

Parker and Sibley progress in singles

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Jess Dawson made the last eight

Top seeds Joanna Parker and Kelly Sibley both progressed serenely into the women's quarter-finals with comfortable 4-0 wins over their respective opponents.

Parker had to face youngster Isobel Ashley whom she gave now room to with excellent controlled defensive play. After winning the first two games 11-6 she began to open up and attack the table more taking the third 11-4. In the end she sealed the match with another 11-6 game win to reach the last eight.

Kelly Sibley followed Parker's success by racing to victory over her opponent Karen Shepherd in straight games. She wasted no time in firing home winner after winner as she sent a real message out to the others that she wants her title back.

In the four games she only conceded 19 points as she won 11-3, 11-8, 11-3, 11-5.

Facing Parker will be Karina Le Fevre who beat Abbie Milwain 4-1 in a strong performance while Sibley will play against Emma Vickers who followed up her under-21 triumph with another win against Chloe Whyte 4-1.

The other quarter-finals will be held between Hannah Hicks, who beat Tressa Armitage 4-1, and Yolanda King, who came through a tight match with Tin-Tin Ho 4-3.

In the final quarter-final Lauren Spink, a 4-0 winner against Natalie Slater, will meet Jessica Dawson who beat Emily Bates 4-2 in the pick of the last 16 ties. There was great table tennis throughout and fluctuating fortunes as Bates led 1-0 before Dawson fought back to 3-1 ahead. Bates made the game close again in the fifth but Dawson sealed the match in the sixth.

The final score was 4-2 to Dawson (7-11, 13-11, 11-6, 12-10, 9-11, 11-3).

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