

Ben Pick was the surprise winner of the Banbury league division 3 singles competition held last week.

Pick's Ratley team mate David Lamb started the event as clear favourite but suffered a shock defeat in his qualifying group as did 4th seed Ian Harrison to open up the top half of the draw. Pick took full advantage defeating the Conservatives duo Dave Herritage & Les Chappell in the knock out stages to reach the final

In the other half of the draw Lamb beat Callum Fairbrother but in the semi final lost to Washburn who had earlier beaten Harrison.

The final was a tight affair as the pair shared the 1st four. Pick led 8-5 in the decider but Washburn fought back to lead 10-8. Pick kept battling and saved 5 match points to take the title 15-13.

Jason Tustian retained his division 1 title after defeating Barry Hook in a repeat of last years final.

Tustian cruised past Kanan Nithi & Gary Jackson in the knock out stages to reach the final. Jackson has earlier beaten Wally Warburton in a tight game. Hook first defeated Dave Ewen & then Sean O'Keefe who came through in 5 sets against Balzys Nagy.

Tustian made the better start in each game & despite Hook's efforts he took the title with a straight sets victory. The Banbury top 12 twelve takes place at BGN on Sunday March 21st. For more information visit www.banburytabletennis.net