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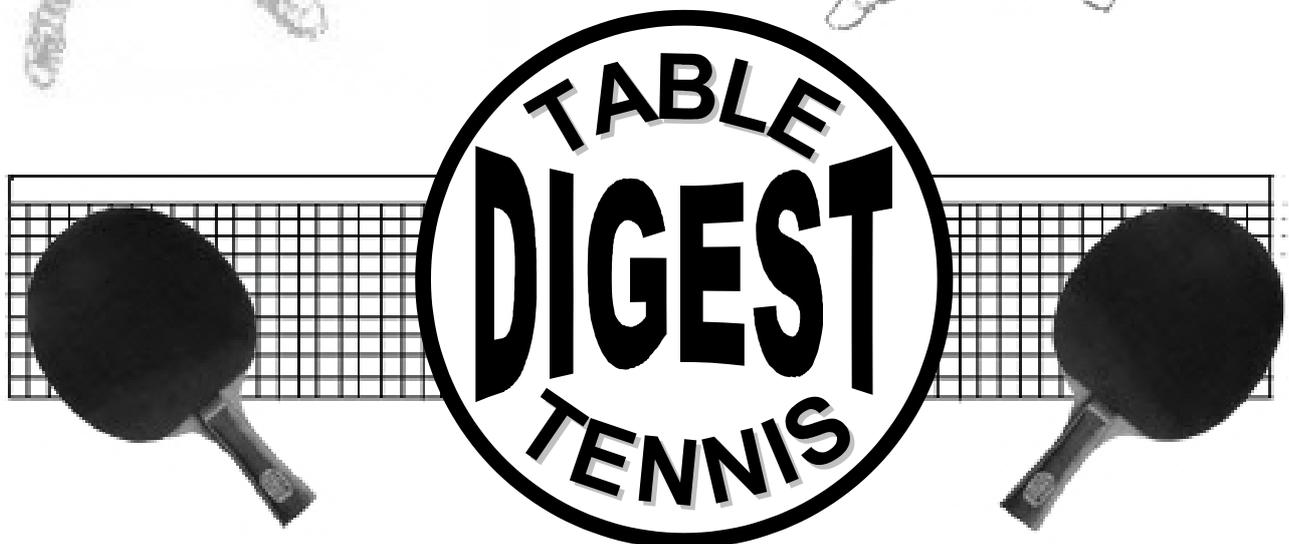
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# Editorial

Another season over and has anyone wondered why this Digest has taken so long to arrive, as the No.3 issue usually comes out in early April, and No.4 is usually printed for the start of a new season, No.4 usually included the end of season matches, and the Cup finals.

For a change I thought we would let this one be the last of the season, so this one includes Final League placings, all the Cup Finals (pages 16-17) , a bit about the World Vets Tournament in Alicante,(page 14) and an 11Up with League Secretary on the spot, (pages 13-14). The only problem is the time scale, this is much later due to having to wait for final match cards to come in, then waiting for the Div. reports come back, and then waiting for a one off item from a Board of Appeal decision (page ??) to come back for insertion in the Digest, as per Rule 3(f) in the League Rule Book, some of you may not see this printed Digest until the start of next season, unless you have access to the internet, where time scale is not so much a problem, as uploading is immediate!

This format presents me with the possibility of reducing the Digest to three per season, a starter (8 weeks), a mid-season (10 weeks), and an end (8 weeks) assuming we maintain 14 team Divisions, food for thought!!

Another Icon is coming to the end of his service to the League, Fixture Secretary Trevor Owens is closing down his Excel software which he has used to keep the I.T. side of the season up to date, sending out weekly League tables, and match cards, to keep you players up to date. Health problems last season meant he nearly had to give up then, but in order for the League to find another volunteer to carry the torch of Fixture Secretary, Trevor agreed to carry on for this season, the League have now got a new Fixture Secretary, East Wavertree's Secretary, Tony Dixon. The match information you have had in the past from Trevor will now only be available on line via the tabletennis365 web site - : <https://www.tabletennis365.com/Liverpool>, Tony will have help from Tom Purcell to upload all the information; for those who don't have access to the internet, hopefully a member from your club who is techy savvy will print off the league tables and pass them round !

An unintentional result of Trevor's 'retirement' is that it looks like the Marconi T.T. Club will cease to exist, as they can't find anyone to take on the Club Secretary Job, the modern syndrome of 'can't someone else do it!!' Hopefully the players concerned will integrate into other clubs and not pack in, there are Clubs who could do with a few extra players.

Another hope is that Trevor can enjoy his total retirement, and my personal thanks for his 'often' help to me on the Digest, "thanks Trevor"

I suppose we are very lucky to have five players who are prepared to give up of their time three / four times a season to sit down in front of a load of match cards and put together a report from each division (very rarely do players help by adding match comments on the card!), also the other regular contributor, Don Davies for his N&E and other articles, and not forgetting the players who put themselves in the spotlight of Paul Gittins 11Up, it all takes time. Not forgetting the final article, the Digest, I costs me an 'enormous amount of time' sitting at a computer, setting out, printing it, stapling it together x 180, (used to be 400), bundling together for postage, - "can someone else do it??"

It's fantastic the way youngsters come to prominence at an early age now, it used to be 14 / 15 now it is primary school age, 11 and under, 11 year old Rhys Davies, holding his own in our 1<sup>st</sup> Division our local star. I watched the latest annual Champion of Champions last week at Leigh, a get together of players who had won the top spot in 7 Leagues based in South Lancashire, normally the domain

of well established and experienced players, this year it was won by 11 year old Amirul Hussain from the Bury League, he was fast! and had the shots, how young can they go?

Players competing who have played in the Liverpool League included, Jonathan Taylor, Shaun Hall, Paul Ciccelli and Malcolm McEvoy, in fact after the players split up into two groups and played down to a winner from each group, the Final turned out to be an organisers gem, Oldest v Youngest, Mal v Amirul, who'd have put their money on Amirul!!

Jim Bolton of the Warrington & District League has now well established this as a popular annual event at the Leigh Miners Welfare Institute, with the proceeds from the evening going to a local Hospice, well done Jim.

Remember wheelchair player Jack Hunter-Spivey playing for Sefton Park a few years ago, he's going to Rio soon playing for the England team, read an interview on page ??

TTEngland has been revamped at the request of Sport England, and has definitely changed, more professional, helped by two members of the L&DTTL page 15

The first year of the Junior Development League has been a success with inaugural year being restricted to six teams, playing 10 matches alternating between the Police Club (St. John's) and Waterloo (Merchant Taylors), congratulations to the winning team from the Waterloo Club for a clean sweep, 10 out of 10, this was achieved by four players, Lewis and Gary Campbell, Garry Corran and Aiden Mooney, well done to them. There was a significant relative age difference between the top and bottom teams, but didn't show in the sporting attitudes on the tables, hopefully the organisers who followed the 6 teams to each match can maintain that same interest next season. Final tables page 20

We have set a new unnecessary record, a record which Trevor tried so hard to prevent, 'FINES' we have passed the £500 total for a season, despite the warnings, increasing the values of the fines to try and make players realise that they were costing their Clubs money, nothing seemed to work, so the only benefit is it 'helps' to pay the League bills!! Thank you said Grahame.

The L&DTTL annual Fawley Construction Sponsored Closed Tournament only just got going after a late flurry of entries made it before the closing date, and the lorry carrying all the equipment on the Saturday just made it to the venue before it packed in, a technical mistake! But thanks to Saturdays helpers everything was ready for the Sunday, this year a new format was used and everything was completed on the day, no Finals Night. A bit of a damp squib effect, definitely not as good as a dedicated Finals night, but at least it's all done and dusted in one go, and one lot of arrangements, organisers can rest easy.

Presentation photo's and a great collection of 'facial expression' photo's taken by Jim Booth I've put together in a video can be found at bottom of right hand column on my web site at [www.ttdigest.co.uk](http://www.ttdigest.co.uk)

Obituaries to two former L&DTTL players , Basil Townsend and Ted Mandaluff . page 15

Finally, as this is a definite end of season Digest, I hope you have enjoyed your T.T. this season, have a good rest and get back for next season. Not forgetting the Back Room staff who make it all happen, your ManCom, and my personal thanks to the reporters who get your names in print.

# Nets and Edges

Crosby High, have has done what they've threatened over the past few years, completing the campaign as division one champions for the first time in the club's history while adding the Readman cup for good measure. They'd been vying with geographical near neighbour's Waterloo for most of the season and piling on the pressure in recent months of the campaign, tipped the balance of power in their favour so, congratulations to them.

Off the table, the season has again, been one which has thrown up a number of problematic issues with which Mike Power, Tom Purcell and the MC, has had to resolve. The sport, whilst being one of the most popular in the world, continues in our league, to throw up contentious issues. I can't say if tennis, badminton, cricket and squash suffer in the same way but, it has to stop. The M.C. comprising of twelve members, all of whom do it for the love of the sport and for which not one is paid a penny, should not have to spend time and energy dealing with indiscretions the likes of which we've seen in the past three seasons.

While searching for an old LFC match day programme, I came across the Menu Card for the League's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Dance held at the Huyton Suite, Poplar Bank, Huyton on March 20<sup>th</sup> 1976. I attended the event and this brought back memories of those League officials who played an important role on the night. The opening Toast to the Queen was proposed by League Vice-Chairman Ray Hebson and next up was former Liverpool League player Tom Blunn, then the Treasurer of the English Table Tennis Association who proposed a toast to the League. The Response came from Arthur E. Upton, the League's Chairman who took on the role in 1958, a position he held for forty years. Arthur toasted the Guests while ETTA Deputy chairman George Yates, replied with the Response. The Toastmaster for the evening was John McKim who held the post of League Secretary for 38 years. Sadly, though, none of those men are still with us today.

I also unearthed the 1947/48 League Handbook which contained the first post war league tables when Birkenhead Y.M.C.A. won 17 of their 18 matches to finish as champions. Not one of the nine teams which finished the campaign – a tenth club Futurist, had suffered expulsion - is currently in the league. However, in division 2 East Wavertree finished level on seven points with Kirkby but retained their place in the division by virtue of a superior sets aggregate.

I received an unusual call on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> from Lorraine Hull who described herself as an Independent Celebrant, who advised that Ted Mandaluff had passed away in a nursing home, aged 87. Not having any family, Social Services asked Lorraine to conduct Ted's funeral at Anfield Crematorium, in Priory Road, the following day, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Learning from those in the nursing home of Ted's interest in the sport, she logged on to Google and found the League's web site. Lorraine contacted me to ask if I'd provide a few words she could use at the service since very little was known about him. Ted was undoubtedly, a one off and probably ranks as one of the most unusual players ever to play in the top division in the league. Describing him and his style of play, to those never to have seen him play was very difficult and whatever way one tried to do so, didn't do him justice. I've included my item on Ted which



# Don Davies

Lorraine read, may be seen elsewhere in this edition, should the editor find space.

The League Men's team was entered in the Lancashire and Cheshire League's Norman Cook Memorial Trophy and our first tie found the team in the semi-final. The competition which the league had won on a record eleven occasions, involves each player being given a 'handicap'. Steve Green (+2), Paul Hutchings (-1) and Keith Williams (-2) were 'drawn' to play at Oldham the day prior to the Closed at Merchant Taylors'. All three home players' received plus 'handicaps' which surprised our men, Oldham though, coming out on top 5-2 – Steve collecting our two wins. Although I've not been supplied with a list of all

entries, I've been advised that Oldham will face Wirral in the final.

I've just received notice that former Liverpool League player, Basil Townsend has died whilst on holiday in Italy. He was swimming in the sea and although a strong swimmer, he sadly drowned. I understand he played for Osterley and later Rafters and was a current member and past Club Captain of West Derby Golf club.

## Results from the 2016 Fawley Construction Closed Tournament

### M/S semi-finals:

Jonathan Taylor bt Keith Williams 3, -6, 7, 9.

Thomas Hadley bt Paul Hutchings -5, 5, 7, -10, 8.

### Final:

Taylor bt Hadley -9, 8, 7, 9.

### Junior Winner – Rhys Davies

### Ladies Round Robin;

Champion Clare Peers, Runner-up Sue Hughes

### Veteran Final;

K. Williams bt P. Hutchings 9, -9, 8, 6.

### Over 55's

K. Williams bt Dave Roberts 8, 4, 7.

Open Doubles; Hadley/D. Griffith bt John Goodall/Olivier Barthelemy 4, 6, 6.

### Division 2

Ben Chen bt Matty Kelly 6, 6, 2.

### Division 3

Steve Gittins bt Shakil Malik -9, -9, 9, 2, 7.

### Division 4

John Gratton bt Aleks Charcenco 7, 9, -8, 7.

### Division 5

Michael Stewart bt Dave Bradley 13, 7, 10.

# Division 1

# Pete Walsh Jnr

Welcome to the last installment of the digest for this season.

## Week 21

Greenbank maintained a series of wins by beating Waterloo 6-4 which saw the ever keen Steve Green win his three games, the only other player to trouble Greenbank was Gavin Minett taking an end off John Lau and taking Ahmed Thabet to a close third set finishing 15/13, a good performance from a player mostly playing in the 4th division. Jonathan Taylor proved he still has mettle when Merseyside Police 1st team played home to visitors Wavertree, triumphing without a loss against tough opposition in Thomas Haddley and newcomer David Griffiths, the former providing Taylors toughest test in the match, taking him all the way to five sets with two going to deuce, the match ended 5-5 which is a decent return for Wavertree against a side consistently in the top echelons of the league.

Crosby High beat previous league champions Fords at home, comfortably in 8 games to 2, a game of ups and down for Kevin Dolder with him giving Ryan Jenkins his toughest test this season taking the welsh wizard to deuce in the final set, then conversely being beaten by Wirral Men's finalist John Goodall in four sets being zeroed in the final set. At home to Bath Street, Maghull's unwavering Paul Hutchings saved his team from a defeat, winning his three and a doubles making the final result a draw. Greenbank A lost at home to Bath Street 8-2, in a game that was almost a whitewash if it wasn't for two blokes called Pete, beating Dermot Tierney and Clare Peers.

