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New L&DTTL web site -<https://www.tabletennis365.com/Liverpool>

Editorial

To All, Welcome to a new season, this Digest (Vol. 4) was usually the last of the previous season, with the Final League positions, and the Division reporters Final comments of the season, but this season we left the third Digest till the season had finished and was able to carry the Final League Tables, all the Cup Results, and Final Div. Reports. I feel that it worked pretty well, and propose to use that format for the future, (till I give in!), so three full Digests through the season, and one reminder/ starter the new season, it's only due to the Internet which makes this format agreeable, but hard copies will still be printed for those who don't have access to the internet.

We have just finished watching a brilliant Olympic Games from Rio, and it doesn't need me to stress how well Team GB did, we still have a long way to go in Table Tennis, but maybe in a few more Olympics there may be more to shout about. But for now we can send our best wishes to local player Jack Hunter-Spivey who will be on his way now to Rio to compete in the Paralympics, with fingers crossed that all the hard training materialises in a medal to add to the rest of Team GB medals:- **Good Luck Jack**

How many players have been informed, or remember! that Trevor Owens, our Fixture Secretary of many years has finally had to give up for health reasons, the task of compiling all the technicalities of running a League, and with that in mind, the L&DTTL, as most of the other TT leagues in the country have already done, decided to use the TT365 web site for compiling information and results. Each L&DTTL team will receive the same type of match card as we have been used to, and they will be filled in in the same way, (hopefully properly! to save the League Administrator more work), and posted to new Fixture Secretary, East Wavertree's Tony Dixon, I had heard that Tony was going to accept e-mailed cards, photographed with your phone, and sent on the night for speed, cards still require signatures and other formalities on the card, I'm not sure if the original cards still need posting, but all will be revealed at the handbook meeting, we don't want to run before we can walk, but there is so much detail available weekly on the TT365 site, that when things settle down, results will look different, but more will be available when we get used to it, Southport and Wirral Leagues have already started, but as always, the Administrator can only add the info he receives via the match cards. As the season progresses there are other information sections that can be built up, all this info has to be added by our two administrators, Tom Purcell and Tony Dixon, so help is needed while 'everyone' are finding their feet! Tom has added his comment on page 6

The first season of the JDD has been a huge success, hopefully the young players will keep the interest in playing TT into later life and join clubs. Jim Booth took some fantastic photo's during one of the match nights, and to see the concentration in the faces was a real treat, the presentation night held at St. Johns School was well attended by players and parents, and pride of receiving trophies shown in the faces of the youngsters, makes the effort of the officials who put in so much of their time running the JDD worth it, mind you I'm sure more helpers would be accepted. with open arms!

My thanks to the five players who take up their time to compile the Divisional reports for the Digest, so difficult from a straight match card without comments, but they do it from their knowledge of the players in their Div. so if during the season, you are playing against a reporter, give him some news he can use. Thankfully four of last season's reporters have agreed to carry on this season, Pete Walsh (Jnr) Div.1 Ian McElwee Div.3, Ken Roberts Div.4, and Jimmy Williams Div.5. the only change, we are losing Ray Jackson from Div.2, due to the Marconi Club ending their long connection with the L&DTTL, Ray is no longer playing in the league, so bids the Digest farewell, my gratitude goes out to Ray for the many reports he has sent in over the years, but now I need to find a Division 2 reporter, any volunteers please contact me via e-mail address on the back page!!

The Liverpool Closed was played later than usual due to so many obstacles, but managed to go ahead after the playing season had ended on Sunday 8th May, at Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, a fair turnout with all categories' contested with a hard fought final between Jonathan Taylor and Thomas Hadley, Jonathan coming out winner 3-1, pity there weren't more to see the final. All results at bottom of page.

We don't have a printed 'Handbook' anymore as all Club, Team, Match details will now be on the Tabletennis365/Liverpool web site, ok if you have access to the internet, but for those who don't I have printed on the back page, the weekly fixtures, and on the inner back page, the division formations, with space to enter team match nights, I haven't filled them in myself as they may be changed at the Handbook meeting. For all those not on the internet, I'm sure there will be someone in the Club who does have access, so chase them up for info.

Have an enjoyable and competitive season

2015-16 Fawley Construction Liverpool Closed Tournament

Mens Singles 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: Thomas Hadley / D. Griffith bt John Goodall / Olivier Barthelemy 4, 6, 6.

Division 2 Ben Chen bt Matty Kelly 6, 6, 2.

