

Players converged to Ipswich on Sunday from as far away as Nottinghamshire and Somerset to take part in the seasons first Ipswich Britannia Senior Super Series of Table Tennis at the Britannia Table Tennis club in Ipswich.

Six groups of three and four players on a round robin basis decided who would go into band one or two

In group one top seed Adam Jepson and Andrew Doshier both beat Dan Millburn 3-0 with Jepson beating Doshier 3-0 to top the group, group two saw a seeding upset as Matt Emery came from a set down to beat Andrew Holmes 3-1, other wise seeding went to form as number two seed Zoltan Hosszu was undefeated and Andrew Holmes beat Ashely Marsh with Emery coming second. Group three saw both Christopher Cockburn and James Davies Stokes beat Kelly Yungyounpaknam 3-0 and in their encounter to determine top spot Davies Stokes stuned the third seed to take the first set, however Cockburn hit back to take the next three in style. Group four saw players all finishing with one win and a loss, Helmuth Osbourne repeated his exploits of a few years ago to edge past the much higher ranked Rory Scott 3-2 however having lost to Glen Johnson 3-0 earlier on he had to hope Johnson would beat Scott for him to go through to band one, however despite leading 2-1 in sets Johnson just fell short going down 11-7 in the decider, however Johnson won the group with Scott second and Osbourne third on sets countback. In group five, Richard Hutchinson and Lee Mchugh both beat David Gough 3-0 and McHugh started off really well in their match to decide first and second place by winning the first set 11 -2 Hutchinson composed himself and showing better consistency in attack winning the next two sets comfortably and in a tight fourth leg edged home in duece. In group six Marcin Szram came through unbeaten, while Brandon Bennett and Chris Ballard fought for the second band one place as they had both beaten Tomaz Zapala, A five set thriller saw Bennet come back from 0-2 down to win 11-9 in the final set.

12 players went into In band one which took the form of four groups of three players,with the three winners going into the semi final, in group one Adam Jepson continued his good form winning 3-0 over James Davies Stokes and Brandon Bennett 3-0, in group two Zoltan Hosszu and Rory Scott both beat Lee Mchugh to go head to head for a semi final spot and despite taking the second set Scott was well beaten in the end 3-1. In group three having both accounted for Matt Emery, Christopher Cockburn and Richard Hutchinson went toe to toe and it didn't disapoint, Hutchinson led 1-0 and 2-1 for Cockburn to come back twice and in the final set a great start from Cockburn saw him home 11-3. in group four Marcyn Szram beat both Andrew Doshier and Glen Johnson 3-1 to take his place in the semi final.

In the first semi final Adam Jepson was quickly in his stride against Marcin Szram taking the first match 11-7, a much closer second set saw Jepson edge it at duece but it was all Jepson in the third set as he won 11-3, the other semi final between Zoltan Hosszu and Christopher Cockburn was closer as the first two sets were shared, however in the second and third sets it was Hosszu that just did enough to win 3-1.

The final was between the number one and two seeds, Adam Jepspon and Zoltan Hosszu and in the first set it was point for point all the way Hosszu served particularly well in trying to keep out the attack of his opponent while getting in with his own attack and both players had opportunities before Jepson won it at duece, exactly the same

thing happend in the second set untill they got to 5-5 when Jepson oppened a three point gap to lead 8-5, then Hosszu responded to take the next five points to have two set points which were saved and Jepson then again nicked the leg, this spurred on Jepson who coasted in the third leg to lift the title without the loss of a game all day.

Scores from Britannia Table Tennis Club

Band one

Semi final

Adam Jepson beat Marcin Szram 7 10 3

Zoltan Hosszu beat Christopher Cockburn 8 -9 8 7

Final Adam Jepson beat Zoltan Hosszu 11 10 3

3rd / 4th Christopher Cockburn beat Marci Szram 7 8 -8 13

5th / 6th Richard Hutchinson beat Andrew Doshier 4 -11 6 5

7th / 8th James Davies Stokes beat Rory Scott -9 8 -5 7 9

9th / 10th Matt Emry beat Brandon Bennett 5 -8 7 -10 7

11th / 12th Lee McHugh beat Glen Johnson -9 7 -6 8 9

Band two

13th / 14th Andrew Holmes beat Tomaz Zapala 9 6 7 (Final)

15th / 16th Chris Ballard beat Dan Millburn 5 3 -8 -10 3

17th / 18th Helmuth Osbourn beat Ashley Marsh 6 10 7

19th / 20th David Gough beat Kelly Yuenygnepknan 7 8 9