## Week 22

Fords beat Merseyside Police 7-3 in a hard fought game which included a scintillating match between two repeat Liverpool champions in Kev Dolder and Jonathan Taylor, Kev triumphed in five sets before going on to beat Aaron Beech in three sets, and Joe Mullin in four. Jonathan continued to fight hard, not losing again despite being taken to deuce repeatedly by Terry Turner and Andy Taylor.

John Goodall was the man of the match when Maghull visited Crosby High A's venue, not losing a game, John came back from two sets down against Paul Hutchings who looked to be on fire, zeroing Goodall in the second set, this must have ignited a fire in John's belly as he beat Hutchings game 3 in the third then took the next two sets winning in five. On the opposing side Paul Banks was on good form when despite losing to Goodall and Barthelemy he beat Gavin Lloyd in three sets, not easy to do. 6-4 was the result for home team Wavertree Labour against Greenbank A, when two young league talents returned from university, Joel Webb and Joe Killoran, Thomas Haddley despatched Killoran in three sets, although as two of the sets went to deuce it certainly didn't look like a three set drubbing. Michael Dugdale playing as number 3 gave a good account of himself in this match, only one of three appearances in the first division this season, Michael took legs off experienced first division players Dave Tagg and some other bloke called Pete. I have no doubt that Dugdale, normally a third division player certainly has the tools in his bag to do well in future appearances. Webb and Killoran provided five sets of electric skill and speed with Killoran being the victor on this occasion, well worth a watch if you happen to be passing the next time they are playing each other. Haddley writing on the rear of the match card points out that Webb was in control of the first two legs until



Killoran changed tactics and won the next three, Killoran almost took Haddley to a fourth set being 10-8 up on him in the third but he fought hard coming back to win 12-10.

A special mention is required here for Peter Walsh Snr, father to another bloke called Pete, despite Snr suffering a stroke only weeks before this match he came along to watch and gave an inspiring display of grit and determination partway through, getting up and having a knock with Joel- even nutmegging him at one point with a quick change of hands. Initially Snr was unable to even move his left arm or stand up and doctors had doubts he would even be able to stand.

**Bravo that man, very proud of you pa!**

## Week 23

Ryan Jenkins was wheeled out against Greenbank's first team and predictably he didn't lose an end. A talented other worldly player for LDTTL, much can be learned by being beaten by him as much as it might smart. On the night Omid was the star pupil gaining most knowledge being zeroed in the second set of a three set game, the match ended 8-2 to Crosby high, the only two points for Greenbank coming from Joe Killoran beating Jack Dempsey and Olivier Barthelemy in three easy sets. The first game of the match with Jack Dempsey v Omid appeared to be a nail biting bottle tester for Dempsey who came back from two sets down to win in five sets, most sets being won 11-9. The two newest first division teams Maghull and Waterloo cancelled themselves out drawing 5-5, Waterloo reliant on the man of the match Keith Williams who didn't lose a game. Greenbank A played at home to visitors Fords when losing 10-0, new Greenbank player Mark Palmer fought hard against Andy Taylor, Terry Turner and Andy Town losing to all but giving a good account of himself. A bloke called Pete gave Taylor, their number one his toughest games during this encounter, losing out in a fifth set. Taylor beat Dave Tagg and Mark in three sets. Dave was unlucky to lose 12-10 to Terry in their fifth set and similarly in five sets against a sharp Andy Town, Dave's recovery from a recent operation on his playing arm showing great promise. When Wavertree went to Marconi they fielded 2nd division player John Henshaw, whether by necessity or generosity it is pleasing to see lower division players being given the opportunity to play up and speaks volumes about the team captain Haddley's positive attitude towards our game. Henshaw was worthy of the opportunity too as he narrowly missed out, taking Chris Spedding to five, and equally experienced Ray Jackson to four, the match finished 7-3 to Wavertree, with Haddley showing the way.

Bath Street 1st team beat Bath Street B in their Derby game 6-4, Barry Davies played out of his skin to beat Kenny Jackson in five sets for the first time in what was altogether a tough match for Jackson with all but one of his games going to five sets. Matty Laird was man of the match, when Crosby High A played at home to Bath Street A, beating Clare Peers, Dave Roberts and Dermot Tierney in a comfortable fashion, the match ended 7-3 to Crosby with two out of the three Bath Street points coming from Dave, who was definitely on point beating Gavin and Olivier.

## Week 24

Ahmed Thabet was the leading light when taking Aaron Beech to five, when Greenbank played hosts to Merseyside Police 1st team, the match finished 6-4 to Police. Crosby High A played at Wavertree labour in a 6-4 win when once again John Henshaw gave

a performance worthy of his selection, taking tough players Olivier Barthelemy and Gavin Lloyd to four sets. Roy Smith was unlucky not to go to five sets against Olivier losing 12-10 and 13-11 in the first two sets, Roy, a first division fixture and fitting since Olivier was a pomme in his mother's eye triumphed however, in four sets against the hard hitting Matty Laird.

Week 25 and 26

Fords beat Crosby High a 8-2 as the previous league champions put out a non too shabby team of Kev Dolder, Andy Taylor and Ken Connor, Kev was a different class winning his three without dropping an end against Gavin, Olivier or Rhys, however Crosby's Gavin and Olivier took Kev and Ken all the way to deuce in the fourth and the fifth set, despite being beaten easily game one in the second, it's a funny old game somebody once said.

When Wavertree Labour played the second team at Bath Street Thomas Haddley led the way as usual only losing an end to Dermot Tierney who is becoming markedly sharper each time I play him, John Henshaw played out of his skin yet again and was unlucky not to beat Dave Roberts, losing 11-3 in the fifth, knowing how much Dave makes me run around and work for the point, I can quite imagine John had run out of steam. Jack Dempsey beat Keith Williams in four in Crosby Highs encounter with Waterloo ending 8-2 in favour of Crosby, Dempsey steadfastly sticking to his unusual change in equipment and style by using an anti loop rubber on one side and it appears to be doing his game no harm. Keith was however showing that he was still in good form prior to his Alicante World Table Tennis jaunt by beating John Goodall and Paul Ciccelli in five set thrillers.

Season's conclusion and summing up.

Player of the Match seasons top five;

Congratulations to Paul being statistically the most influential player this season.

Paul Hutchings Maghull 15

Ryan Jenkins Crosby High 13  
 Thomas Haddley Wavertree Labour 12  
 Stephen Green Waterloo 9  
 Jonathan Taylor Merseyside Police 8

Players playing most games:

Congratulations to Dave who is still as keen a player now as when I played him aged 9 in the Wirral League 150 years ago

Dave Roberts 87  
 Some bloke called Pete 81

League Champions:

Very well done to this seasons league champions, Crosby High 1st team.

Their team player of the season was Jack Dempsey making 64 appearances with an 84% average, almost double the appearances of the 2nd most dependable player playing 39 times, well done Jack keep it up.

Crosby finished with a score of 173- an impressive average of 7.2 points per game.

2nd place Fords finished with a score of 158 which initially sounds like a big lead until their average points per game is taken into account, 6.58.

With only half a point difference over the course of the season being the difference between winning the league and not this shows how important it is to be able to rely on players like Jack.

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| 1 Crosby High | 24 | 17 2 | 173 |
| 2 Fords       | 24 | 16 6 | 158 |
| 3 Police 1st  | 24 | 15 4 | 148 |

Have a great summer and see you all next season!

Pete Walsh Jnr(ish)

## Division 2

## Ray Jackson

Well here we go with the final run in to the end of the end of the season, and will my prediction of Harold House taking the title come true. Even I don't know as I have started this report so we shall see.

WEEK 17

Harold House Had trebles from Steve Whalley and Kevin Lewis in their win at a Graeme Black'less Cadwa, and Bootle YMCA had a Wayne Percival treble plus doubles from Ted Birch and John Higham in their defeat of Marconi, A, Neil Colville scoring two for Marconi.

Bath St C had trebles from Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce plus a Ted Cramsie double in their win over Wavertree Labour, Mario Giove saving Wavertree from a whitewash. Heiko Klugel remained unbeaten and Thomas Creevy and Carl McCauley scored two apiece as East Wavertree defeated Cadwa A, who's Mark Slater, scored a pair.

Wavertree Labour B's Lee Farley took the honours, remaining unbeaten, but were unable to stop Bath St D from taking the honours, Rob Peat and Dave Stoddern picking up doubles. Police A had trebles from Paul Gittins and Matty Kelly in the win at Sefton Park, keeping up their challenge for the title.

WEEK 18

Police A won a close encounter with Cadwa, Paul Gittins and Matty Kelly scoring doubles, but Cadwa's Graeme Black remained



unbeaten. Cadwa A had a Mark Slater treble plus a double from Graham Reid in their win over Sefton Park, Alan Davies scoring a pair.

Matty Laird was the star as Crosby High B and Wavertree Labour B shared the spoils, John Williams and Lee Farley picking up doubles for Wavertree. Marconi A's Tony Mullally picked up a treble as they defeated East Wavertree, and Wayne Percival was unbeaten in Bootle YMCA's win at Wavertree Labour A. The battle of the Bath Streets was won by the C team with trebles from Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce.

WEEK 19

Harold House keep playing the same three each week, as I said they needed to do if they were going to win, and again this week they had trebles from Steve Whalley and Kevin Lewis at Wavertree Labour B. Bath St D had a Rob Peat hat

trick in their win at Bootle YMCA, including a Colin Mitchell double, and a double also from John Higham for Bootle.

Tom Miller with a treble and Matty Laird a double helped Crosby High B to a draw at Bath St C, Sam Pierce picking up a pair for Bath St. Graeme Black again remained unbeaten in Cadwa's draw at Sefton, with Paul Evans for them and Peter Tod for Sefton picking up doubles.

Tony Dixon scored a treble as East Wavertree drew with Wavertree Labour A, with doubles from Aresh Khoze and Mario

Giove for Labour. Graham Reid with a fine treble, and Mark Slater two, including a remarkable 11/13,8/11,11/4,11/6,16/14 win over John McCann, helped Cadwa A to overcome Marconi A, Tony Mullally scoring a couple for Marconi.

#### WEEK 20

Police A continued their title campaign with a trebles from Paul Gittins and Matty Kelly plus a Jon Dyson double in their defeat of Wavertree Labour B, John Williams saving the whitewash. Julian Quirk with a hat trick, and Sam Pierce's double, contributed to Bath St C's win at Harold House, could this be the killer result for Harold House's title ambitions, Kevin Lewis picking up a couple for Harold House.

A Wayne Percival treble was the highlight of Bootle YMCA's win at Crosby High B, Matty Laird and Sylvia Graham scoring doubles for Crosby. Dave Harse and Danny McEvoy for Wavertree A, and Mark Slater and Ian Burrows each scored doubles in their tied encounter. A Peter Tod treble and an Ian Laird double, plus the doubles, gave Sefton Park victory over Marconi A, who had John McCann picking up a pair. Bath St D had trebles from Rob Peat and Colin Mitchell in their defeat of East Wavertree, Joey Williams scoring East's single point.

#### WEEK 21

Paul Gittins with another treble, and a Matty Kelly couple, helped Police A to overcome Bath St C, Sam Pierce scoring a couple for them. A Graeme Black hat trick and a Mike Power double gave Cadwa the win at Wavertree Labour B, Lee Farley scoring a couple for Wavertree. A Mark Slater treble and a Graham Reid double gave Cadwa A victory over Bath St D, Rob Peat picking up a couple for Bath St D.

Harold House continued their title campaign with a win at Bootle YMCA, Steve Whalley remaining unbeaten, including inflicting defeat on Wayne Percival, and Kevin Lewis and Peter Findlater scored two apiece. Tony Mullally with a treble and a Neil Colville double helped Marconi A to victory over Wavertree Labour A, Arash Khozee scoring a pair for Labour. A Matty Laird hat trick and a Sylvia Graeme double helped Crosby High B to a draw at East Wavertree, with a Joey Williams double for East.

#### WEEK 22

Police A's trio of Paul and Steve Gittins plus Matty Kelly proved too strong for Bootle YMCA, all remaining unbeaten. Matty Laird and Sylvia Graham were also unbeaten in Crosby High B's defeat of Cadwa A. Neil Colville's hat trick for Marconi A was not enough to save his team from defeat at Bath St D, who had doubles from Rob Peat and Colin Mitchell.

Sefton Park had an Alan Davies hat trick plus a double from Ian Laird in their close win at Wavertree Labour A. Cadwa's Graeme Black was again unbeaten in their win over Bath St C, who had doubles from Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce. Harold House's Kevin Lewis proved too strong for East Wavertree, plus a Steve Whalley double gave them victory, Ben Chan picking up a couple for East Wavertree.

#### WEEK 23

A Peter Findlater treble plus pairs from Steve Whalley and Mike Denmade gave title aspirants Harold House victory over Cadwa A, and challengers Police A had trebles from Paul Gittins and Jon Dyson in their win at East Wavertree.

John Williams took the honours in Wavertree Labour B's win over Sefton Park, Lee Farley also picked up a double for Labour, as did Sefton's Mike Perry. Win of the week was Cadwa's Graeme Black's defeat of Bootle YMCA's Wayne Percival, who still picked up a couple as did John Higham, but Cadwa took the victory.

#### Week 24

Tom Miller and Matty Laird were unbeaten, and Sylvia Graham picked up a couple, in Crosby High B's win at Marconi A, Marconi's Tony Mullally saving the whitewash. Rob Peat picked up a treble as Bath St D defeated Wavertree Labour A, Labour's Aresh Khozee picked up a couple. Kevin Lewis and Peter Findlater's trebles, plus a Steve Whalley double, gave Harold House the win over Marconi A, Tony Mullally defeating Steve Whalley for his side's single point. A Mario Giove treble plus a John Henshaw double helped Wavertree Labour B to victory over Bath St C, Sam Pierce picking up a pair for Bath St.