Division 3 Steve Gittin s bt Shakil Malik -9, -9, 9, 2, 7.

Division 4 John Gratton bt Aleks Charcenco 7, 9, -8, 7.

Division 5 Mike Stewart bt Dave Bradley 13, 7, 10.

Nets & Edges

Don Davies

From a total entry of 125 in the 2016 Liverpool Grand Prix, forty five of them travelled from Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Isle of Man while just eight Liverpool League players entered. Although fees are a shade too expensive, with minimal travelling costs one would have expected more than a handful of local players.

It was disappointing to learn that Ryan Jenkins, the highest world ranked player ever to have appeared in the Liverpool League and in my view, the most talented, didn't enter. On receiving a call from a player that Ryan had retired from GP tournaments, which I understand was posted on the TTE web site, I checked with Ryan before including the 'rumour' in my Echo column. He said he was being selective in which tournaments he'll enter this season but, it was nice to see him over the weekend where he helped a number of players with their game in his capacity of Wales' Team Manager and Head Coach.

In the final sentence of my last 'Nets and Edges' I said that if the 2016 Liverpool GP was to be staged by Table Tennis England, the event would need help and co-operation from Liverpool League members. This turned out to be the case for without it, the event wouldn't have taken off on Saturday. With only Zach Ferris, TTE's Tournament Manager in attendance, it was left to us at 1pm on Friday to set up the courts. With regular 'helpers' Tom Purcell and Graham Rollinson attending the funeral of umpire Derek Sherratt, just two MC members turned up who with half a dozen 'volunteers, set up the two sides of the big hall which took until 5pm. Arthur Upton always prefaced any congratulatory comments by saying he refrained from naming those to whom he was referring, for fear of omitting someone who had helped in any way. While this was a wise thing position to take, I'll mention just Janette Hutchings who weighed in with an invaluable stint and Roly Wright whose young grandson Tom, helped measure the courts using Mike Power's home-made measuring rope. A relieved (I reckon) Zach Ferris, emailed Mike on Monday with his thanks to all who helped over the three days, make the first GP of the season, an unqualified success. Thanks also to those who attended on Sunday night to strip down the courts and load the lorry a thankless task which, nevertheless, was as important as the job completed on Friday.

Liverpool Grand Prix

Don Davies

The First of the Table Tennis England 2016 - 017 Grand Prix circuit

At The Wavertree Tennis Centre 20-21st August 2016

For the first time since the Liverpool and District League organised the inaugural Merseyside Open in 1929, and subsequently, when the present day GP tournaments were introduced, the League didn't organise and run the event, having handed the responsibility to Table Tennis England. The event opened on Saturday 20 th. August at 9 am when the Banded events commenced.

England international Chris Doran swept all before him in the men's singles, the Northampton man winning his third successive GP title having last season won the Blackpool and London titles. In a sparkling encounter, the 17 stone Doran, who ousted the all international trio of Scotland's Niall Cameron, Dan O'Connell (Wales) and England's Darius Knight in successive rounds before facing another England man in Mike O'Driscoll, in the final. To arrive at this stage the Yorkshire man turned back time in the last four dismissing four times Liverpool GP men's champion Gavin Rungay, who was seeded at one in the disappointing absence of Ryan Jenkins. Doran took the first 11-9 before O'Driscoll, displaying an array of deft flicks, drop shots and fierce counter hitting drives, levelled matters 11-8. Doran, though, the overall GP champion in the 2014/15 season, held firm to take the third 11-8 before continuing his assault on the tiring Yorkshire man to claim the title 9, -8, 8, 5.

Romanian number 4 Lulia Necula, on her Liverpool GP Debut breezed into the final where she took on England number one and the defending overall 2015/16 champion Kelly Sibley. Necula accounted for England international and former Liverpool GP champion Karina Le Fevre in the semi's while Sibley, was avenging her defeat by Wales' number one Charlotte Carey when they last met, this time at the penultimate stage. Necula started in fine style forging a 2-0 lead winning 7 and 7 but, in an amazing turn around, Sibley took the first seven points before being pegged back at 9-9. The 5 times England singles champion though, took the next two points to extend the contest. The former world ranked 141 Romanian, regained the ascendancy in the fourth to take it 11-7 and claim the title.

Rungay, who had hoped to equal Victor Barna's haul of five Liverpool GP M/S titles, didn't leave empty handed after teaming up with O'Driscoll to overcome the Welsh pairing of Charlotte Carey and Dan O'Connell, 5, 8, 8 in the open doubles final.

