



## Aidan Byrne wins 2014 Youth Euro Trophy Gold in Reims

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Irish youth bowler Aidan Byrne has won the Youth Euro Trophy (YET) 2014.

Competing in the Boys 19-to-21-years section, Aidan overcame six other bowlers from around Europe in the finals in Reims, France, last week.

The tour, which began back in August in Worthing, England, consisted of a total of six events across Europe, with other stops in Belgium, France, Holland, Denmark and our own Junior Irish Open in Dublin last November.

Qualification for the finals was taken from a competitor's best four performances over the year, from which Aidan qualified in third place for the finals in France.

Aidan came through the tough lane conditions in Reims, scoring 1328 for his first seven games in the finals, an average of 189 which was good enough to secure first place for the stepladder finals. With the experience of his appearance in the same finals in 2013 he was able to hold his nerve in the final match, defeating Bas Schinkel 2-0 with impressive games of 210 and 224, to take the YET title 2014.

Aidan's attention now turns to the finals of the Irish rounds of the World Cup Qualifiers, which take place this month in Leisureplex Stillorgan.

Aidan will compete with the five other finalists for the chance to represent Ireland at the 50<sup>th</sup> AMF Bowling World Cup in Poland later this year.

Congratulations to Aidan on a fantastic European victory.

