

Le Fevre survives scare as seeds progress

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Karina Le Fevre survived an epic seven-game tussle with Maria Tsaptsinos to make the quarter-finals in the Women's Singles.

The third seed had to match the young and fiery Tsaptsinos' energy throughout to seal her place before eventually booking her place in the last eight. Despite winning the first and third games, she found herself 3-2 behind due to Tsaptsinos' incredible spirit and ability to retrieve the ball from any situation.

However, she used her extra experience to win the final two games 11-7 and secure an entertaining 4-3 (11-8, 8-11, 12-10, 5-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7) victory.

She'll face Tressa Armitage in the last eight after the Hampshire player came through a more straightforward last 16 tie in five games against Cherith Graham. In fairness to her opponent, she may have used up all her adrenaline in an absorbing first round match with Zoe Cheesman that she only finally won 12-10 in the seventh end.

The other match in the bottom half of the draw will see defending champion Kelly Sibley play Under 21s Champion Tin-Tin Ho.

This came about after Sibley's comfortable 4-0 win over Emma Tovey (11-6, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4) and Tin-Tin's steady six-game victory over junior Chloe Whyte 4-2 (9-11, 11-2, 11-7, 11-7, 9-11, 11-7).

Sibley's great rival, Joanna Parker also cruised into the last eight with a 4-0 victory over Abbie Milwain. There she will face Under 21s runner-up Yolanda King who showed her fine form in a comprehensive 4-0 (11-7, 11-4, 11-7, 11-8) victory against Natalie Slater.

The other quarter-final in the top half will see last year's Under 21s finalists (a recurring theme) facing each other after Emma Vickers beat Sue Collier 4-0 (12-10, 11-4, 11-3, 11-6) and Hannah Hicks beat Emma Torkington 4-0 (11-6, 11-1, 11-4, 11-3).

Women's Singles Quarter-Final Draw:

Joanna Parker v Yolanda King

Emma Vickers v Hannah Hicks

Karina Le Fevre v Tressa Armitage

Tin-Tin Ho v Kelly Sibley

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