

5th NatWest Table Tennis Open Day 2 Banded Singles report.

- 13 year old **Victoria Barnes** was the toast of Jersey in the ladies section taking the runner up slot in the **Womens's Band 2** behind England No.4 veteran Sanja Clements and then winning **Women's Band 3** with Kelsey le Maistre in second place for an Island one-two.
- **Men's Band 1** went to **Ryan Owen** from Wales who just got the verdict over David Arrowsmith from Derbyshire 3-2 with both men exchanging powerful smashes throughout their encounter.
- **Men's Band 3** was the closest result with it being decided on countback on points when three players all finished with just one loss and equal on games. The winner by two points was Jersey's **Luke Walker** with Josh Band in second spot achieving their excellent result with impressive wins over experienced mainland opposition.
- **Danny Lawrence** from Kent made up for his disappointment in Band 3 by winning **Men's Band 4** beating Jersey's Max Tupper in a closely fought final 3—2 full of excellent shots and rallies.
- **Tupper M** turned things round in **Men's Band 5** though negotiating his group as winner and then fighting through the knock out stages to finally defeat Chris Morshead also from Jersey who had had a fantastic win against Jac Jenkins from Wales in the semi final with his chop proving too much for the young Welsh player.
- **Men's Band 6** was an all local final with **Ollie Griggs** coming back from 2—0 down to beat the unlucky Jack Mills who held one match point in an enthralling match between attack and defence which could have gone either way.

“ It was another brilliant day of top quality table tennis at our NatWest Open,” said JTТА President Chris Band afterwards. “ It was particularly exciting to see so many local successes against experienced UK opposition too. We look forward to the final day with the Open Singles with great anticipation of further Jersey wins.”

Sunday is the final day of competition with the Men's and Womens's finals likely to be around 12.30. Entrance is free and the general public are most welcome at the Geoff Reed Table Tennis Centre at F.B Fields.