

# Consolation ends in Jubilation!

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The Cippenham (Slough) 1 Star Open Junior tournament held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August was the latest event that West Moors, Ferndown based 13year old Jamie Trevillion had entered for match experience. He had enjoyed some success two weeks ago in the Sussex Under 16 Open reaching the latter stages and also the Cippenham Young Players Summer Festival held in June this year, where he reached the semi final.

Young Jamie has definitely got the tournament buzz and was the sole representative from the county to take part in the Berkshire event.

This would be the first time he would be exposed to players that were up to 5 years older than himself but felt he was up for the challenge. Twenty seven players contested the event made up of three groups of five and two groups of six with the top two in each progressing to the main event and the remaining seventeen going through to the consolation competition. The day started brightly for the combination bat player who has decided to play a style comparable to Chen Weixing using heavy chop on the backhand and topspin loop on his forehand side but the option to twiddle if needed. His initial starting group of six players were all determined to make it through to the main event with only the top 2 going through. Jamie won his first three matches but came unstuck against the top 2 highest ranked players in his group, so he was entered automatically into the consolation event.

Determined to do well with his almost unique style of play that seems extinct in Junior table tennis these days, he fought very hard to gain victories against the four players standing in his way in the knock out rounds through to and including the final. They all had huge difficulty and just could not cope with the heavy backspin Jamie was continually producing combined with his strong forehand topspin.

This young man is gaining in confidence with every tournament he plays and it is so refreshing to witness a different style of play in a cadet. His meteoric rise in the rankings continues to progress and the Bournemouth TTA can be proud of this "new kid on the block".

Not content with those brilliant victories (7 match wins in the Junior event) he tried his hand for the first time ever in the afternoon Senior/Mixed Open event and continued in his rich vein of form winning three of his four group singles which included beating Sue Hayes (ranked 103 in Senior Women with over 2000 ranking points) with an incredible 3-0 result for young Jamie!

Losing out to the top seed Eli Baraty but taking a game off him in his last group match (Eli went on to win the entire tournament) Jamie's glory run came to an end at the hands of Hampshire player Ed Slot by 3-0, however all three games were very close.

Well done Jamie!