

Echo Table Tennis Round-up

Frank Murphy Memorial Trophy holders Cadwa, faced a difficult tie, albeit, on their own table, against Cadwa II. The 1st team kicked off just four points adrift but a sparkling opening set saw Graeme Black thrash Steve Graham earning the holders an early unexpected 25 points lead. After five sets they still enjoyed 17 points advantage but then slipped behind for the first time following George Lennon's 21/10, 21/17 defeat of George Higham.

Newcomer to the competition Paul Webb, put up a good show against John Ashley which kept the second string's noses in front by six points. Steve increased his side's lead to 7 points, edging out George H. in the penultimate encounter, which left George L. requiring 36 points from his clash with Graeme to clinch the tie. He managed 16 points in the first but left himself with too much to do in the next, Graeme, a master in these situations, won the next 21-14 to ease the holders into the next round.

There couldn't have been a closer finish to the YMCA II versus Marconi Frank Murphy tie. With one set remaining, the YM' led by 393 points to 377, the outcome resting on the John Higham (YM) and Bob Edwards clash. The Marconi man needed to win the set but, in doing so, had to restrict John to just 25 points. He duly won both games but the YM' man racked up 27 points to give Bootle overall victory by 420 points to 419.

Maghull were gifted three sets in their division 4 home match when Wavertree Labour D arrived with only three players which helped forge a 5 all draw. Denise Chorley produced the pick of the seven sets beating Andy Bird 11-7 in the fifth. Colin Fyles won his two singles encounters and completed his treble in the doubles.

Linacre, strengthened by the signing of the 1978 Liverpool veteran champion Dave Ferguson, are making a big push for promotion from division 4. Dave, together with mainstay Harry Reeve, each won their two singles sets, Jack Davidson and Ken Ainsworth chipping in with one each which set them up for a convincing 8-2 victory, the doubles being shared.

The Liverpool League lost it's Treasurer and longest serving Management Committee member last week following the death of Mr. Ken Armson MBE after a short illness. Known throughout Europe and other parts of the world as an international Umpire and Referee, Ken will be sorely missed on Merseyside, the north west and in fact, the many tournaments throughout the country.

Division 1

Christ The King 6, Police 4; Ford 9, Christ The King A 1;

Division 3

Wav. Lab. B 7, Manweb B 3; Cadwa B 3, YMCA B 3;

Division 4

Linacre 8, Maghull C 2; Maghull 5, Wav. Lab. D 5;

Division 5

Wav. Lab. E 4, Bath St. F 6; Aigburth C 9, Greenbank 1:

Don Davies
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