

The final Britannia Senior Super Series of table tennis took place on Sunday with a full house of 24 players.

Players converged from the home Counties and London to attend

Neil Charles was a big favourite for the event, but with cash prizes up for grabs for the best six performing players over the season several players were keen to battle for points.

With six groups of four in stage one to determine players placings for band one and two, there were two seeding upsets, In group one Sylvain Floury accounted for Chris Marlow 3-0 with Neil Charles unbeaten, and in group six where Andrew Doshier won his three games there was a three way tie with Stuart Laws, Dudi Dubiner and Tim Pang all having won a game each, on count back Pang seeded fourth in the group came second to qualify for band one.

In the four groups of three players in band one. Curtis Beales took a leg of Neil Charles who won group one to come second, while in group two Suffolk junior James Davies Stokes took a leg off second seed Rory Scott and came second, Andrew Doshier and Andrew Warner both beat Sylvain Floury in group three with Warner the winner and in group four there was a thrilling final game as Christopher Cockburn and Richard Hutchinson went toe to toe to determine a semi final place and in an absorbing encounter Cockburn managed a first win over his opponent saving a match point.

In the first semi final Chris Cockburn gave a good showing in a battle of Norwich players against the top seed Neil Charles and was always in the hunt in the first two sets just losing the second to 9 and took the third leg comfortably, however Charles has several gears to his game and his class showed in the fourth leg to ease into the final,

The second semi was a tight affair as Rory Scott and Andrew Warner shared the first two sets and then two very close sets just went the way of Warner.

The final as predicted was a routine win for Charles as his serves and power drives off both wings never really let Warner in and despite a closer second set it was a comfortable 3-0 win for top seed.

After six events based on players performances in this series in relation to their attendance it was Suffolk's four time County Champion Richard Hutchinson that took the first prize with 115 points, with Neil Charles second on 109, with Andrew Warner third on 104,

Arguably had Lauren and Neil Charles played in all events they would have been in the top two positions, but both Richard and Andrew showed consistent performances to deserve their positions

Scores from the Britannia Table

Tennis Club

Band one

Semi finals

Neil Charles Beat Christopher Cockburn 7 9 -5 4  
Andrew Warner beat Rory Scott 6 -5 9 15

Final Neil Charles beat Andrew Warner 8 6 7  
3rd / 4th Christopher Cockburn beat Rory Scott 9 6 -7 -10 5  
5th / 6th Richard Hutchinson beat Andrew Doshier -6 -5 10 6 10  
7th / 8th James Davies Stokes beat Curtis Beales 4 10 5  
9th / 10th Geoff Grange beat Sylvain Floury 8 11 -9 5  
11th / 12th Henry Arthur beat Tim Pang -6 6 4 7

Band two

13th / 14th Phil Waity beat Chris Marlow 8 5 -10 -7 9 (Final)  
15th / 16th Ben Richmond beat Lee McHugh -9 3 15 -9 8  
17th / 18th Stuart Laws beat Dudi Dubiner -14 6 8 7  
19th / 20th Mathew Stringer beat Paul Nicol 10 9 -7 -7 9  
21st / 22nd Antonio Beckles beat Scott Morgan 12 11 5  
22nd / 24th Bernie Ulpth beat Martin Tomes -6 5 -8 8 11