Michael Perry was the unbeaten star in Sefton Park's win at Bath St D, Ian Laird scoring a pair for them, and Dave Stoddern getting two for Bath St. Police A kept up their title challenge with Jon Dyson, Paul Gittins and Matty Kelly remaining unbeaten against Cadwa A. Graeme Black and Peter Taylor remained unbeaten in Cadwa's defeat of East Wavertree., and Matty Laird, Roger Neal, and Sylvia Graham remained unbeaten in Crosby High B's win over Wavertree Labour A.

#### WEEK 25

Doubles were the order of the day as Roger Neal and Sylvia Graham for Crosby High B, and Rob Peat and Dave Stoddern for Bath St D scored them, but Crosby took the victory. Kevin Lewis remained unbeaten and pairs from Peter Findlater and Mike Denmade helped Harold House secure victory at Wavertree Labour A.

Graeme Black and Paul Evans scored trebles in Cadwa's derby win over their A team, and Bootle YMCA had trebles from Alan Chase and John Higham plus a Ted Birch double in their win over Wavertree Labour B, Mario Giove beating Ted to save the Whitewash. Julian Quirk and Sam Pierce again remained unbeaten in Bath St C's win at Sefton Park.

Paul Gittins and Jon Dyson trebles plus a Matty Kelly double ensured victory for Police A at Marconi A, Neil Colville getting the single win for Marconi over Matty.

#### WEEK 26

Well here we go the last week of the season, and I still don't know who's won the title, hopefully by the end of this we'll all know. Police A did their bit with trebles from Jon Dyson and Paul Gittins plus a Matty Kelly double getting the better of Wavertree Labour A, Phil Luxon defeating Matty to save the whitewash.

Paul Evans scored a fine treble in Cadwa's close win over Marconi A, Ian Burrows also picking up a couple, and Neil Colville for Marconi. Tony Dixon remained unbeaten and Thomas Creevy and Joey Williams picked up two each in East Wavertree's win at Wavertree Labour B, and yes they finally did it, but only just. Harold House had a Kevin Lewis hat trick plus doubles from Steve Whalley and Peter Findlater gave them the win over Bath St D and the title by 2 points from Police A.

Congratulations to Graeme Black from Cadwa who remained unbeaten all season, with Police's Paul Gittins picking up 64/66 followed by Bootle's Wayne Percival with 27/30, with champions Harold House having their 3 main players coming in the top 20 of the averages.

Well I said if they could keep turning out their top players that I felt Harold House would win it, and that's what they did. Congratulations for a very good season.

# Division 3

# Ian McElwee

Congratulations to East Wavertree A for remaining unbeaten throughout the season and winning the division by a massive 39 points, they were, in fact, the only team in the whole league not to lose a match, from their final 9 matches they racked up 67 points.

When facing 2<sup>nd</sup> placed St Anne's and Merseyside Police B they were pushed all the way before running out 6/4 victors over both of these sides. The St Anne's match was finally balanced at 4/4 when Tony Dixon beat Israel Isaac and in the final game of the night Lee Madin came back from 2 sets down to beat Hassib Nuree and clinch the match. Steve Gittins was in superb form and won his 3 singles for the Police side but Lee and Joey Williams each won 2, combined to take the doubles and Tony Dixon contributed via a win over Brian Burrows. Lee ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> in the divisional averages on 90%, Joey had 77%, Tony 58% and the team lost only 1 game of doubles during the season. A truly magnificent effort.

St Anne's have also had a great season, although they were never going to challenge East Wavertree A they had to play consistently well to stay ahead of the chasing pack. Their best win during the reporting period was 9/1 over close rivals Marconi C. The Marconi side finished 4<sup>th</sup> and were only 11 point adrift of St Anne's total of 144 points, highlighting just how important this victory was. Israel lost out to the canny Peter Wass with Hassib and Francis Dako each winning their 3 singles, a very good consistent team with each player in the top 11 of the averages, Hassib led the way on 76%, Israel achieved 66% and Francis 64%.

Maghull B ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on 135 points and must regret conceding a 10/0 walk over to Marconi C at week 22. Steve Braddick was in great form throughout the season and had the honour of finishing top of the divisional averages winning 54 out of 57 to achieve 94%, perhaps if he had been available for a few more matches and they had not conceded that walk over they could have been in contention for that 2<sup>nd</sup> promotion spot. During the end of the season run in results tailed off a little including suffering their worst defeat an 8/2 loss to Merseyside Police B, in this match Steve Gittins was once again in top form inflicting one of Steve Braddick's few defeats, when facing the champions East Wavertree Steve was the man who won their 3 points on the night. John Langton (62%) was joined by Janette Hutchings and Michael Stewart when they drew at St Anne's, Janette had excellent wins over Israel and Francis, Michael beat Hassib and John had a 12/10 5<sup>th</sup> set victory over Francis before combining with Michael to win the doubles.

Marconi C and Bootle YMCA A both acquired 133 points, when they faced each other the match not surprisingly ended in a draw, Tom Doubtfire beat Frank McCann 11/9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> set and Jason Sumner beat Dave McMahon 14/12 in the 5<sup>th</sup>, the evergreen Ian Wensley (77%) was Marconi's player of the season. In another drawn match versus Arriva NW Ian went down to Derek Scotland and was supported by Frank and Dave who both had victories over Brian Hornby with their 5<sup>th</sup> point coming from a doubles win, Frank achieved a respectable 51% and Dave 43%. Bootle YMCA A inflicted 8/2 losses to both Wavertree Labour C and Sefton Park A, Shakil Malik earned 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in the averages (81%) and confirmed his abilities in winning his 3 singles and combining with Liam Shaw (47%) to take the doubles in the win



over Sefton Park A, Liam and Tom Doubtfire (47%) both won 2 singles. The same 3 players were on duty against the Wavertree team with Shakil again remaining unbeaten and Liam and Tom both losing out to Andy Bird.

Bath St Marine F, 127 points, had a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> place finish, this earned them bragging rights over their E team who ended up in 7<sup>th</sup> place 3 points adrift. When they faced each other they played out a tremendously competitive draw, 5 of the contests went to 5 games, including the final match of the night, when MOM Brian Crolley beat Darren Taylor 12/10 after saving a match point. The F team's cause was helped by a 10/0 win over a 2 man CADWA B team, Darren, his son Josh and Dave Noden all had good seasons achieving averages of 54.84%, 54.72% and 52.54% respectively.

The E team of Andy Cheung (53%), Mal Kent (55%) and Brian (54%) ended the season well, they had wins over Sefton Park A (8/2), Maghull A (7/3), CADWA B (6/4) and Wavertree Labour C (6/4) drawing with Marconi C and Merseyside Police C. Andy played to the top of his form in the Marconi match remaining unbeaten in his singles with both Mal and Brian getting the better of Peter Wass, Brian certainly earned a good night's sleep losing out 11/7 in the 5<sup>th</sup> to Frank McCann, 15/13 in the 5<sup>th</sup> to Ian Wensley and teaming up with Mal to let the doubles slip away after being 2 sets up. Brian had a great win over Steve Gittins in the Police match, Mal also played very well to beat Brenda Buoeu and they all got the better of Tom Lynch.

Merseyside Police B finished 8<sup>th</sup> on 122 points but never seemed to have a settled side, their two top players Steve Gittins (79%) and Brenda Buoeu (64%) finished in the top 10 of the averages. However the team changed from week to week with a total of 10 personnel turning out during the season for the team. When Steph Shober-Thomson joined Steve and Brenda they had an excellent 7/3 win over Marconi C, Steph won his 3, Brenda beat Peter Wass and Dave McMahon, Steve also beat Dave and he and Brenda combined to take the doubles. Steph only lost once in 3 matches played, if he had been available to play with Steve and Brenda on a regular basis they would have become a formidable team.

9<sup>th</sup> placed Arriva NW, 114 points, have had a mixed season with some good wins and a few heavy defeats, when John Rowan (64%) and Derek Scotland (73%) were both in the team they normally did well, unfortunately, if they were unavailable the team did not have the strength in depth to cover their absences. When they beat BSM B 7/3 John and Derek both remained unbeaten including teaming up in the doubles. Derek was again unbeaten on his 4 visits to the table when they beat Maghull A, John had a long, hard night losing in 5 to Sue Hughes and John McLoughlin, winning in 5 against George Frost and assisting Derek to pinch the doubles 12/10 in the deciding set.

It is a surprise to find that Maghull A, 104 points, as low as 10<sup>th</sup> position bearing in mind their B team's 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Sue Hughes (61%), Phil Christie (54%) and John McLoughlin also on 54% each had good seasons but were rarely available together. They had a poor finish to the season and in the period under review failed to win a match but did manage a draw against CADWA B, in this match Sue and John both beat Ian Lunt and Alan French and George Frost had a good win over Alan.

Wavertree Labour C, 89 points, did well to finish outside the bottom 2, at one point it looked like they may be relegated but they continued to pick up points on a regular basis, including a 6/4 win over Sefton Park A. Andy Bird (50%), Michael Dugdale and Alan Liu all played well on the night and won 2 each. Andy and Michael were joined by Terry Jones when they had a fine 7/3 win over Marconi C, again each player secured 2 points each in the singles and Michael and Terry won the doubles.

Sefton Park A finished 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom, 6 points behind Wavertree Labour C, Robbie Puddifer, Neil Jennings and Ian Findon combined to force a draw against 2<sup>nd</sup> placed St Anne's, they each beat Davshil Yunsheebu, Robbie beat Israel Isaac and he and Neil took the doubles, Neil pushed Israel all the way before losing out 11/9 in the deciding set, nearly the upset of the season. They certainly seem to have liked the refurbished room at Maghull beating the A team 6/4 and drawing with the B team when they returned a few weeks later.

Bottom of the table on 69 points CADWA B never really looked like getting out of trouble, they did have an upturn in results during the latter weeks including a brilliant 6/4 win over St Anne's. This would have been classed as the upset of the season other than the fact that Josef Koudelik and Alan Timewell made one of their rare appearances during the season, Josef was MOM remaining unbeaten on the night with Alan's only loss being 11/9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> to Israel. Had Josef and Alan been available on a regular basis they certainly would have ended up much higher in the division. However, Alan only played 5 matches, winning 13 of 15 trips to the table (86%) whilst Josef was unbeaten in the 4 matches that he played.

## Division 4

## Ken Roberts

Now to the closing stages of the 2015-16 season. The two top teams which have been battling it out all season for the title are still locked together with only 5 points separating them having both played 23 games. Linacre still hold a slim lead over Bootle YMCA B. Marconi D are 10 points behind Bootle, and Arriva A 14 points behind Marconi.

So we will kick off with **week 17**. The current leaders Linacre had another strong win against Maghull C 8-2. Naresh winning the only single against Chris in 5 sets, then Steve M teaming up with Jim to win a doubles which was very tight at game 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. All square between Bootle YMCA C and Wavertree Labour D. Robin winning his two again, although he was pushed all the way by Jason winning game 9 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Sefton Park B beat Police C 6-4. John M winning his two for Police and Jamie W returning the compliment for Sefton Park. Current second placed Bootle YMCA B lost some ground losing to Waterloo A 6-4, Nikolay winning a brace for Waterloo. Another draw between Arriva B and Cadwa C, both Harry H and Gary M winning both their singles. Gary had a hard fought match against Dougie winning game 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Cadwa picked up both doubles in this match which is always a big advantage in such a close game. Another draw between Arriva A and Waterloo B, again Arriva won both doubles to help claim the draw, Gavin M picked up his two again for Waterloo. Finally for this week all square again between QVC and Marconi D, QVC had a strong team out for this game against Marconi who are currently 3<sup>rd</sup>. both John G and Martin L for Marconi won both their singles, with Bobby picking up the 5<sup>th</sup> game, Ritchie was unlucky losing to Matthew game 16 in the 5<sup>th</sup>!!

**Week 18** saw QVC beat Maghull C 8-2, Janette beating Ian in 5 sets and Harry Mc beating Tommy for Maghull's 2 points. Bootle YMCA C beat Cadwa C 9-1, unfortunately Cadwa played short, Pete R winning Cadwa's only point. Marconi D beat Sefton Park B 7-3, John G and myself winning both our singles. Hard fought doubles with Marconi managing to win both. Current top of the Division Linacre beat Waterloo B 7-3. Another strong performance from Gavin for Waterloo beating Aleks and Charlie, Phil picked up Waterloo's other point with a win over Harry R,



Chris B also winning a brace for Linacre. Very close game between Bootle YMCA B and Arriva A, with Bootle just winning 6-4, Eddy P picking up his two for Bootle and Arriva winning both doubles, which was a good achievement as Bootle are a very strong doubles team. Waterloo A beat Wavertree Labour D 7-3. Alvin having a good night for Wavertree picking up his two against Paul M and Graham C. Same score in favour of Police c against Arriva B, a good brace for Harry H here beating John M and Neil T respectively, Neil won his first match at this game for Police which he duly celebrated by completing a lap of the arena!

**Week 19** saw the two top teams playing each other, Linacre coming out on top 6-4, as you can imagine some very close games here, Aleks the only player winning his two, John T was unlucky losing both his games in 5 sets, doubles also very close with spoils shared one each. Same result 6-4 for Bootle YMCA C over Police C. Kieran winning his two for Bootle and Mike W also winning both for Police. Waterloo A beat QVC 7-3, both Gavin and Paul picking up both their games, tough match with only one game being won in 3 sets. Marconi D had a good win over Maghull C 9-1, Janette picking up Maghull's only point with a good win over Bobby. Arriva A beat Wavertree Labour D 7-3, however unfortunately Alvin was taken ill on the night and had to stand down for Wavertree so they only had 3 men. Robin again winning his two ably supported by the evergreen Alf P picking up the other point. Sefton Park B beat Arriva b 6-4, Paul M and Derek T winning both their singles, Paul Morryay enjoying a good night for Arriva also picking up a brace. Waterloo A beat Cadwa C 8-2, Paul W picking up Cadwa's only singles win, Dougie was unlucky losing to Nikolay 11 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. again some close matches here, a night where the result did not reflect the game.

