

KINGFISHER TABLE TENNIS CLUB

BRITISH LEAGUE 2009 – 2010

DIVISION 1 SOUTH AND MIDLANDS

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BIG COMEBACK ON DAY 4

After yesterday's disappointing results, we now had to face 2nd placed Mossford and close rivals Guernsey. It seems that league positions mean very little in this tight division and with a much stronger team performance we picked up three out of the four points on offer. TTK Greenhouse seem to be in a class of their own but any of the remaining teams can beat each other.

DAY 4 – 11th October – Much better

Mossford 1 3 Kingfisher 5

Mark had to start against the No 1 and succumbed in three. Then Lloyd, playing nearer his best today won a terrific match against Matt Spiro at 10 in the fifth. Aled wins easy, Andy loses easy, 2-2. Then Lloyd is up against Didier Ngoma, their No 1, who looked class against Mark. With Aled's coaching skills to the fore, Lloyd pulled off a great 3-0 win which earned him man of the match. Mark then followed with a vital win over Keith Lesser to put us 4-2 up. Matt Spiro was too strong for Andy and it was left to Aled to secure the two points with a hard earned win over Raphael Marom.

Match details:

Mark Banks lost to Didier Ngoma -5 -9 -6

Lloyd Gregory beat Matt Spiro 7 5 -8 -5 10

Aled Howell beat Keith Lesser 8 5 4

Andrew Smith lost to Raphael Marom -5 -3 -7

Lloyd Gregory beat Didier Ngoma 9 5 7

Mark Banks beat Keith Lesser 7 -7 9 9

Andrew Smith lost to Matt Spiro -5 -6 -6

Aled Howell beat Raphael Marom 9 -10 3 12

Man of the match Lloyd Gregory

Sportingbet Guernsey 4 Kingfisher 4

This was the first of the return matches and there were some terrific battles. A draw was probably a fair result at the end of the day. Guernsey had Gary Dodds at No 1 who had beaten both Tom and Lloyd in the first half. Mark tried valiantly to stop him but to no avail. Lloyd then had a battle royal with Olly Langlois, coming back from 2-0 down to win at 6 in the fifth. Aled made short work of Phil Ogier and then Andy excelled himself once again with a good win over Adam Langlois. Match score 3-1! Then Lloyd against Gary. What a match. Every game was so close until in the fifth Lloyd, having been 10-8 up, saw about four match points slip from his grasp (including a thin edge) before losing by the amazing scoreline of 19-17. Mark lost easily to Ogier and then Andy played another spirited match against Olly Langlois before losing 8 in the fifth. We were 4-3 down. Aled however smoothly picked up his 7th straight win by beating Adam and our third point of the day was secured.

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Match details:

Lloyd Gregory lost to Cedric Scrivani -3 -8 -11

Mark Banks lost to Alex Ioannou -4 6 7 -6 -7

Andrew Smith beat Tim Holtam -7 5 -11 7 7

Aled Howell beat Marc Burman 11 3 -8 8
 Lloyd Gregory lost to Alex Ioannou -7 -6 -14
 Andrew Smith lost to Cedric Scrivani -8 -7 -8
 Mark Banks lost to Marc Burman -8 -8 12 -6
 Aled Howell beat Tim Holtam 7 3 5

Man of the match Cedric Scrivani

Table:

Div 1 S & M	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TTK Gr'nhouse	8	8	0	0	50	14	16
OLOP IMPACTI	8	5	0	3	38	26	10
Mossford I	8	3	2	3	31	33	8
Brighton City I	8	3	1	4	29	35	7
Sp. Guersney I	8	2	2	4	29	35	6
Fusion II	8	2	2	4	27	37	6
Kingfisher	8	2	2	4	27	37	6
Cippenham II	8	2	1	5	25	39	5

Current League Table 2009-10

Only 3 points separate the bottom 6 so it's all to play for. We are determined to keep our place in Division 1 and with all players being available for the remaining sessions we have a good chance. Next session is on 17th January when we play two matches, one v top and one v bottom. With our best team I am confident we can take at least a point from Gareth Herbert's TTK team, so let's work hard and take our opportunities.