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Editorial

Sorry this Digest is later than expected down in part to myself not being able to get enough content to fill 20 pages, there are ways and means to fill pages, larger font size, different font type, more space between lines, but the best way is, more articles, to be honest, 'it ain't as easy as it used to be'.

Mid February, while waiting for Divisional reports to come in, last one in was Div.1 from Peter Walsh Jnr. He sent text to me to say his Dad had had an accident in his car on his way home from his match at Greenbank, a bleed on the brain caused him to black out, crashing and overturning the car. Admitted to Aintree Neurology Hospital intensive care unit which meant lots of travelling for Peter Jnr and family, at first Pete Jnr. asked for a little longer to put report together, but he later accepted that it was impossible to do the report, so I have scrambled a few lines together, hopefully Peter Snr. is on the mend soon, and Peter Jnr. is back on stream.

Sixteen weeks gone now (Digest weeks!) and looking at the League tables, I think there's only one team who don't look as if they can be caught for the top spot, East Wavertree 'A' in the third Division, 27 points ahead of the next chaser. Relegation looks to have two 'certs' for the drop, BsM 'B' in the First, and Arriva 'B' in the Fourth, Div's 2 and 4 looks like a scrap between the bottom three teams, but still 100 points at stake!

The First Div. have a great chance to test their skills in the shape of Ryan Jenkins, a player with many National titles under his belt, some may say 'we don't stand a chance' maybe not, but it's a great way to have a try, looking at some of the results, Ryan's not taking any 'prisoners' with a few 11-0's, so it looks as if the target is not to win a set, but to win a game, (or even get close), welcome Ryan for gracing our League.

We still don't know when the Liverpool Closed will take place, the Mancom has the problem of fitting it in when dates are available and an assumption when most players will be available, too late for this Digest, so will be announced via our web sites, and forms available on line with a few sent to all teams by post. I wasn't aware that our President, Bill Fawley had been ill, it was only through reading Don's N&E that I was made aware, with not being on the Mancom any more I miss little things like that, but whatever, the Digest sends Bill our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Don mentioned Bill's probable pleasure at Man. City beating Liverpool on penalties at Wembley, hope the return game at Anfield (3-0 to the Reds) didn't upset Bill too much! But knowing the Gentleman Bill is, I'm sure he would accept the Reds moment of glory, get well soon Bill.

This looks like the last season when our Fixture Secretary Trevor Owen will be supplying all the weekly facts and figures, as it looks like we will be joining the majority of Leagues round the country by using TT365 for displaying all our facts and figures, for those on the internet the site can be found at - <https://www.tabletennis365.com/Liverpool>, Tom Purcell and others have been updating our proposed site throughout this season and propose a complete changeover to TT365 for the

start of next season. Trevor has been running the L&DTTL site for a long time, with help from fellow Marconi Player Bob Edwards, he set up the complex Xcel formulas with which he cross checks all the weekly info, including late cards, as regards ineligible players or playing out of order etc. I'm not sure how TT365 will handle that, it must do, as I'm sure we aren't the only league that players 'forget the Rules'. The League has come a long way since weekly match records were written down in an A4 book, Trevor can now look forward to be able to relax with his extra free time with the grandkids, but will need something to keep the grey matter ticking over a bit! Thanks for a great job Trevor.

The Nationals are taking part at the Hertfordshire Sports Village, For the first time, the National Championships will be televised live on ITV4. The channel will broadcast a three-hour slot on the afternoon of Sunday March 20, with the Men's Doubles, Women's Singles and Men's Singles finals shown live. There will also be highlights of earlier finals, interviews and coverage of the presentation ceremonies, plus special guests and features.

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England's World Team Championships adventure gets better and better – and the Leopards are now into the semi-finals!

Paul Drinkhall won a spellbinding final match, finally taking a fifth match point in the deciding game as England beat France 3-2 to set up a last-four clash with Japan after Liam Pitchford had earlier won both his matches.

And – what odds on this at the start of the tournament? – England are the last surviving European side in the event as China face Korea in the other semi-final.

Just in Time before going to print I had this message off Peter Walsh Jnr. which will make a good ending for me

" Thanks, Dad is doing amazing considering. From the very first day where he slept all the time, couldn't move his left arm and had a drooped face to only the next day he could smile with both sides of his mouth, was moving his left arm and even gripping fairly strongly with his left hand when asked to. He had a bit of a setback when he had some sort of seizure and couldn't be woken, but as of yesterday he was awake for most of my two hour visit and even bopping along to Elvis on youtube, using the tablet we bought him to keep in touch. He was attempting to use his phone for the first time checking his Facebook and even starting to write.

Dad was due to play in the Vett's world championships in May and I wouldn't put it past him to be getting on that plane come the day. Pete Jnr (ish) "

Which brings me to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone who has been ill lately,
Editor

NETS and EDGES Don Davies

Since our last issue, league President Bill Fawley spent some time in Southport hospital after suffering a Stroke on Boxing Day. Although it didn't directly contribute to this, Bill, a former Manchester player, took part in a family session of table tennis with his son and daughter. A number of players' visited him in hospital for which he was very grateful. Now at home, resting, he'll have been boosted by his 'City' team winning a 'shoot out' at Wembley having been a keen supporter since the 1930's and season ticket holder since the sixties. Our best wishes go to Bill who maintains a great interest in league affairs and is always eager to be kept informed of the various issues while attending as many MC meetings as he is able. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him at the Fawley Construction Closed – whenever that may be.



Another more recent casualty was Greenbank TTC secretary Peter Walsh Snr. who, having played a match at the club, suffered a Stroke whilst driving home, he is currently in hospital and we wish him a speedy and full recovery. He has been able to receive visitors' but, a check with son Peter must be made by those intending to pay a visit. We wish him a speedy recovery

Table Tennis will add another small piece of history to Olympic Games records when Nigeria's Segun Toriola who, in qualifying for Rio, will compete in his seventh Olympics. He joins an elite band of TT players, headed by Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive together with Zoran Primorac (Yugoslavia/Croatia) and Sweden's Jorgen Persson who have all achieved the feat. Toriola's appearance will be a record for an African athlete in any sport. Six men, however, have appeared in eight Olympic editions while two can boast appearances in nine games. The current record though, goes to Canadian horse-rider Ian Miller who, remarkably, registered his tenth at the London Games.

After a break of eight years from competing in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, club secretaries expressed the view at the AGM that the League accepts an invitation from officials of that league to enter a team into their competition. Accordingly, we submitted an application to enter a men's team which was placed directly into the premier division. The competition, which consists of seven matches played over two weekends at the Hilton TT Centre in Horwich, near Bolton. Thomas Hadley, Paul Hutchings and Steve Green were selected for duty for the first group of matches on Sunday November 22 where they recorded 6-0 victories over Oldham, Warrington and Manchester but, went down 4-2 to Bury when a draw seemed on the cards. In fifty years of watching inter-city competition, I can't recall a father and daughter facing each other in such an important contest which is what happened when we took on Warrington - Paul beating Amy who also lost her two other encounters.

The second weekend on February 21st also in Horwich saw an unchanged Liverpool trio line up against Trafford at 9am which we took 5-1. Next was the key match against the leaders and title favourites the Chester and Ellesmere Port League and one which we had to win to maintain any chance of regaining the trophy. With a 100% record and unable to call on Wayne Percival who was on a fishing trip (having chipped in with four wins helping them gain 5-1 victories in each of their four matches) they replaced him with three times Liverpool Closed champion

Tomasz Rzeszotko who didn't play in November. His inclusion was surprising since according to the playing records on his league's web site, Tomasz played only two league matches in the qualifying period, one fewer than that required to be eligible for this latest round of matches. In addition to this oversight, Percival was also ineligible for the November matches and would also have been for the February fixtures had he not been fishing. I expect the Lancashire and Cheshire League management committee to investigate this important issue for in almost every sport where an ineligible player participates or is included in an individual or team event, his individual encounters are awarded to the opponents as should be the whole match. However, with Preston failing to arrive, this proved to be our last fixture of the competition and we were soundly beaten 5-1 - Thomas Hadley accounting for Rzeszotko early in the match and as things stand, we finished in third place.

An amazing statistic emerged when details of the 2016 World Veteran Championships which will be staged from the 23-29 May, revealed that an incredible 4,600 players will take part. A dozen from Liverpool will be travelling to Alicante and among them will be Ted Birch, Steve Green, Keith Williams, Wayne Percival, Thomas Haddley, Ken Jackson plus a few others together with wives' and girl friends.

At the recent German Open in Berlin, only one of the top 16 male seeds used the penholder grip, three were left handed – while one of the 16 was a defender. The lowest world ranked was listed at 19 while of the top 16 women in the draw only two were penholders' and four were defenders. The youngest player was Mima Ito (Japan) aged 15 who won the ladies singles at 14 and 152 days in 2015.

More remarkably, though, was an item in my most recent ITTF Press release mentioning that Igyas Agganazarov from Turkmenistan aged only SEVEN will become the youngest ever player to appear in the world championships, although by day two, he has yet to appear in the men's team event. Born in 2008, he started training in 2014 and his daily schedule consists of five hours schooling and then TT training from 5 until 8pm with just Monday's off.

At our last MC meeting, members' discussed the annual Liverpool Grand Prix and after weighing up the Pros and Cons, voted to a man not to take up our option of staging and

organising the event. First played in the city in 1929, it is one of the oldest and prestigious in the country and has seen countless international players' appear in various venues around the city. Very few local league players' enter, though and even fewer lend a hand in helping to set up the arena. It also has to be said; rarely does a local walk off with a major trophy or healthy cheque. Some I can recall to have emerged victorious in events other than the men's and women's singles, include Ted Mandaluff, George Smith, Peter D'Arcy and Keith Williams all having won the veteran's title while Brenda Buoey collected the ladies vets' title in 2000. Lynne Fennah, Clare Peers (nee Newns) and partner Delyth Davies, plus Alice Howard and Miss R. Sparkes won the ladies doubles event,

Alice also winning the U/21 event in 2000. Peter Flint won the Junior Boy's title in 1980 and Tony Clayton, in his first year at Liverpool University, and his regular partner Laurie Landry claimed the doubles in 1971. Adam Robertson, while a member of Wavertree Labour, won the U/21 title in 1998 but, it remains to be seen what will happen to the GP and that particular weekend slot but, we await a decision from TTE on its future. If it's to continue, will they be looking for local help to make it a success and more importantly, who will be prepared to do it?

DIVISION 1 Editor

Pete Walsh Jnr. Has given this Digest report a miss due his Dad Pete having been in a car accident, a bleed on the brain caused Pete Snr. to black out while driving home after a league match 18th February from Greenbank, he was transferred to Aintree Neurological Hospital where he is undergoing tests and observation in the Critical Care Unit. Hopefully good news will be out by the time you read this.

Pete had hoped to be able to put together a short Div. 1 report but found that constantly travelling from the Wirral to Aintree was too time consuming, so I have 'volunteered' to add a few words!

