

Swansea Junior Event Opens Squash Up to New Competitors in South Wales

With the goal of reaching out, increasing involvement and improving awareness of squash among young people in South Wales, the Swansea Junior Open took place at Swansea Tennis & Squash Club on April 7.

With more than 100 exciting matches taking place in one day, there was plenty for fledgling competitors – aged from 10 to 16 – to engage in and watch.

In the girls' competitions Chloe Marshman topped the under 11-13s pool, ahead of Lucy Doxsley and Madelena Sidoli; while Alys Jenkins pipped Emily Gray and Izzie Bryant in the under 15-17s round robin.

Reuben Davies ended top of the pile in the boys' under 11s, beating all before him – including Archie Davies-Clarke and Patrick Els.

The under 13s was won by Declan Cottrell who prevailed over Tom Campden in the final (10/12, 11/7, 11/4, 11/6); with Aled Lloyd Davies claiming bronze.

Oliver Cann beat Sivam Singhal in the under 15s showpiece (11/2, 11/4, 11/8); with Damon Tarkamani finishing third following a walk-over.

Squash Wales Director of Coaching, Mike Workman, said: "This has been a great event and it was very encouraging to see so many new faces, with many coming from West Wales to take part. The Swansea Junior Open is a testament to the grassroots work, school programmes and half-day FUN development events which take place all over Wales. These initiatives are continually growing and producing excellent young players – pointing a bright and successful future."

Squash Wales would like to thank principal sponsors Karakal and Dunlop; Swansea Tennis & Squash Club for hosting the tournament; and Mike Howe, Julian and Rachel for their work in ensuring the event was a success.

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