Liverpool Grand Prix

--- Results

Men's Singles Finalists



Mike O'Driscoll [left] and winner Chris Doran pictured with Table Tennis England board member, Tom Purcell

Women's Singles Finalists



winner Iulia Necula [left] and Kelly Sibley, pictured with, Tom Purcell

Player of the Weekend, Mike O'Driscoll, claimed the scalp of the tournament beating number one seed Gavin Rungay in a very closely contested quarter-final. O'Driscoll coming through 11-5, 7-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6. It didn't get any easier for the ex-England international, who then faced Scotland's number two, Craig Howieson, in the semi's. Again it went to five, only this time the Yorkshireman had to come from behind winning 11-7 in the decider.

Photo's from Zach Ferris, TTE Tournament Organiser's report.

Saturday's Band Results

Men's Banded Events Champions

- Band 1 Mike O'Driscoll (Y) bt Kim Daybell (Y)
- Band 2 Zak Wilson (Irl) bt Chris Main (Sco)
- Band 3 Billy Shilton (Gs) bt Charlie Fitzgerald (Irl)
- Band 4 Charlie Fitzgerald bt Jack Stockdale (E)
- Band 5 Tom Davis (Irl) bt Dawid Sulkowski (Ng)
- Band 6 Tom Davis (Irl) bt Sam Bailey (IOM)

Women's Banded Events Champions

- Band 1 Megan Phillips (Wal) bt Katie McGlone (Irl)
- Band 2 Charlotte Bardsley (St) bt Katie McGlone
- Band 3 Charlotte Bardsley bt Mia O'Rahilly Egan (Irl)
- Band 4 Rachael Scott (Irl) bt Mia O'Rahilly Egan

Sunday's Results

Men's Singles

Chris Doran (Np) bt Mike O'Driscoll (Y)

Women's Singles

Iulia Necula (ROM) bt Kelly Sibley (Wa)

Open Doubles

Final G. Rungay (Sco)/M. O'Driscoll (Y)
bt Dan O'Connell (Wal)/Charlotte Carey (Wal)

Veteran Singles

Final: Jimmy Walsh (He) bt Tomasz Rzeszotko (Ch)

U/21 Women's Singles

Final: Charlotte Bardsley bt Gauri Duhan (Y)

U/21 Men's Singles

Final: James Hobson (Y) bt Ethan Walsh (He)

Green is triple winner on AETTU debut

The 2016 competition for the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires (AETTU) took place at the Draycott and Long Eaton TTC over the weekend.

This is the ninth year of the competition and attracted 28 competitors, while 37 players and guests sat down to the evening meal at the Hallmark Hotel in Derby.

Dave Griffiths, the 2015 Open Champion, was unable to attend this year's competition but there were six female competitors for the first time and a number of new umpires taking part.

Jan Crompton (Oxf) was the Ladies' Champion and also won the O70s' competition. Rory Scott (Sussex) won the hard bat competition and the U50s and was also the losing finalist in the Open event.

Harry Jutle (Herts) was the winner of the O60s and Bruce Lowther (Clev) was successful in the Plate event. Brian Freer (Cambs) was the winner of the O80s competition beating Derek Sherratt, the winner from 2015.

Steve Green (Ches) entered the competition for the first time and had a very successful weekend, winning the Doubles competition with Tom Purcell (Lancs) and also the O50s' competition. Steve played Rory Scott in the

final of the Open event and was losing in all three games but managed to fight back and beat Rory 3-0 in a closely fought competition.

President of the AETTU, Tony Chatwin, presented the trophies to the successful competitors. Many thanks must also go to the friends and partners of the players who supported the competition and Joyce and Brenda who provided the refreshments during the weekend and not forgetting George Tyler who was the Referee and Margaret Welch who acted as Referee's Assistant. Thanks also to Draycott and Long Eaton TTC and Brian Savage for arranging a very good venue for the competition.

Results

Hard bat: Winner Rory Scott, **runner-up Tony Dixon**

U50: Winner Rory Scott, runner-up Kevin Bird

O50: **Winner Steve Green**, runner-up **Tony Dixon**

O60: Winner Harry Jutle, runner-up Bob Evans

O70: Winner Jan Crompton, runner-up Lynda Reid

O80: Winner Brian Freer, runner-up Derek Sherratt

Plate: Winner Bruce Lowther, runner-up Lyndon Griffiths

Doubles: **Winners Tom Purcell & Steve Green**, runners-up Richard Hudson & John Lawton

Ladies: Winner Jan Crompton, runner-up Jo Outhwaite

Open: **Winner Steve Green**, runner-up Rory Scott

Tom Purcell

JDD Presentation Night



Three photo's from the first JDD Presentation night, probably , (and hopefully) the first of many for those taking part here!

