

Southport Table Tennis Notes

SEFTON STEALS THE SHOW AT MERSEYSIDE SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Sefton schools maintained their dominance in this elite competition held at Formby High School on Saturday. With table tennis becoming such a popular sport amongst the Sefton schools it was not so surprising that thirty of the thirty-four teams were from Sefton, The Borough should be proud as not only did they win four of the six events but they were also runner-up in the other two.

The event with over 150 competitors started at 9.30am and did not finish until after 5pm. During that time over 1000 games of table tennis were played so it was not surprising that at the end there were some very tired pupils, teachers, parents and organisers. Once again it was encouraging to see a sport played competitively yet with the true sportsmanship that should under pin school sport. That's not to say that the matches were not keenly contested because believe me they were and some matches were so close that we almost needed to count the individual points won to decide the winner of the event. All players taking part were a credit to the individual schools they represented.

Once again the Under 13 Boys and Under 16 Boys events proved to be the most popular with twelve teams and thirteen teams respectively. The entrants were organised into groups of three or four teams with the group winners going forward to a semi-final. The standard of play was tremendous from these pupils all from year 7 to years 10 at school yet I think the matches that won peoples' hearts were the Under-11 events. Here some of the competitors were only seven years of age yet they had the presence on the table of seasoned players and for some it was their first competitive play.

The event winners who will represent Merseyside in the zoned event at Blackburn on 23/24 January are:

Under 11 Girls – St Mary's Preparatory	R/Up- St Mary's Preparatory
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Under 13 Boys – Calday Grange Grammar	R/Up- St Mary's College
Under 16 Boys – Calday Grange Grammar	R/Up-Birkdale High
Under 19 Girls – King George V College	
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The standard on Merseyside is so high that the runners-up in the Under 13, Under 16 and Under 19 Boys events have been nominated by the Merseyside Association to go through to the zoned finals in addition to the event winners.

For those that did not manage to visit the team event then why not come along to the Individual Championship on 6th February 2010 at Formby High School. Watch out for details nearer the event.

Southport League results

Division 1

St Teresa's 'A' 4 Formby TTC 'B' 6

Division 2

Formby HT 'E' 0 Argyle ' ' 10

Southport 'E' 7 Formby TTC 'E' 3

Anon Cup Results

Formby TTC 'B' 1 Formby TTC 'A' 9

Southport 'B' 2 St Teresa's 'C' 6

Argyle 'A' 8 Argyle 'B' 2

Southport 'A' 1 Formby HT 'C' 6

Paraplegics 0 Formby TTC 'D' 10

Anon Plate Results

Formby TTC 'C' 10 Formby TTC 'G' 0

Argyle 'C' 8 Formby HT 'E' 2

Southport 'F' 9 Formby TTC 'E'

North Meols 'B' 6 Southport 'C' 4

GUNSON CUP 2nd ROUND DRAW

Southport "A"	v	Argyle "C"(180)
Southport "D"	v	Formby TTC "F"(110)
Southport "F"(200)	v	Formby HT "E"
Southport "B"	v	Formby TTC "D"(110)
Paraplegics "A"(200)	v	St Teresa's. "B"
Southport "C"(100)	v	St Teresa's "C"
Formby HT "D"	v	Argyle "B"(120)
Formby HT "B"	v	Formby TTC "C"(180)

GUNSON PLATE 1st ROUND

Argyle "A"	v	North Meols "C" (260)
Formby TTC. "G"	v	Southport "E" (80)
North Meols "D"	v	Bye
St.Teresa's "A"	v	Bye
Formby HT "C"	v	Bye
North Meols "B"	v	Bye
Formby TTC "E"	v	Bye
St.Teresa's "D"	v	Bye

All above matches to be played week commencing 14th December 2009 and home captains must contact their opponents re match dates

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