

KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB

BRITISH LEAGUE 2009 – 2010

DIVISION 1 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

by Colin Dyke Team Manager

SO NEAR BUT SO FAR

The Kingfisher team came so near to a great day on Day 2 of the season when they could have easily snatched all four points from the two matches. Instead we had to make do with one point from a draw with Cippenham II in which Lloyd Gregory was unable to take advantage of three match points before losing to David Hayes. Then in the second match against Fusion II our opponents recovered from 2-0 deficits in games on three occasions to secure their 5-3 win. Nevertheless one big plus was the superb form of Tom Maynard who was unbeaten on the day and played superbly.

DAY 2 – 6th September – Heartache

Kingfisher 4 Cippenham II 4

Tom lost his only game of the day when losing the first against Martin Gray. However he soon settled down in to scintillating form to take Gray 3-1 and was never in trouble for the rest of the day. Lloyd was evenly matched with David Hayes in five tight games but how different it would have been if he had secured one of his three match points in the fourth game. Mark Banks easily beat Mark Jackson to put us in front again – in fact we were never behind in the match. Andrew Smith (Mulley) found Owen Clutterbuck too steady, Tom swamped Hayes 1, 4 and 5 (who later in the day beat OLOP's Dave Barr !) and then Mark found Gray too strong. Lloyd showed us what he was capable of with an excellent 3-1 win over Clutterbuck but the gallant Mulley could not quite hang on to the determined Jackson losing in 5.

Match details:

Tom Maynard beat Martin Gray -7 5 10 8
Lloyd Gregory lost to David Hayes 6 -10 9 -14 -8
Mark Banks beat Mark Jackson 9 5 5
Andrew Smith lost to Owen Clutterbuck -11 -3 -7
Tom Maynard beat David Hayes 1 4 5
Mark Banks lost to Martin Gray -4 -10 -5
Lloyd Gregory beat Owen Clutterbuck 10 -7 9 9
Andrew Smith lost to Mark Jackson -9 5 -3 7 -7

Man of the match David Hayes

Kingfisher 3 Fusion II 5

Tom got us off to a good start with a demolition of Martin Smith. Lloyd then looked as though he was going to increase our lead when he led 2-0 against Simon Philipz. The way he won the second game at 3 gave the impression that it would soon be all over. However, Philipz had other ideas and played extremely well to clinch the set and level the match score. Mark then did exactly the same with David Fraser and a potential match score of 3-0 to us was in fact 2-1 to them. Mulley tried valiantly against Valmiki Sinanan but in vain (1-3 down). Tom then easily beat Philipz and Mark comfortably beat Smith. Back level at 3-3. Lloyd had the closest three straight defeat imaginable against Sinanan for us to go 3-4 down and when it looked like another draw on the cards Mulley managed to allow that man Fraser to come back from 2-0 down yet again.

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Tom Maynard beat Martin Smith 4 5 6
Lloyd Gregory lost to Simon Philipz 9 3 -6 -6 -9

Mark Banks lost to David Fraser 8 9 -7 -5 -7
Andrew Smith lost to Valmiki Sinanan -4 -9 6 -10
Tom Maynard beat Simon Philipz 3 11 7
Mark Banks beat Martin Smith 5 6 -8 8
Lloyd Gregory lost to Valmiki Sinanan -12 -7 -13
Andrew Smith lost to David Fraser 11 8 -7 -6 -8

Man of the match David Fraser

A disappointing weekend but lots of plusses. Tom's form, three points (better than zero) and the knowledge that we can compete well in this division again.

Next round of matches at Cippenham is on 10th and 11th October 2009. We shall be endeavouring to consolidate our position and hope that a few Club Members will be able to come along and support us.

Players records:

Tom	5/8
Lloyd	3/8
Mark	3/8
Andrew	2/8