

Liverpool & District Table Tennis League

FRANK MURPHY MEMORIAL CUP

2008 / 2009

Round 3 Results

| | H/cap | HOME | score | v | score | AWAY | H/cap |
|---|-------|-----------------|-------|---|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | 12 | CROSBY HIGH | 299 | v | 404 | M/SIDE POLICE 2 | 43 |
| 2 | 162 | LINACRE | 430 | v | 358 | BATH St. MARINE 1 | -5 |
| 3 | 218 | M/SIDE POLICE 1 | 547 | v | 515 | ARRIVA N.W. | 255 |
| 4 | 110 | MAGHULL 2 | 470 | v | 452 | AIGBURTH 2 | 193 |

All matches were played week commencing **12th. January 2009** as per the handbook.

1. In Crosby High's win in the last round they started 83 points behind Bootle YM 2, but turned on the power with captain Dave playing a blinder, to win by 11 points, this round they came up against a stronger Police 2 team, who started 31 points ahead, too big a hill to climb!!, after a night of close matches, Police extended their lead to win by 105 points. Crosby's comment on match card, "Good handicapping ???, I think not!!!!, cannot understand handicap for Paul or Brenda in relation to Dave and Sylvia's, (as results show)". *Read committee reply at bottom.*

2. Those battlers from Linacre march on again, they seem to revel in this tournament, I don't think it is down just to the handicap, even though Linacre started with a 167 lead, Bath St. M. 1 won 15 of the 18 games, but Linacre kept pulling in the points, to hold onto the lead by 72 points.

3. Two high handicapped teams, Police 1, and Arriva N.W. (who had held off the threat of Bootle YM 1 team (minus 36) in the last round). Arriva started 37 in front, but Police put their mark on the match, winning the first 2 sets, and continued to win 13 of the 18 games, running out winners by 32 points.

4. In the last round Maghull 2 overcame a deficit of 157 against Aigburth 1 team, to win by 93, this round they pulled off another "swing", this time against Aigburth 2, who started with a lead of 83, Maghull winning 15 of the 18 games, to finish 18 points in front, another team which seems to revel in the handicap cup.

reply to Crosby High match card comment:-

I've mentioned in the past how the Handicap Committee works out the player handicaps, an impossible task to try and give around 160 players a handicap using personal knowledge, bearing in mind, some of the handicappers will never have seen a player play, so Trevor has come up with a method of using a computer program based on a players averages over the previous season, with other adjustments depending on which division played in, and then a bit of fine tuning, but when fine tuning means moving players manually, it creates more problems which sometimes inadvertently effect many other players, so we aim to keep manual movements to a minimum. We use the averages from the previous season only because we have to get the handicaps out for an early first round, if the first round wasn't played till after Christmas, we could then use averages from the first half of the current season, which would produce a more realistic handicap, so on the whole, I think the handicap committee does a good realistic job under the constraints we have.

On the more specific points mentioned by Crosby High, the handicaps of Paul Gittins (-2) & Brenda Buoey (21) relative to Dave Evans (-9) & Sylvia Graham (9), looking back through last seasons player averages we see that Paul played in the 1st div. and finished up with 34%, the others all played in the 2nd. div. Dave had 86%, Sylvia 50% and Brenda finished with 28%, and they are the figures we had to use when we prepared the handicaps at the start of the season.

Granted both Paul and Brenda are having a better season this one, but I don't think players have a bad season so they can get good handicaps the following season.

The handicap committee does its best, but can never expect to please everyone, anyone can volunteer to help on it, new minds always welcome, contact any member of the ManCom.

Cup Committee

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