

Kevin Dolder continued his winning run in the league over Keith Williams in Ford's comfortable division one victory over Bootle YMCA. In a bizarre set, Kevin won the first 11-2, Keith replying in the next couple, 11-6, **11-1**. The fourth went to the Ford man which led to the only set needing a decider. Leading 11-10 and 12-11 to stand a point from a rare league win, Keith, the ten times Liverpool champion, inexplicably, missed a routine 'put away' smash which let in the England number 21, who took it 14-12 to secure victory. Remarkably, with such unusual scores, both players chalked up 43 points and I can't recall either man ever suffering similar heavy reversals. For the record, the division one title winners' for the last two seasons, dropped only two sets, Andy Taylor and Mal McEvoy both falling to Keith. One interesting point worth mentioning, is that with the exception of the three played by Keith Williams, the remainder were completed in straight games.

Christ The King A chalked up a 7-3 win at Bath Street A, Ahmed Thabet accounting for Ricky Brown, Ian McElwee and Fred Bainbridge. Peter Taylor notched an impressive win over Ian while also getting the better of Freddie.

Christ The King suffered a crushing loss when they visited Bath Street, who became the first team ever to inflict a 10-0 defeat over them. The College Road side, without top player Ken Jackson who has been out of action this season, can thank new signing Dermot Tierney plus regulars Clare Peers and Dave Roberts for trouncing Keith Bird, Peter Lee and John Lau, with not one set requiring a fifth game.

Wavertree Labour came out on top when they entertained the young Crosby High trio of Tom Bray, Cherith Graham and Gavin Lloyd. They didn't, however, have it all their own way and relied on an unbeaten singles stint from Gary Watson who collected half of his sides points. Tom picked up wins over Bjoern Meyer and Aaron Beech, the latter also falling to Gavin Lloyd who, in turn with Tom, saw off the Watson/Meyer combination which left Labour winners by 6 sets to 4.

Police returned from Maghull with a handy six points with Jonathan Taylor notching a singles treble. He also combined with Paul Gittins to take the doubles, the latter adding two singles wins, in a match having only one five games set.

Manweb thrashed Maghull in division two, losing just one set in the process at Thingwall Road. Les Molyneux and Paul Evans remained unbeaten for Manweb, the visitors' saving the white wash via an impressive Peter Holmes win over Alice Howard.

Maghull E turned in solid performance at home to division five new boys Arriva A but, had to rely on nail biting wins from Denise Chorley and Jannette Hutchings to secure victory. The pair both trailed 2-1 to Danny Ballard, Mrs Hutchings, though, pulling out all the stops to edge home 11-9 in the 5th. Mrs Chorley dished out the same treatment on the unfortunate Arriva man, and almost replicated her team mates feat, winning 11-7 in the decider. Wing Lee (2) plus both doubles earning them a 7-3 success.

Bootle YMCA C went all out against Police C in division five but couldn't complete a white wash, youngster Sam Gittins beating John Taylor 11-9 in the fifth to register a fine victory.

Manweb A turned in an all round team effort in their Rumjahn cup tie away to Ford A, all three chipping in to notch a 5-3 success. Dave Harse and Andy Lloyd both won two, Roy Adams chipping in with one. In the second set, with Manweb 1-0 up, home side number one Bob Hughes took on Adams and with games at 2-2, Hughes levelled the tie thanks to an 11-0 final game decider!

In the same competition, Harold House A ousted Cadwa A, Alec Bryce, a losing semi-finalist in the 1975 Liverpool Closed, recovered from 2-0 down to beat George Lennon as well as Alan Timewell, both 11-9 in the fifth. New signing, England number 43 Fiona Dennett, accounted for the same pair, Steve Whalley responsible for the other - Graeme Black beating the home side trio.

Forest Cup holders, Linacre, kicked off the defence of the trophy when they visited Aigburth A at their new club room at Sefton Park Cricket Club. Linacre took the first set, the home side drawing level and this pattern continued in see saw fashion for the first eight sets. Harry Nelson (2) and Harry Reeve (1) plus the pair's doubles win, left Reeve beating home side number one Dave Cunningham to secure the tie 5-4.

Division one

Bath St. Marine 10, Christ The King 0; Christ The King A 7, Bath St. Marine A 3; Maghull 4, Police 6;
Wav. Lab. 6, Crosby High 4;

Division 2

Manweb 9, Maghull A 1;

Division 4

Wav. Lab. C 6, Aigburth A 4; Police B 9, Maghull C 1;

Division 5

Maghull E 7, Arriva A 3;