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Grattan Comes of Age in Junior Irish Open Win

Ireland's Craig Grattan turned potential into victory this month as he saw off some of Europe's top under-24 bowlers to take the under-24 Irish Open title.

Qualifying for the top 4 round-robin final in 2nd place, 115 pins behind the lead, Craig put together a stunning performance to pip fellow Irish competitor Amanda Larkin to the crown.

Craig bowled games of 234, 267 and 203 to win all of his three matches on his way to a 40-pin victory.

He has worked very hard over the past 12 months to jump to the next level, and represented Team Ireland at this summer's European Men's Championships in Denmark before injury kept him out for 3 months. To win such an event on his return is a remarkable achievement.

Craig then went on to bowl his first ever 300 game just 7 days later in the November Rocks Jewellers Singles tournament. The ITBA would like to congratulate him on an incredible week.

Special mention must also go to Amanda Larkin on her brilliant performance in making it an Irish 1-2 in the under-24 section, as well as Sean Staines, who finished in 2nd place in the under-12 boys section.

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