

Players from as far as Buckinghamshire Hertfordshire and Middlesex converged on the Britannia Table Tennis Club in Ipswich on Sunday to take part in the final Ipswich Britannia Senior Super Series of the season, and it didn't disappoint although the strength in the top of the order wasn't as in previous events !

The top two players in the six groups mainly of three players all went into band one, with the remainder into band two, players in band one had three stages to compete in with a further group and play off games., In group one red hot favourite and top seed Eren Gozcu beat Guy Attew 3-0 but found Gary Johnson a tougher challenge but still had too much in his locker to win 3-1, while Attew gave Johnson a good run for his money losing the first to sets by the closest of margins going down 3-0, in group two Hungary's Zoltan Barabas beat Lee McHugh and Ashley Marsh 3-0 with McHugh beating Marsh 3-0, in group three Sylvain Flourey beat Eric Woo 3-0 in the first match, then Suffolk's Andrew Doshier beat the same player but in a more even match as he edged home 3-1, the final match between Doshier and Flourey was a thriller as it went to five sets with both players having the lead before Doshier won it 11-8, group four had four players and both Wudong Lui and fourth seed Cristina Barnardo beat the other group players of which Barnardo won their game 3-1, with David Gough beating youngster Vineth Kamma into fourth spot in a titanic encounter in five sets. Group five saw Aris Kapsanakis beat both Dave Fiddeman and Jack Perkins 3-0 with Fiddeman beating Perkins 3-1. in group six both Alex Attew and Chris Rees Croft took a leg of group winner Marton Roland with Attew winning their match 3-0.

In stage two of band one a further four groups of three players fought it out with winners runners up and third placed all going into a final section, the winners of which would go into the semi final, in group one Wudong lui just got the better of Dave Fiddeman 11-9 in the decider from 0-2 down but neither Lui or Fiddeman could stop Eren Gozcu losing to him 3-0, in group two Alex Attew gave France's Sylvain Flourey some problems just going down at duece in the fourth set, but number two seed Zoltan Barabas topped the group winning his matches 3-0, in group three Aris Kapsanakis played a totally absorbing match with combination bat player Gary Johnson and led 2-1 and a small lead at one point before Johnson equated the sets and ran away with the final set, Andrew Doshier beat the same player 3-0 and then had another five setter with Johnson that could have gone either way before a time out at 6-8 saw him come back to win, in group four Essex's Lee McHugh was desperately unlucky to lose both his group matches in five setters against Marton Roland and Cristin Barnardo, and in the final match Roland came from a game down to beat Barnardo 3-1 in a seeding upset,

In the first semi final it was 1st against 3rd seed, Eren Guzcu against Andrew Doshier, and Gozcu was on fire wanting to get the job down quickly in the first two sets conceding just six points, however Doshier didn't give up in game three and starting to attack more and return the serves better producing better rallies scrapped the leg 16-14, however it was delaying the inevitable as Gozcu ploughed through the fourth set to reach the final, the second semi final between Hungarian players Zoltan Barabas and Marton Roland went the way of Barabas 3-0, in the final Gozcu was favourite but Barabas with his experience of playing in the French league certainly gave him a chance and he was superb in the first set catching out the young Turkish player to win 11-7, in the second set Gozcu started much better and with his powerful serves and attack opened up a good lead but Barabas came back at him and just lost a close second set, in the next two sets the youth and power of Gozcu was all too apparent as he took them comfortably to take his second consecutive title in the series

Scores from the dome

Band one

Quarter finals

Eren Gozcu beat Wudong Lui 1 4 8

Zoltan Barabas beat Sylvain Flourey 7 12 4

Andrew Doshier beat Glen Johnson -9 9 5 -5 8

Marton Roland beat Cristin Barnardo -9 6 9 7

Semi finals

Eren Gozcu beat Andrew Doshier 3 3 -15 5

Zoltan Barabas beat Roland Marton 2 4 8

Final: Eren Gozcu beat Zoltan Barabas -7 9 5 4

3rd / 4th Andrew Doshier beat Marton Roland -7 6 -7 8 12

5th / 6th Sylvain Flourey beat Glen Johnson -7 -9 7 7 10

7th / 8th Cristian Barnardo beat Wudong Lui 8 4 -9 -7 9

9th / 10th Lee McHugh beat Aris Kapsanakis -6 9 9 -10 9

11th / 12th Dave Fiddeman beat Alex Attew 8 6 8

Band two

13th / 14th David Gough beat Eric Woo -9 11 -2 5 9 (FINAL)

15th / 16th Ashley Marsh beat Chris Reeves Croft 10 10 5

17th / 18th Guy Attew beat Jack Perkins -7 7 -9 9 8

19th Vineth Kumma