Looking at the League tables, only 7 points separate the top four teams, Crosby High, Crosby High 'A' Waterloo, and Fords, and looking at the results from the last 8 weeks, no team looks like putting a marker down as the 'Champion'. third placed Waterloo have won 51 games, lost 29, they the only team to have played all 8 matches, table topping team Crosby High, 49 games won 21 lost, 2nd placed Crosby High 'A', 42 games won 28 lost, and 4th placed Fords 44 games won, 26 lost. Only Fords in this group have managed a 10-0, against a struggling Greenbank 'A' in the last 8 weeks. Is it about playing the same players every week?, not really as the top team, Crosby High, hasn't had the same three players in any match, put that down to the number of top players to pick from, most consistent formations have been Waterloo with 7 matches played with the same team, and Fords with 4 + 2 matches played with same teams. There are still 10 matches to play so do statistics mean anything!!!

Three players took the time to add a comment to their match card, to add a bit of spice to the report!

Week 10, the match between Wavertree Labour and Marconi won by Labour 7-3, "Man of Match-Dave Griffiths outplayed Tomasz in fifth with good combinations, - I was 5-2 up in fifth and lost 9 points in a row being too passive! Against Tomasz" Comment I think by Thomas.

Week 11 the match between M/side Police and Greenbank, won by Police 7-3, "Jonny played well in beating Omid 3 straight. John Lau was 2-7 down in the 5th against Joe Mullin and pulled it back to 9-9, John served to win 11-9. Joe made amends by playing brilliantly against Omid. Great night for quality T.T. – Paul Gittins"

Week 12, the match between Bath St. Marine 'B' v M. Police, won by Police 8-2, "BsM continuously look to set records and trends in the League. With a team with an average age of 73 I guess this is another record for the 1st Division!. Is this a good reflection of the League?. Perhaps the top Division needs to have less teams to create a more competitive division? R.I.P."

As a way of filling up a bit of space I've totted up a 'Golden Bat' box showing the number of times a player has won his 3 singles and been part of the winning doubles, over the 8 weeks of this Digest.

Keith Williams	5	Jon Taylor	2
Steve Green	5	Dave Roberts	2
Jack Dempsey	4	Andy Taylor	1
Omid Khaiyat	3	Ken Jackson	1
Clare Peers	3	John Goodall	1
Gavin Lloyd	3	Joe Mullin	1
Paul Hutchings	3	Joel Webb	1
Thomas Haddley	3	John Lau	1
Ryan Jenkins	3	Peter Walsh Jnr.	1
Dave Griffith	2	Tom Miller	1
Shaun Hall	2		

Hopefully Pete Jnr. will be back with the next report because Pete Snr. hopefully will be at home on the mend, I'm sure all players and friends will wish Peter Snr. best wishes for a safe recovery.

Editor

DIVISION 2

Ray Jackson

Well this is the part of the season where teams get to establish their chances in the league, up or down, and it's looking like a close competition.

WEEK 9 Harold House had a Mike Denmade treble in their win at East Wavertree, who had a pair from Ben Chan, but weren't helped by Heiko Klugel having to concede his games through injury. Mike Perry was unbeaten in Sefton Park's win over Wavertree Labour A, although he had a close 12/10 win in the fifth against Aresh Khozee, Peter Tod and Alan Davies picking up two apiece.

Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce remained unbeaten in Bath St C's win over Cadwa, as did Neil Colville in Marconi A's win over Bath St D. Paul Gittins and Matty Kelly scored hat tricks and John Higham a pair as Police A overcame Bootle YMCA. Matty Laird took the honours in Crosby High B's win at Cadwa A.

WEEK 10 Harold House cemented their place in the top with trebles from Kevin Lewis and Peter Findlater and a pair from Steve Whalley against Cadwa A, Graeme Reid saving the whitewash for Cadwa. Lee Farley scored a fine treble but couldn't prevent Wavertree Labour B from losing to Sefton Park.

Neil Colville with three and two apiece from Tony Mullally and Dave McMahon gave Marconi A victory at Crosby High B, Sylvia Graham getting a couple for Crosby. Graeme Black scored his usual treble in Cadwa's win over Bootle YMCA, the terrible twosome Ted and Alan scoring doubles for Bootle.

Phil Luxon was the man in charge in Wavertree Labour A's draw at a depleted Bath St D, and Paul Gittins was likewise in Police A's loss to East Wavertree, who had doubles from Heiko Klugel and Thomas Creevy.

WEEK 11 Ian Laird scored a fine hat trick in Sefton Park's win over Bath St D, Rob Peat and Colin Mitchell scoring two each for Bath St., Graeme Black again remained unbeaten in Cadwa's draw at East Wavertree, Paul Evans also picking up a couple for Cadwa, and Heiko Klugel for East Wavertree.

Paul Gittins with three and Matty Kelly two, helped Police A to victory at Cadwa A, Alan Timewell scoring a couple for them. Steve Whalley, Peter Findlater and Kevin Lewis proved too strong for a depleted Marconi A. Matt Laird and Sylvia Graham remained unbeaten in Crosby High B's win at Wavertree A. Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce remained unbeaten in Bath St C's win over Wavertree Labour B.

WEEK 12 Dong Xia with three and Lee Farley two helped Wavertree Labour B to win a close encounter with Bootle YMCA. Cadwa A took the bragging rights in the win over their first team despite another Graeme Black treble, Mark Slater, Graeme Reid and Ian Burrows scoring two each.



Paul Gittins was again unbeaten and Matty Kelly picked up a pair in Police A's defeat of Marconi A, Neil Colville scoring a couple for Marconi. Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce were unbeaten, and Ted Cramsie scored two in Bath St C's defeat of an under strength Sefton Park.

Kevin Lewis remained unbeaten and Steve Whalley and Peter Findlater scored two each as Harold House defeated Wavertree Labour A. Roger Neal with three and two each from Tom Miller and Sylvia Graham helped Crosby High B to overcome Bath St D, Rob Peat picking up a couple for Bath St.

WEEK 13 First defeat of the season for Wayne Percival as Julian Quirk scored a treble in Bath St C's win at Bootle YMCA, Sam Pierce also chipping in with a couple. Kevin Lewis with a hat trick and two each from Steve Whalley and Peter Findlater took the spoils from Bath St D. Paul Gittins remained unbeaten in Police A's win at Wavertree Labour A.

Despite a treble from Graeme Black Marconi A had doubles from Neil Colville. Tony Mullally and John McCann to take the win. Ben Chan and Lee Madin scored trebles and Thomas Creevy two, as East Wavertree defeated Wavertree Labour B, Mario Giove saving the whitewash. Alan Davies and Peter Tod scored two each for Sefton, and Roger Neal and Sylvia Graham likewise for Crosby High B in their draw.

Graeme Black picked up his usual treble as Cadwa defeated Wavertree Labour A with doubles from Paul Evans of Cadwa and Wavertree's Phil Luxon. Lee Farley took the honours in Wavertree Labour B's win at Cadwa A. An Ian Laird treble and doubles from Mike Perry and Robbie Puddifer picked up a good win at Sefton, against an unusual Bootle YMCA formation of Alan Chase, Roly Wright and Jim Geddes.

WEEK 15 Bath St C's Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce remained unbeaten in their defeat of a depleted Cadwa A, and Paul Gittins was also unbeaten in Police A's win over Crosby High B, and Steve Whalley and Kevin Lewis were also unbeaten as the third of the title contenders defeated Sefton Park

Lee Madin and Joey Williams both picked up hat tricks in East Wavertree's win at Bootle YMCA, and Lee Farley remained unbeaten in Wavertree Labour B's loss to Marconi A, Bob Edwards and Tony Mullally picked up doubles. Graeme Black again did the business and Paul Evans scored a couple as Cadwa defeated Bath St D.

WEEK 16 The big title clash between Harold House and Police A saw a honourable draw with the Police's Paul Gittins remaining unbeaten, and Jon Dyson and Kevin Lewis picking

up doubles. Tom Miller, Matty Laird, and Rhys Davies remained unbeaten in Crosby High B's whitewash of Cadwa, and Phil Luxon was unbeaten in Wavertree Labour A's win over their B team, Dave Harse for the A and Lee Farley for the B both scored doubles.

Bath St C were unable to take advantage of the other two title contenders playing each other as they lost at Marconi A with Neil Colville scoring a treble, and Tony Mullally two. Ted Birch was the star of Bootle YMCA's draw at Cadwa A, and Heiko

Klugel took the honours in East Wavertree's close win over Sefton Park.

So the title race looks to be between Harold House, Bath St C and Police A, and it would be a wise or foolish man to choose who will be the victor in the end, but if I was a betting man my money would be on Harold House, but only if they can keep picking their top players

DIVISION 3

Ian McElwee

After 15 matches East Wavertree A continue to consolidate their position at the top of the table. They are 24 points ahead of their nearest rivals Marconi C. If they keep up this form for the remainder of the season they must surely end up as champions.

During the reporting period they played 7, won 6 and had their first draw of the season when facing 3rd placed Maghull B. Their team consists mainly of Lee Madin, Tony Dixon and Joey Williams who are all playing with confidence and a fair degree of style. Carl McAuley came in for Tony when they drew with Maghull B, he had an excellent 5 set win over John Langton, who had one of those nights, as he also lost out 11/9 in the 5th to both Lee and Joe, star of the night was Steve Braddock who won his 3 singles in straight sets for Maghull. All other matches have been victories of 8/2 or 9/1 except their match against Marconi C when they were pushed all the way before running out 6/4 victors, Lee remained unbeaten on the night, including a doubles win with Joe, and Joe contributed further with good wins over Frank McCann and Dave McMahon.

Marconi C are normally represented by Frank McCann, Ian Wensley and Dave McMahon with the occasional guest appearance by the ever reliable Peter Wass, they have had 8/2 wins over BSM E and Wavertree Labour C. After the Christmas sabbatical they came out all guns blazing beating both CADWA B and Sefton Park A 9/1 before losing the East Wavertree match. Their only other loss to date was to Maghull B also by a 6/4 margin, Frank, Ian and Dave each beat Loon Wai Yu and Frank and Dave combined to take the doubles. After a slow start to the season they seemed to have gone up a gear and will be there or thereabouts in the promotion spots.

Maghull B are having an excellent season as indicated by their results against the 2 top teams reported above, they stand on 91 points only 1 point adrift of Marconi C and have a game in hand. They had a tremendous 8/2 win over their club's A team with the A team's Phil Christie saving face with wins over John



Langton and Alan Chan. They replicated this score against Sefton Park A with Steve Braddock again winning on his 4 visits to the table being ably assisted by John and Alan who each won 2, Alan was near to winning his 3 but lost 11/9 in the deciding set against Paul Jennings.

St Annes are in 4th place on 86 points from 14 matches. They had probably their best night of the season when they visited Maghull B and went home with a 7/3 victory. Israel Isaac and Hasib Nuree each won their 3 singles and Francis Dako beat Loon Wai Yu.

