

Liverpool & District Table Tennis League
FRANK MURPHY MEMORIAL CUP 2009 - 2010

3rd. Round Results

H/Cap	HOME	score	v	score	AWAY	H/Cap
76	BATH St. M. 2	247	v	334	BATH St. M. 1	-44
211	ARRIVA N.W. 1	384	v	387	CROSBY HIGH	11
17	MANWEB 1	325	v	339	CADWA 1	38
73	MARCONI 3	375	v	357	BOOTLE YM. 1	16

All matches were played week commencing **18th. JANUARY 2010** as per the handbook. Another good round, with the closest match being that of Crosby High beating Arriva N.W. 1 by 3 points 387 to 384, having given Arriva a 200 point start. The Bath St. derby saw the first div. team brush aside their No. 2 team, BSM 1 started with the lowest handicap in the competition minus 44, but all players capable of pulling in the points. The Cadwa 1 team visited a good regular Manweb 1 team, with a 21 start, holding on to win by 14, and the Marconi 3 team started 57 in front of a Bootle YM 1 team without point winner Keith, and held on to win by 18.

Match 1

Bath St. Marine 2's Ken Jackson (-16), Dave Roberts (-15), & Steve Green (-13) were up against B.S.M. 2's Ian McElwee (-4), Fred Bainbridge (6), & Albert Parker (74). BSM 1 didn't mess about using high handicap players, they went for their strongest trio, and by the 7th set had overhauled the 120 handicap, by the 9th set they ere so far ahead, that the last set wasn't played, a pity really, most players want to play each other, but in this case, a derby match, players have played each other many times before, and the bar was beckoning, so the final gap of 87 would have been a bit closer if all games were played.

Match 2

Arriva N.W 1- Harry Hughes (63), Brian Hornby (57), & Alan Jones (91) played Crosby High's Rob Wylie (-7), Dave Evans (-2), & Roger Neal (20), this was the closest match of the round, with Crosby starting 200 behind. Arriva kept the pressure up with only one set where their score fell below 10, and they were still 22 points in front going into the last set, Harry v Rob, Harry managed 10 from the first game to keep Arriva 12 points ahead, but just couldn't hold out against Rob when he's in the 'destruction' mood, Rob winning the last game 21 - 7 to give Crosby the match by 3 points, close!!

Match 3.

Manweb 1- David Harse (2), Roy Adams (7), & Andy Lloyd (8) played Cadwa 1's Graeme Black (-10) Alan Timewell (2), & Peter Roberts (46), Manweb 1's regular line up started 21 behind a changed Cadwa 1 team, bringing in a big gun in Alan T. not relying on a big handicap plus a good defence (John A.) but a decision to win the games, which paid off in the end. Cadwa kept hold of their lead, increasing, then dropping back, but keeping control, but after the 6th set the lead was cut to 14, the 7th set Andy beat Peter to change the lead to Manweb in front by 2, 8th set Alan beat Roy to regain the lead by 12, last set David and Graeme, 1st game to David 21 - 14, lead cut by half, but Graeme must have got the hang of David's play, (bat) winning the last game 21 - 12 to increase the lead to 14 and securing their place in the semi final. Manweb's captain David, gave his player of the match award to Peter Roberts who "played out of his skin".

Match 4

Marconi 3 - Paul Loftus (39), Peter Wass (19) & Ian Wensley (15) played Bootle YM 1's Alan Chase (-9), Ted Birch (-2) & Mike Allen (27). Marconi started 57 in front, BYM started pecking away at the handicap, but without big gun Keith Williams to pull in the big scores, it was hard going against the 'terrible twins' who won 3 games each, BYM won 12 of the games but Marconi were pulling in big scores when losing, so BYM could not catch up, Paul played his part gaining 82 points, so into the last set, Paul and Alan, Marconi in front by 33, too much for Alan, winning both games, but Paul getting 27, to hold onto the lead, and match to Marconi by 18 points.

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semi final draw soon