L&DTTL President Bill Fawley, current Champion Jonathan Taylor and past Champion Bill Harris were delighted to take part in this First JDD Finals Night, the first of many we hope

TABLE TENNIS 365 /LIVERPOOL

For a number of years the Trevor Owens, the Fixture Secretary for LDTTL has arranged the seasonal fixtures together with the results and averages. It was a lot of hard work for Trevor and developed over the years. Each week Trevor would send out the League tables and results.

About five years ago the English Table Tennis Association were looking at developing a computer programme which could be used by all leagues for table tennis fixtures, results etc. This was subsequently developed into TT365 which is now used by approximately 200 leagues around the country

TT365 is a purpose developed programme which can be used by any league.

Before the start of the season the details of the clubs, teams and players are put into TT365 by an administrator and the programme immediately creates the fixtures for the

coming season. It also immediately creates the league tables and

averages as the results are input into the programme. Each week as the results are sent to the fixture secretary they are input into the programme and the results and league tables are updated immediately.

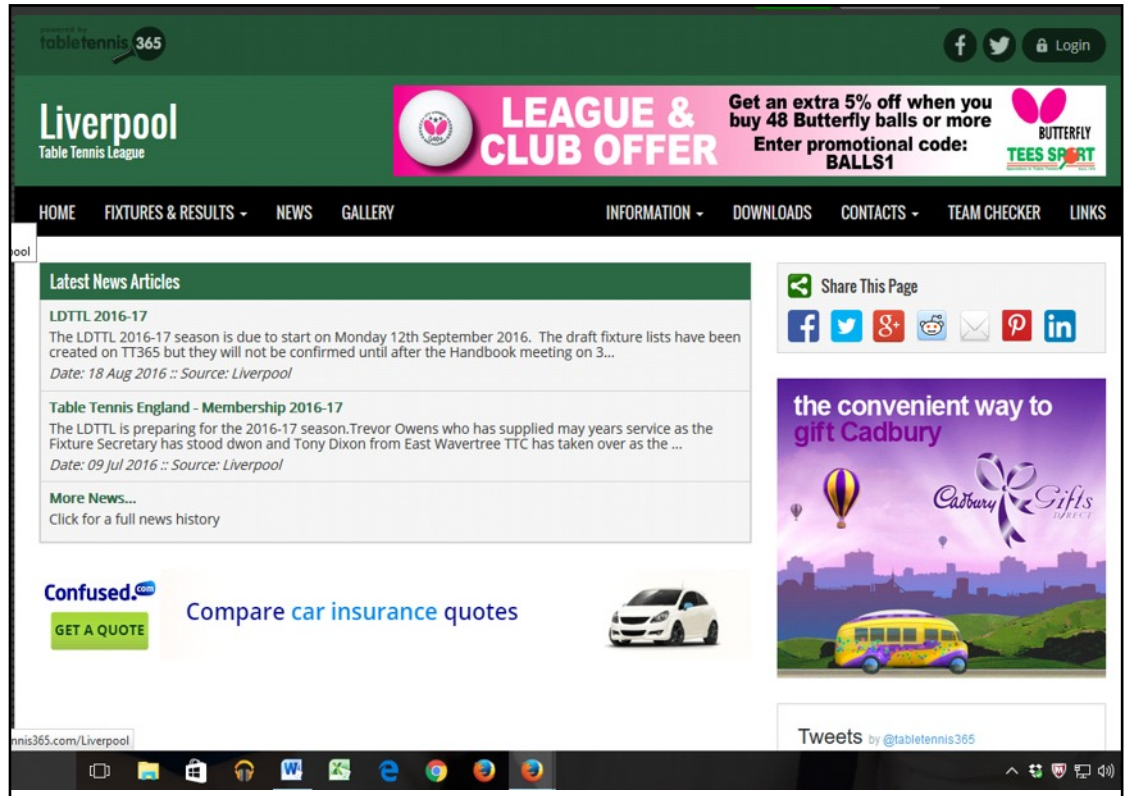
The website will also be used to record details of league officials, news items, cup fixtures and results, items of information and links to other table tennis sites.

Access to the TT365 Liverpool website can be found at -:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/Liverpool> .

It is important that league players and officials start to use TT365.

