

CIPPENHAM 1Star Boys u14 Event on Saturday 25th of June.

Finn Morgan- Bayliss (58) and Jamie Trevillion (unseeded) went oh so close to making it a possible all Bournemouth Boys final.

For the much more experienced Finn (493 ranking points) who eased through his group and then following a good win in the last 16 had to face Gabriel Achampong from the London Academy (773 rp) for a place in the semi- final. Finn produced some brilliant long topspin back from the table rallies to make the much higher ranked Achampong fight to the wire going down 14-16 in the fifth game..... he was a credit to Dorset taking the loss on the chin being a good sport and congratulating Gabriel!

Meanwhile in the top half of the draw 13 year old Jamie Trevillion (316rp) playing in his first Cippenham event was not overawed by the occasion. A player who has in the last 6 weeks adapted his game to play with long pimples on the backhand side was a revelation. Only 19th best in the event he won all his four matches in the group stage beating the seeded Bucks player Alex Nagle (497rp) by a 3-2 score fighting bravely to head the group. Jamie then faced Dean Haskell (489 rp) in the last 16 knockout round and duly once again played very well using his combination bat to great effect taking a 3-1 score to reach the quarter final. Now a true test as he faced the top seed for the entire tournament Charlie Austin (872 rp) another very talented player from the London academy. Well to say Jamie played superbly well was a massive understatement.....he totally frustrated the top seed blowing him away 3-0.....with Austin being very ungentle manly and rushing off the court not shaking Jamie's hand or the umpires!!!

So that put Jamie into the semi-final where his opponent was a star from Hertfordshire and 4th seed Jack Josephs (621 rp). Jamie took the first game fairly comfortably 11-5, with Josephs struggling big time to play against Jamie's backhand side. But to his credit Jack switched things around playing heavy topspin loops to Jamie's forehand side which changed the complexion of the match and Josephs went on to take the next 3 sets and book his place in the final. Gabriel Achampong won his semi-final so the Achampong Josephs final took place and it was a cracker.....going the full distance with Josephs taking the Boys u14 title 18-16 in the fifth game!

So a great tournament and we must be proud of what our Bournemouth players have achieved. Jamie has picked up no less than 97 ranking points which will elevate him up the rankings by 35 places.

Geoff Ware.