Israel and Hasib continued their fine form remaining unbeaten in an 8/2 win over Bootle YMCA A, Francis again contributed with a victory over Liam Shaw. In a remarkable match against Merseyside Police B they drew 5/5, all of the Police points came in the 5 matches that went to 5 sets. Tom Purcell saved a match point against Francis before winning 12/10 in the 5th. Brenda Buoey was also match point down when facing Israel before winning 13/11 in the 5th set, Tom was nominated MOM for his 3 wins in the singles.

Maghull A head a very congested mid table with only 7 points separating 6 teams, Maghull standing on 72 from 15, they seem to lack consistency as their record of 7 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses confirm. When they faced close rival Arriva NW they ran out 8/2 winners with Sue Hughes in top form, winning her 3 singles and combining with John Langton to take the doubles, John Rowan beat John Langton and Janette Hutchings to gain the Arriva sides 2 points. Phil Christie won his 3 in a 7/3 win over Wavertree Labour C, Wavertree's Andy Bird had a long, hard night beating Sue 14/12 and losing 11/9 to Phil and 14/12 to George Frost, all in the deciding set.

Arriva NW are 1 point further adrift with a game in hand, they have been having a good steady season and were certainly helped when CADWA B concede a 10/0 walk over to them. John Rowan was in top form when they drew with St Annes, he won his 3 singles and combined with Brian Hornby to win the doubles, Brian won the other point in getting the better

of Dave Bradley. When going down 7/3 to Merseyside Police B John played well to beat Steve Gittins and Brenda Buoey, Derek Scotland also beating Brenda. Young Stef Schober-Thompson is beginning to turn his undoubted potential into results winning his 3 singles with a degree of comfort for the Police side.

Merseyside Police B are averaging 5 points a match in securing 70 points from 14, in recent weeks they have beaten both Maghull A and Sefton Park A 6/4. In the Maghull win Steve remained unbeaten on the night and was well supported by Brian Burrows who won 2. It was Brenda's turn to stay unbeaten in the win over Sefton Park A, Steve winning 2 and John Moore 1.

The BSM E and F teams are both on 68 points, the E team having played 13 and the F team 14, the E team's best result was an emphatic 8/2 victory over Maghull A. Andy Cheung and Brian Crolley both gained 3 points, Mal Kent 2 but he was very close to remaining unbeaten going down 13/11 in the deciding set to Phil Christie. Andy was joined by Mal in winning his 3 singles when they defeated Sefton Park A 7/3. In the derby match Andy and Brian both played well to remain unbeaten in the singles with Mal beating Josh Taylor to ensure a 7/3 win for the E team.

The Sefton Park side must be glad not to be visiting BSM again this season going down 10/0 to the F team despite fighting all the way, Paul Jennings gave his all but to no avail losing 13/11 and 11/9 in the 5th to Darren and Josh Taylor, and then losing 11/7 in the decider against Dave Noden, Rob Puddifer was also close to getting on the score sheet before losing 13/11 in the decider to Darren. The F team played out a hard fought draw when they faced Marconi C, all 3 players got the better of Dave McMahon, Darren beat Ian Wensley and Josh beat Frank McCann.

Bootle YMCA A are on 65 from 13, their record of 6 wins, 5 losses and 2 draws confirm just how steady they are. They had

a good 6/4 win over Maghull A. Shakil Malik beat John McLoughlin and George Frost, Liam Shaw beat George and Sue Hughes and Tom Doubtfire beating George. When they lost 6/4 at Merseyside Police B Shalik beat Steve Gittins and John Moore, Liam beat John and the pair combined to win the doubles, Brenda Buoey was the star of the night winning all her singles.

Wavertree Labour C (42 from 14), Sefton Park A (42 from 15) and CADWA B (37 from 14) have their separate little fight to see who avoids the relegation spots.

When Wavertree visited CADWA B, the CADWA side gained a hard fought 6/4 victory, Andy Bird played well to win his 3 singles with Terry Jones taking Wavertree's other point, CADWA B produced a good solid performance with Ian Lunt and Vaclav Holcman winning 2, Alan French winning 1 with Alan and Vaclav taking the doubles. The Wavertree side helped their cause further by beating Sefton Park A 7/3, Michael Dugdale and Andy Liu joined Andy Bird with each of them playing well to beat Robbie Puddifer and Ian Findon, Sefton Park's points came via Paul Jennings.

Sefton Park A have lost 14 of their 15 matches but took a creditable 4 points off Merseyside Police B, Paul beat Steve Gittins and John Moore, Rob also beat John and the pair combined to gain a 13/11 5th set doubles win. They did themselves no favours in having only Rob and Ian available when they faced fellow strugglers CADWA B, Rob provided a MOM performance winning his 3 singles and combining with Ian to take the doubles as they went down 6/4.

CADWA B brought in the experienced Alan Timewell when they visited Bootle YMCA and earned a fine draw, Alan won his 3 with Alan French and Vaclav Holcman, each beating Tom Doubtfire. In a fighting performance against BSM F Ian and Vaclav left Darren Taylor wishing he had stayed at home on the night as they both played well to beat him 12/10 in the 5th. Vaclav and Alan French both got the better of Josh Taylor as they went down 6/4.

DIVISION 4

Ken Roberts

Here we are now well into the season and as I mentioned in my first report the standard of Table tennis in this Division is of a very high quality. At the time of compiling these notes the table shows only 6 points between 1st and 3rd positions. Linacre and Bootle YMCA B have been at the top since the season began and my own team Marconi D have improved their position to a very creditable third position.

We start with week 9 and all square between Maghull C and Bootle YMCA B, this is an excellent performance by Maghull to hold one of the top teams to a draw, Steve Mc had an excellent night beating both Eddy and Bert. 6-4 to

Waterloo A against Bootle YMCA C, Colin H picking up both of his for Bootle against Paul and Nikolay, Jason S also winning his two for Bootle. The derby between the two Arriva teams ended in a draw, some tough games here Harry H and Paul M winning both of their games for the B team. Current top of the Division, Linacre beat Police C 7-3, Tom P winning a brace for Police against Alexis and Charlie, Julian D also picking up his two for Linacre against Tommy and Neil, doubles specialist Harry Reeve helping his team to also pick up both doubles. All square between Sefton Park B and Waterloo B, Gavin and Jeff winning both of their games for Waterloo. All square again between QVC and Cadwa C,

John App turning out for QVC and winning his two against Dougie and Pete, Paul W returning the compliment for Cadwa by also winning both against Ian D and Tommy. Marconi D just piping Wavertree Labour D 6-4, some close games here, yours truly picking up both here against the "evergreen" Allan Biggs and Alan Liu, John G for Marconi D only losing his second game to date to Rob Barker.



Week 10 sees Wavertree Labour D and Maghull C draw, Steven Johnson and Alan Liu picking up both of their games for Wavertree, good win for Janette over Alf. Marconi D beat Cadwa C 8-2, Dougie beating Bobby, and Shantanu beating James, for Cadwa's points. Another 8-2, this time for Bootle YMCA B over Waterloo B, Gavin winning a brace for Waterloo over Eddy and Bert for Waterloo's points. The other Waterloo team won 7-3 over Sefton Park B. Derek T winning his two for Sefton against Paul M and Graham C. A strong performance by Police saw them beat QVC 9-1, Bob F winning the one point against John Moore. Same score in Linacre's favour over Arriva B, Gary Mavris beating Harry Reeve for their point. Some close games here that could have gone either way. The other Arriva team faired better holding Bootle YMCA C to a draw, again some very close games here which could have swung it for a win either way, Vacek winning a brace for Arriva and Roly doing the same for Bootle.

Week 11 starts with a 7-3 win for Bootle YMCA B over Sefton Park B, Derek T and Dave C winning a single each plus a double for Sefton's points. QVC had a strong team out against Arriva B thus handing them a whitewash, however 3 games went to 5 sets, in particular Paul Morrey losing out to Tommy Lewis 16-14 in the 5th set! Marconi D beat Police C 6-4. Again some very close games, James and myself picking up both our points. Cadwa C just edged Maghull C 6-4, Steve Mc again picking up both against Dougie and Pete. Another 6-4 in favour of Wavertree Labour D over Waterloo B, Robin picking up both for Wavertree. 6-4 was also the result in favour of Arriva A over Waterloo A, Eddie winning both for Arriva and both Stuart and Nikolay for Waterloo. Once again 6-4 was the result in favour of Linacre over Bootle YMCA C, Kieran S picking up both for Bootle.

A strong performance by Arriva A over Sefton Park B starts week 12, Paul M picking up Sefton's only point with a win over Vacek. Another good win for Marconi D over Arriva B 8-2, Harry H re-ranking down to No.3 picked up Arriva's both points over James and Ritchie. Title contenders Bootle YMCA B beat Wavertree Labour D 8-2, Alvin and Biggsie picking up Wavertree's 2 points, however it seems that Kevin Coultard for Wavertree must have sustained an

injury during the match as he only played the one game. Police C beat Maghull C 7-3, even though they played short, it also didn't help Maghull as they seemed to field an under strength team as well. Other title contenders Linacre beat Waterloo A 9-1, a doubles win was Waterloo's only point, again unfortunately Waterloo had to field a couple of less experienced players for this match. However Waterloo's other team faired a lot better by beating Cadwa C 7-3, some very close games here, Paul W and Chris H won a game each plus a doubles victory for Cadwa's points. Honours equal between Bootle YMCA C and QVC. Steve D for Bootle the only player picking up his two.

Week 13 saw Bootle YMCA B beat Cadwa C 8-2, Pete R and Shantanu picking up Cadwa's points. Things were made a lot easier for Linacre against Arriva A as unfortunately Arriva could not field a full side, Linacre winning 8-2, Kristoff saving the day for Arriva winning his two. Police C beat Waterloo B 6-4, Lenny for the Police winning his two again to keep his 100% intact, Gavin also winning a brace for Waterloo with an excellent performance over Tom P and Mike W. Maghull C enjoyed a good win over Arriva B 7-3, both Janette and Naresh winning all their games for Maghull, the score could have been different as there were some very close games with only 2 singles being won in 3 sets. Marconi D had a good night beating Bootle YMCA C 8-2. Steve D beating James in a cracking match in 5 sets and Roly also victorious over myself also in 5 sets for Bootle's 2 points. Waterloo A beat QVC 7-3, John App winning his two and a doubles win for QVC's 3 points, unfortunately the defeat was a little worse as QVC played two players out of order which resulted them being docked points. Sefton Park B beat Wavertree Labour D 7-3, Rob Barker losing his 100% to Paul M of Sefton.

Another strong performance by Linacre, beating Sefton Park B 9-1 in week 14, Dave C enjoying a very good win over Charlie B for Sefton, to save the whitewash. Very tough match for Marconi D eventual winners 6-4 over Waterloo A, Stu M winning his two for Waterloo, some very close matches here. Technology has now taken over the ancient task of tossing a coin as Paul M for Waterloo decided to ask his phone to perform this action when he was umpiring! Could not have been closer between Maghull C and Bootle YMCA C, Maghull just edging a 6-4 victory, 5 games went to 5 sets, Steve Mc picking up a brace for Maghull. Waterloo B beat Arriva B 8-2, Harry H winning his two for Arriva's points. A 9-1 win for Wavertree Labour D over Cadwa C was made easier as Cadwa could not field a full team, unfortunate really as 4 of the 7 games they played went to 5 sets, the match could have worked out a lot different, Chris H producing a fine performance beating the Evergreen Alf Perry for Cadwa's

single point. Title contenders Bootle YMCA B were held to a 5-5 draw by Police C, impressive wins for Eddy and Bert for Bootle taking all their games, Len D still unbeaten for Police. Unfortunately Arriva A had to concede a walkover against QVC as they couldn't get a team.