**Week 20** now, Bootle YMCA C beat Arriva B 6-4, Josef the star man for Arriva winning his two, again some close games that could have gone either way and giving Arriva b their first win. Waterloo B had a good night against Marconi D winning 8-2, John G beating Phil and Martin beating Gary for Marconi's two singles points, Marconi had been enjoying a strong run until then! Arriva A whitewashed Cadwa C, a very good result for Arriva against a good Cadwa team. Sefton Park B beat Maghull C 8-2,

albeit Maghull played short, Denise picked up Maghull's only singles point. Police C beat Waterloo A 7-3, Tom P returning from umpire duties to strengthen the team, Gavin picking up both again for Waterloo, albeit beating Len in a very close game (game 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup>)! Len losing his 100% record by the narrowest of margins. The youngster Lewis Campbell played his first league match for Waterloo in this match and gave a very good account of himself. Bootle YMCA B beat QVC 7-3, Bert winning his two for Bootle. Linacre beat Wavertree Labour D 6-4, both teams were under strength here, with a couple of top players missing, Alan Liu had a good night for Wavertree beating both Charlie and Ken of Linacre.

Another strong performance by Linacre in **week 21** beating Cadwa 8-2, Peter beating Charlie in a hard fought 5 setter and a good win for Chris Halliday over Julian for Cadwa's 2 points. Waterloo A beat Arriva B 7-3, Harry winning both of his for Arriva, against Paul and Graham respectively. Close game between Maghull C and Waterloo B, Waterloo winning 6-4. Hard fought match between Marconi D and Bootle YMCA B, Bootle winning 6-4, some close games here which could have easily reversed the score line, John G losing out in a very tense 5 setter against Eddy and similarly Bobby also losing close in 5 to Mike Hughes. Wavertree Labour D beat QVC 7-3, Robin picking up his two again for Wavertree and my old team mate Gordon L playing up and winning his two also for Wavertree. Arriva A beat Police C 7-3, Tom P picking up his two for Police and Gary S having a good night winning both of his for Arriva against Tommy and Neil. All square between Sefton Park B and Bootle YMCA C, Bootle's Jason enjoying a good night beating both Paul M and Eric "woodsies Dad" Wood, Chris G also winning two for Sefton against Jim G and Roly.

**Week 22** kicks off with a win for QVC over Cadwa C 7-3, some close games here, John App and Ronnie picking up both their games for QVC. Marconi D beat Wavertree Labour D 7-3, Robin picking up a brace against John G and Bobby and Alf P picking up their third point against myself, Martin winning both for Marconi. Police C made a dent in Linacre's results winning 7-3, however Linacre unfortunately played short, Harry R and Chris B picked up a single each for Linacre. Good match between Bootle YMCA C and Waterloo A. Bootle running out victors 6-4, young Calum winning his two for Waterloo against two experienced players in Jim G and Roly. Bootle YMCA B beat Maghull C 8-2, Naresh beating John T and Janette beating Bert for Maghull's 2 points. Sefton Park B had a very good result against Waterloo B winning 7-3, Derek T enjoying an excellent win against Gavin of Waterloo, Jeff H picking up his two for Waterloo. The "Bus Derby" between the two Arriva teams, saw A victorious 9-1, again Harry H saving the whitewash with an excellent win over Eddie.

All square between Sefton Park B and Waterloo A in **week 23**, Derek T picking up a brace here for Sefton against Paul and Phil respectively, Calum returning the compliment for Waterloo against Eric and Dave. Arriva A beat Bootle YMCA C 7-3, both Vacek and Eddie winning both their singles for Arriva, this match was closer than the score suggests as quite a few games went to 5 sets. Linacre beat Arriva B 7-3, Kristoff winning his two here for Arriva. All square between QVC and Police C, John App enjoying excellent wins over both Tom P. and Mike W of Police, John M for police also picking up a brace, as the score suggests a very close match with 4 games going all the way. Marconi D beat Cadwa C 7-3, Tom and Ritchie winning their two games for Marconi. Honours even between Maghull C and Wavertree Labour D, Robin winning his two for Wavertree, although taken to 5 sets by Janette. Another strong performance by Bootle YMCA B winning 8-2 at Waterloo B, Jeff H picking up a single against Bert, and Calum beating John T for Waterloo's 2 points.

Maghull C beat Cadwa C 6-4 in **week 24**, Naresh picking up both against Shantanu and Colm for Maghull, Dougie winning his two for Cadwa against Janette and Jimmy. Another strong performance for QVC against Arriva B winning 7-3, both Gary and Harry H picking up a single for Arriva together with a doubles win, for their 3 points. Marconi D gave another good performance against Police C winning 8-2, although unfortunately Police played short, John M and Tommy L winning one each against Martin and Ritchie respectively for their points. All square between Wavertree Labour D and Waterloo B, it could have been a win for Wavertree but they played out of order, Robin winning a brace again for Wavertree, beating the strong Gavin and Jeff H. A very close match between Bootle YMCA C and Linacre, Bootle causing a shock, winning 6-4 against the current league leaders. Although Linacre were without Aleks, 4 games went to 5 sets, Steve D winning his two for Bootle and Julian returning the compliment for Linacre, winning both doubles clinched it for Bootle. Current 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league Bootle YMCA B beat Sefton Park B 6-4, Derek T having an excellent night for Sefton beating both Eddy and Mike. Arriva A beat Waterloo A 6-4, this could have gone either way with some very close 5 setters, Eddie W winning a brace against Paul M and Callum.

The penultimate **week 25** starts with an excellent match between Bootle YMCA B and Wavertree Labour B, Bootle coming out winners 6-4, half the games here went to 5 sets, so very close. The "Evergreen" Alf P clinching a cliff-hanger against Eddy game 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup> only to repeat the score line again against Bert this time winning game 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup>!! Mike winning his two for Bootle and a good win for John T beating the other "Evergreen" Gent, Allan B. Arriva A beat Sefton Park B 6-4, Derek T again picking up a brace for Sefton beating both Vasak and Yanos, both Eddie W and Gary S also winning their two singles, again some close games that could have gone either way. Marconi D beat Arriva B 9-1, Harry H beating yours truly in a 5 setter, to avoid the whitewash. QVC beat Bootle YMCA C 6-4. John App and Bob F winning both their singles for QVC and Kieran S doing the same for Bootle, albeit being made to fight against Tommy winning game 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup>! Police C, beat Maghull C 7-3. Waterloo B beat Cadwa C 8-2, great result for Pete R of Cadwa beating the strong Gavin, and Shantanou picking up Cadwa's other point against Geoff M.

Finally to the last week of the 2015-16 season, **week 26**. QVC enjoyed an excellent win against Waterloo A 7-3, only 2 games were won in straight sets in this match so the score could have been closer, Nicolay was the star man for Waterloo picking up 2 of their points against John App and Shaun. Linacre had a close match for their last game by beating Arriva A 6-4, Gary S having a great night beating both Harry R and Julian, Eddie also beat Harry albeit game 9 in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Waterloo B beat Police C 6-4, again lots of sets went to 4 and 5 games and the score could have been reversed, Mike W won his two for Police against Jeff and Paul, Gary Corran returned the compliment for Waterloo against Tommy and Neil. All square between Arriva B and Maghull C, Steve Mc winning a brace for Maghull against Gary and Ray, and Harry H returning the compliment for Arriva with wins against Janette and Naresh. My own team Marconi D finished the season off with a strong 9-1 win over Bootle YMCA C, Jason saving the whitewash for Bootle with an excellent win over Martin. All square between Wavertree Labour D and Sefton Park B, again Robin winning his two for Wavertree and Chris G doing the same for Sefton Park. The final game of the season was Bootle YMCA B keeping the pressure on Linacre all the way to the line with a 9-1 win over Cadwa, Dougie, Cadwa's star man saving the whitewash with an excellent win over the strong Eddy P.

Well that's it for this season, and what a finish!! Linacre and Bootle YMCA B who have been at the top of the Division all season both finish on 173 points!! However when the points are totted up when they played each other during the season Linacre came out best with 11 points to 9 (Rule 21a). Linacre are Divisional Champions by the shortest of margins!! Bootle YMCA B came runners up by the slimmest of margins and my own team Marconi D came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Best of luck to Linacre and Bootle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division where they can continue to do battle. I have to mention my own team Marconi D, who have had a tremendous run the second half of the season and from being 5<sup>th</sup> in November last year came through to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> by a reasonable margin. Congratulations also to John Gratton of my team who not only finished the season with an excellent average playing at No. 1 but also won the 4<sup>th</sup> Division title at the recent Liverpool closed beating the excellent Aleks Charcenko of Linacre in the final. I hope you have all enjoyed the season as much as I have and hope

you all have a well earned summer rest and be ready for the new season in September.

I am sure you are all aware of the impending retirement of Trevor Owens not only from running Marconi TTC but also from all duties with regards to the Liverpool League Committee. Trevor has loyally served this League for over 50 years, his commitment and hard work has been an enormous asset to the running of this League. I am sure my fellow Division 4 players will echo my very best wishes to Trevor and thank him for all the hard work he has done. I can honestly say without people like Trevor, this League would not be what it is today.

## Division 5

## Jimmy Williams

Congratulations to Bath Street Marine G on becoming worthy champions. A richly deserved top spot for an experienced squad of players who have the potential to have similar success next season in division four. With Graham (89%) at one- ably supported by Miguel (92%), Peter (83%) and Julia(56%) / Keith (80%)– they will certainly prove to be a match for most sides. In second place was another experienced side, Maghull D, who once again bounce straight back up to division four, the difference this time around, I predict, is that they will remain in division four at the end of next season. Harry McGanity's (80%) team have played very well this season with the rapidly improving Michael Stewart (80%) in particular demonstrating that he is armed with the ability to play at a greater level, add into the mix the consistent Luke Courtney (76%) and improving Danny Hall (75%) and you have a pretty solid team, best of luck to both sides next season. Third and fourth place went to East Wavertree B, who also won 17 out of 20 league games, and Stan's extremely promising Wavertree Labour E, below this unofficial mini-league is a following seven sides that were generally evenly matched and enjoyed some excellent close games. However, as per usual, all teams possessed players who proved to be more than capable of picking up points against anyone in the division.



**Week 17** fixtures show a close match (albeit it played in week 20) between Bath Street Marine G and East Wavertree B finish 5 – 5. Peter Ashley was star man on the night, winning his three (including a 12- 10 win in the fifth against a determined Ged Howard (83%), Paul Rees (71%) picking up a good win (3 – 1) against Bath Street number one Graham Turner. Bath Street Marine H picked up an impressive win at Wavertree Labour F (4 – 6) with Captain Des Logan winning his three and the evergreen Bill Clayton (65%) also picking up his two singles, Mary Delamere chipped in with a three straight victory over Sharon Mahon. Gordon and Eric combined in the doubles to pick up a point for the home side – as well as both winning a singles each, Francis Lay also picking up a point in his five set victory over Mary. Wavertree Labour E enjoyed a convincing 8 – 2 win over St Annes A with the visitors having to go to five sets to pick up their points ( Dave Bradley (73%) overcoming Kevin in a close set and Davshil doing similar against Stan, an excellent treble for the home side's Steve Johnson.

**Week 18** produced an exciting match in the battle for a potential promotion place, East Wavertree B edging it 6 – 4 against a stubborn Wavertree Labour E, Jimmy Williams (85%) picking up his three for the home side with his teammates picking up a singles each – including a good win for Brian Morrison over Stan Clarke (11- 9 in the fifth). Very promising left hander Alan Liu (90%) picked up two points for the away side in his three straight wins over Paul Rees and Ged Howard. A strong 7 -3 win for Marconi E over Harold House A with Fay Taylor and Cameron Murphy winning both of their singles, Eddie Clein (63%) winning both of his singles for the visitors and combining with Steve Simpson to pick up a further point in the

doubles. The top two – Bath Street Marine G and Maghull D – both won their respective derbies 9- 1 in their push for promotion, Barbara Alcock preventing the whitewash for Bath Street Marine H with a five set win over Tom Bell, and Luke Burgess picking up Maghull E's sole point with a three set win over Dan Hall, Ged and Luke also unlucky to lose to Harry in five.

Both Wavertree Labour clubs had a successful **Week 19** with the E team whitewashing Bath Street H 10 – 0 and the F side recording an excellent 8 – 2 win over Dad's Army (Maghull E). Lot's of close matches in the latter game with only four of the ten sets being decided in 3 games, Gordon Langshaw and Francis winning their three for the home side, the improving Joe Rock and Alan Smethurst picking up the two points for the visitors. Hard fought 4 – 6 win for Sefton Park C at Harold House A, Eddie, once again, picking up his three, with Steve defeating Alan Staniland in three, great night for Phil Cashmore who won his three for the visitors.

**Week 20** saw Maghull E lose 10 – 0 at home, a defeat to a strong Bath Street G, a convincing win for the away side with nine of the sets being settled in three games, special mention to Ged Hanley who pushed Peter Ashley in the first four games before losing out in the fifth. Sporting notes, as usual, provided by Corporal Jones (Alan). An exciting match at Sefton Park C saw the home side lose a closely fought match 4 – 6 against Maghull D, promising performance by Chris Greaves (80%) , playing at number one, winning his two, Dan Hall was the star man for the visitors – winning his three on the night.

