

Southport Table Tennis Notes

Nearly half way through the season and it's probably a good time to have a look at the league tables (see below) and see how all the teams are doing or more importantly how all your opponents are doing!!...and then see what you can do about it for the second half of the season.

It's nice to see that every team in the League has won at least one match and that in itself must be some kind of record. Usually the bottom team in each division loses a couple of matches and then the team gets a bit downhearted and then tries a bit too hard and everything just seems to go to pot. This season I've seen some great matches in each division and I've been really impressed by the standard of play. The third division is my favourite because this is the division where all the newcomers start their playing career, young and old alike and this is the division where they actually learn to PLAY table tennis. Another great characteristic of this division is the number of 'family' players whether it's grandparents and grand children, parents and children, siblings, uncles, aunts etc it's all a part of this division and the charisma it holds.

Division 1		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Formby TTC 'A'	7	7	0	0	66	4	66
2	Formby HT 'A'	7	6	0	1	57	13	57
3	Formby TTC 'B'	6	3	1	2	31	29	31
4	St Teresa's 'A'	6	2	1	3	31	29	31
5	Formby HT 'B'	6	2	1	3	26	34	26
6	Argyle 'A'	6	2	1	3	25	35	25
7	Formby HT 'D'	7	1	0	6	15	55	15
8	Formby TTC 'C'	5	1	0	4	12	38	12
9	Formby HT 'C'	4	1	0	3	7	33	7

Division 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	St Teresa's 'C'	7	5	1	1	47	23	47
2	St Teresa's 'D'	8	5	3	0	47	33	47
3	Southport 'B'	7	5	2	0	43	27	43
4	Argyle 'B'	8	4	1	3	42	38	42
5	St Teresa's 'B'	8	2	2	4	40	40	40
6	North Meols 'B'	7	3	0	4	39	31	39
7	Southport 'A'	8	2	3	3	38	42	38
8	Formby TTC 'D'	8	2	1	5	35	45	35
9	Southport 'C'	8	2	1	5	33	47	33
10	Formby HT 'E'	7	1	0	6	16	54	16

Division 3		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Southport 'D'	8	7	0	1	63	17	63
2	North Meols 'C'	8	6	1	1	54	26	54
3	Formby TTC 'F'	8	5	0	3	52	28	52
4	Argyle 'C'	7	5	0	2	44	26	44
5	Formby TTC 'G'	7	4	1	2	39	31	39
6	Southport 'E'	8	3	0	5	37	43	37
7	Paraplegics 'A'	7	2	3	2	33	37	33
8	Southport 'F'	7	1	0	6	20	50	20
9	Formby TTC 'E'	8	1	0	7	20	60	20
10	North Meols 'D'	8	1	1	6	18	62	18

Not much to say really about the first division except that it's a division of three parts. The winner and runner-up will be either Formby TTC 'A' or Formby HT 'A' with the former being slight favourites at this point in time. The bottom three teams will probably be the same at the end of the season but the order may have changed slightly. The most exciting position is in the middle because all these teams are fighting to take points off the top two and are seeing it as a challenge and a victory if they manage the odd point.

The top of the second division is being dominated by the St Teresa's club and the 'C and 'D' teams are equal top on 47 points. What a difference from last season when the 'C' team was getting battered in the first ...to this season in the second division where their confidence has returned and the whole team are playing well. Perhaps all the matches in the first last season did do the team some good even though the players might not have realised it at the time. Further down this division show only 5 points separate the next four teams, then coming up at the rear is Formby HT 'E' whom I think even at this stage must feel destined for the third next season.

The third division seems to have been sewn up by Southport 'D' and barring a major catastrophe they should be champions. North Meols 'C' and Formby TTC 'F' are still in with a shout especially the Formby side who seem to be improving at an incredible rate and probably because they are youngsters they will continue to do so.

I may get another report in before Christmas...but just in case I don't...have a great time, relax, be merry and come out fighting in the New Year!!!

Southport & District League Results

Division 1

Formby TTC 'A' 9	St Teresa's 'A' 1
Formby TTC 'B' 9	Formby HT 'D' 1
Argyle 'A' 1	Formby HT 'A' 9

Division 2

St Teresa's 'D' 6	Argyle 'A' 4
Southport 'A' 5	St Teresa's 'B' 5

Division 3

Formby TTC 'F' 10	North Meols 'D' 0
Formby TTC 'E' 0	North Meols 'C' 10

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