?

Expenditure	
Prizes	£ 1,815
Printing and promo	£ 670
Hall	£ 414
365 fees	£ 390
Volunteers expenses	£ 215
Paypal and software fees	£ 141
Trophies	£ 140
Stationary	£ 30
Total	£ 3,815

Revenue	
Average revenue per player	£ 24.01
Number of players	130
Total revenue from players	£ 3,121
Total revenue from other sources	£ 1,050
Total	£ 4,171

Profit/Loss £ 356



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