

Players from around East Anglia travelled to the Britannia table tennis club in Ipswich on Saturday for this seasons Britannia East Anglian Top 16 invitation table tennis tournament

Players in the four groups played a round robin with the top two going through to band one

In group one there were no seeding upsets as Andrew Warner and Andrew Holmes both beat Antonio Beckles and Jack Perkins, with Warner winning 3-0 in their encounter to come top, in group two likewise the seedings went to form as Gary Young came top with Lee Mchugh second, and Keiran Bean beating Kelly Yuenyongpknan for third and fourth. In group three Chris Rees Croft caused a big upset by beating Mathew Currant 11-9 in the fifth set, Currant had a real go in his match with number three Steven Gray to try and qualify losing in four sets, and in the match to determine the group winner Gray overcame Croft 3-0. In group four another upset happend when Ipswich's Derek Bloomfield beat Daniel Young 3-1 finishing second as Andrew Doshier topped the group.

In the quarter finals Andrew Warner bear Lee McHugh in straight sets, as did Steven Gray over Derek Bloomfield, Andrew Holmes took a leg off Andrew Doshier and Gary Young beat Chris Rees Croft 3-0,

In the first semi final Stephen Gray showed allround class in taking out Andrew Warner coming from a set down using excellent serves and follow up loop drives as the normally comfortable Warner was stretched at times to compete in the second and third sets.

In the second semi Andrew Doshier let a good lead slip in game one, against Gary Young in what was generally an enteratining game which went the way of Young 3-1.

The final ebbed and flowed as Gary Young just edged a tight opening set but was left in awe at times by Grays class which took him into a 2-1 lead, in the fourth set it was Young's turn to show his class as he ran away with the fourth set. From a spectator point the fifth set was disapointing because Gray went 4-0 up and even a time out from Young couldn't halt the flow of Gray as he was relentless and reeled off outright winners for a comfortable win as a new winner of this title was confirmed

Scores from Britannia TTC

Band one

Quarter finals

Andrew Warner beat Lee McHugh 8 9 5
Steven Gray beat Derek Bloomfield 3 8 10
Andrew Doshier beat Andrew Holmes 5 -10 6 7
Gary Young beat Chris Rees Croft 7 4 4

Semi finals

Steven Gray beat Andrew Warner -7 2 6 10
Gary Young beat Andrew Doshier 7 9 -8 9

Final Steven Gray beat Gary Young -11 7 8 -6 0

3rd / 4th Andrew Warner beat Andrew Doshier -10 5 9 6
5th / 6th Lee Mchugh beat Andrew Homes 5 - 5 7 10
7th / 8th Derek Bloomfield beat Chris Rees Croft -7 -8 7 5 7

Band two

9th / 10th Kieran Bean beat Daniel Young 9 5 11 (Final)
11th / 12th Antonio Beckles beat Mathew Currant 5 6 -13 -8 9
13th / 14th Jack Perkins V Kelly Yuenyongpknan (not contested)

From left to right Band one winner Steven Gray and runner up Gary young Band two winner Kieran Bean and runner up Daniel Young