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Do we need, or better still, do we read our magazine? The number of times I have been asked when such a semi-final or final is taking place - they were all in the last magazine. Numerous teams have turned up on the wrong night after match nights have been changed. Could be one of the two secretaries have blundered - that is another problem. The fact is that all alterations were in the Digest - so is it too much to ask that ONE MEMBER of the teams had by chance noticed the alteration in the first magazine.

Again it is with regret I have to announce the passing of one of the greatest players of the last decade - Roy Jones of Linnets and Liverpool Y.M.C.A. A well-known, outspoken, and popular player. An outstanding episode in his life which he was the first to smile about was the Australian Saga, Jim Greene organised a presentation. A trip to Blackpool was organised, which became hectic, nostalgic and full of emotion a story about which I could fill a book was attended by all his friends. He went to Australia and re-turned on the same boat!! and won the ships championship out and return!! His regret - he never won the closed - he was good enough. Gordon Birch hadn't lost for a year and a half, Roy stopped that, another great win over Kehoe of Burnley when recalled to the Liverpool side when Kehoe was at his best and Roy wasn't.

What a beautiful forehead Roy had and where did the power come from. A tremendous player and personality and so sad for his family to lose him at a comparatively early age.

If you happen to be in Ken Armson's company have a look at John Wallace's masterpiece depicting Ken coaching his team, not to be overawed by the female species (no names).

I think the committee should take some drastic action over players not turning up. Take the case of Linacre who again recently played a man short. This is happening regularly - once every thirty years - and must be stopped - it's just not good enough!!?

PRESENTATION DANCE AT THE COURTAULDS CLUB - AINTREE, FRIDAY, APRIL 25th. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW 7.30 p.m. to 12.00. RESIDENT TRIO AND TOP CLASS GROUP - BAR 11.30 p.m. TICKETS £1.00.

Have you had a think about two of last season new rules - semi finals to be played on the table of the first out of the hat. What do this year's semi finalists think? A player must play six games for the club before playing in a cup quarter final or eight before a semi-final - how about the Dutch's and Linacre who play the same team weekly or the lowest team of bigger clubs

- in all these cases it would have to be at the committee's discretion and if the two reserves who have not played their quota are Desmond Douglas and Jack Lambert what is their decision?

All rule amendments and nominations for the Management Committee must be in Secretary John McKim's hands by May 1st.

Wavertree Labour continue to hold off their challengers. One of their best performances killed off any hope that Palmerston may have held when Labour won 9-1. Keith Williams picked up the only point by beating Wayne Percival. However, Rafters became the first team to beat them with a 6-4 win which included two from Trevor Manning beating Wayne Percival and Dave Roberts and a further two from John Fennah who beat Dave Roberts and Mick Tierney.

Palmerston are now suffering from the loss of their most consistent player of this season Ron Brotherton who is out for the rest of the season after a minor operation. Ron finished off with a fine performance beating Mark Thomas and Phil Luxon of Wavertree Labour "A" to help his team to a closely disputed 6-4 win. Alun Williams replied by beating Keith Williams and Brian Davey. After recent humiliations at the hands of Brian Crolley, Keith decided to show Brian who was boss with a 21-3, 21-5 win. Wavertree Labour "A" turn out strong to relatively weak teams depending on the availability of their North Wales players. However, with a weaker team they held off Bath Street with a 6-4 win thanks to Mal McEvoy beating Dave Butterworth and Bill Clayton.

Palmerston "A" are now making some considerable headway against the top teams. They beat their first team 8-2 with Les Molyneux beating Brian Davey and Keith Williams 21-19, 15-21, 22-20. Tim Wearden also won two against Alec Bryce and Stan Mercer. Rafters also fell to this young Palmerston team 3-7. Tom Charnock excelled by beating Greg Powell and Gordon Exell and John Fennah replied for Rafters by beating Les Molyneux and Graham Parr.

