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Adam blazes trail to Open title

THE success of the Wexham Park Junior Open was assured when a record entry teed off on Monday.

After a superb day's play, Adam Drury (handicap 9) from Chalfont St Giles, emerged as the Junior Open Champion after shooting a 72, winning by two shots from James Price (5) and Steven Clements (+14).

Clements did have the consolation of capturing the under 18 Handicap prize with a nett 60 score, again counting back decided the issue with Neil Morgan (20) also carding a nett 60 with Alex Cahill (23) a further shot back.

Adam was obviously delighted at his achievement afterwards and at 16 years-old, he still has two more years in this age group, meaning he could be going for a hat-trick of wins.

"I will definitely be back next year to defend my title," said Adam, "I enjoyed the competition and the help I got from playing partners, Howard [Salt] and Dean [Grinsberg] who know the course."

Local knowledge certainly paid off for the under 13s where the girls held sway.

Megan Madlaren went round in 87, to win the gross prize on countback from Sean McIntyre, another Wexham

player with James Webb a further shot behind.

The handicap prize was won by Charlotte Looney (36) whose round of 94 gave her a nett 58, two shots better than Webb (28) whose round gave him a nett 60 with Alex Kemp (28) shooting 89 for a nett 89.

But spare a thought for young Robert Pennell who was given a lesson that he should always check his card. He would have won the scratch and the handicap prize in this age group but he signed for a score two shots lower than he actually shot so he had to be disqualified.

The under tens played nine holes on the other course at Wexham and the competition here was close with Henry Morris taking the honours with a round of 49, one better than runner up Charlie Ethridge who was second on countback from Jordan Wooster.

Under the organisation of Wexham GC, the event ran smoothly and the youngsters were treated by the prizes being presented by LPGA player Lynette Brooky who took time out from preparing for the Women's Open at Sunningdale this week present the prizes at the club where she practises.



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Encouragement: Robert Pennell was given some consolation by Lynette Brooky after signing for an incorrect score and had to be disqualified