

## APPLEBY ACCEDAMY QUINN BROTHERS TAKE U9, U10 & U11 TABLE TENNIS TITLES AT SUSSEX JUNIOR OPEN – 15 AUGUST 2010



PHILIP QUINN – U11 CHAMPION : DAVID QUINN – U9 & U10 CHAMPION

Young members of the Appleby Academy Philip(10) and David Quinn (7) travelled to the Sussex 2 Star Junior Open and returned with 3 major titles and one U13 Consolation title. Both brothers played exceptionally well against experienced UK opposition and showed the value of the Appleby initiative. In the U9 event David was unbeaten and won the final against Michael Tunubu 3 – 0.



DAVID QUINN U9 CHAMPION

In the U10 event David was also unbeaten. In particular he had great wins over Lucan Gallen 3 -0 and David Farren 3 – 1. The key game was a match against James Smith who he had lost to earlier in the U11 event. David turned on the style and won the final 11-7, 3-11, 14-12 and 11-9.



**DAVID QUINN U10 CHAMPION**

**In the U11 event both brothers were competing. Philip charged through the event winning 3 – 0 against all his opponents – James Smith, George Taylor, Kate Cheer, Timothy Harper, Joseph Farren and finally David Quinn his brother. David did well to beat experienced George Taylor and Kate Cheer.**



**PHILIP QUINN U11 CHAMPION**

**In the U12 event Philip qualified from his group to the main event with two 3 – 0 wins over Lucan Gallen and Kate Bridger. He was unfortunate to draw Sam Lu the eventual U12 winner in the quarter final but put up a great display losing 11-8, 11-9, 7-11 & 13-11. David (7) also qualified for the main U12 event with great wins over Joshua Gallen and Michael Tunubu. In the quarter final he lost to Oman Khassal in 3 close games 11-9, 11-9, 11-8.**

**The U13 event included top English players including Hugo Pang – top English U18 player. David won all three matches in his group and qualified for the main event a great achievement for the 7 year old. In the quarter final he found Sam Lu, U12 champion, to strong losing 11-7, 11-8, 11-3. Philip had a much tougher group and he lost his first match to experienced Adam Corell – number 3 seed for the event. He had a good 3 – 0 win over Kate Cheer and then in a great match against U12 winner Sam Lu he just lost 11-9, 9-11,**

**11-9, 8-11, 13 -15. This meant Philip went into the consolation singles which he sailed through beating Kate Bridger 3 -1 in the final.**

**The tournament successes showed that the young brothers can compete well against UK players in their age group and above. It also highlighted the value of the Appleby Development initiative. Craig Gascoyne, JTTA Development Officer said "I am very proud of all the boys performances and with the Quinns winning the Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 11's titles shows the potential they have of being top British Ranked players in the near future. They all won most of their matches against the best players that Sussex and the surrounding areas in England had to offer."**

**APPLEBY ACADEMY Jack Mills wins U15 Consolation event at the Sussex 2 Star National Junior Open**



**A family break in England gave Jersey and Appleby Academy Under 15 Jack Mills the chance to gain some valuable experience in off Island competition when he took part in the under 15 and Under 18 events at the Sussex 2 star National Junior table tennis tournament held at Burgess Hill. Mills found himself in what proved to be one of the strongest groups in the under 15 competition, winning his first match against Matt Van Yperen, but was then edged out in three tight sets by Daniel Mervyn. Mills roared back in his third game to beat Musa Sharif Ali in straight sets to set up an intriguing clash of playing styles against big hitting Olamide Wuraola, son of top England player Abdel Wuraola, which Wuraola won three one consigning Mills to third place in the group and the Under 15 plate competition which Mills then proceeded to win his three matches in imperious style, without dropping a set, beating Sharif Ali in the final.**

**In the Under 18 event, Mills and Sharif Ali found themselves meeting for the third time, with the latter picking up a set in his defeat at the hands of Mills. Mills then met number 3 seed, and eventual finalist, Michael White causing all sorts of problems for White before losing three one to him. Mills proceeded to beat Jonathan Realpe in straight sets, dropping only 8 points in the match, needing to beat Oliver Hack to proceed to the knockout stages. Mills found himself two nil down quite quickly, digging in to win the third set, and saving match points to win the fourth. Hack, under the guidance of his Coach, managed to edge Mills out in the deciding set, so once more Mills finished in third place in his group to take part in the plate competition. Mills won his way through to the Plate final, again without dropping a set, setting up a return meeting with Wuraola. The**

**match produced the best table tennis of the day for the juniors, both adopting a free playing approach with high risk return shots, with Wuraola winning in four sets.**