

KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB

BRITISH LEAGUE 2009 – 2010

DIVISION 1 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

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KINGFISHER GET OFF TO A GOOD START

Kingfisher welcomed two newcomers to their team for the opening matches in this season's British League Division 1 South and Midlands. Lloyd Gregory and Andrew Smith (known as Mulley to his friends), both from Bristol, were signed up as replacements for Richard Andrews and Daniel Ives, who have moved on to the Premier Division and the French League respectively. In their first matches they performed admirably and contributed to a superb team performance in winning the first match.

DAY 1 – 5th September – Great win.

Kingfisher 5 Sportingbet Guernsey 3

An all round team performance saw us pulled back from a 3-1 lead to 3-3 only for us to snatch the last two for a great 5-3 win. Tom Maynard got us on our way with a comfortable win against Oliver Langlois but the outstanding Guernsey No 1, Gary Dodd, levelled it with his win over Lloyd. Mark Banks then easily beat Paul Hainsworth to put us ahead again. Mulley then fought like a tiger to come back from a 2-1 deficit against Phil Ogier to snatch a 6 in the fifth victory to make it 3-1. However Guernsey were soon back level when Dodd and Langlois had easy victories against Tom and Mark respectively. Lloyd then picked up his game to win three straight against Ogier leaving Mulley to fight out the battle of the Number 4's with Hainsworth. A ding dong battle saw him 2-1 up, then 2-2 and then 5-1 down at change of ends. A well timed Time Out by captain Mark seemed to do the trick with Mulley fighting back to record a 9 in the fifth victory. Great start.

Match details:

Tom Maynard beat Oliver Langlois 7 -5 1 9

Lloyd Gregory lost to Gary Dodd -5 -5 -8

Mark Banks beat Paul Hainsworth 3 7 8

Andrew Smith beat Phil Ogier 8 -6 -10 6 6

Tom Maynard lost to Gary Dodd -7 -8 6 -8

Mark Banks lost to Oliver Langlois -7 -6 -9

Lloyd Gregory beat Phil Ogier 9 11 8

Andrew Smith beat Paul Hainsworth -8 5 10 -7 9

Man of the match Andrew Smith

TTK Greenhouse 7 Kingfisher 1

TTK, probably the favourites to go back to the Premier following their relegation last season, were much too strong for us running out winners 7-1. Led by Gareth Herbert, they have a formidable squad and already head the table. Our team battled hard and Mark almost pulled off a great win over Fatlum Sadiku, losing only 8 in the fifth. Tom then almost caused a sensation by taking the first over Gareth Herbert, levelling at deuce in the second only to serve in to the net. Gareth doesn't refuse gifts and went on to win comfortably. It was left to Lloyd to salvage us from a whitewash with a great 4 game win over Jide Owalibi. They won't come tougher than this.

Match details:

Lloyd Gregory lost to Gareth Herbert -5 -5 -8

Tom Maynard lost to Chris Lewis -9 -2 -9

Andrew Smith lost to Jide Owalabi -3 -7 -3

Mark Banks lost to Fatlum Sadiku 7 -7 7 -7 -8
Tom Maynard lost to Gareth Herbert 8 -10 -8 -3
Lloyd Gregory beat Jide Owalabi 4 -8 8 11
Mark Banks lost to Chris Lewis -5 -9 -9
Andrew Smith lost to Fatlum Sadiku -3 -12 -3

Man of the match Chris Lewis