In **Week 21** A sadly depleted Dad's Army (Maghull E) suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the Dirty Dozen (Wavertree Labour E), losing 10 - 0. However, as the sporting notes from Stan state, it was much closer than the final scoreline suggested – with four of the sets going to five, including Joe Rock losing both of his singles in the fifth to Kevin and Steve, clearly a great game played in good spirit, typical of so many in this warm division. A strong away win for Sefton Park C at Wavertree Labour F (2 -8) reflected the depth of the squad for the visitors. The recent introduction of Chris at one in particular strengthened the team significantly and, more crucially, allowed other team members to play further down, Gordon and Francis showed their experience to pick up a point each for the home side – Mark Brookes unlucky to lose against Francis 10 -12 in the fifth.

**Week 22** produced a perfect 10 for East Wavertree B in their match against Harold House A, Steve Simpson working hard in his set against Mattias Mach to try to prevent the whitewash but losing 11-9 in the fifth after an excellent comeback from 0 – 2 down in games by the Wavertree man. An entertaining match at Bath Street H resulted in the home side sharing the points with St Annes A, Dave Bradley and Lenco Abdi winning their three for the visitors and Des Logan doing similar for the home side in a competitive and evenly contested match.

**Week 23** fixtures saw a deserved first win of the season for Harold House A, led by Eddie, the squad has worked hard all season and will be stronger for the experience next time around, a convincing 7 – 3 home win against Wavertree Labour F bodes well for the future. Eddie and Steve winning both of their singles and combining successfully in the doubles, Ray and Clive chipping in with a singles victory each, Francis and Femi picking up a point each (and a further point in the doubles) for the visitors. A close match at Marconi E saw the home side outpointed 4 – 6 by visitors Maghull E, the Rock having a good night and picking up both singles, with his teammates picking up a point each to add to Alan and Keith's doubles win, excellent win for young Cameron over Brian (12 – 10 in the fifth). Another close, and entertaining, match at the top of the table saw Bath Street G beat Maghull D by a similar scoreline, Miguel Monteiro putting in an excellent performance and remaining unbeaten on the night –winning all of his sets in three straight, Michael Stewart completing an excellent double over the experienced Graham Turner with a close 11- 9 victory in the fifth, a big win for East Wavertree B against Bath Street Marine H (9 -1) to keep them in the hunt at the top of the table.

**Week 24** A share of the points in a great match at Maghull (D), Wavertree Labour E emphasising the importance of the doubles by

coming back from 3 – 5 down to even the match at five apiece. Standout performances on the night include Dave Goulden winning his three for the visitors and Luke Courtney (playing at one in the absence of Michael) comfortably winning his singles a great win for Dan Hall over Gordon in an epic set (15 -13 in the fifth - after trailing by two games). Week 24 also saw Bath Street G achieve a resounding 10 – 0 win over Wavertree Labour F, all games being decided in three.

**Week 25** produced another big win for Bath Street G over Harold House A (9-1) – Steve Simpson (33%) preventing the whitewash with an impressive win over Peter Ashley(83%) . East Wavertree B cemented third place with a 8 -2 home win over Maghull E, Ged Hanley and Keith Whittaker picking up the points for the away side with wins over Brian Morrison and Lawrence Cain. Excellent derby match at Wavertree Labour, with the E side edging it 6 – 4 over their F team. Dave Goulden winning his three, Steve Johnson both of his singles and Stan chipping in with a single and doubles victory. Gordon, Francis and Eric won a singles each to add to a hard earned point from the doubles (Sharon and Gordon).

**Week 26** saw a good 7 - 3 home win for the rapidly improving Sefton Park C over St Annes A, with Jamie Whitty and Kenny Young both winning their three, the St Anne's lads, led by the experienced Dave Bradley, picking up three hard earned points, the newly formed A team have improved considerably over the season and will be stronger and wiser for the experience next season. A really good night to finish the season at Maghull E, the home side winning 8 – 2 against Bath Street H, great wins for Joe Rock and Ged Hanley over Bill Clayton and a nice treble for Brian Gregory, Des picked up a singles win for the away side, to add to the doubles win for Bill and Mary in the previous set.

**Finally**, another exciting season is over. Thank you to the usual suspects for their valued match commentaries, congratulations, once again, to Bath Street G on their deserved league success and Maghull D who followed closely behind. Further congratulations to Sefton Park C on their recent cup final success, a deserved win on the night. And well done to Michael Stewart from Maghull D, a more than worthy winner of the Division 5 title, in the recent Liverpool Closed Competition.

Most promising new players: Miguel Monteiro and Alan Liu – two very bright prospects for the future.

Enjoy the break and best wishes to all for the next competitive season.

**PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE LEAGUE RULES AS REFUSAL OFTEN OFFENDS**

The Heading on all the League Tables which were sent out by retiring League Fixture Secretary Trevor Owens. Trevor didn't accept any excuses for non-compliance.

The same Rules for everyone, I would hope that future Fixture Secretaries adopt the same attitude when borderline requests are asked for changes to fixtures when the season is underway.

If it's not in the Rules don't ask!!

If Rules aren't agreeable , they can be changed by vote, at the AGM, (as per the Rules!)

# Paul Gittins' 11Up is Mike Power

## 1) Where did it all start?

My dad introduced myself and my 2 brothers, Dave and Steve, to TT by setting up the dining room table using books as a net. From there I went to play at the Boys Brigade, then a Youth Club and then at the age of 15 my dad took me down to Cadwa. In those days, on a Sunday afternoon, you would find about 30 players rotating on 3 tables; the system meant you played against players of all abilities and styles.



No, that's not the Cadwa strip! Mike played centre half for 12 years with Tranmere Victoria, here with his Dad.

## 2) Best player played against?

Mike's brothers, Dave, on the left and Steve, relax at Steves before a recent trip to Wembley

Like a few other

local players, I once had the privilege to play against Chester Barnes at Pontins/Butlins, (can't remember which) in front of about 200 spectators, but I could never understand exactly how he beat me, particularly as he played part of the match with a drinks tray and from a sitting position!! Other than Chester (first name terms now) the most accomplished players I have ever met competitively must be Adam Robertson and Marcus Dick who both became Liverpool Champions and Adam went on to much more. I also couldn't go to question 3 without including both Keith Williams and Kevin Dolder who I have played against many times and both of whom I was once fortunate to have played on the same side with, think we won 7-3!!

## 3) Best win?

Not sure if I've ever had one – although one recent match does come to mind. I played in the semi-final of the Rumjahn cup this very season against Merseyside Police and of course they called on their banker in game 1, Paul Gittins v Mike Power. I'd never beaten Paul before and I don't think I'd ever taken a game off him but somehow I managed the impossible and beat him 3-1. The final match score was 5-4 in our favour so it turned out to be a vital win. I wasn't very impressed however when the Liverpool Echo edited Don's column to read 'Paul Gittins gave CADWA a great start with a win over Mike Power'. (Sorry Paul but you did ask me to write this column).

## 4) Worst defeat?

Not one I like to remember or even admit to but the answer has to be Mike Mahoney playing for Liverpool YMCA in the loft on Mount Pleasant. I had won the first 21/18 and believe it or not I was up 18/2 in the second and managed to lose 22/20. Not surprisingly I collapsed in the third to lose 4/21. It makes me shudder to think about it.

## 5) Best player to watch?

Obviously there are a few but I have narrowed it down to 3, Yan-Ove Waldner from Sweden known as 'The Mozart of Table Tennis', what a player, even the Chinese were in awe of him. Vladimir Samsonov from Belarus who has such a delicate touch for a big man and who I had the privilege to meet at the world championships at the Echo Arena in 2012. I also love to watch a good defender such as Mathew Syed when he was in his prime.



Following the 'best win', we lost in the Final, shows the regular team of Mike, Graeme Black and Paul Evans, after the Division 2 presentation from Janet Rumjahn

6) Funniest Table Tennis moment?

It has to be when I was playing doubles with Warren Davies (I had 2 seasons guesting for Liverpool Jewish). Warren had a gammy leg and once he started to move from left to right he sometimes couldn't stop. On this occasion he ran across the court, played the ball, couldn't stop and crashed through the changing room door, carried on going and collided with an urn hanging on the wall and knocked himself out. We didn't call an ambulance because it was only Warren! A minute or two later when he came around,

instead of worrying about the lump on his head, his only concern was whether or not he had got the ball back and if we had won the point.



7) Who is your TT hero and why?

It's very difficult to pick anyone other than my dad. He introduced me to the sport and if he hadn't who knows how I'd be spending my free time today. He also told me that Liverpool FC was the team to support and if he hadn't done that, well I shudder to think, I may have ended up watching the other mob from across the park! We all played for Cadwa in late 1970's and 1980's. The 3 of us, together with my dad, only played once together as a team, this was against Liverpool University and we won the match 10-0. However before the end of the season University expunged (as they did on many occasions) and we had the points taken from us, a travesty. I have an awful lot to thank Dad for and still miss him, and always will.

Mike and his Dad Jack - not so long ago

8) Tell me something that would surprise me? Do you mean apart from the fact that I used to have a forehand?

I come from a very musical family. My Great Uncle used to play the piano on the Queen Mary which travelled from Southampton to New York. I spent my childhood playing the piano and was at one point quite adept. Just about everyone in the family used to play a musical instrument and my younger brother has gone on to even greater things having been a record producer for the

past 30 years with several number 1's on his CV.



I'm also a keen gardener. Picture of my garden on a good day. So much to do, not enough time to do it!

9) is there life other than TT?

'ang on a minute, I'll just ask me missus ..... yep, apparently there is, doin' the dishes, doin' the washin', doin' the shoppin', and cuttin' the grass. But when she's not around, as previously mentioned, I'm an avid Liverpool FC supporter, I never miss a home game (can't get tickets for the away matches). I attend all the home matches with my elder brother Dave, who also played TT for CADWA in his youth. My team mates know that if LFC are playing at home, or are on the tele, then that is my priority, not table tennis, sorry.

(Picture)

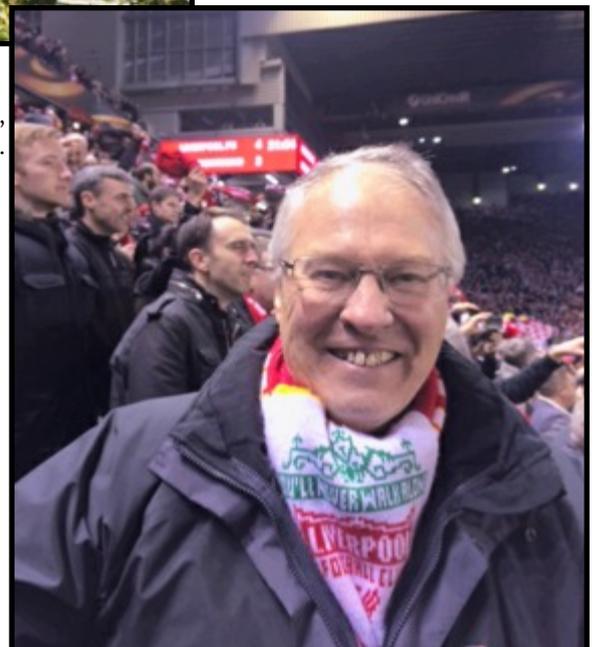


Photo taken by Mike's brother at a Liverpool match, he didn't manage to get tickets for the Europa Final so he will have to dress up in front of his TV

10) What changes in the game would you like to see?

Do you mean apart from making Ken Jackson play on a table without a net? Other than that I can't think of any way I would change an actual match but I do think that all players should at some point in their playing career take on the responsibility of organising/volunteering/managing the sport as it goes without saying that unless there is someone willing to do all the spadework then you wouldn't have the sport/leagues to play in!

1) Coaching tip?

Unlike me, get some coaching, or suffer the consequences, **no forehand!** Mike Power.

# World Vets Tournament, Alicante, Spain, 23rd -29th May 2016

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One of the largest table tennis tournaments in the world with 4,600 competitors taking part in the 18th World Veterans' Championships in Alicante, Spain.

England has a contingent of around 250 players, including several of the recently crowned VETTS National Champions and previous World and European Veterans' Champions.

The week-long event takes place every two years and comprises singles and doubles events in nine age bands of five or 10 years from O/40 to O/90. It will be played on 165 competition tables and more than 17,000 individual matches will have taken place before the championship ends.

The competitors come from 80 countries and the organisers pride themselves on it being not only the largest table tennis event in the world, but also the most friendly.

Sandra Deaton, Chairman of Table Tennis England, said: “

I am so proud that so many of our veteran players are competing in Alicante for the World Veterans' Championships.

“We often say that table tennis is a sport for all, for life and our veteran players are a credit to our game, showing that not only can it be enjoyed from eight to 80 (and beyond), but can be played at such a high level over the generations.”

out of the 'around 250' players from England, 16 of them play in the L&DTTL., they cover the whole spectrum of age at

Alicante, 40 yrs to 85yrs, maybe just maybe, someone may play out of their skins and get a medal, but that is only on a par to the enjoyment of 'being there', good luck to all, and maybe, just maybe!

Bath St. Marine

Ken Jackson, Fred Bainbridge, Colin Mitchell

Bootle YMCA.

Wayne Percival, Ted Birch, Alan Chase, Mike Allen.

Greenbank.

Peter Walsh (Snr.) (read Pete Walsh Jnr's comment in his Div 1 report page 4)

Merseyside Police

Brenda Buoey.

Marconi.

Ray Jackson.

Maghull

Susie Hughes

Waterloo

Keith Williams, Denise McEvoy, Steve Green

Wavertree Labour

Alf Perry, David Harse

## Ted Mandaluff

Ted played for a couple of clubs' in the Liverpool and District League, one of whom was the CADWA club in Childwall. However, the club where he played for most of his career was Liverpool YMCA, in Mount Pleasant. He represented Liverpool on many occasions and I was honoured to be the NPC of the Liverpool men's team in which he played. He reached the Liverpool Closed men's singles semi-finals in 1970, 71 and 72 and in the first of those, lost to club mate Brian Parkinson from Blackpool in the final, having beaten the 'up and coming' John Barton in the last four.

