

A strong field of many of the best players in Suffolk took part in Sunday's major domestic seasonal table tennis opener at the Britannia Table Tennis Club In Ipswich for The Britannia Suffolk Top 12 Table Tennis Invitation Tournament,

All the Counties leagues were represented and stage one saw two groups of six players in a round robin section,
Players below are listed were seeded in their group

Group 1

Andrew Warner
Kian Burgess
Andrew Doshier
Ryan Moore
Sylvain Floury
Antonio Toril

Group 2

Richard Hutchinson
Daniel Shelly
Paul Broxton
James Davies Stokes
Charles Fulcher
Alex Attew

Both groups had a number of seeding upsets and in group one Ryan Moore showed coolness in saving four match points at 10-6 down to Andrew Doshier winning 3-2, Antonio Toril showed his very best performances in beating three higher ranked players in Doshier, Moore and Sylvain Floury to come third, while Doshier stuttered and managed one group win against the unfortunate Floury who lost a couple of matches from 2-0 up being unable to register a win, Top seeds in the group Andrew Warner and Kian Burgess were unbeaten before their match with all other players taking a leg of Burgess and Doshier and Toril taking a leg off Warner, in the match to decide the group a very tight first end went the way of Warner and he followed this up with taking the next two sets comfortably 3-0,

In group two Alex Attew just 13 years old and having never played a local league match in his life gave justification to his invite beating Charles Fulcher and Daniel Shelly 3-2 and Paul Broxton 3-0! Paul Broxton had beaten the second group seed Daniel Shelly 3-1 and also Fulcher 3-1, however Shelly had one of those days and managed victory in the group only against Fulcher who finished without a win, but another talking point was the form of James Davies Stokes who played superbly all day to register four group wins to come second in the group his only defeat was to Richard Hutchinson who won five from five and dropped a leg only to Stokes and Attew.

This meant Andrew Warner played James Davies Stokes in the first semi final and the youngster showed no fear in going for his shots causing his opponent a lot of problems, Warner stayed in the hunt and saved two game points with his serve to take the first set, and take the next set more comfortable, in the third set it was again a close affair but Warners experience saw him through, the second semi final between Richard Hutchinson and Kian Burgess was tight early on

as Burgess had a game point to the first set which went Hutchinsons way, Burgess took the second, but in the next two sets Hutchinson stepped on the gas in particularly with his attacking game to take the game comfortably.

The final was a master class of how to play the combination bat from Warner as most in the venue thought it would be tight, he took the first 11-8 and really never looked threatend in the next two sets regardless of what was thrown at him retrieving away from the court when being attacked and using his backhand to particularly good effect when the occasion arose,he triumphed 3-0 and take his fourth Top 12 title and deservidly so.

Scores from the Britannia TTC

Semi finals

Andrew Warner beat James Davies Stokes 10 7 9

Richard Hutchinson beat Kian Burgess 11 -8 5 2

Final: Andrew Warner Beat Richard Hutchinson 8 5 4

3rd / 4th James Davies Stokes beat Kian Burgess -9 6 8 5

5th / 6th Alex Attew beat Antonio Toril 8 5 -12 9

7th / 8th Ryan Moore beat Paul Broxton 3 -7 8 -6 9

9th / 10th Daneil Shelly beat Andrew Doshier 7 9 5

11th / 12th Sylvain Floury beat Charles Fulcher -9 9 9 1