Week 15 kicks off with a win for Marconi D over Arriva A 7-3, Eddie W picking up both of his for 2 of Arriva's points. Same score for Sefton park B over Cadwa C, Derek T and Paul M for Sefton picking up both of their singles, again some close games here with half of them going to 5 sets, Dougie unlucky losing to Paul game 12 in the 5th. All square between Police C and Wavertree Labour D, John Moore winning both for Police against Biggsie and Ted Mc, Robin B and Dave Goulden also picking up both their singles. Maghull C beat Waterloo A 6-4, Steve Mc again wins both for Maghull and Stu Mc returning the compliment with both for Waterloo, Maghull C also picked up both doubles, which is essential in such a close game. Their fellow Waterloo team fared better with a win over Bootle YMCA C 7-3. Roly the star here for Bootle picking up both his singles. Great win for QVC over the strong Linacre 6-4, John App again picking up both against Alexis and Charlie respectively, however he was made to work hard, both going to 5 sets.

The final week of these notes week 16 Saw Police C beat Cadwa C 6-4, both Tom P and Mike W picking up both

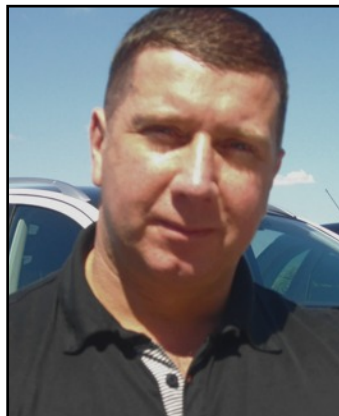
of their games. Linacre beat Marconi D 6-4, some very close games yet again here, Martin the star here for Marconi picking up a brace against Harry and Chris, Marconi missing John G here, and unlucky to miss out on the draw by losing a doubles 13 in the 5th! QVC beating Sefton Park B 6-4, again John App winning both for QVC, Sefton without Paul M. Maghull C lost 6-4 to Arriva A, another close match with some long games, Steve Mc on form again for Maghull beating both Vacek and Eddie, a particularly tough game against Eddie, Steve winning game 13 in 2 of them, Yanus picking up a brace for Arriva. Wavertree Labour D beat Arriva B 6-4, Gary M having a great night beating both Alf and Alvin. Two Derbys to finish of these notes, all square between Bootle YMCA B and C, good result for the C team over possible title holders, Roly again shining picking up both his singles, a strong individual performance for the C team, the B team keeping up their excellent form in winning both doubles. Finally the two Waterloo teams went head to head with the B team showing the A team how to do it with a 7-3 victory, Gavin M and J. Hornby winning both their games, only 3 games going to 5 sets here, so a long night for both teams.

That's it for this Digest. Things are pretty close at the top and as usual if these teams want to succeed as champions they need to put out their strongest team on a regular basis, as predicted the standard is very high.

DIVISION 5

Jimmy Williams

As we reach the end of February, the Division Five table is providing a glimpse of how the table may appear at the end of the season. Bath Street Marine G are currently heading the table and, with such an experienced squad, look more than capable of staying in poll position. Following closely behind, and aiming for a swift return to Division 4, are Maghull D who are also regularly churning out big wins and remain undefeated. It is no coincidence that both sides consistently put out their top four players or call on experienced substitutes when necessary. East Wavertree B and Wavertree Labour E take up positions three and four and are more than capable of mounting a challenge but appear to lack the strength in depth to maintain big wins on a weekly basis. The following seven teams are currently competing in a seemingly mini-league between themselves - with little to separate most sides. However, as per usual, most teams possess excellent players who are more than capable of playing at a higher level and this adds to the excitement and unpredictability of most of the fixtures.



Week 9 saw a convincing 10-0 victory for Bath Street Marine G over Sefton Park C. Kenny Young unlucky to lose in five to Julia Cornish and Roy Cunningham also being edged out in the fifth by a defiant Keith Dudley. A strong win, 1-9 for East Wavertree B at Harold House A, with all of the sets being decided in 3/4 games. An excellent match at Wavertree Labour F saw the visitors, promotion hopefuls Maghull D, come away with an 8-2 win. Great win for Gordon Langshaw over Michael Stewart in a close four setter. Francis Lay picking up the other point for the home side with a fine win over Harry McGanity (who is having an excellent season).

Week 10 produced an impressive 8-2 win for Dad's Army (Maghull E) over a determined Marconi E side. An excellent match that produced several stubborn comebacks, this included the improving Joe Rock winning the last two games to pip Phil Murphy, Ged Hanley repeating the feat (also against Phil - who was particularly unlucky on the night) and Faye Taylor's great comeback from 2-0 down to beat Brian Gregory in five. Corporal Jones (Alan Smethhurst), in

fine form, winning both of his singles (a master stroke by Captain Mainwaring to recall him to the side), the ever reliable Tony Low picking up a good win for the away side. Great notes, as per usual, by Andy McCourt. Roy Cunningham was Sefton Park C's sole winner in their heavy 1-9 loss to an impressive Wavertree Labour E, a strong win by a rapidly improving side who are rich in promise and gaining more experience as they become accustomed to the myriad of styles in this diverse division. There was nothing to separate the sides in the top of the table clash between Maghull D and Bath Street Marine G, star man was the visiting attacker Miguel Monteiro who won his three on the night, Michael Stewart recording an excellent 3-1 win over Bath Street Marine G number 1 Graham Turner.

Sporting notes by Dave Bradley on the match between St Anne's A and Maghull E in **week 11**. The home side winning the match 6-4 but in the words of the St Anne's club captain it 'could easily have been a different result'. A range of amazingly close matches on the night with Lenco Abdi being the standout performer for the home side, with Andy McCourt (also winning his three) starring for the visitors, a great one for the neutral to watch. Another close match took place at Wavertree Labour E with the visitors, Maghull D, edging it 4-6, a great treble from Alan Liu (winning all of his games 3-0) for the home side - with the away team showing their individual strength through their ability to win the other six singles on the night. Another strong win for Bath Street G, over Wavertree Labour F, with Gordon preventing the whitewash, through an excellent win over Ned Hassan (11-6 in the fifth).

Week 12 saw an evenly contested match between Sefton Park C and Marconi E result in a 5-5 draw with lots of closely contested games. Jamie Whitty and Kenny Young winning both of their singles for the home side, and Faye Taylor picking up both of her singles for the away team, Phil Cashmore very unlucky to lose all of his games in the fourth set 10-12. A close match at Maghull E saw East Wavertree B pick up a 4-6 win with Jimmy Williams and Ged Howard picking up three points each for the visitors, Luke Burgess, in excellent form, winning his two singles for the home side. Strong wins this week include Wavertree Labour E in their derby with Wavertree Labour F (9-1) and Bath Street Marine G's 10-0 victory over Harold House A.

Week 13 produced a solid 3-7 win for Maghull E at Bath Street G in an entertaining match. Des Logan, currently in fine form, winning both of his singles for the home side and Joe Rock winning his three for the away team, the evergreen Bill Clayton picking up the other point for the home side through a close win over Brian Gregory. Other close matches include Bath Street G's 4-6 win at Wavertree Labour E and

Sefton Park C's 4-6 victory at St Anne's A. Chris Greaves having an excellent night and emerging undefeated from his three visits to the table.

An excellent match in **week 14** saw Marconi E beat Wavertree Labour F 6-4, Tony Low leading from the front for the home side with two strong singles victories, standout performer for the away side was Femi who was undefeated in both his singles and doubles. An entertaining match between East Wavertree B and Sefton Park C resulted in a 7-3 win for the home side, Ged Howard and Alex Webner contributing both of their singles towards the victory, debutant Lawrence Cain also impressing in a three straight win for the Wavertree team, alongside Brian Morrison's win over Phil Cashmore. Eddie Clein, also leading from the front for Harold House A, preventing the whitewash against Wavertree Labour E with a good win over Kevin Coulthard. **Week 15** saw a hard fought 6-4 win for Dad's Army (Maghull E) over Harold House A in a match that could have gone either way - as exemplified in Ged Hanley's extremely close victory over Steve Simpson (11-9 in the fifth), Eddie picking up his three for the visitors and Ged doing similar for the home side. A great night's table tennis - the only blot on the evening was Corporal Jones (Alan) having to retire through a knee injury during an extremely close game against the steady Gary Abrams. A great match between Wavertree Labour F and St Anne's A saw the home team edge the match 6-4, Francis picking up three for the Wavertree side and Dave Bradley picking up two points for the away side - including a close win over Eric Spencer (11-13 in the fifth). An impressive 10-0 win for Bath Street G, this time over Marconi E, with nine of the ten sets being settled over three games, a defiant Tony Low taking Graham Turner to four in the battle of the number ones.

Week 16 saw the top four team's record big wins. It produced another 10-0 win for Bath Street G (their fifth of the season) at St Anne's A, signifying their intentions to finish the season at the top of the pile, the only five setter on the night was a very close match between Miguel and Dave (11-9 in the fifth). East Wavertree B recorded a strong 9-1 win at home to Wavertree Labour F, Sharon Mahon picking up a point for the visitors with a convincing win over Lawrence Turner. Maghull D winning by a similar scoreline against Bath Street Marine H, Julia Cornish being the sole winner for the home side in a close victory over Harry McGanity. Wavertree Labour E picked up seven points in their away match at Marconi E, Tony Low, Cameron Murphy and Bob Jude picking up good wins for the home side.

Best of luck to all for the rest of the season, and thank you to the usual suspects for their match commentaries.

Table Tennis Day reaches millions

Welcome to **Around the Table**,

our regular look at the work Table Tennis England is doing to promote and support table tennis around the country. Today we are following up our earlier edition on Table Tennis Day.

So how did Table Tennis Day go?

The feedback we have had from clubs, schools and businesses has been overwhelmingly positive, and we generated a lot of media interest and social media activity. In terms of raising the profile of our sport and encouraging extra participation, it was a great success.

What sort of events were organised?

All sorts! We were told about open days, tournaments, beat the pro, exhibition matches, world record attempts and numerous games in the 'around the table' or 'choose your weapon' mould. There were well over 200 events that we knew about – and there were 200-plus downloads of our online toolkit.

What sort of organisations were involved?

Again, a good variety. Clubs and schools were particularly active and there was a good sprinkling of workplaces too. County Sports Partnerships did their bit, and even some other National Governing Bodies got involved, including England Hockey and Rounders England.

What sort of media coverage was generated?