Tom Purcell TT365/ Liverpool Administrator



Home page of the L&DTTL web site

Are you aware that from the start of the 16-17 season TTE membership for playing and licensed membership will include accidental insurance cover. This additional insurance will cover personal injury received while playing TT and physio treatment as a result of the injury.

Full details of TTE liability and accidental insurance cover can be found at;
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/play/membership/insurance/>

Tom Purcell

Division Formation for 2016 -17 Season

KEY No.	DIVISION 1	Match Night	KEY No.
1	CROSBY HIGH	Tue	1
2	BATH St. MARINE	Wed	2
3	HAROLD HOUSE	Mon	3
4	GREENBANK	Tues	4
5	WATERLOO	Thur	5
6	MERSEYSIDE POLICE	Thur	6
7	FORDS	Thur	7
8	WAVERTREE LABOUR	Thur	8
9			9
10			10
11	GREENBANK 'A'	Tues	11
12	CROSBY HIGH 'A'	Wed	12
13	MERSEYSIDE POLICE 'A'	Thur	13
14	MAGHULL	Wed	14

KEY No.	DIVISION 2	Match Night	KEY No.
1			1
2	BATH St. MARINE 'A'	Tues	2
3	BOOTLE YMCA	Wed	3
4	CADWA	Thur	4
5	EAST WAVERTREE 'B'	Mon	5
6	St. ANNES	Fri	6
7	SEFTON PARK	Thurs	7
8	CROSBY HIGH 'B'	Tues	8
9	BATH St. MARINE 'B'	Thurs	9
10	EAST WAVERTREE 'A'	Thurs	10
11	CADWA 'A'	Thurs	11
12	EAST WAVERTREE	Mon	12
13	WAVERTREE LABOUR 'A'	Wed	13
14			14

KEY No.	DIVISION 3	Match Night	KEY No.
1	LINACRE	Fri	1
2	BATH St MARINE 'D'	Mon	2
3	BOOTLE YMCA 'B'	Tues	3
4	ARRIVA NORTH WEST	Wed	4
5	MAGHULL 'A'	Mon	5
6	WAVERTREE LABOUR 'B'	Wed	6
7	WAVERTREE LABOUR 'C'	Wed	7
8	CADWA 'B'	Fri	8
9	BATH St. MARINE 'C'	Tues	9
10			10
11	BOOTLE YMCA 'A'	Fri	11
12	MAGHULL 'B'	Mon	12
13	MERSEYSIDE POLICE 'B'	Thurs	13
14	SEFTON PARK 'A'	Thurs	14

KEY No.	DIVISION 4	Match Night	KEY No.
1	CADWA 'C'	Mon	1
2	SEFTON PARK 'C'	Mon	2
3	WATERLOO 'A'	Thurs	3
4	BOOTLE YMCA 'C'	Fri	4
5	MAGHULL 'C'	Tues	5
6	MERSEYSIDE POLICE 'C'	Thurs	6
7	SEFTON PARK 'B'	Tues	7
8	WAVERTREE LABOUR 'D'	Thurs	8
9	BATH St. MARINE 'E'	Wed	9
10	WATERLOO 'B'	Thurs	10
11	ARRIVA NORTH WEST 'A'	Wed	11
12	MAGHULL 'D'	Tues	12
13			13
14	QVC	Tues	14

KEY No.	DIVISION 5	Match Night	KEY No.
1	WAVERTREE LABOUR 'F'	Thurs	1
2	BATH St. MARINE 'F'	Fri	2
3	EAST WAVERTREE 'C'	Thurs	3
4	GREENBANK 'B'	Fri	4
5			5
6	SEFTON PARK 'E'	Fri	6
7	MAGHULL 'E'	Wed	7
8	CADWA 'D'	Mon	8
9	BATH St. MARINE 'G'	Fri	9
10	HAROLD HOUSE 'A'	Mon	10
11	ARRIVA NORTH WEST 'B'	Mon	11
12	WATERLOO 'C'	Thurs	12
13	WAVERTREE LABOUR 'E'	Wed	13
14	SEFTON PARK 'D'	Tues	14

These are the FINAL team positions and KEY No.s

Clarified at the Handbook meeting 31/8/2016

All changes will be shown on the web site at -:

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/Liverpool> .

Copies of the 2016-17 Rule Book will also be found there.

