

Deutsche Bank  Jersey Closed : Finals Night Report

- **Women's Doubles**, a 4--0 win for Kay Lefebvre and Kelsey le Maistre against Karen and Victoria Barnes who put up a great fight.
- **Under 11 Singles** was claimed by Phillip Quinn who beat Luc Miller 4-0 with a focused performance. Miller is fast improving however and definitely one to watch for in the next couple of seasons.
- Malcolm Gallichan beat Jeff Vincent in the **Over 60's Singles** 4--1 with Gallichan's chop winning the exchanges.
- **Junior Doubles** was the expected win by the Tupper brothers, Max and Hugo against Josh Band and Jordan Wykes 4--1 and produced some excellent rallies and winning shots.
- **Over 50 Singles** was won by Eugene Ellis 4--0 against Bobby Vincent who did all that he could to stem the tide but Ellis was not to be denied.
- The **Veteran Ladies Singles** saw the highly experienced Kay Lefebvre beat Karen Barnes 4--0. Barnes however played well despite the scoreline and fought all the way.
- **Under 21 Singles** was won by Max Tupper 4--0 against brother Hugo, a match which produced some great table tennis to entertain an appreciative audience.
- **Under 13 Singles** was won by Jordan Wykes who had to negotiate a resilient Phillip Quinn whose consistent backhand garnered points throughout the match.
- **Men's Doubles** was won by Eugene Ellis and Mariusz Cieminski 4--1 against Josh Band and Luke Walker who were one love up and holding a point for the second game when an edge gave their opponents the advantage and they lost the initiative.
- **Women's Singles** was won by Kay Lefebvre whose chop proved to be too much for Kelsey le Maistre whose time however will come very soon as a result of her focus and determination.
- **Craig Gascoyne** and Josh Band served up a fitting finale to the DB Closed with numerous superb rallies, touch play, blocks and rasping smashes. Band was 8/4 up in the first and had two game points in the third but Gascoyne held firm to retain his **Men's title** 12/10, 5/11, 13/11, 11/8, 11/8.
- **David Quinn** deservedly took the **Under 9's** crown 4--0 against Luc Miller who put in a splendid performance against his accomplished opponent with scores of 11/7, 11/8, 12/10, 11/8.
- Ollie Griggs came out all guns blazing against **Hugo Tupper** in the **Under 15 Boys** but Tupper was not to be denied and settled his nerves to square in the second and never looked back to win 4--1.
- Bruce Gallichan almost unseated the evergreen **Eugene Ellis** in the **Veteran Men's** final which was locked three all with game scores of 12/10, 13/11, 8/11, 11/9, 8/11, 10/12 until Ellis put on the after burners to race to a 10--0 lead in the 7th game. Gallichan clawed his way back to 7/10 and the impossible looked probable until Ellis just got over the line with a characteristic smash 11-7 to take the match 4--3.
- **Kelsey le Maistre** had her work cut out against a resilient and improving match by match opponent Victoria Barnes in the **Under 18 Girls** final. Barnes looked to be dead and buried at 3--0 down but bounced back to take the next two games 11/9, 11/7. At 9/9 in the sixth game Barnes looked set to square the match but the greater experience of Le Maistre prevailed and she eventually triumphed 4--2.
- **Jeff Vincent** was a popular winner once again this year as he took the **Over 70's Singles** against Doug Ferguson but was made to work for his 4--0 win with game scores of 11/5, 13/11, 11/7, 14/12.
- **Max Tupper** and Josh Band played out a crowd pleasing **Under 18 Boys Singles** with Tupper taking the title after an excellent match 4--2 with scores 11/6, 8/11, 11/8, 11/7, 8/11, 11/7.
- The new pairing of Bruce Gallichan and Tom Quinn looked set fair to defeat the favourites and holders **Bobby Vincent and Eugene Ellis** in the **Veterans Doubles** as they were 3--2 up in the fifth game. The champions though were not to be denied taking the last two games 11/7, 11/6 to defend their trophy.
- The major shock of the night was in the **Mixed Doubles** where **Kelsey le Maistre and Josh Band** won a thriller against Kay Lefebvre and Max Tupper. The game scores told the tale with

Le Maistre and Band going 3--1 up only to be pegged back to 3--3. They finally converted the seventh game 13/11 to huge applause from the audience for their 4--3 victory.