His greatest claim to fame, though, came in the 70's when he beat the England number three man Tony Clayton in the league, just prior to Tony playing for England in the 1971 world championships in Nagoya, Japan.

Ted was arguably, the best ever in the city and probably, also in Lancashire, to play with a wooden bat neither side being covered with rubber, which completely baffled the majority of his opponents. At one time he was ranked at two in Liverpool and nobody had an easy time when playing him. He was hugely respected by all members in the league and was a first class sportsman and a gentleman both on and off the table and never tried to gain an unfair advantage over an opponent. He always apologised when gaining a fortunate point and he's the only player I've ever seen who would at times concede the next point after winning a lucky point, something which would never happen in the sport today.

I can recall a funny story of him walking along Lime Street early one Saturday morning en-route to catch a train and being stopped by a Policeman who thought he looked suspicious carrying a small case. The officer asked where he was going to which Ted replied, to play table tennis in Sheffield. This prompted the officer to ask him to open the case. Ted, who wore long trousers when playing and didn't own a track suit, revealed a 'piece of wood' with a handle plus a pair of black pumps, probably purchased from the Army and Navy Stores and the sort which would never be seen in a 'Jack Sharp' sport shop.

No early morning crook could ever have thought up that story and the bemused cop said, "ok, on your way and good luck with that bat". Ted looked nothing like a top sportsman but, he won hundreds of matches in his time while also representing Liverpool in the Lancashire and Cheshire TT League and on many occasions, he left beaten opponents' wondering just how they'd lost to this 'elderly' looking gentleman. When past players' get together and talk about old times, inevitably, his defeat of Tony Clayton is given another airing along with the unique style of the man.

The length of his matches are also mentioned for on a number of occasions a best of three games match against a single opponent lasted for more than two hours and on one occasion in a cup final, it was so late, the set was held over and completed the following night! I was a spectator at the YMCA when they took on old foes English Electric against whom, the sides' had many a long battle. When he was due to face a defensive player, the captains' always left it until the last set and on this occasion, I umpired since no one was willing to sit through such a lengthy encounter. After ninety minutes Ted's opponent, who still plays in the league, walked away from the table saying 'I have to get home' and conceded the set. By now the last bus home had gone which left Ted and myself taking a 78 bus to Wavertree Clock Tower. Whilst this left me walking the relatively short distance from there to Score Lane, Childwall, Ted, walked home to Halewood which took him two hours.

There will never be another Ted Mandaluff and the sport in Liverpool would have been the poorer had he not been around all those years.

RIP Ted.

Regards

Don Davies Liverpool League Chairman  
and Match Secretary.

The Liverpool & District Table Tennis League is lucky to have a strong representation on the new slimmed down Governing body of the former English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), the new set up was formed in 2013 and renamed Table Tennis England (T.T.E.), the L&DTTL has two players on the main Board, and two on the National Council, well done to them for all the work they do to improve our sport. There is more information to be had now from the revamped T.T.E. web site, which is where this information is from

## Table Tennis England Board

### Elected Director

Susie Hughes (Deputy Chairman T.T.E.) (Maghull T.T. Club)

Susie became the Vice-Chair of Communications at Table Tennis England in 2013, before being appointed to the Board in April 2014. She was elected unopposed as Deputy Chairman in May 2014 and confirmed in that position in the 2015 election.

She began playing table tennis as a junior in Liverpool and has played – and still plays – in several local leagues, at county level for Lancashire, in the British League and in many veterans' events at home and abroad.

Her professional career has focused in and around the media, as a journalist, a Government press officer, and a corporate communications consultant. She currently runs her own business, involving internet news sites for small businesses and freelancers.

Susie is also acting chairman of the Veterans' English Table Tennis Society (VETTS), the VETTS newsletter editor, a member of the ETTU Veterans Committee and corresponding member of the ITTF Media Committee.



### Appointed Director

Tom Purcell (Merseyside Police T.T. Club)

Tom spent 33 years as a police officer, rising to the rank of Detective Chief Inspector and working on combating organised and serious crime.

He spent three years attached to the Home Office and is currently working for Cheshire Police in a civilian management capacity.

Tom is a former vice-chairman of Table Tennis England and is an international table tennis umpire. He officiated in the men's singles final at the London 2012 Olympics.



### National Council Members

Cheshire --- Mr Raymond Jackson

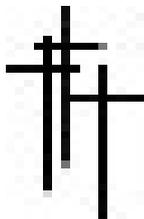
Lancashire --- Mr David Goulden

Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford are heading to Rio for the 2016 Olympics!

The British Olympic Association today officially announced that the top two English players will represent Team GB in table tennis in Brazil this August.

The pair qualified two quota places for Team GB as a result of their International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) ranking and will compete in the men's singles.

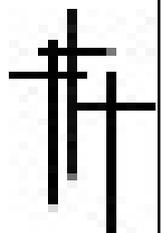
### Obituary Basil Townsend



The funeral will be on Tuesday June 7th at Saint Paul's RC Church, Town Row, West Derby, L12, at 10-30. Then on to Anfield Crematorium, Priory Road, L4 before moving to West Derby Golf Club for refreshments.

Basil played for the Osterley club which was in Ellerslie Rd. Tuebrook, and were members of Division 3 in 46/47 but finished bottom. Not one other club is a member today. Their, A team were in the East Region and only Wavertree Labour from that year are current members today.

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Don Davies Chairman

# 2015 - 16 Divisional & F.M. Cup Finals



Crosby High's Jack Dempsey, Ryan Jenkins, John Goodall, and Waterloo's Keith Williams, Denise McEvoy, Steve Green. Played at Harold House with thanks to Eddie Clen, for the Venue and the Tea, and Stan Clarke for the home made Butties

## The Readman Cup

The Division 1 Final was between Crosby High and Waterloo, when the match took place Crosby High were looking like Champions elect, 22 pts ahead 21 matches played, but with a bit of an imbalance of the players, Crosby's Ryan Jenkins 11x National Welsh Men's Champion - Commonwealth Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist and a Head Coach of TT Wales. Waterloo had first choice, and after 3 sets, Waterloo were 2-1 up, both wins from Keith, Crosby then called Ryan v Keith (3rd visit), inevitable result, Ryan winning in 3, after that Ryan wasn't needed, Jack and John winning the required 3 sets for a 5-2 match win. Ryan won both his visits in 3, without much trouble, but wins were enjoyable to watch, and I'm sure, to play in, different !!

## The Rumjahn Cup

The Div. 2 Final was between East Wavertree and Cadwa, both mid table with only the Cup to worry about, Cadwa chose to be away and started with getting off to a good start when Graeme Black beat Lee Madin, Ben Chen pulled back beating Mike Power. East upset the boat when Tom Creevy beat Paul Evans, Lee upped the pressure when he beat Mike. Graeme pulled one back, beating Tom, Ben next beat Paul, to make it 4-2 to East Wav.. Cadwa had to stay in the match and called Ben back to the table to play Graeme, the only set of the match that went to 4 games, Graeme winning to make match score 4-3 to East. Next call by East was Tom v Mike, Tom just too good on the night, winning in 3, to give East Wavertree the match 5-3, M. o. M must be Cadwa's Graeme Black, the only clean sheet.



Match official Stan Clarke, Mike Power, Janet Rumjahn, match Umpire, Tom Purcell, Tom Creevy, Lee Madin, Ben Chen, Graeme Black, and Paul Evans. thanks again to Janet for continuing the Family Tradition to present the Dr.J. Rumjahn Cup and Trophies. Thanks also to the Police Club's Paul and Steve Gittins for hosting the Final and the impressive (as usual!) refreshments.

## The Hyde Cup

The Div. 3 Final was between Merseyside Police 'B' and East Wavertree 'A'. East decided to have first call, and pitted Lee Madin against Tom Purcell, Lee winning in 4, Police called Steve Gittins to take on Tony Dixon, Steve winning, again in 4. East called on Police's Brenda Buoy to take on Joey Williams, Joey winning a tough 5 game set. Police expected Steve to level things with a win over Lee, but Lee managed a 3-1 win. East put Joey on against Tom hoping to add to the lead, but after a long tough 5 game set Tom won to make it 3-2. Police then called Joey back on against Steve, another long tough 5 gamer, this in Steve's favour, to level the match. Next call to East, Tony takes 5 games to end Tom's night, Brenda takes 5 to beat Tony to level the match score at 4-4. After a short break, Brenda is on again with Lee for the deciding set, first game to Brenda 13-11, but Lee had had a good rest between sets, and took control, winning the next 3, to give East Wavertree 'A' a 5-4 victory. Thanks to Bootle YMCA's Jim Geddes for hosting the Final and the tea, and Stan Clarke for the home made butties.



Graham Rollinson Match Umpire, Stan Clarke Match Official, Joey Williams, Tony Dixon, Lee Madin, Brenda Buoy, Tom Purcell, Steve Gittins.



The two teams, with Match official Tony Dixon, Venue Host, Stan Clarke, and Match Umpire Graham Rollinson:- Mike, Eddie, John, Bert, Tony, Chris, Harry, Aleks, Charlie, Stan, Graham. Thanks again to Stan for the T & C and his homemade butties

### The Forrest Cup

The Division 4 cup was between Linacre and Bootle YMCA 'B', Wavertree Labour was the venue, and the teams, Linacre had Aleks Charcenko, Charlie Bradshaw, Harry Reeve and Chris Blackburn, and BYM had Eddie Preston, Bert Rivers, Mike Hughes and John Taylor, this turned out to be another 'full' Final, BYM had first choice and called Charlie on to play Eddie, a cracking match to start with, 10-12, 11-7, 13-15, 11-8, 13-15, visions of a really late night!! Linacre's first call is Charlie against Bert, another 5 game set, 9-11, 11-13, 11-7, 11-6, 13-11, to Linacre, oh dear!. Bym next called Mike to take on Chris, over in 3, Linacre put Harry on against John, another over in 3 close games, match at 2-2.

BYM asked Harry to have a short blow, and come on to play Bert, set over in 3 to BYM. Linacre next called the two 1's to the table, Aleks on against Eddie, set over in 4 games, to BYM, match now at 4-2 for BYM. BYM's next call John to play Chris, a great 3-0 win for Chris, Linacre next called Mike to take on Charlie, a tough nail biter over in 4 games to Charlie, 4-4 now and down to the doubles, another 5 game set, first two games to Linacre, 11-9, 11-7, did the lights go out, cos the set changed somewhat, BYM winning the next 3, 11-5, 11-4, 11-5. didn't expect that change in the final set!! 5-4 to Bootle YMCA 'B'

### The Stamp Cup

The Division 5 Cup was between East Wavertree 'B' and Sefton Park 'C'. Bath St. Marine was the Venue, the teams were Paul Rees, Jimmy Williams, Ged Howard, Brian Morrison for East Wavertree, and Chris Greaves, Jamie Whitty, Roy Cunningham, Kenny Young for Sefton Park. Sefton had first choice and put Kenny on, Jamie winning 3 straight, to play Brian, a quick set Kenny in 3 straight, East then put Ged on against Jamie, Jamie winning 3-1, Sefton next called East's Jimmy on against Chris, first two games to Chris, 11-7, 12-10, next two to Jimmy 11-9, 11-9, final game to Chris 11-7, so Sefton 3-0 up, East now call Jamie on against Paul, but this didn't go to plan either, 4-0 to Sefton. Sefton put Kenny on against Ged, Ged pulling out to win 3-0, Sefton put on Roy to play Jimmy, Jimmy pulls out to win, again in 3, Match 4-2 to Sefton. Sefton now call on the 2-ones, Paul v Chris, Chris going for that vital 5th set, after 5 tough games, 10-12, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10, 13-11 Paul kept East in the match, 3-4. Next call East called the doubles, Paul and Jimmy v Chris and Roy, a 3 game set soon over, 6-11, 10-12, 4-11, and match to Sefton Park 'C' 5-3



Kenny Young, Jamie Whitty, Chris Greaves, Jimmy Williams, Tony Dixon Match Umpire, Brian Morrison, Ged Howard, Paul Rees, Roy Cunningham. Match Official was Stan Clarke who also supplied more of his home made butties. Thanks to Bath St. Marine, for hosting this Final, providing tea etc. and adding to Stan's butties.

### The Frank Murphy Memorial Vets. Handicap Cup

Bath St. Marine 1, Ken Jackson, Ricky Brown & Darren Taylor V East Wavertree 1, Lee Madin, Joey Williams & Tony Dixon, the match started with East Wavertree having a 55 point lead from the Handicapping

East won the toss and chose to be the away team, with first match on from the set order being Ricky v Lee, Lee adding 11 points to the score. Next Darren played Joey, Joey adding another 6 to the score, next on was Ken v Tony and a reverse of fortune, Ken knocking 20 points off, so after 3 sets, East are still in front by 52. After the next three sets, East were still in front by 49.

Next set saw Tony increase difference to 56, Then Ricky reduced it to 47, match over, only Ken left to play Lee, Ken won both games, Lee added 19, Final score BsM 332 - East Wav. 356.



Lee Madin, Tony Dixon, Joey Williams, Myra Lovelady, Marjory Murphy, Sue Berry, Ken Jackson, Ricky Brown & Darren Taylor.. Thanks to Frank's widow Myra for once again presenting the Frank Murphy Cup and Trophies.

Venue was Wavertree Labour, with appreciation to Club Secretary Stan Clarke who also provided the refreshments and tea. Have a rest now Stan !!

