

Liverpool & District Table Tennis League

FRANK MURPHY MEMORIAL CUP

2009 / 2010

Round 2 Results

match

No.	h/cap	HOME			AWAY	h/cap
1	103	CADWA 1	406	v	383	MAGHULL 1 68
2	184	ARRIVA N.W. 1	487	v	421	CADWA 3 100
3	247	BOOTLE YM. 3	347	v	349	BOOTLE YM.1 -29
4	31	BATH St. M. 1	394	v	354	MAGHULL 3 186
5	127	MARCONI 1	396	v	403	BATH St. M. 2 102
6	109	BATH St. M. 4	320	v	389	CROSBY HIGH 11
7		MARCONI 3	W/O	v	CONC	BATH St. M. 3
8	17	MANWEB 1	395	v	384	SEFTON TTC 2 252

All matches were played week commencing 14th. DECEMBER. 2009 as per the handbook. Another round over, with again some close finishes, two top teams overcame a 200 plus handicap to win their matches, and another 3 teams overcame a smaller deficit handicap to come out winners, 2 teams held on to their starting handicap, and one team threw in the towel because they couldn't get a team to play on a Friday!!, at least BSM 3 didn't knock anyone out in rnd.1. they too were given a bye, a bit depressing sometimes after all the trouble of the organising, still, on with the matches that did play.

Match 1.

Cadwa 1 v Maghull 1, Cadwa's experienced handicap team of Graeme Black, Peter Roberts and John Ashley seem to revel in this tournament, starting with a plus handicap of 35 over Maghull's Alan Jones, Peter Holmes and Fred Pheysey. Cadwa had the best from the first 6 sets, increasing the gap to 60, but then Maghull upped the pressure a bit to reduce the deficit into the last set to 30, asking a bit too much of skipper Alan, who won the first game against Graeme 21-15, leaving Cadwa still 15 ahead, Graeme won 21-13 to give Cadwa their passage into the next round by 23 points, overall Maghull won 11 of the 18 games.

Match 2.

Arriva 1 v Cadwa 3. Arriva's team of Harry Hughes, Brian Hornby and Graham Rollinson, a strong team in this tournament, especially on home ground, started 84 points ahead of Cadwa's George Lennon, Ian Burrows and John O'Sullivan. Cadwa started by winning first 4 games, but only nibbling at the handicap, home side getting more than 10 points each game. After 4 sets Cadwa had reduced the gap to 55, but that was the closest they got, the last 5 sets went Arriva's way winning 6 of the 10 games to clinch the match by 66 points.

Match 3

The derby match between Bootle YM 3 v Bootle YM 1. the round's biggest handicap battle and how it has to be played by top teams, YM 3's Jim Geddes, Joe Rees and John Taylor started 276 points ahead of BYM 1's Keith Williams, Alan Chase and Ted Birch, (all on minus h/caps), The match started with Keith going into demolition mode, beating Joe 2 & 2, the only way to play this handicap, but the underdogs must not think "we've no chance" a few nets, edges, blind smashes, all bring in the points. Alan and Ted continued in this same determined mood, but the tension of giving the odd point away was always there, only in 1 game did the underdogs get past 10. Going into the last set BYM3 were still 34 points ahead, Keith had to beat Jim 21-4 in each game to get a draw, and that was the score in the 1st game, 21-4, were the 1st team going out!!, no, Keith in overdrive kept Jim on the back foot, 21-2, to go through by 2 points. I'm sure the Div. 5 players enjoyed their time against the Div. 1 players, and if Frank Murphy was watching from up there, he would have had a wry smile watching his old mates working so hard.

Match 4.

BSM 1 v Maghull 3. BSM 1's team of Ken Jackson, Steve Green (minus h/caps) and Graham Oats conceded a 155 handicap to Maghull's John McLoughlin, Harry McGannity and Jim Ambose. First 3 sets went as expected, BSM taking 56 points off the gap, but the John added 3 to the gap, but that was the end of the fightback and after set 7 the lead changed to BSM, with Ken taking the last 2 games to give BSM the match by 40 points, BSM won 16 of the games, 4 to Graham, 1 each to Harry and John for Maghull, both against Graham.

Match 5

Marconi 1 v BSM 2, this must have been the most competitive and tension packed match of the round, the lead changed sides 5 times during the night, I wonder if they had the calculator working! Marconi's Bob Edwards, Ken Roberts and Frank Proffitt started 25 points ahead of BSM 2's Fred Bainbridge, Ricky Brown and Barry Davies, BSM had decided to take advantage of Barry's big handicap of 90, hoping that that would be better than Ian Mac's -4, Hmmm! As I said, the lead changed 5 times, most games going as expected, match ending 9 games to each team, but I think the matches of the night would have been the one between Ken and Barry, 41 - 37 for Barry, and the last set Bob v Fred, BSM were 10 ahead, but Fred held his nerve, Bob won both, but Fred pulled in 39 to give BSM the match win by 7 points.

Match 6

BSM 4 v Crosby High, BSM's Brian Crolley, Andy Cheung and Mal Kent started 98 in front of another demolition team, Crosby High's Rob Wylie, Dave Evans and Roger Neal, after 6 sets the lead had changed teams, with Crosby starting the last stretch 10 ahead, increasing each set to finish the match 69 in front, having won every game. The only comment on the match cards came from BSM's captain Brian "This was a really good match, played in the spirit of the game. Rob and Dave excellent in their superiority, and this was the difference between the sides, Bath St. 4 put up a good fight. Both sides enjoyed the match. Brian Crolley".

As ever, generous in defeat, which I'm sure is a component of the F.M.Cup.

Match 7

the only walkover, Marconi 3, couldn't entice BSM 3 to play on Marconi's normal home night, Friday.

Match 8

The last match of the round, and the other chance of a giant killing, Manweb 1 v Sefton Park 2. Manweb's Dave Harse, Roy Adams and Andy Lloyd were up against a Sefton Park 2 team of Robbie Puddifer, Fred Cowley and octogenarian Eric Young, who were starting 235 ahead. Another match of the top dogs winning all the matches, the underdogs hanging in for anything going. Manweb won all the games, Sefton got past 10 points in 4 games, 3 to Robbie and 1 to Fred, but this Manweb team don't panic, and had pulled back the deficit to 22 into the last set, Dave v Robbie, up against the master of the changing game, Robbie managed 5 & 4, to give Manweb the match by 11 points

Roly Wright

Cup Secretary

all match cards returned by end of match week, - thanks

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