

REPORT FROM THE CHANNEL ISLAND

JUNIOR TOP 12 TABLE TENNIS

TOURNAMENT

17 year old Team GB and Olympic 2012 hopeful Alice Lovridge successfully defended her Junior CI Top 12 table tennis title in Guernsey on Sunday but was made to fight all the way by an extremely determined group of young Jersey players. Lovridge won the coveted trophy with 21 points but was first rattled by Jersey's Chris Morshead's chopping style before narrowly beating Hugo Tupper 3—2. She finally lost her only match in both Islands to Josh Band who came back from 2—0 down against the talented Sarnian in an enthralling encounter of top class table tennis to render the competition wide open again.

However, it was Max Tupper who eventually beat Ollie Langlois 3—2 in the final match, also recovering from a 2—0 deficit, to claim the runner up slot with Langlois and Band [who all also had 20 points] losing out in third and fourth place respectively on countback with all three players losing just two matches in their respective 11 encounters.

"It was a great day of really fantastic quality table tennis," said JTTA President Chris Band afterwards. "Our Guernsey colleagues agreed that the standard of play of both Islands' Juniors has soared over the past few years and that they can hold their own at a high level in the UK and beyond which is hugely encouraging for our ever expanding sport in both Jersey and Guernsey," added Band.