# Final Player Averages 2015-16 Season - Space Only for Top 25 - each Division

| Division 1 |                    |                  |    |    |      |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|----|----|------|
|            | Name               | Club             | P  | W  | Ave  |
| 1          | JENKINS Ryan       | Crosby High      | 39 | 39 | 100% |
| 2          | TAYLOR Jonathon    | M/Side Police    | 42 | 39 | 93%  |
| 3          | HUTCHINGS Paul     | Maghull          | 61 | 53 | 87%  |
| 4          | HADDLEY Thomas     | Wavertree Labour | 66 | 57 | 86%  |
| 5          | WILLIAMS Keith     | Waterloo         | 66 | 57 | 86%  |
| 6          | GRIFFITHS Dave     | Wavertree Labour | 24 | 20 | 83%  |
| 7          | DEMPSEY Jack       | Crosby High      | 65 | 54 | 83%  |
| 8          | GREEN Steve        | Waterloo         | 60 | 49 | 82%  |
| 9          | BEECH Aaron        | M/Side Police    | 38 | 30 | 79%  |
| 10         | GOODALL John       | Crosby High A    | 47 | 36 | 77%  |
| 11         | WATSON Gary        | Crosby High A    | 32 | 23 | 72%  |
| 12         | BARTHELEMY Olivier | Crosby High A    | 40 | 28 | 70%  |
| 13         | TAYLOR Andrew      | Fords            | 61 | 42 | 69%  |
| 14         | PEERS Clare        | Bath St Marine A | 66 | 45 | 68%  |
| 15         | LEE Peter          | Greenbank A      | 24 | 16 | 67%  |
| 16         | MULLIN Joseph      | M/Side Police    | 51 | 33 | 65%  |
| 17         | KHAIYAT Omid       | Greenbank        | 48 | 31 | 65%  |
| 18         | ROBERTS Dave       | Bath St Marine A | 87 | 54 | 62%  |
| 19         | LLOYD Gavin        | Crosby High A    | 31 | 19 | 61%  |
| 20         | LAU John           | Greenbank        | 47 | 28 | 60%  |
| 21         | JACKSON Ken        | Bath St Marine   | 69 | 41 | 59%  |
| 22         | TURNER Terry       | Fords            | 61 | 36 | 59%  |
| 23         | TOWN Andy          | Fords            | 58 | 33 | 57%  |
| 24         | GRAHAM Cherith     | Crosby High      | 27 | 13 | 48%  |
| 25         | WALSH Peter Jnr    | Greenbank A      | 78 | 36 | 46%  |

| Division 2 |                 |                  |    |    |      |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|----|----|------|
|            | Name            | Club             | P  | W  | Ave  |
| 1          | BLACK Graeme    | Cadwa            | 57 | 57 | 100% |
| 2          | GITTINS Paul    | M/Side Police A  | 66 | 64 | 97%  |
| 3          | PERCIVAL Wayne  | Bootle YMCA      | 30 | 27 | 90%  |
| 4          | LAIRD Matty     | Crosby High B    | 43 | 38 | 88%  |
| 5          | QUIRK Julian    | Bath St Marine C | 60 | 53 | 88%  |
| 6          | LEWIS Kevin     | Harold House     | 61 | 53 | 87%  |
| 7          | PIERCE Sam      | Bath St Marine C | 66 | 52 | 79%  |
| 8          | KLUEGEL Heiko   | East Wavertree   | 31 | 23 | 74%  |
| 9          | WHALLEY Steve   | Harold House     | 60 | 42 | 70%  |
| 10         | KELLY Mathew    | M/Side Police A  | 57 | 39 | 68%  |
| 11         | PEAT Rob        | Bath St Marine D | 66 | 45 | 68%  |
| 12         | COLVILLE Neil   | Marconi A        | 47 | 31 | 66%  |
| 13         | MULLALLY Tony   | Marconi A        | 39 | 25 | 64%  |
| 14         | LUXON Phil      | Wavertree Lab A  | 36 | 23 | 64%  |
| 15         | GRAHAM Sylvia   | Crosby High B    | 58 | 36 | 62%  |
| 16         | CHEN Ben        | East Wavertree   | 29 | 18 | 62%  |
| 17         | FINDLATER Peter | Harold House     | 67 | 41 | 61%  |
| 18         | LAIRD Ian       | Sefton Park      | 45 | 26 | 58%  |
| 19         | DAVIES Alan     | Sefton Park      | 37 | 21 | 57%  |
| 20         | FARLEY Lee      | Wavertree Lab B  | 53 | 30 | 57%  |
| 21         | EVANS Paul      | Cadwa            | 45 | 24 | 53%  |
| 22         | HARSE Dave      | Wavertree Lab A  | 53 | 26 | 49%  |
| 23         | SLATER Mark     | Cadwa A          | 71 | 34 | 48%  |
| 24         | BIRCH Ted       | Bootle YMCA      | 49 | 23 | 47%  |
| 25         | WILLIAMS John   | Wavertree Lab B  | 30 | 14 | 47%  |

| Division 3 |                   |                  |    |    |     |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|----|----|-----|
|            | Name              | Club             | P  | W  | Ave |
| 1          | BRADDICK Steve    | Maghull B        | 57 | 54 | 95% |
| 2          | MADIN Lee         | East Wavertree A | 71 | 64 | 90% |
| 3          | MALIK Shakil      | Bootle YMCA A    | 69 | 56 | 81% |
| 4          | GITTINS Steve     | M/Side Police C  | 48 | 38 | 79% |
| 5          | WILLIAMS Joey     | East Wavertree A | 59 | 46 | 78% |
| 6          | WENSLEY Ian       | Marconi C        | 57 | 44 | 77% |
| 7          | NUREE Hassib      | St Annes         | 69 | 53 | 77% |
| 8          | SCOTLAND Derek    | Arriva Nth West  | 53 | 39 | 74% |
| 9          | ISAAC Israel      | St Annes         | 63 | 42 | 67% |
| 10         | BUOY Brenda       | M/Side Police C  | 51 | 33 | 65% |
| 11         | DAKO Francis      | St Annes         | 51 | 33 | 65% |
| 12         | ROWAN John L      | Arriva Nth West  | 59 | 38 | 64% |
| 13         | LANGTON John      | Maghull B        | 69 | 43 | 62% |
| 14         | HUGHES Susan      | Maghull A        | 59 | 36 | 61% |
| 15         | DIXON Tony        | East Wavertree A | 51 | 30 | 59% |
| 16         | JENNINGS Paul     | Sefton Park A    | 21 | 12 | 57% |
| 17         | KENT Mal          | Bath St Marine E | 63 | 35 | 56% |
| 18         | TAYLOR Darren     | Bath St Marine F | 62 | 34 | 55% |
| 19         | CHRISTIE Phil     | Maghull A        | 42 | 23 | 55% |
| 20         | TAYLOR Josh       | Bath St Marine F | 53 | 29 | 55% |
| 21         | CROLEY Brian      | Bath St Marine E | 72 | 39 | 54% |
| 22         | McLOUGHLIN John S | Maghull A        | 24 | 13 | 54% |
| 23         | CHEUNG Andy       | Bath St Marine E | 66 | 35 | 53% |
| 24         | NODEN Dave        | Bath St Marine F | 59 | 31 | 53% |
| 25         | McCANN Frank      | Marconi C        | 45 | 23 | 51% |

| J.D.D. Player Avgs. |                 |                   |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|
|                     | Name            | Club              | P  | W  | L  | %   |
| 1                   | CAMPBELL Lewis  | Waterloo          | 98 | 90 | 8  | 92% |
| 2                   | MOONEY Aiden    | Waterloo          | 21 | 18 | 3  | 86% |
| 3                   | BURGESS Luke    | Deyes High School | 58 | 49 | 9  | 84% |
| 4                   | SLOANE Ted      | Crosby High       | 44 | 36 | 8  | 82% |
| 5                   | CORRAN Gary     | Waterloo          | 93 | 74 | 19 | 80% |
| 6                   | CAMPBELL Owen   | Waterloo          | 86 | 68 | 18 | 79% |
| 7                   | TOBORNE Matthew | Deyes High School | 23 | 17 | 6  | 74% |
| 8                   | GILROY Ryan     | Deyes High School | 22 | 16 | 6  | 73% |
| 9                   | TAYLOR Sam      | Deyes High School | 50 | 36 | 14 | 72% |
| 10                  | COOPER Elliott  | Crosby High       | 71 | 51 | 20 | 72% |

## Divisional Doubles Table

| Div. | Pos. | Team             | P  | W  | Ave |
|------|------|------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1    | 1    | Crosby High      | 22 | 18 | 82% |
| 1    | 2    | Fords            | 23 | 17 | 74% |
| 2    | 1    | Harold House     | 23 | 19 | 83% |
| 2    | 2    | Bath St Marine C | 24 | 19 | 79% |
| 3    | 1    | East Wavertree A | 24 | 23 | 96% |
| 3    | 2    | Bootle YMCA A    | 24 | 17 | 71% |
| 4    | 1    | Bootle YMCA B    | 51 | 40 | 78% |
| 4    | 2    | Linacre          | 50 | 39 | 78% |
| 5    | 1    | Bath St Marine G | 38 | 33 | 87% |
| 5    | 2    | Maghull D        | 39 | 33 | 85% |

| Division 4 |                 |                   |    |    |     |     |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----|----|-----|-----|
|            | Name            | Club              | P  | W  | Ave | Rk  |
| 1          | DYSON Len       | M/Side Police C   | 30 | 29 | 97% | 3.3 |
| 2          | BARKER Robin    | Wavertree Lab D   | 28 | 27 | 96% | 1.0 |
| 3          | MINETT Gavin    | Waterloo B        | 49 | 43 | 88% | 1.4 |
| 4          | CHARCENKO Alex  | Linacre           | 48 | 42 | 88% | 1.0 |
| 5          | GRATTON John    | Marconi D         | 40 | 35 | 88% | 1.0 |
| 6          | PRESTON Eddie   | Bootle YMCA B     | 52 | 42 | 81% | 1.0 |
| 7          | APPLETON John   | QVC               | 36 | 29 | 81% | 1.0 |
| 8          | DAVIDSON Callum | Waterloo B        | 18 | 14 | 78% | 3.3 |
| 9          | PURCELL Tom     | M/Side Police C   | 35 | 27 | 77% | 1.0 |
| 10         | LATHAM Martin   | Marconi D         | 35 | 27 | 77% | 3.6 |
| 11         | TRAYNOR Derek   | Sefton Park B     | 44 | 33 | 75% | 2.0 |
| 12         | WILLIAMS Eddie  | Arriva Nth West A | 46 | 34 | 74% | 1.8 |
| 13         | McGANITY Steve  | Maghull C         | 32 | 23 | 72% | 1.0 |
| 14         | RIVERS Bert     | Bootle YMCA B     | 50 | 35 | 70% | 2.0 |
| 15         | FINNEGAN Bob    | QVC               | 22 | 15 | 68% | 3.3 |
| 16         | HORNBY Jeff     | Waterloo B        | 45 | 30 | 67% | 2.1 |
| 17         | BLACKBURN Chris | Linacre           | 33 | 22 | 67% | 3.2 |
| 18         | McGEE Stuart    | Waterloo A        | 27 | 18 | 67% | 3.6 |
| 19         | PRIMUK Nikolay  | Waterloo A        | 50 | 33 | 66% | 1.8 |
| 20         | PUCULA Richard  | Marconi D         | 17 | 11 | 65% | 4.0 |
| 21         | PERRY Aif       | Wavertree Lab D   | 28 | 18 | 64% | 1.5 |
| 22         | HUGHES Mike     | Bootle YMCA B     | 50 | 32 | 64% | 3.0 |
| 23         | ROBERTS Ken     | Marconi D         | 40 | 25 | 63% | 3.1 |
| 24         | MOORE John      | M/Side Police C   | 34 | 21 | 62% | 2.5 |
| 25         | WINDERS Mike    | M/Side Police C   | 47 | 29 | 62% | 1.7 |

| Division 5 |                 |                  |    |    |     |     |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|----|----|-----|-----|
|            | Name            | Club             | P  | W  | Ave | Rk  |
| 1          | MONTEIRO Miguel | Bath St Marine G | 28 | 26 | 93% | 2.0 |
| 2          | LIU Alan        | Wavertree Lab E  | 21 | 19 | 90% | 2.9 |
| 3          | TURNER Graham   | Bath St Marine G | 38 | 34 | 89% | 1.0 |
| 4          | WILLIAMS jimmy  | East Wavertree B | 34 | 29 | 85% | 1.8 |
| 5          | HOWARD Ged      | East Wavertree B | 30 | 25 | 83% | 2.6 |
| 6          | ASHLEY Peter    | Bath St Marine G | 18 | 15 | 83% | 2.9 |
| 7          | DUDLEY Keith    | Bath St Marine G | 26 | 21 | 81% | 3.3 |
| 8          | STEWART Michael | Maghull D        | 36 | 29 | 81% | 1.0 |
| 9          | McGANITY Harry  | Maghull D        | 36 | 29 | 81% | 3.6 |
| 10         | GREAVES Chris   | Sefton Park C    | 20 | 16 | 80% | 1.5 |
| 11         | COURTNEY Luke   | Maghull D        | 38 | 29 | 76% | 1.9 |
| 12         | HALL Danny      | Maghull D        | 28 | 21 | 75% | 2.9 |
| 13         | BRADLEY Dave    | St Annes A       | 38 | 28 | 74% | 1.0 |
| 14         | REES Paul       | East Wavertree B | 14 | 10 | 71% | 1.4 |
| 15         | COULTHARD Kevin | Wavertree Lab E  | 33 | 22 | 67% | 2.0 |
| 16         | CLAYTON Bill    | Bath St Marine H | 38 | 25 | 66% | 3.0 |
| 17         | YOUNG Kenny     | Sefton Park C    | 26 | 17 | 65% | 3.0 |
| 18         | CLARKE Stan     | Wavertree Lab E  | 35 | 22 | 63% | 3.5 |
| 19         | HANLEY Ged      | Maghull E        | 37 | 23 | 62% | 2.9 |
| 20         | CLEIN Eddie     | Harold House A   | 36 | 22 | 61% | 1.0 |
| 21         | CORNISH Julia   | Bath St Marine G | 30 | 17 | 57% | 2.3 |
| 22         | JOHNSON Steve   | Wavertree Lab E  | 38 | 21 | 55% | 1.0 |
| 23         | ABDI Lenco      | St Annes A       | 22 | 12 | 55% | 2.8 |
| 24         | WHITTY Jamie    | Sefton Park C    | 26 | 14 | 54% | 1.2 |
| 25         | MORRISON Brian  | East Wavertree B | 24 | 12 | 50% | 4.0 |

## Jack's Ready to seize his chance

For many players in the table tennis world, there is one ultimate goal that they all strive for throughout their careers – to represent their nation at the Olympic Games.