FIXTURES - ALL DIVISIONS 2016 - 17

Season	Week	Match							
Week	Comm.	Week							
No.	Mon.	No.							
1	12-Sep	1	1 v 14	2 v 13	3 v 12	4 v 11	5 v 10	6 v 9	7 v 8
2	19-Sep	2	8 v 6	9 v 5	10 v 4	11 v 3	12 v 2	13 v 1	14 v 7
3	26-Sep	3	1 v 12	2 v 11	3 v 10	4 v 9	5 v 8	6 v 7	14 v 13
4	03-Oct	4	6 v 14	7 v 5	8 v 4	9 v 3	10 v 2	11 v 1	12 v 13
5	10-Oct		Divisional Cups 1st Round + outstanding matches						
6	17-Oct	5	1 v 10	2 v 9	3 v 8	4 v 7	5 v 6	13 v 11	14 v 12
7	24-Oct	6	5 v 14	6 v 4	7 v 3	8 v 2	9 v 1	10 v 13	11 v 12
8	31-Oct	7	1 v 8	2 v 7	3 v 6	4 v 5	12 v 10	13 v 9	14 v 11
9	07-Nov	8	4 v 14	5 v 3	6 v 2	7 v 1	8 v 13	9 v 12	10 v 11
10	14-Nov		Div. Cups 2nd. Rnd. + outstanding League Matches						
11	21-Nov	9	1 v 6	2 v 5	3 v 4	11 v 9	12 v 8	13 v 7	14 v 10
12	28-Nov	10	3 v 14	4 v 2	5 v 1	6 v 13	7 v 12	8 v 11	9 v 10
13	05-Dec	11	1 v 4	2 v 3	10 v 8	11 v 7	12 v 6	13 v 5	14 v 9
14	12-Dec	12	2 v 14	3 v 1	4 v 13	5 v 12	6 v 11	7 v 10	8 v 9
14	12-Dec	12	PLUS Vets H/cap Cup Qualifying Round						
15	19-Dec		CHRISTMAS BREAK						
16	26-Dec		CHRISTMAS BREAK						
17	02-Jan	13	1 v 2	9 v 7	10 v 6	11 v 5	12 v 4	13 v 3	14 v 8
18	09-Jan		Vets. H/cap Cup Rnd.1 - plus Outstanding League Matches						
19	16-Jan	14	14 v 1	13 v 2	12 v 3	11 v 4	10 v 5	9 v 6	8 v 7
20	23-Jan	15	6 v 8	5 v 9	4 v 10	3 v 11	2 v 12	1 v 13	7 v 14
21	30-Jan	16	12 v 1	11 v 2	10 v 3	9 v 4	8 v 5	7 v 6	13 v 14
22	06-Feb		Vets. H/cap Cup Rnd. 2 - plus Outstanding League Matches						
23	13-Feb	17	14 v 6	5 v 7	4 v 8	3 v 9	2 v 10	1 v 11	13 v 12
24	20-Feb	18	10 v 1	9 v 2	8 v 3	7 v 4	6 v 5	11 v 13	12 v 14
25	27-Feb		Div.Cup Semi Finals + outstanding League Matches						
26	06-Mar	19	14 v 5	4 v 6	3 v 7	2 v 8	1 v 9	13 v 10	12 v 11
27	13-Mar	20	8 v 1	7 v 2	6 v 3	5 v 4	10 v 12	9 v 13	11 v 14
27	13-Mar	20	PLUS Vets H/cap 3rd round						
28	20-Mar	21	14 v 4	3 v 5	2 v 6	1 v 7	13 v 8	12 v 9	11 v 10
29	27-Mar	22	6 v 1	5 v 2	4 v 3	9 v 11	8 v 12	7 v 13	10 v 14
30	03-Apr	23	14 v 3	2 v 4	1 v 5	13 v 6	12 v 7	11 v 8	10 v 9
30	03-Apr	23	PLUS Vets H/cap Semi-Finals						
31	10-Apr	24	4 v 1	3 v 2	8 v 10	7 v 11	6 v 12	5 v 13	9 v 14
32	17-Apr	25	14 v 2	1 v 3	13 v 4	12 v 5	11 v 6	10 v 7	9 v 8
33	24-Apr		Div. Cup Finals + outstanding League Matches						
34	01-May	26	2 v 1	7 v 9	6 v 10	5 v 11	4 v 12	3 v 13	8 v 14
34	01-May	26	PLUS Vets. H/cap Cup Final						
35	08-May	final	Final Date to play outstanding Matches shall be Friday 12th May 2017						

(Match Week 24 includes Good Friday) - (Match Week 25 includes Easter Monday)

(Season Week 31 includes Good Friday) - (Season Week 32 includes Easter Monday)

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