

John Camilleri retained his Banbury top 12 title after defeating Tony Gorman in a final that went to the wire.

Following two late withdrawals only 10 players started the event. Camilleri came through his group undefeated. Barry Hook & Gary Jackson both beat Dave Ewen & Balaz Nagy to set up decider to see who would join Camilleri in the semi finals.

The consistent Jackson was also on top & took the semi final place with a 3-1 victory. In the groups other game Ewen defeated Nagy.

Gorman also came through his group unbeaten; this included a surprise win over the in form Jason Tustain. This was the only game Tustain lost as he booked the his place in the last 4. Sean O'Keefe, Arun Jogi & Kannan Nithi all took one win a piece in a tight group.

In the semi finals Tustain survived 4 match points and despite taking a lead in the final set he couldn't hold off Camilleri who took the final game 11-7. Jackson made the better start in the other semi but Gorman kept going as he went through in 5 sets.

The final was another tight affair. With some big hitting and many long, fast rallies the two players went point for point before two unforced errors from Gorman at 9-9 in the decider saw Camilleri retain his title. For more information visit www.banburytabletennis.com