

Dorset Juniors take Sussex by Storm.

The Bournemouth based quartet pictured above of (from left to right) Finn Morgan Bayliss, Jamie Trevellion, Hugo Pang and George Downing flew the flag for Dorset with storming performances at the Sussex 2 Star Junior and Cadet Open tournament held at the Triangle Leisure Centre in Burgess Hill on Sunday the 14th of August.

George Downing ranked at number 29 in the England Juniors who has recently moved to Bournemouth from the Isle Of Wight was in superlative form to win both his entered events which were the Under 17's and Under 18's Open. George has been putting in the hours at Bournemouth Sports Table Tennis club these last few weeks and is now reaping rich rewards and will be a force to be reckoned with this coming season in the Bournemouth and District League's Premier division.

Hugo Pang at just 12 years of age and ranked at number 3 in the England under 13 years category, has a very bright future ahead of him in table tennis. He has already established himself as an England International and was yet another Dorset superstar to reach the finals in all three of his entered events. Hugo took on the England ranked number 1 player in Under 13's, Tom Jarvis from Lincolnshire in all three finals, winning the Under 15's event and narrowly losing out to Tom in the Under 13's and Under 14's competitions. Huge congratulations to Hugo on his superb efforts to maintain his concentration and focus throughout the long day's play.

Next to step up to the plate for Dorset was Finn Morgan Bayliss and in his three entered competitions played brilliantly to reach the semi final of the Under 14's category losing out to the eventual winner Tom Jarvis. Not content with that superb display he went on to reach the quarter final stage in both the Under 15's and Under 16's and in doing so dispatched the second seeded George Heath (ranked over 100 places higher than Finn) which was a titanic effort. In the Under 16's competition Finn narrowly lost to the higher ranked Ryan Williams from Essex for a place in the semi final.

Last but by no means least was the much less tournament experienced 13 year old Jamie Trevellion and he was outstanding in the Under 15's category in reaching the last four. After winning his group matches in which he displaced the 3rd seeded Adam Jepson from Cambridgeshire (ranked 33 in Cadets and 78 places higher than Jamie). He then beat Jack Davies in the quarter final to set up a Dorset v Dorset semi final against Hugo Pang which proved a bridge to far for Jamie going down in three close games with Hugo being the eventual event winner! Later in the afternoon Jamie sent shockwaves through the hall by taking the scalp of the number 1 seeded Ross Jarvis (who is ranked 250 places HIGHER than Jamie in England

Juniors) in the Under 16's event in 5 nerve tingling games and after surviving a match point down, which elevated the West Moors based combination bat player into pole position as group 1 winner. Jamie's glory run came to an end at the hands of 2nd seeded George Heath by a 1-3 games scoreline as George had lost to Finn in the group stage!

So with the Dorset boys taking three Sussex Two Star Open titles and two runner's up medals back to Bournemouth – we all congratulate your superb combined efforts!

By Geoff Ware,

The Man on the spot!