A lot of the local events were covered by their local media. Nationally, Sky Sports News visited events in Oxford and our main Table Tennis England event in Nottingham. They filmed interviews with Andrew Baggaley in Oxford and Desmond Douglas and our Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe in Nottingham, plus footage from the events, and showed different segments throughout the day. Also on TV, BBC East Midlands Today, BBC South, Made in Leeds and Notts TV all featured footage of the day. An interview with Des was also carried on 40 BBC local radio stations on the evening, while there were separate items on BBC Leeds, BBC 3 Counties and BBC West Midlands.

So how many people took part in or were aware of Table Tennis Day?

We're not sure of the audience figures for the TV and radio shows, but we do know that more than 1,200 tweets using the hashtag Table Tennis Day were used, reaching an estimated 4.7 MILLION unique users.

In terms of the number of people taking part in events, we estimate that could exceed 10,000 people.

So what's happening next year?

We'll be analysing the feedback we have had and contacting event organisers in the next couple of weeks to find out more information about how things went on the day.

We will look at whether the format and date is working well or needs any changes. Whatever we do, it's fair to say we will be aiming to make Table Tennis Day 2016 even bigger and better than this year

The Winning Edge –

our coaching magazine, the second edition of which has just been published.

What is The Winning Edge and who produces it?

The Winning Edge is a magazine which was created in 2015 for table tennis coaches. Coachwise and Table Tennis England work in partnership to develop the magazine to suit the Table Tennis England fraternity.

What does it aim to achieve?

The aim of the magazine is to produce a product that will help coaches to develop and hone their skills which in turn can help to develop clubs. It also seeks to inform coaches of different areas of coaching and new developments -

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/organise/coaches/coaching-toolbox/> Through discussions within Table Tennis England departments to identify issues and topics which are of interest – for example, in the new edition there are mental health articles to complement the Health and Wellbeing charter. Coachwise also work with us to select syndicated content from their Coaching Edge magazine and help make it Table Tennis specific.

Also, after the first edition of the magazine the survey results have started to shape the content moving forward – and we're always keen to hear ideas from our coaches and other readers.

How is it distributed?

Around 400 copies are printed and sent out to clubs. Other than that, it is distributed electronically by email to individuals – most of whom are coaches.

What can we expect from the magazine in the future?

Table Tennis England are hoping that the magazine will grow in popularity and that more cross departmental stories can be used and that the magazine can become more interactive and video links were accessible.

Can I read the latest issue?

Absolutely – go to Table Tennis England -:

[http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/organise/coaches/coaching-toolbox/How can I get into coaching?](http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/organise/coaches/coaching-toolbox/How%20can%20I%20get%20into%20coaching?)

The best way to get into coaching is through accessing a coaching course which is found on the Table Tennis England website or through contacting a local club.

L&DTTL Junior Development Division

At the time of the November JDD fixtures the overall league title was still up for grabs with the two favourites Waterloo TTC and Deyes High hotly contesting each point. Winning any title in any sport is motivation enough for most youngsters but actually being part of a team which wins a newly formed division resulting in your team having the honour of securing the very first trophy engraving, must take motivation to a new level.



The divisional title is however not the only accolade up for grabs. The 'Respect Trophy' will be awarded to the youngster who receives, throughout the season, the most match nominations from their match opponents. The criteria for nomination is based upon the recipient displaying a host of sporting values. The majority of which being the usual expected traits such as sportsmanship, good temperament and fairness. There are however certain values or more accurately, codes of conduct, which perhaps fall within the etiquette of the game ie. shaking the opponents and the umpires hand at the conclusion of each match; respecting the umpires decision; apologising for nets and edges (I'm hoping to get Kenny Jackson to visit our club to do a master class on nets and edges).

There is also a general acceptance that no youngster will be on the receiving end of a 11-0 demolition. There can be no positives taken from such a result.....or can there be? Have we got this wrong? I say this having recently seen a 1st division result between a former Commonwealth medalist and a 12 year old junior player whereupon the youngster failed to register a single point in one of their games. Now I don't really know the former Commonwealth medalist but I believe that he's a nice guy who has gained respect throughout the league and it would appear that everyone, including myself, believe that its fantastic that we have a player of that quality playing within our league. The youngster in question I know very well. He would have taken the inevitable defeat in his stride and would've simply enjoyed the experience of playing such an exceptional player. Having said all this, I'm still uncomfortable advocating such a result. I can almost hear another top player Paul Hutchings shouting for me to 'get a grip' and reiterating his playing philosophy that points have to be earned regardless of your opponent. Food for thought perhaps?

Having just stepped down off my box and rinsed the soap from my ankles its probably best to continue with the WK 5 JDD results. The Deyes High team of Luke Burgess, Sam Taylor and David Rowlands continued to tally up the points with a win over Crosby High's Nik and Chris Moustaka and Ben Calder. Both Nik and Chris managed to take David Rowlands to the final set but couldn't prevent the Maghull school taking the match 27-4. WTTTC's Lewis and Owen Campbell and Gary Corran were in no mood to drop any games against WPC's Yasmin Chilton, Carney Whitehead and Annie Joyce. WTTTC coming out 27-0

winners. Crosby 'A's Euan and Finn Mason and Jack Savage almost mirrored WTTTC's result when they faced Police's A team of Lewis White , Brandon Gordon and Shea Finnin. Brandon managing to take Police's only point by taking a game from young Jack. Wk 6 saw all the teams gather at Merchant Taylors WTTTC's gymnasium ready to commence battle. Literally, within seconds of the matches starting.....wallop! The gymnasium, in fact the whole complex, was immersed in darkness. Clearly

Merchant Taylors had forgotten to pay their electric bill. Within seconds 30 mobile phone flash lights illuminated the hall. It was like a 'One Direction' concert. I'm sure I heard Graham Chellew shout out, " we love you Zak." The power cut prognosis however was not good and the matches had to be postponed to be played at a later date.

An abundance of shiny new table tennis trainers and replenished bat rubber was clear evidence that the Xmas break had come and gone and that the JDD youngsters were all set for an exciting remaining season. WK 7 saw the usual WTTTC team of Lewis and Owen Campbell accompanied by Gary Corran take on Crosby High's 1st team which consisted of Elliott Cooper , Josef Wilson and Ben Calder. An eventual 26-6 win by the WTTTC lads belied the quality of the matches. Both the Campbell brothers remained unbeaten in the match. Owen eased to victories over Elliott and the ever improving Ben Calder but dropped a game against Josef. WTTTC's Gary Corran had a titanic match against Elliott with two of the five games being decided in deuce. Gary the eventual winner. The final

match was between the two number 1's WTTTC's Lewis Campbell and Crosby's Elliott Cooper. Most of the other teams had finished their matches but were compelled to stay and watch. What a fantastic match! Lewis initially trailed by two games but a spirited fight back, coupled with some brilliant rallies by both players , saw Lewis emerge as the eventual winner to maintain his 100% record (despite the reports to the contrary in the Liverpool Echo). A match which could've graced any junior finals night.

Deyes High's Luke Burgess, Sam Taylor and David Rowlands maintained their league challenge by imposing a 27-1 defeat over Crosby'A's Euan and Finn Mason and Louie Cooper. The consolation point going to Euan who managed to take a game off Sam.

Bragging rights were at stake when the Police teams met in their derby fixture. Although the 1st team consisting of Aimee Birkett , Sharelle Rice and Nikola Majda took the overall spoils 21-10, Police'A's Jack Brady, Megan Williamson and recent Under 11 girls Merseyside school finalist Carney Whitehead certainly played their part. Aimee was the eventual player of the match by winning all her matches but was made to work right up to the 5th set by Carney who also proved just as stubborn when she faced Nikola. Again taking the match to the 5th set. Jack Brady did well to secure straight wins over Sharelle and young Megan.

The crucial clash between WTTTC and Deyes High took place during WK 8 of the fixtures. With only 5 points separating both teams it was obvious that this result would feature significantly in deciding the final positions of both teams. WTTTC's Lewis Campbell continued with his good form by winning his 3 matches albeit Deyes' Luke Burgess did take their match to the 5th set. Luke was able to revenge this defeat by beating Owen Campbell and Gary Corran with Sam Taylor chipping in with a 4th set defeat of Owen. The match was nip and tuck until the final three clashes which saw each player compete against their respective numbered opponent. All these matches went to the Waterloo boys resulting in a 21-14 WTTTC victory.

Crosby 'A's Mason brothers linked up with young Ben Calder when they took on Carney Whitehead, Annie Joyce and Lewis White from the Police 1st team. Ben had a tough match against Carney losing in the 4th but soon made amends by beating Annie in the 5th. Both Euan and Finn had a comfortable evening and only dropped one game against the improving Carney Whitehead. Lewis White was as tenacious as ever and did well to take a game off Ben Calder. The final result of 25-8 going to the Crosby boys.

Police 'A's Aimee Birkett, Yasmin Chilton and Nikola Majda fared somewhat better when they faced the Crosby 1st team consisting of Elliott Cooper, Louie Cooper and Ethan Mills. The match belied the final Crosby 24-13 win with five of the matches being decided in the 5th set. All but one of the five setters went Crosby's way with Yasmin, who was recently crowned as the Merseyside Schools U11 girls champion, being the only Police girl to win a five setter this being against young Ethan Mills who would've slept that night with all his matches going the full distance. Elliott secured all his wins in straight sets but younger sibling Louie lost out to Aimee Birkett in the 4th. A well fought match by both teams.

St Johns Primary School hosted WK 9 of the fixtures which saw both Crosby teams fighting for the honours in their derby clash. Although the odds were always stacked against the less experienced 'A' team of Euan Mason, Ben Calder and Ethan Mills. They put up a spirited fight before eventually losing the fixture 24-8 in favour of the 1st team which consisted of Elliott and Louie Cooper and Ted Sloane. Euan beat Louie in 3 but then lost in straight sets to both Elliott and Ted. Ben was unlucky to lose 11-13 in the 5th to Louie and did well to take a game off Ted Sloane who, like Elliott, remained unbeaten on the night. The Police 1st team of Aimee Birkett, Nikola Majda and Yasmin Chilton were aided when Deyes High could only field two players. Nevertheless, the High school's David Rowlands and Michael Heywood still tallied enough points to take the match 17-13. Yasmin battled well to eventual beat Michael 11-6 in the 5th.

WTTTC cruised to a comfortable 27-0 victory over Police 'A's Carney Whitehead, Annie Joyce and Lewis White. It's still very much a learning curve for

the Police cadets who take defeat with a smile. It also must be said that the WTTTC boys Lewis and Owen Campbell and Gary Corran were all as much gracious in victory as the Police team were in defeat. There were a few low scores but interestingly not one 11-0 in sight! The penultimate WK 10 in comparison to the previous fixtures was a somewhat quiet affair. A disappointing turn out between Deyes High and Crosby High left a sour taste in what on paper should've been the final fixture of the season. Only Luke Burgess showed for the Deyes High team (well done Luke) whilst Crosby played a player short with Josef Wilson and Louis Cooper making up the Crosby team. WTTTC's Lewis and Owen Campbell and Aiden Mooney took one step closer to securing the league title with a professional 27-1 win over the Police 1st team. The score perhaps doesn't reflect some of the great table tennis played between the youngsters and although some of the games were close, that little bit of experience and quality, as we all know, can make such a big difference. The third match of the evening saw Police 'A's Aimee Birkett, Sharelle Rice and Nikola Majda take on Graham Turners Crosby 'A'. Euan and Finn Mason together with Jack Savage made up the Crosby trio who, after some great table tennis, eventually took the spoils 24-5. Although Aimee lost to Finn and Euan in the 3rd and 4th set respectively, she did manage a victory over young Jack. Both Sharelle and Nikola battled away and gained that ever valuable match experience which undoubtedly will bode well for the future.

