

The weekend saw this seasons most exciting in the series of National Table Tennis ranking events so far which saw numerous seeding upsets comebacks and match points saved as players from the home counties and the midlands fought to win the latest Super Series event at the Britannia Table Tennis Club in Ipswich.

Groups of three and four players played round robin to qualify for the top band early on and in group one Elroy Edwards beat higher seed Dudi Dubiner 3-1 as tournament top seed Christopher Cockburn topped the group winning his games including a 3-1 win over Dubiner and Edwards, The seeding upsets carried on in group two as Nottinghams Helmuth Osbourne lost 3-0 to Norwich's Vuong Ngo. Tournament number two and five seed's respectively Lewy Carby and Ryan Moore both beat the other group players and their match seemed to be going to seeding as Carby led 2-0 and 10-4 however a mammoth comeback from Moore saw him eventually take the game and match 11-9 in the decider to win the group. Group three was the only group to have no upsets as Kieran Skeggs and Steve Gray both accounted for Essex's Gavin Price, With Gray topping the group with a 3-1 win over Skeggs. In group four three players finished with two wins and a loss which meant it went to a count back to see which two players would go through to the top band, first off Reece Seddon from Grays had a titanic match with Frinton's Gary Cattermole winning the fifth set 11-6, Cattermole then created another seeding up set using his powerful back and forhand's to overcome Andrew Doshier in four tight games, this meant as all other players had beaten Ben Richmond and with Seddon already having beaten Cattermole, Doshier had to win by 3-1 or more in sets to finish in the top two places to qualify, this he did by which meant unfortunately for Seddon he missed out as Cattermole topped the group with Doshier second.

In the first quarter final Chris Cockburn overcame Kieran Skeggs 3-0, as Lewy Carby was made to work for his place after a comfortable first two games beating Gary Cattermole 3-2, Steven Gray then accounted for Elroy Edwards 3-0, and the last quarter final saw a see saw game as Ryan Moore looked to have the beating of Andrew Doshier leading 2-0 and 10-8 but Doshier turned the tables and after enjoying some luck in the deciding game edged home 11-9.

Both semi finals were exciting as Christopher Cockburn booked his final place with a 3-1 win over Lewy Carby, then possibly one of the matches of the day saw recent top 16 champion Steven Gray take on Andrew Doshier, the powerful loop drives of Gray against the counter hitting of his opponent made for some spectacular rallies as Doshier went 1-0 up to lead 9-7 in the second only for Gray to take four points on the spin to equate, in the end Gray just did enough courtesy of a great forhand winner at 9 -8 in the decider to get through.

Having been runner up three times this season Cockburn was looking to go one better in the final and he gave a text book showing as Gray although staying in contention during the match was always just behind in the big points here and it was the Norwich player that emerged a 3-0 winner to take his first title

Scores from Britannia Table Tennis Club

Band one

Quarter finals

Christopher Cockburn beat Kieran Skeggs 3 5 7

Lewy Carby beat Gary Cattermole 3 3 - 7 - 9 2

Steven Gray beat Elroy Edwards 8 9 3

Andrew Doshier beat Ryan Moore -8 -6 11 8 9

Semi finals

Christopher Cockburn beat Lewy Carby 11 10 -8 7

Steven Gray beat Andrew Doshier -9 9 -6 7 8

Final	Christopher Cockburn beat Steven Gray 8 7 8
3rd / 4th	Lewy Carby beat Andrew Doshier 10 8 8
5th / 6th	Kieran Skeggs beat Ryan Moore 6 10 -8 4
7th / 8th	Gary Cattermole beat Elroy Edwards -3 4 6 9

Band two

9th / 10th	Reece Seddon beat Ben Richmond (Final)
11th / 12th	Gavin Price beat Dudi Dubiner 5 11 -7 9
13th / 14th	Vuong Ngo beat Helmuth Osbourne 10 14 8

Updated points table

Christopher Cockburn	93 (4)
Andrew Doshier	75 (4)
Lewy Carby	65 (3)
Dudi Dubiner	60 (4)
Ryan Moore	55 (3)
Andrew Warner	48 (2)
Mathieu Jabault	45 (2)
Lee McHugh	33 (2)
Sylvain Flourey	31 (2)