

It was the usual suspects again at the latest event in the Britannia Senior Super Series of table tennis in Ipswich on Sunday,

The 24 players took part in six groups of four in a round robin to qualify for either band one or two with two more stages to follow.

In group one Helmuth Osbourne beat the higher seeded Vadym Krevs and took Andrew Doshier to four sets as Lauren Charles and Doshier came first and second, in group two Neil Charles won his matches 3-0, and was joined by Alex Aston in second position with Akash Shah accounting for Antonio Beckles, group three saw one of the games of the day in the battle for first and second position between Andrew Warner and Steven Gray, Warner led 6-0 in the decider before Gray stormed back to lead 9-7 before a number of stunning points saw Warner just nick it 11-9, Dudi Dubiner came third over Mel Rampton. Tony Zeqiri coasted in his group to 3-0 wins and was joined in band two by Henry Arthur, with Mike Wilkins third and Scott Morgan fourth, Group five saw Richard Hutchinson progress as winner with three wins, with Paul Broxton coming second with a hard fought win over Reece Seddon from Essex 3-2, Paul Nicol came fourth, group six featured the only player who was seeded to get into band one not to do so, as Stuart Laws went down to Richard Johnson, the group was won by Christopher Cockburn with Sylvain Floury from France in fourth spot.

Stage two became more interesting now in band one as the better player competed against each other and four groups of three players would see the top player in each group through to the semi final.

Lauren Charles eased past Henry Arthur and Paul Broxton as did Neil Charles over Richard Johnson and Steven Gray, in groups one and two, however group three was tight as Alex Aston first took Richard Hutchinson to four ends, then Andrew Warner to five sets, before Hutchinson caused a seeding up set beating Warner 3-1, in group four Tony Zeqiri and Christopher Cockburn both beat Andrew Doshier and played a close match for the first three sets before Zeqiri got the upper hand in the fourth set to win 3-1.

Both semi finals were 3-0 as first Lauren Charles beat Richard Hutchinson then Neil Charles accounted for Tony Zeqiri to set up a husband wife final again, Lauren who is several months pregnant did very well on the day and they both played their part in an entertaining match that had two duce games and went the distance and in the end Neil's good start in the fifth was the difference as he took first prize

Scores from the dome

Band one

Semi finals:

Lauren Charles beat Richard Hutchinson 4 8 7

Neil Charles beat Tony Zeqiri 6 4 8

Final Neil Charles beat Lauren Charles 16 -7 13 -9 5

3rd / 4th Tony Zeqiri beat Richard Hutchinson 7 9 6

5th / 6th Andrew Warner beat Christopher Cockburn -3 -11 3 7 6

7th / 8th Steven Gray beat Paul Broxton 9 9 9

9th / 10th Richard Johnson beat Andrew Doshier 7 -10 3 -9 9

11th / 12th Alex Aston beat Henry Arthur -7 -6 7 9 9

Band two

13th / 14th Reece Seddon beat Stuart Laws 4 5 8 (Final)

15th / 16th Akash Shah beat Paul Nicol 5 7 8

17th / 18th Vadim Krevs beat Helmuth Osbourne 9 3 -10 7

19th / 20th Mel Rampton beat Dudi Dubiner 9 1 5

21st / 22nd Antonio Beckles beat Michael Wilkins 10 -7 -7 9 7

23rd / 24th Sylvain Floury beat Scott Morgan 3 7 7