

Southport Table Tennis Notes

Cup week in the Southport League this week when the first round of the Gunson cup was played. These cup matches are different from the normal cup matches as they have their own specific match rules. For a start each team has a handicap (a number of points allocated dependant on a team's top four registered players). The teams in the higher divisions have a low handicap and the teams in the lower divisions have a high handicap. In theory if the handicapping is correct then the handicap together with the points scored in the games should be equal at the end of the match, but obviously it all depends on the handicapping committee getting it right. They didn't do too badly this round because if you look at all the results only two of the matches had more than 40 points difference at the end of the match. 40 points over the 40 games played in a match is an average of a point a game and when it's put in that context it means there was nothing at all between the teams.

Dave Cunningham was the man of the match when Formby HT 'D' beat Argyle 'A' by 30 points when he took 48 points to Mark Jagger's 41 points and 49 to Angus Taylor's 51 points. Alan Walker also did brilliantly in the same match by taking 43 points off Barry Crook over the five games.

It was nice seeing Oliver Moir taking 24 points and 32 points off Julian Quirk and Ted Cramsie respectively but the handicap was not quite enough to see the North Meols team through to the next round and Holy Trinity 'B' live to fight another day. Alister Taylor was the stalwart of Argyle 'B' in their win over North Meols 'C' and he was the only player to pick up a maximum 55 points in both his games. Les Lord did well to take 44 points from Derek Mahen and Bill Dawson did the same against Monica Coogan in that match. Formby HT 'E' did well to fight off the challenge of the youngsters from Formby TTC 'G' and I think experience showed in the end. Craig Lowe did well taking 41 points off Ron Makin who still manages to catch people with his googly serves and slow topspin follow-up.

The next rounds should be interesting with Formby Holy Trinity and Formby Table Tennis Centre both having three teams in the next round. I look forward to the draw with anticipation.

For all you table tennis enthusiasts the Merseyside Schools team event is on this Saturday at Formby High School. Should be a great day's table tennis with youngsters from as young as 8 up to 19 competing in their own age groups. Pop along and give them some support because you never know it may encourage you to have a go when you see what's available locally. Play starts at 9.30am and will continue throughout the day until the winners in each age group are crowned. The winners in each age group will go forward to represent Merseyside in the English Schools zoned finals in the New Year.

Gunson Cup Results

Formby TTC 'G' 405	Formby HT 'E' 434
Southport 'A' 462	Formby HT 'C' 385
Southport 'E' 299	Formby TTC 'F' 491
Formby TTC 'C' 440	Formby TTC 'E' 411
Argyle 'B' 421	North Meols 'C' 393
Argyle 'A' 410	Formby HT 'D' 440
North Meols 'D' 394	Formby HT 'B' 437
Formby TTC 'D' w/o	
Paraplegics 'A' w/o	

ANON CUP 2nd ROUND DRAW

All matches to be played week commencing 23rd November 2009. Home team captains to contact away team captains re-match night

Southport 'A'	v	Formby HT 'C'
Paraplegics 'A'	v	Formby TTC 'D'
Formby TTC 'B'	v	Formby TTC 'A'
Southport 'B' "	v	St Teresa's 'C'
St Teresa's 'B'	v	Formby H.T. 'A'
Formby H.T. 'B'	v	Formby H.T. 'D'
Argyle 'A'	v	Argyle 'B'
St Teresa's 'D'	v	St Teresa's 'A' "

Southport & District League Results

Division 1

Formby HT 'B' 5	St Teresa's 'A' 5
Formby TTC 'C' 9	Formby HT 'D' 1
Formby HT 'D' 6	Formby HT 'B'
Formby HT 'A' 10	Formby TTC 'C' 0
Formby TTC 'A' 10	Formby TTC 'B' 0

Division 2

St Teresa's 'C' 6	North Meols 'B' 4
Southport 'C' 4	Southport 'A' 6
Formby HT 'E' 0	St Teresa's 'B' 10
Formby TTC 'D' 3	Argyle 'B' 7

Division 3

North Meols 'D' 5	Paraplegics 'A' 5
Southport 'D' 9	Formby TTC 'G' 1
Southport 'F' 6	Southport 'E' 4
Formby TTC 'G' 9	North Meols 'D' 1
North Meols 'C' 8	Southport 'F' 2
Southport 'E' 7	Argyle 'C' 3
Formby TTC 'E' 0	Formby TTC 'F' 10

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