The final JDD matches, this being the previously abandoned WK 6 fixture, will take place on Monday 7th March at Merchant Taylors. WTTTC have accumulated so many league points that, regardless of the other results, they will be crowned as the first JDD champions. A fantastic achievement by a squad of young lads who have not only produced some brilliant table tennis skills but have constantly displayed the sporting and respectful values throughout the season. It's a fact of life that in any competitive sporting event only one team can lift the championship trophy but having been present throughout the season and witnessed the enthusiasm of all the young competitors, there is really only one true winner and that has to be junior table tennis. So please come along to Merchant Taylors on the 7th March to support your local junior table tennis. All are welcome and don't worry. We'll have luminous balls and a bag of 50 pence pieces on standby. Just in case!

Paul Gittins

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIVISION									
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1	Waterloo	8	8	0	0	199	40	199	
2	Deyes High School	8	6	0	2	178	75	178	
3	Crosby High	8	5	0	3	136	120	136	
4	Crosby High A	8	3	0	5	102	151	102	
5	M/Side Police	8	2	0	6	92	163	92	
6	M/Side Police A	8	0	0	8	42	200	42	
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Dear Editor,

Subject - Two table Match Play - Yes or No.

I write to advise that the Waterloo "B" v Police "D" Division 4 fixture was played at Merchant Taylors on Thursday 15th January 2016. This was our first match following the Christmas recess so I was eagerly awaiting the challenge of playing a newly promoted team to the division.

On arrival at the arena - an old school gymnasium, we deposited our bags and made a dash to obtain one of five plastic chairs, one of which was already occupied by a home supporter. Two of the remaining chairs were to be used by the umpires on a two table arrangement. I enquired about additional seating only to be told that we would have to use a wooden bench that was propped-up against the wall bars. Nothing like home comforts. Luckily we managed to find a radiator that did nothing to improve the freezing internal temperature and our team remained huddled in the corner of the gym throughout the match. To add to this the lighting was sub-standard with a glare from each of the ceiling lights positioned about 20/25 feet above each of the tables. Initially, I did have difficulty seeing the ball.

We started the match at approx. 7.40pm playing on 2 tables separated by a line of barriers. Both teams paired off and the games commenced. The entire match spanned 2hrs 5 mins and I was home in West Derby at 10.0pm. There was little or no dialogue between the players and virtually no opportunity to encourage, support or coach fellow team members between games. To say there was no atmosphere was an understatement.

The average age of both teams was probably 50 plus so I don't know if the hosts had a plane to catch or had the offer of a "promise". For sure, we weren't accommodating youngsters. Why the rush? Entertainment value and social interaction was zero and to cap it all when we asked for a cuppa the hosts said they don't make tea as too many teams had left biscuits uneaten. Hospitality was non-existent. During the match and much more significant, the ball from table 1 was constantly interrupting the passage of play on the opposite table and far too many stoppages occurred at key stages in the games - a complete disaster.

I asked myself Is this considered to be the way forward in the modern game. Far from being a centre of excellence I also thought that league matches were designed to promote a "Team spirit" , this set-up was more akin to tournament play. You may have guessed I was not impressed.

Ironically, the match concluded with the players having to score the doubles matches whilst the home supporter remained glued to his chair. Suffice to say no one knew the result of the match as the scorecard was circulating from table to table. I was quite surprised to hear we had won the contest 6-4.

In conclusion - the match was a non-event, I would have had greater satisfaction having a 2 hour practise session and I would have been a lot warmer had I sat in my car whilst awaiting a call to play. If this is considered progress in a minority sport then I despair. I am fully aware of the regulations governing 2 table match play but firstly Waterloo as a club need to improve the basic comforts for their visitors and secondly I would like to hear the views of the management committee and the members.

Am I to be labelled an ageing dinosaur?

Len Dyson.

Ps These are my views and I have not shared my thoughts with my team members.

England

England's World Team Championships Leopards get to the semi-finals in Kuala Lumpur!
Paul Drinkhall won a spellbinding final match, finally taking a fifth match point in the deciding game as England beat France 3-2 to set up a last-four clash with Japan after Liam Pitchford had earlier won both his matches.

And – what odds on this at the start of the tournament? – England are the last surviving European side in the event as China beat Korea 3-0 in the other semi-final. Did England make it to the Final against China???

When you read this it will all be over, but would anyone have put money on England getting to Semi Finals of the World Championships!!

EXTRA - FINAL PLACE -- BRONZE MEDAL - AMAZING RESULT - CONGRATULATIONS

This query from Cadwa's Doug Baker from the match between Cadwa 'C' and Sefton Park 'B' 1/2/2016

On Monday we had an interesting incident, It was in the doubles, Doug Baker / Paul Webb v Derek Traynor / Paul Morgan. Derek was serving to Paul, as Derek served, his bat arm continued round and he let go of his bat, which flew into a curtain. Doug called "let" and Paul returned the ball off the table, Paul said the flying bat distracted him, Pete Roberts who was umpiring played a let.

But in hindsight I think that was wrong, the serve had been made - the ball was in play. The opposition did something to interrupt the flow of play, even if it was accidental - so should have been penalised, i.e. we should have been awarded the point.

Perhaps I shouldn't have called "let" but that was just a reaction.

Am I right? (in this matter alone!)

Doug

UMPIRING ANSWERS

Two incidents have happened recently in the League which has raised questions about interpretation of the laws of table tennis.

The Fist

Calling "Let" during a game.

The primary purpose of a let is to end a rally without awarding a point when something has happened which may affect the result of the rally i.e. a net service, but there are other occasions when it is necessary to suspend play temporarily. Such occasions may include the correction of errors in the score, the serving order or the ends at which the players are playing and the introduction of the expedite system when the time limit is reached

Another common reason for a let is a disturbance that may affect the outcome of the rally, such as a ball from another table coming into the playing area or a sudden noise which is sufficiently loud to startle the players. Here again, it is better to declare a let immediately if there is a risk of an interruption than to wait until the rally has ended and then to decide whether or not the disturbance was significant.

A let should not normally be declared for occurrences due to hazards which were present at the start of a rally. For example, a player who fails to make a good return because he or she collides with his or her doubles partner or drops his bat or trips over a surround is not entitled to the benefit of a let, but one may be allowed if the incident disturbs the conditions of play in a way which could be disadvantageous to an opponent.

A common issue in local leagues is when a receiver picks up a ball after it has been served because he thought it touched the net. This shouldn't happen. The receiver should call "net" or raise his arm to notify the umpire that he thought it was a net service and the umpire then calls a let service.

At the end of the day it is the umpire who has the final decision on how a rally finishes whether it is a "let" or the award of a point.

The Second relates to changing bats during a match.

Players can change their bats in between sets in a team match but cannot change their bats in between points/games in an individual set, with one exception. The ITTF and TTE Laws of Table Tennis state that a player is not allowed to change a bat during a match unless it is accidentally damaged so badly that it cannot be used. If a player does change his bat because it is badly damaged then he should give his opponent the opportunity to inspect the new bat before the next point is played.

Tom Purcell
International Umpire

Some of your questions answered

Welcome to **Around the Table**, our regular look at the work Table Tennis England is doing to promote and support table tennis around the country.

This time, we take a slightly different tack and answer some of the questions raised by our members in our membership surveys. Look out for more questions and answers in a future post.

Why did we re-brand from ETTA to Table Tennis England?

Although people inside the sport knew the history of the ETTA, those outside did not know what ETTA stood for or what the organisation did – a common reaction from members of the public was ‘aren’t they the Spanish terrorist group?’ This presented problems promoting the organisation and raising the profile of the sport.

Changing to Table Tennis England left no ambiguity – we are responsible for Table Tennis in England. The rebrand also brought us in to line with many other National Governing Bodies of sport, again making it easier for the public to understand what we do. Finally, with Sport England, our primary funder, leaving us under no illusions that a root and branch reform of the organisation was essential, the rebrand was an illustration of our commitment to carry out that restructuring.

Why aren’t there more Grand Prix events in my area?

We have a limited number of eight main Grand Prix events per season, which have to fit within the wider table tennis calendar and avoid clashing with other events. We do our best to take them around the country so that each geographical area, as far as possible, hosts one event.

In addition to the main Grand Prix events, it is possible to apply to host a Satellite Grand Prix, subject to fitting in with the calendar. There are currently three satellite Grands Prix.

Why did we change the balls?

This change was introduced by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and all national governing bodies around the world, including Table Tennis England, were obliged to follow that decision. The decision was made because the production process for celluloid was becoming less widespread due to safety considerations. It is anticipated that production of celluloid balls will cease altogether in due course.

For that reason, it was important to confirm the use of plastic balls in all our competitions from this season. This ensured consistency for all players and that the sport would be using sustainable supplies of plastic balls rather than increasingly unreliable supplies of celluloid.

Why are competitions so expensive?

The biggest cost to Table Tennis England of staging a competition is usually venue hire, which often encompasses block-booking an entire venue for a full weekend – as you can imagine, this does not come cheap, although we always negotiate the best deals we can. In addition, we have to fund equipment hire, umpires and officials’ expenses, trophies and prize money. These costs have to be covered by the entry fees for the competition. We strive to ensure that the competition breaks even – we do not aim to make a profit but do aim to avoid making a loss.

We make every effort to keep all costs as low as possible in order to keep entry fees low. Nevertheless, some competitions do lose money, because the number of entries received can vary from that expected. These losses are balanced by some tournaments making a surplus. Any additional surpluses are always re-invested in the competitions structure.

Why do we spend money on participation such as Ping! and Loop?

As well as providing opportunities for existing players to take part in competitions, an important part of our remit is to introduce new players into the sport.

Our research shows that, for a variety of reasons, new players do not always wish to play within a ‘traditional’ club structure and would rather play on a more social footing and at flexible times and venues. Therefore, we aim to provide opportunities when and where those people want them.

Raising the number of participants is important because Sport England funds sports based on the number of people taking part and whether that is showing an upward trend. In order to continue benefitting from investment from Sport England (which is utilised across all areas of our operation), Table Tennis England must continue to grow participation numbers, whether in a competitive or a social setting. The success of Loop and Ping! – alongside other initiatives aimed at more ‘traditional’ settings – are therefore important to the future of the sport.

Research shows that over time a significant percentage of social participants may seek more competitive opportunities and/or may wish to access coaching. Once Loop becomes more established it is anticipated that it will create a swell in new and returning players into clubs and leagues – so the knock-on effect for the more ‘traditional’ structure of the sport is also positive.

