

British League Play-off Report

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Ormesby's Karina Le Fevre helped the side to earn promotion

Ormesby and Kingfisher promoted to the British League Premier Division

Kingfisher produced a sensational performance in what was undoubtedly the biggest game of the weekend in the British League Play-Offs at the Ormesby Club in Middlesbrough. By beating Derwent 6-2 they leap-frogged above Derwent and are promoted to the Senior British League Premier Division in second place.

All four Kingfisher players contributed to what was a memorable success. Wiktor Dzwonkowski played his part by beating Stephen Horsfield 3-1 (11-9, 9-11, 11-8, 11-3) and then very crucially he also beat England no. 56 Matt Dodds decisively 3-0 (11-3, 11-7, 11-8) in his second singles to give Kingfisher a 4-1 lead. A draw would not have been enough for Kingfisher but they did not have to wait long. Myles Collins sealed their victory with his second win of the match when he beat Stephen Horsfield 3-1 (11-5, 6-11, 11-9, 11-4). Kingfisher were in dreamland !.

They joined Ormesby (Mike Marsden, Yongbo Zhang, Simon Nutch and Karina Le Fevre) who were crowned Champions in considerable style. They beat York Gardens 8-0 – the only whitewash of the weekend. England no. four lady Karina Le Fevre had to pull out all the stops to win her singles. She fought back from 2-0 down to get the better of rising star Reece Placid 3-2 (9-11, 11-13, 11-8, 13-11, 11-9) and she was equally hard pushed to see off Joseph Langham-Ferreira 3-2 (4-11, 11-2, 13-15, 11-8, 11-9). Ormesby Head Coach Steve Brunskill summed it up nicely for the Middlesbrough Club – “Were’ very pleased – promotion was always the main aim but with it being held at our Club we were always hoping to win”. They did and in some style as well.

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