It's a feat that only a select few achieve during their playing days, and one man who has joined that elite group is Jack Hunter-Spivey, the Great Britain No 1 in the Para Table Tennis rankings.

There is no doubt that Jack is immensely proud of his achievements, and is delighted to be representing Great Britain at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio.



"It's a massive honour for me. It's one of the greatest achievements for any Paralympian," he said.

"I'm so proud of my achievements and to be doing this is beyond my wildest dreams. I dreamt about this as a kid and it's the pinnacle of any sportsperson's career so it is an amazing feeling.

"When I started I always had a vision of playing in the Paralympic Games, I always wanted to be the best player in the world and to be a professional table tennis player. Back then there weren't many Paralympic table tennis players that were professional but I always had that goal in my mind and even now I'm striving to be the player I wanted to be when I was younger."

Jack first started playing table tennis at the age of 10, and from that moment on he has always strived to become one of the game's top players. With him now officially confirmed as being part of the team GB squad for the Paralympic games, he admits that it will be a team effort in Rio.

"Obviously I'm the one winning the matches and the medals, but I have a massive team around me," he said. "I train at the Institution of Sport in Sheffield and I have three coaches, two physios, a nutritionist, a psychologist and a strength and conditioning coach, so it is massively a team effort.

"I only play singles internationally at the moment because I don't have a team partner so my aspirations solely are for me to achieve everything, but I can't stress enough how much the team around me and the Great Britain set-up has a massive influence on the way I perform, so I think it is a team effort. But my aspirations and goals are for me personally." Despite playing the game for a number of years now, it has taken Jack a huge amount of hard work and dedication to get to this point in his career, and he reflects on how the journey to Rio all started for him.

"I started playing table tennis when I was 10 at youth club in Widnes," he said. "When I'd heard that the 2012 Paralympic Games would be in London I joined my local club based at the Stobart Stadium and it just progressed from there really.

"The first person I saw was a player called Tony Edge. He was a Paralympian back in the 70s and he's in a wheelchair too. Back then I could walk a little bit and was very stubborn to use a wheelchair, I really struggled with my disability.

"He was telling me he could beat me and I said 'no you can't, you're in a wheelchair', and he beat me 11-0. That opened my eyes up to see that I could use a wheelchair and was a massive turning point in accepting my disability."

From that moment on, Jack has been using a wheelchair during matches, and the change has allowed him to develop and improve his game, something which became apparent two years later.

"I went to my first Great Britain development camp when I was 12 and they monitored me and it took me six years in the development team to work my way up to the main Great Britain squad," he remembers.

"I took it up professionally after I tried going to college for a few weeks and I couldn't do it with training so I decided to quit college and turn professional. It was a big gamble but luckily it's working out so far."

Even as a professional athlete, one of the biggest issues in the sporting world is the parity between able bodied athletes and those with disabilities. Jack tells us from his point of view how Paralympians are treated compared to able bodied athletes, and whether or not their achievements are recognised as much.

"This is an issue not just within table tennis, but across sport. I think after the London 2012 Paralympics disabled sport was pushed into the limelight a lot more, and since then we have progressed a lot more.

"Maybe we're not seen in the same light as able bodied athletes, but I don't think it's out of ignorance, I think it's just that people don't realise the efforts that we go through. "I think it's definitely getting better, we could be recognised more for our achievements but as always it is a lot better than it was and they're bridging the gap a lot more so I definitely think it's a work in progress".

As for the future, Jack has set himself a number of goals he wants to achieve before his playing days are over, including Paralympic glory in Rio.

He said: "I've always strived to be Paralympic champion, I've always strived to be world No 1 and try to be the best player that I possibly can be, and that's what I'm working every day to be.

"I think my main aim is to win everything that I can win and be the best athlete I can. I think for me I'm a bit of a perfectionist so that'll be a little difficult to get to a stage where I feel I can't improve any more, which is a good thing I suppose.

"So my long-term aim in table tennis is to be the best in the world and if I finish my career with that I'll be very, very happy."

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What a start to 2011 for Halton TT Club Member Jack Hunter-Spivey. Aged only 15 he has just earned his place in the British Table Tennis Disabled World Class Performance Squad 2011. He was presented with his GB tracksuit by Club Chairman Karen Tonge MBE who has plotted Jack's progress since he joined the club as a result of being inspired by London winning the 2012 Games.

He is now attending the English Institute of Sport at Sheffield once a week for extra coaching, Liverpool John Moores University 2 mornings for strength and conditioning as part of his TASS funding The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme, or TASS as it is better known, is a Government funded programme to support and fast-track young sporting talent, the potential medal winners of the future. and Jack was nominated by BTTAD. TASS athletes that are awarded a scholarship will receive sporting support and services TASS provides athletes with a tailored package of services comprising of services such as Coaching, Strength and Conditioning, Lifestyle Support, Physiotherapy and access to a medical scheme TASS supports potential medal winners of the future. Sports Aid have also assisted Jack during the last 6 months to attend events Jack has now to work hard to stay in the Squad to fulfil his original dream to play in 2012 Paralympic Games but is now well on the journey. He now has to meet very tough targets set and expected by UK Sport to reach the top 30 in the World by July 2011 and play in foreign events.

Jack joined Sefton Park in Feb. 2011, in the L&DTTL "to get more experience playing local leagues"

Below is an article I wrote in my Editorial

"I had the pleasure of playing young Jack Hunter-Spivey the other week in a Div. 5 match, 15 year old Jack plays from a wheelchair for Sefton Park, I say pleasure, but also the worry of how I was going to cope, Jack is on intensive coaching to help his obvious determination to move up the National table tennis scene, my main advantage was my 'anti' rubber which Jack wasn't used to, but looked forward to playing against it, the speed and pace of his left handed hitting in open play caught me by surprise, so I had to slow him down, not Jacks favoured game, but will need to face in the future, after a tuff tussle I won 3-2 but only after a few nets, and the final game being decided on a net, dropping just over, for me to breathe a sigh of relief. Jack has played 6 games in Div. 4 at 4, winning 5, and having played 4, winning 2 in div 5 at 1. Keep it up Jack. Editor"

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# FINAL League Tables 2015 16 Season

| Division One |                  | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|--------------|------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 1            | Crosby High      | 24 | 17 | 5 | 2  | 173 |
| 2            | Fords            | 24 | 16 | 2 | 6  | 158 |
| 3            | M/Side Police    | 24 | 15 | 5 | 4  | 148 |
| 4            | Crosby High A    | 24 | 14 | 5 | 5  | 138 |
| 5            | Greenbank        | 24 | 12 | 3 | 9  | 134 |
| 6            | Bath St Marine A | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8  | 130 |
| 7            | Waterloo         | 24 | 13 | 2 | 9  | 123 |
| 8            | Wavertree Lab    | 24 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 120 |
| 9            | Maghull          | 24 | 4  | 6 | 14 | 99  |
| 10           | Bath St Marine   | 24 | 4  | 5 | 15 | 92  |
| 11           | Greenbank A      | 24 | 8  | 2 | 14 | 90  |
| 12           | Marconi          | 24 | 4  | 4 | 16 | 87  |
| 13           | Bath St Marine B | 24 | 2  | 3 | 19 | 58  |
| 14           | Free             | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |

| Division Two |                  | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|--------------|------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 1            | Harold House     | 24 | 18 | 2 | 4  | 170 |
| 2            | M/Side Police A  | 24 | 19 | 2 | 3  | 168 |
| 3            | Bath St Marine C | 24 | 15 | 3 | 6  | 152 |
| 4            | Crosby High B    | 24 | 14 | 5 | 5  | 149 |
| 5            | Cadwa            | 24 | 13 | 4 | 7  | 125 |
| 6            | East Wavertree   | 24 | 10 | 5 | 9  | 117 |
| 7            | Bath St Marine D | 24 | 7  | 2 | 15 | 105 |
| 8            | Bootle YMCA      | 24 | 7  | 4 | 13 | 105 |
| 9            | Sefton Park      | 24 | 9  | 4 | 11 | 104 |
| 10           | Marconi A        | 24 | 9  | 1 | 14 | 96  |
| 11           | Wavertree Lab A  | 24 | 4  | 5 | 15 | 93  |
| 12           | Cadwa A          | 24 | 5  | 2 | 17 | 92  |
| 13           | Wavertree Lab B  | 24 | 5  | 3 | 16 | 84  |
| 14           | Free             | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |

| Division Three |                  | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|----------------|------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 1              | East Wavertree   | 24 | 23 | 1 | 0  | 183 |
| 2              | St Annes         | 24 | 12 | 6 | 6  | 144 |
| 3              | Maghull B        | 24 | 13 | 5 | 6  | 135 |
| 4              | Marconi C        | 24 | 8  | 6 | 10 | 133 |
| 5              | Bootle YMCA A    | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8  | 133 |
| 6              | Bath St Marine F | 24 | 9  | 6 | 9  | 127 |
| 7              | Bath St Marine E | 24 | 12 | 3 | 9  | 124 |
| 8              | M/Side Police B  | 24 | 13 | 2 | 9  | 122 |
| 9              | Arriva Nth West  | 24 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 114 |
| 10             | Maghull A        | 24 | 7  | 3 | 14 | 104 |
| 11             | Wavertree Lab C  | 24 | 5  | 2 | 17 | 89  |
| 12             | Sefton Park A    | 24 | 3  | 3 | 18 | 83  |
| 13             | Cadwa B          | 24 | 4  | 5 | 15 | 69  |
| 14             | Free             | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |

| Division Four |                   | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|---------------|-------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 1             | Linacre           | 26 | 21 | 1 | 4  | 173 |
| 2             | Bootle YMCA B     | 26 | 18 | 4 | 4  | 173 |
| 3             | Marconi D         | 26 | 19 | 1 | 6  | 158 |
| 4             | Arriva Nth West A | 26 | 14 | 6 | 6  | 144 |
| 5             | M/Side Police C   | 26 | 14 | 4 | 8  | 141 |
| 6             | Waterloo A        | 26 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 135 |
| 7             | Wavertree Lab D   | 26 | 9  | 7 | 10 | 133 |
| 8             | Waterloo B        | 26 | 12 | 5 | 9  | 132 |
| 9             | QVC               | 26 | 11 | 6 | 9  | 131 |
| 10            | Bootle YMCA C     | 26 | 7  | 5 | 14 | 117 |
| 11            | Sefton Park B     | 26 | 6  | 6 | 14 | 110 |
| 12            | Maghull C         | 26 | 5  | 7 | 14 | 107 |
| 13            | Cadwa C           | 26 | 4  | 3 | 19 | 83  |
| 14            | Arriva Nth West B | 26 | 0  | 4 | 22 | 72  |

| Division Five |                  | P         | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|----|---|----|-----|
| 1             | Bath St Marine G | 20        | 17 | 2 | 1  | 169 |
| 2             | Maghull D        | 20        | 17 | 2 | 1  | 155 |
| 3             | East Wavertree B | 20        | 17 | 1 | 2  | 143 |
| 4             | Wavertree Lab E  | 20        | 12 | 1 | 7  | 127 |
| 5             | Sefton Park C    | 20        | 10 | 2 | 8  | 98  |
| 6             | Maghull E        | 20        | 9  | 0 | 11 | 81  |
| 7             | St Annes A       | 20        | 6  | 1 | 13 | 72  |
| 8             | Wavertree Lab F  | 20        | 6  | 1 | 13 | 71  |
| 9             | Marconi E        | 20        | 3  | 2 | 15 | 68  |
| 10            | Bath St Marine H | 20        | 5  | 2 | 13 | 67  |
| 11            | Harold House A   | 20        | 1  | 0 | 19 | 49  |
| 12            | QVC A            | withdrawn |    |   |    |     |
| 13            | Cadwa D          | withdrawn |    |   |    |     |
| 14            | Free             | 0         | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   |

| JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIVISION |                   |    |    |   |   |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| FINAL LEAGUE TABLE          |                   | P  | W  | D | L | GF  | GA  | Pts |
| 1                           | Waterloo          | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 48  | 250 |
| 2                           | Deyes High School | 10 | 6  | 0 | 4 | 187 | 114 | 187 |
| 3                           | Crosby High       | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3 | 175 | 133 | 175 |
| 4                           | Crosby High A     | 10 | 4  | 0 | 6 | 133 | 180 | 133 |
| 5                           | M/Side Police     | 10 | 2  | 0 | 8 | 97  | 217 | 97  |
| 6                           | M/Side Police A   | 10 | 1  | 0 | 9 | 74  | 224 | 74  |

|                          |    |        |         |                |
|--------------------------|----|--------|---------|----------------|
| Late Score Cards         | 28 | £4.00  | £112.00 |                |
| Incomplete Teams         | 54 | £3.00  | £162.00 |                |
| L Walk Over 3 A-Side     | 10 | £9.00  | £90.00  |                |
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| VC Walk Over 3 A-Side    | 3  | £9.00  | £27.00  | <b>Fines</b>   |
| DC Walk Over 3 A-Side    | 1  | £9.00  | £9.00   | <b>111</b>     |
| DC Walk Over 4 A-Side    | 4  | £12.00 | £48.00  |                |
| Pld Out of Ranked Order  | 4  | £3.00  | £12.00  | <b>Total</b>   |
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