Why don’t you show more table tennis competitions on TV?

We’re working on it! The good news is that TV companies are interested in principle. However, the production costs of a day’s coverage run into tens of thousands of pounds, meaning that a sponsor is needed to cover the costs. We’re confident we will be able to overcome this barrier and get at least some table tennis on TV in the near future.

TV to show National Championships LIVE!

For the first time, the National Championships will be televised live on ITV4.

The channel will broadcast a three-hour slot on the afternoon of Sunday March 20, with the Men's Doubles, Women's Singles and Men's Singles finals shown live.

There will also be highlights of earlier finals, interviews and coverage of the presentation ceremonies, plus special guests and features.

Table Tennis England's commercial partners Female Sports Group (FSG) have been instrumental in bringing the deal to fruition.

Production company Artifex Media will be responsible for bringing the action to the small screen.

Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe signed the contract this week.

She said: "It's fantastic news for our sport that the Nationals will be televised live, particularly on a terrestrial channel where viewers can watch at no cost to themselves.

"ITV4 have a fantastic portfolio of live sports and will bring experience, innovation and prestige to their coverage. We're delighted to be working with them, and with FSG, who have worked tirelessly on our behalf to make this happen.

"We know from Commonwealth Games viewing figures and from other research that there is a real appetite and enthusiasm for televised table tennis, and believe this is just the first step to seeing more of our sport on TV."

Niall Sloane, Director of Sport at ITV, said: "Table tennis is a fast and exciting sport which is perfect for TV and we're very pleased to be the first broadcaster to show viewers live action from the England National Championships, with our coverage of the climax of this year's competition."

What it takes to televise the Nationals live

It will take 39 staff, 12 microphones, eight cameras, three replay machines, two satellites and a £1.5million Outside Broadcast (OB) truck to bring the National Championships to Britain's TV screens.

The OB truck will be home to 25 staff from Cloubass, headed by Technical Director James Wilson, where vision engineers will process the 1.3 gigabit per second stream of signals which arrive via armoured fibre optic cable from the cameras on the field of play.

Graphics are overlaid and the pictures are then passed to two satellite uplink vehicles which beam them from a 1.8m dish to two different satellites in geostationary orbit 22,500 miles above the equator. From there, the signals are transmitted back to ITV's transmission centres in Chiswick and passed around the country via fibre optic cable.

DID YOU KNOW? Live TV programmes generally take around eight seconds to reach viewers at home.

As well as the Cloubass staff, production company artifexmedia will have a 14-strong team on site, comprising a director, VT producer, production assistants, a floor manager and camera operators.

Heading this team is Steve Saint, an old hand at TV sports coverage.

He explained that of the eight cameras, one will provide the wide shot of the table which viewers will see most of, with another camera on each of the players. The other five will focus on the table from other angles but would almost exclusively be used for replays.

"TV sometimes overcomplicates sports coverage and sometimes simple is best. We want the coverage to be easy to follow," he said.

Being live also provides challenges, not least that the length of the matches is unpredictable, yet the production team are under strict obligation to ITV to provide gaps in the coverage for commercial breaks.

"If a match over or under-runs, our schedule becomes a moving feat," says Steve. "We will have only minutes to decide upon and then inform ITV transmission of the change to our programme and advert schedule. Throughout the broadcast we have a direct telephone hotline into ITV to convey any changes to our programme plan."

Author: Paul Stimpson

Publish date: February 15, 2016

Sell-out crowd to enjoy Nationals Finals Day

Sunday's live TV session of the National Championships will be played out in front of a sell-out crowd.

No tickets remain for the Finals Day on Sunday March 20, which will feature six semi-finals and five finals – including the Men's Doubles, Women's Singles and Men's Singles, which will all be televised live on ITV4 from 3-6pm.

Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe said: "This is great news and we can't wait to see an enthusiastic capacity crowd enjoying our flagship event."

Tickets remain for the sessions on Friday March 18 and Saturday March 19 at Hertfordshire Sports Village in Hatfield.

Invitations have now been sent out to players who have qualified for the Nationals. The draw will be made on Tuesday March 1.

Player Averages up to & including week 17

Qualification 30% = 14 Sets

DIV. 1					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	JENKINS Ryan	Crosby High	21	21	100.00%
2	TAYLOR Jonathon	M/Side Police	27	25	92.59%
3	GRIFFITHS Dave	Wavertree Labour	18	16	88.89%
4	RZESZOTKO Thomasz	Marconi	15	13	86.67%
5	HADDEY Thomas	Wavertree Labour	36	31	86.11%
6	DEMPSEY Jack	Crosby High	42	36	85.71%
7	WILLIAMS Keith	Waterloo	48	41	85.42%
8	HUTCHINGS Paul	Maghull	41	35	85.37%
9	BEECH Aaron	M/Side Police	26	22	84.62%
10	GREEN Steve	Waterloo	45	37	82.22%
11	LLOYD Gavin	Crosby High A	18	14	77.78%
12	BARTHELEMY Olivier	Crosby High A	24	18	75.00%
13	PEERS Clare	Bath St Marine A	42	31	73.81%
14	GOODALL John	Crosby High A	30	22	73.33%
15	WATSON Gary	Crosby High A	32	23	71.88%
16	TAYLOR Andrew	Fords	41	28	68.29%
17	LEE Peter	Greenbank A	18	12	66.67%
18	ROBERTS Dave	Bath St Marine A	57	37	64.91%
19	MULLIN Joseph	M/Side Police	32	20	62.50%
20	JACKSON Ken	Bath St Marine	42	26	61.90%

DIV. 2					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	BLACK Graeme	Cadwa	36	36	100.00%
2	GITTINS Paul	M/Side Police A	39	38	97.44%
3	PERCIVAL Wayne	Bootle YMCA	18	17	94.44%
4	QUIRK Julian	Bath St Marine C	43	39	90.70%
5	LAIRD Matty	Crosby High B	22	19	86.36%
6	LEWIS Kevin	Harold House	40	34	85.00%
7	LUXON Phil	Wavertree Lab A	24	19	79.17%
8	PIERCE Sam	Bath St Marine C	43	34	79.07%
9	KLUEGEL Heiko	East Wavertree	28	22	78.57%
10	COLVILLE Neil	Marconi A	29	21	72.41%
11	CHEN Ben	East Wavertree	21	15	71.43%
12	WHALLEY Steve	Harold House	39	27	69.23%
13	PEAT Rob	Bath St Marine D	42	28	66.67%
14	LAIRD Ian	Sefton Park	27	18	66.67%
15	MADIN Lee	East Wavertree	18	12	66.67%
16	HARSE Dave	Wavertree Lab A	32	20	62.50%
17	MULLALLY Tony	Marconi A	24	15	62.50%
18	FINDLATER Peter	Harold House	43	26	60.47%
19	KELLY Mathew	M/Side Police A	30	18	60.00%
20	FARLEY Lee	Wavertree Lab B	41	24	58.54%

DIV. 3					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	BRADDICK Steve	Maghull B	39	37	94.87%
2	MADIN Lee	East Wavertree A	47	43	91.49%
3	WILLIAMS Joey	East Wavertree A	35	29	82.86%
4	NUREE Hassib	St Annes	45	36	80.00%
5	MALIK Shakil	Bootle YMCA A	48	38	79.17%
6	WENSLEY Ian	Marconi C	42	33	78.57%
7	GITTINS Steve	M/Side Police C	30	23	76.67%
8	ISAAC Israel	St Annes	39	29	74.36%
9	ROWAN John L	Arriva Nth West	38	28	73.68%
10	SCOTLAND Derek	Arriva Nth West	38	27	71.05%
11	BUOEY Brenda	M/Side Police C	39	26	66.67%
12	DAKO Francis	St Annes	36	23	63.89%
13	LANGTON John	Maghull B	54	34	62.96%
14	CHRISTIE Phil	Maghull A	36	22	61.11%
15	DIXON Tony	East Wavertree A	33	20	60.61%
16	WASS Peter	Marconi C	24	14	58.33%
17	CROLLEY Brian	Bath St Marine E	45	26	57.78%
18	HUGHES Susan	Maghull A	35	20	57.14%
19	JENNINGS Paul	Sefton Park A	18	10	55.56%
20	CHEUNG Andy	Bath St Marine E	39	21	53.85%

DIV. 4						
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave	Rk
1	DYSON Len	M/Side Police C	22	22	100.00%	3.3
2	BARKER Robin	Wavertree Lab D	18	17	94.44%	1.0
3	GRATTON John	Marconi D	24	22	91.67%	1.0
4	MINETT Gavin	Waterloo B	35	32	91.43%	1.5
5	CHARCENKO Alex	Linacre	34	29	85.29%	1.0
6	PRESTON Eddie	Bootle YMCA B	32	27	84.38%	1.0
7	APPLETON John	QVC	18	15	83.33%	1.0
8	LATHAM Martin	Marconi D	22	18	81.82%	3.5
9	RIVERS Bert	Bootle YMCA B	32	24	75.00%	2.0
10	WILLIAMS Eddie	Arriva Nth West A	30	22	73.33%	1.8
11	McGANITY Steve	Maghull C	26	19	73.08%	1.0
12	PURCELL Tom	M/Side Police C	26	19	73.08%	1.0
13	PUCULA Richard	Marconi D	10	7	70.00%	4.0
14	HORNBY Jeff	Waterloo B	29	20	68.97%	2.2
15	WRIGHT Roly	Bootle YMCA C	16	11	68.75%	4.0
16	BLACKBURN Chris	Linacre	21	14	66.67%	3.2
17	O'MULLANE Phil	Waterloo B	18	12	66.67%	2.4
18	TRAYNOR Derek	Sefton Park B	26	17	65.38%	2.0
19	McGEE Stuart	Waterloo A	23	15	65.22%	3.7
20	PERRY Alf	Wavertree Lab D	20	13	65.00%	1.4

DIV. 5						
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave	Rk
1	MONTEIRO Miguel	Bath St Marine G	16	15	93.75%	2.0
2	TURNER Graham	Bath St Marine G	24	22	91.67%	1.0
3	HOWARD Ged	East Wavertree B	22	20	90.91%	2.5
4	WILLIAMS Joey	East Wavertree B	11	10	90.91%	1.0
5	DUDLEY Keith	Bath St Marine G	16	14	87.50%	3.1
6	LIU Alan	Wavertree Lab E	15	13	86.67%	3.0
7	McGANITY Harry	Maghull D	24	20	83.33%	3.5
8	STEWART Michael	Maghull D	24	20	83.33%	1.0
9	WILLIAMS jimmy	East Wavertree B	20	16	80.00%	1.9
10	BURGESS Luke	Maghull D	8	6	75.00%	4.0
11	STANILAND Alan	Sefton Park C	8	6	75.00%	2.5
12	COURTNEY Luke	Maghull D	24	18	75.00%	1.9
13	REES Paul	East Wavertree B	8	6	75.00%	1.5
14	HALL Danny	Maghull D	18	13	72.22%	2.9
15	HANLEY Ged	Maghull E	21	15	71.43%	2.9
16	GREAVES Chris	Sefton Park C	14	10	71.43%	1.7
17	CLARKE Stan	Wavertree Lab E	23	16	69.57%	3.6
18	COULTHARD Kevin	Wavertree Lab E	26	18	69.23%	2.0
19	BRADLEY Dave	St Annes A	26	18	69.23%	1.0
20	CLAYTON Bill	Bath St Marine H	28	19	67.86%	3.1

Rhys Davies

Congratulations to 11 year old Crosby High player Rhys Davies, Rhys recently took part in a National Boy's U12 Cup held in Bristol, and walked away with the Bronze medal. It was an invitation Tournament for Top ranking U12 players in the TT England Lists, Rhys, seeded second for the tournament, took part in a round-robin event, with four wins, including the scalp of the Champion in the final match, winning 3-1. Rhys has started to appear for Crosby High in our First division, with a few good wins over experienced players, Amy, Ian and Denise, and, with a little help from Ryan Jenkins, I can see Rhys moving up the main TTE Ranking lists quite fast, a player going places.

