



5th NatWest Jersey Open Table Tennis Team event report.

The tournament was set alight from a local perspective when Luke Walker and Josh Band gave the number 2 seeds Matt Ware [England No.7] and Damien Nicholls [England No.9] a real shock in the semi finals of the **Men's team**. Nicholls just got the verdict against Band 5/11, 11/7, 11/5, 9/11, 11/5 and then Walker took Ware to four games 4/11, 11/9, 10/12, 9/11. The England players prevailed to make the final but were beaten 3—0 by the **number 1 seeds Ryan and Stephen Jenkins** from Wales in a pulsating match with breathtaking rallies, especially in the doubles.

The **Women's team** in the all England final also went with the seeding as **Emily Bates [England No.4] and Sanja Clements [England No. 4 Veteran]** claimed the winning slot from Jane Vickers and Diane Kirkwood with some great attacking shots and accurate winners.

In the **Veteran's team "Yogi" Ellis and Bobby Vincent** kept their nerve following a 3-2 win in their semi final to repeat the performance to beat Dean Rose from Kent and Geoff Ware from Dorset 3—2 to deservedly take the title on Ellis's birthday!

There was more local success in the **Junior Team as Max and Hugo Tupper** beat Danny Lawrence from Kent and Josh Band in a match which went to the wire with Max winning in the final game of the last match 11/9 against Band.

" A fantastic day with two more to go!!" said JTTA President Chris Band.