



## Report

After the success of the banded events at last month's [Jarvis Sports Edinburgh Open](#) it was decided that we would expand on the banded format.

Players were separated by rating into 4 bands—played in groups of 9. This proved to be a great hit, with players getting lots of quality table time with very little hanging around with play finished by 3pm. 40% of players were separated by countback on the day showing the tightness of the games on the day.

### Band 1



Band 1 Winner Ethan Chapman

Ethan Chapman (Aberdeen) took the top award, winning the Band 1 and the £50 prize. He did so by winning 6 out of his 7 matches (there was 1 no show). After a narrow loss to in-form Rebecca Plaistow (Ayrshire) in the morning, Ethan managed to keep fighting and was surely one of the most focused players at the event. In the final game of the day he was pushed to 5 in a cracking match with lots of loop-to-loop action against pre tournament favourite Stewart Armitage (North Merchiston), but managed to prevail and take the title.

Rebecca Plaistow—R/up of Band 1



Rebecca Plaistow had a good day. As bottom seed in the top group it was a fantastic achievement to fight all the way to get 2<sup>nd</sup> place with just two defeats - to top cadet boys Danny Bajwa (Dumfries) and James Forrest (Murrayfield). Danny defeated James 3-2 early in the day in a tight game - a victory that helped him claim 3<sup>rd</sup> spot ahead of James on count back.



Winner Jamie Arnott getting throttled by R/Up Derek Lundie!

### Band 2

Jamie Arnott (West Lothian) was the winner of the Band 2 event, winning all 8 of his matches. Not that he had an easy day-3 of his wins were in close 5-setters.

Top Vet Derek Lundie was runner-up in Band 2 with a strong 7-1 record, only dropping 4 sets in his 8 matches.



Rafał in action

Rafał Wilowski (Aberdeen) made a big impact in band 2 – seeded 9<sup>th</sup> he managed to get almost every ball back to the table and finished in a very impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Rafał was also the player to push winner Jamie Arnott the closest - losing out 11-13 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. For these reasons Rafał was awarded player of the day and the £10 cash prize.

### Band 3

David Cormack (Perth) took the Band 3 trophy-but did it the hard way: 4 of his 7 victories came via 5-set matches, including a 17-15 in the 5<sup>th</sup> win versus Richard Lo (Murrayfield).

Samual Gaspar (Murrayfield) did well to finish as runner-up in Band 3 with some great all-round play.

David and Sam picking up their silverware



### Band 4



Luke picking up his winner's trophy

Edinburgh and Lothians' players made up the top three spots in Band 4, with Penicuik's Luke Hennessy dominating the event, winning 7 of his 8 matches in straight sets.

**Thanks to everyone for supporting the event, Dave Fairholm for helping at top table and all those that helped set up and clear up the tables. We hope to see you again soon at our next event.**

### What some players and parents had to say about the tournament

'Best weekend of table tennis I have had in a long time.'

'It has been a great chance to play against different players at my level.'

'Great day and was nice to get home in daylight!'

'This and the Edinburgh Open have been the best two Scottish tournaments I have been to.'

'Great value, I would normally pay similar for hiring a court for 2 hours at a leisure centre so to get an organised tournament is fantastic!'

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