DIVISION CUPS 2015 - 16

ROUND 2 RESULTS

Division 1 READMAN

M/SIDE POLICE	5	v	1	GREENBANK
MAGHULL	1	v	5	CROSBY HIGH
WATERLOO	5	v	3	BATH St. MARINE
CROSBY HIGH 'A'	5	v	1	WAV. LABOUR

Division 2 RUMJAHN

M/SIDE POLICE 'A'	5	v	4	HAROLD HOUSE
WAV. LABOUR 'A'	3	v	5	CADWA
EAST WAVERTREE	5	v	0	BATH St. MARINE 'D'
CROSBY HIGH 'B'	5	v	0	BATH St. MARINE 'C'

Division 3 HYDE

MAGHULL 'B'	5	v	0	CADWA 'B'
EAST WAVERTREE 'A'	5	v	4	MARCONI 'C'
ARRIVA N.W.	5	v	4	St. ANNES
M/SIDE POLICE 'B'	5	v	2	BOOTLE YMCA 'A'

Division 4 FORREST

SEFTON PARK 'B'	0	v	5	M/SIDE POLICE 'C'
ARRIVA N.W. 'B'	0	v	5	BOOTLE YMCA 'B'
WAV. LABOUR 'D'	3	v	5	LINACRE
WATERLOO 'A'	0	v	5	BOOTLE YMCA 'C'

Division 5 STAMP

MAGHULL 'E'	1	v	5	EAST WAVERTREE 'B'
CADWA 'D'	0	v	W/O	MAGHULL 'D'
HAR. HOUSE 'A'	0	v	W/O	WAV. LABOUR 'E'
Q.V.C. 'A'	0	v	W/O	SEFTON PARK 'C'

SEMI FINAL DRAWS

Division 1 READMAN

WATERLOO	v	CROSBY HIGH 'A'
CROSBY HIGH	v	M/SIDE POLICE

Division 2 RUMJAHN

EAST WAV/TREE	v	CROSBY HIGH 'B'
CADWA	v	M/SIDE POLICE 'A'

Division 3 HYDE

ARRIVA N.W.	v	M/SIDE POLICE 'B'
EAST WAV. 'A'	v	MAGHULL 'B'

Division 4 FORREST

LINACRE	v	BOOTLE YMCA 'C'
BOOTLE YMCA 'B'	v	M/SIDE POLICE 'C'

Division 5 STAMP

WAV. LABOUR 'E'	v	SEFTON PARK 'C'
MAGHULL 'D'	v	EAST WAV/TREE 'B'

TO BE PLAYED W/C 29/02/2016

FRANK MURPHY VETS. HANDICAP CUP

PRELIM. ROUND

PLAYED W/C 14/12/2015

BOOTLE YMCA 2	365	v	389	MARCONI 4
BOOTLE YMCA 1	462	v	446	ARRIVA 1
CADWA . 2	377	v	434	BATH ST. M. 7
EAST WAV. 2	439	v	357	CADWA 3
CADWA. 1	W/O	v	XX	GREENBANK. 1
M/SIDE POLICE. 2	499	v	460	WAV.LABOUR 2.

ROUND 1

PLAYED W/C 4/1/2016

CROSBY HIGH 1	W/O	v	XX	SEFTONPARK 3
MARCONI 3	410	v	433	SEFTON PARK 1
SEFTON PARK 2	562	v	575	BATH ST. MAR. 7
WAV.LABOUR 1	366	v	391	BATH ST. MAR. 4
MAGHULL 1	384	v	350	MARCONI 4.
POLICE 2	LOST	v	WON	BATH ST.MAR.3
BOOTLE YMCA 1	430	v	415	MAGHULL 2
CADWA 1	325	v	393	BATH ST. 1
ARRIVA 3	405	v	458	MAGHULL 3
ST. ANNES 1	414	v	456	BATH ST.MAR. 2
MARCONI 1	404	v	410	LINACRE 1.
BATH ST. 5	483	v	418	MARCONI 2.
ARRIVA 2	492	v	475	WATERLOO 1
WATERLOO 2	397	v	408	BATH ST.MAR. 6
CADWA 4	260	v	403	POLICE 1
EAST WAV. 2	432	v	377	EAST WAV. 1.

ROUND 2

PLAYED W/C 25/1/2016

BATH ST. MAR. 1	373	v	306	CROSBY HIGH 1
BATH ST. MAR. 6	390	v	364	BATH ST. MAR. 4
BOOTLE YMCA 1	391	v	401	SEFTON PARK 1
MAGHULL 1	334	v	356	BATH ST. MAR. 3
BATH ST. MAR. 7	458	v	483	BATH ST. MAR. 5
MAGHULL 3	379	v	416	M/SIDE POLICE 1
LINACRE	355	v	439	EAST WAV. 2
BATH ST. MAR. 2	W/O	v	XX	ARRIVA 2

ROUND 3

PLAYED W/C 15/2/2016

BATH ST. MAR. 2	411	v	379	BATH ST. MAR. 5
M/SIDE POLICE 1	340	v	370	BATH ST. MAR. 6
BATH ST. MAR. 1	357	v	323	SEFTON PARK 1
BATH ST. MAR. 3	310	v	341	EAST WAV. 2

SEMI FINALS

to be played W/C 14/03/2016

EAST WAVERTREE. 2		v		BATH ST. MAR. 6
BATH ST. MAR. 2		v		BATH ST. MAR. 1

League Tables to 29th February 2016

Division One		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Crosby High	16	9	5	2	106	54	106
2	Waterloo	17	11	1	5	102	68	102
3	Crosby High A	15	10	4	1	99	51	99
4	Fords	16	9	2	5	99	61	99
5	M/Side Police	16	10	3	3	92	68	92
6	Bath St Marine A	16	7	4	5	92	68	92
7	Greenbank	16	7	3	6	83	77	83
8	Wavertree Lab	15	8	2	5	76	74	76
9	Bath St Marine	16	2	4	10	63	97	63
10	Marconi	16	4	2	10	62	98	62
11	Maghull	15	3	2	10	61	89	61
12	Greenbank A	16	5	1	10	59	101	59
13	Bath St Marine B	16	1	1	14	36	124	36
14	Free	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Two		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Bath St Marine C	17	12	2	3	115	55	115
2	Harold House	16	11	2	3	110	50	110
3	M/Side Police A	16	11	2	3	98	62	98
4	East Wavertree	17	9	3	5	91	79	91
5	Crosby High B	15	9	2	4	89	61	89
6	Cadwa	17	7	3	7	80	90	80
7	Bootle YMCA	17	5	4	8	78	92	78
8	Sefton Park	15	6	3	6	72	78	72
9	Marconi A	16	8	1	7	72	88	72
10	Wavertree Lab A	16	4	3	9	67	93	67
11	Bath St Marine D	16	3	2	11	64	96	64
12	Wavertree Lab B	16	3	2	11	58	102	58
13	Cadwa A	16	2	1	13	56	104	56
14	Free	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Three		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	East Wavertree A	17	16	1	0	133	37	133
2	St Annes	17	10	4	3	106	64	106
3	Maghull B	16	10	2	4	98	62	98
4	Marconi C	16	7	2	7	93	67	93
5	M/Side Police B	17	9	2	6	93	77	93
6	Arriva Nth West	17	10	1	6	92	78	92
7	Bootle YMCA A	17	7	3	7	86	84	86
8	Bath St Marine E	16	8	1	7	82	78	82
9	Maghull A	17	7	2	8	78	92	78
10	Bath St Marine F	16	4	4	8	77	83	77
11	Sefton Park A	17	2	1	14	53	117	53
12	Wavertree Lab C	16	2	1	13	46	114	46
13	Cadwa B	17	3	2	12	43	127	43
14	Free	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Four		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Linacre	18	15	1	2	127	53	127
2	Marconi D	18	13	1	4	112	68	112
3	Bootle YMCA B	17	10	4	3	111	59	111
4	M/Side Police C	18	11	3	4	102	78	102
5	Wavertree Lab D	18	8	4	6	97	83	97
6	Waterloo A	18	9	1	8	97	83	97
7	QVC	18	7	5	6	90	90	90
8	Waterloo B	18	7	4	7	88	92	88
9	Arriva Nth West A	18	7	6	5	88	92	88
10	Bootle YMCA C	18	3	4	11	80	100	80
11	Maghull C	18	4	5	9	79	101	79
12	Cadwa C	18	4	3	11	66	114	66
13	Sefton Park B	18	3	3	12	66	114	66
14	Arriva Nth West B	17	0	3	14	46	124	46

Division Five		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Maghull D	14	13	1	0	112	28	112
2	Bath St Marine G	13	11	1	1	109	21	109
3	East Wavertree B	13	11	0	2	92	38	92
4	Wavertree Lab E	13	9	0	4	90	40	90
5	Sefton Park C	13	5	2	6	58	72	58
6	Maghull E	13	6	0	7	56	74	56
7	Wavertree Lab F	14	5	1	8	53	87	53
8	St Annes A	14	5	0	9	47	93	47
9	Bath St Marine H	14	4	0	10	47	93	47
10	Marconi E	14	2	1	11	45	95	45
11	Harold House A	13	0	0	13	31	99	31
12	QVC A	Record Expunged						
13	Cadwa D	Record Expunged						
14	Free	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Awareness of Fines

Looks like worry about high cost of table tennis has been forgotten going by the fines table below, especially the one which so easily could be avoided, late score cards, still 10 weeks to go!

Late Score Cards	21	£4	£84	
Incomplete Teams	33	£3	£99	
L Walk Over 3 A-Side	5	£9	£45	
L Walk Over 4 A-Side	1	£12	£12	
VC Walk Over 3 A-Side	3	£9	£27	Fines
DC Walk Over 3 A-Side	1	£9	£9	71
DC Walk Over 4 A-Side	4	£12	£48	
Pld Out of Ranked Order	3	£3	£9	Total
No Postage on Score Card	4	£4	£14	£347

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