

Tom Wise KO Cup / Jeremy Burnett Plate – 2009/10

KO Cup winners : Peterlee

Plate winners : Middlesbrough A

Review

The first round of the KO Cup produced some entertaining matches. A strong Redcar A side brushed away the challenge of Middlesbrough A whereas Guisborough A condemned Darlington A to the Plate. Another first round clash, saw the eventual KO Cup finalists, Middlesbrough B defeat Plate finalists, Stokesley Knights, on the three blacks tie-break method.

The second round of the Cup saw Elmwood A put up a mighty fight against Peterlee, with only one game having a decisive result, Peterlee eventually winning 3-2. Guisborough A and Redcar A played out a draw, with Guisborough going through on the tie break.

In the Plate, arguably the shock of the tournament was Stokesley Knights defeating Darlington A on the tie break. Middlesbrough were going to prove too much for the Plate and a strong side comfortably ensured Stokesley A were left to concentrate on the league!

Guisborough unfortunately had to default their semi-final match to Peterlee. The other semi final saw Middlesbrough B make it to the final, defeating Griffin A on the tie break.

Comfortable wins for both Middlesbrough A and Stokesley Knights in the semi-finals of the Plate ensured their passage to the final.

The KO Cup final saw Peterlee overcome Middlesbrough B and win the KO Cup for the 4th year in a row, with Jimmy Simpson and Colin Walton once again claiming the full points.

The Plate final ended, perhaps predictably, with Middlesbrough A taking the honours against Stokesley Knights, but not without another shock in James Morley defeating Steve Cole having already disposed of Steve Ormerod in an earlier round. James won all of his games in this years tournament, a tremendous achievement and one which clearly helped Stokesley Knights reach the final.

Congratulations to both Peterlee and Middlesbrough A on their victories

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