Y.M.C.A. proved more formidable opponents for Palmerston "A" thanks to John Marshall comfortably holding off his opponents as he has been doing regularly all season. However, Palmerston did make some impact with Graham Parr, Jim McMillan and Stan Mercer beating Malcolm Pu, Peter Lee and Peter Turtle respectively. Y.M.C.A. went to town against their "A" team after struggling in recent matches. They recorded a 9-1 win with Francis Lay picking up a solitary point by beating Peter Lee 27-25 in the third set.

English Electric continue to make steady progress without being quite strong enough to challenge the top teams. They were held to a draw by Y.M.C.A. "A" with Mark Walmsley turning out over his Christmas vacation and showing that he is still improving by beating Clive Strettle and Graeme Black. Electric had Brian Crolley as reserve on this occasion and he proved his worth by beating Alan Pickering and Harry Johnston. Bath Street, like Y.M.C.A. "A" are just doing enough to keep out of relegation trouble and they too drew with English Electric. In this match Dave Butterworth beat Clive Strettle and an improving Alan Watson beat Graeme Black and George Cheng.

Trinity's problems of failing to turn out settled teams continues. The first team turned out with three reserves against their second team and lost 3-7. Against English Electric Mike Truman failed to appear and after conceding three points Phil Thomson and S.Collins and linking up with Ian Truman to win the doubles. English Electric "A" continue to have a successful season. They pushed Y.M.C.A. to struggle to a 6-4 win with Fred Pheysey having a nail biting time. After losing to Peter Lee 20-22 in the third he came back to beat Peter Turtle 21-11, 21-23, 24-22.

Beauclair have improved and are playing with more spirit. They recorded their best win of the season 6-4 over Palmers "A" with Mick Allen producing his best form of the season to beat Stan Mercer in the last match of the night. However, Beauclair slipped up recently against Palmerston "B" going down 4-6 with Roy Bradbury having no difficulty in hitting through Ted Birch and Frank Murphy. Jim McMillan also won two against Frank and Mick Allen. Palmerston "B" also have shown improved form with a draw against Trinity thanks to S.Hardy beating Ian Truman and Paul Gittins. (Paul has been promoted from a lower division and with more experience should manage to hold his own). Mike Truman won two for Trinity by beating Roy Bradbury and Ian Burrows. Ian has been having a lean time this season and is now out of action through an injured foot. In this match, however,

he nearly became one of the few players to beat Eric Hardman only going down 23-25 in the third set. At the time of writing Palmerston "B" are one point ahead of Beauclair with an easier run in so it looks as if Beauclair, also in danger of losing their premises, are favourites to join Trinity "A" in the relegation spots.

DIVISION 2 DON CHALKLEY

Rumjahn Cup - Semi finals:- Wav. Labour "B" beat Kirkby 9-1. Colonsay beat Bath St. "A".

The situation at the top of the League appears quite clear cut now with Labour "B" 30 points clear of Jewish who have a game in hand. Kirkby look to have missed the boat again and I cannot see them making up the lost ground particularly having given a "walk over" claimed by En. El. "B".

Trinity "B" have played consistently and deserve third place although it might be hard not to be there after both Kirkby and Colonsay have played all their games. If only Colonsay could play Sue Alexandra more often. She is playing well when she appears and my notes show she has only lost one game this year.

Norman Challinor has a problem with not having a large pool of players and the recent road accident to Hike Power has not helped.

At the other end of the table, Electric Supply have improved since obtaining the services of Trevor Watt and have opened a gap on the four at the bottom and have overtaken several other teams. I do not have the cards but am informed from a reliable source that their last four games have brought 34 points. With form like this they deserve to stay up. It now looks pretty certain that Police, Eng. El. "C" and Linacre will go down. With Eng. El. "B" having 10 points to add to the ones shown they could still be in with a fighting chance in the run-in to beat Bath St. "B".

Best performances to date:-

Eddie Clein 27/28 (I believe that although not included in my notes, Sue Alexandra did a "John Letch" too.) Norman Challinor 19/22, Tommy Williams 18/22, Alan Mercer 13/16, Neil Roberts 26/30, Paul Morgan 31/36, Ken Jackson 27/36, Paul Brown 26/36, Chris Coogan 14/18, Sue Alexandra 5/6, Don Davies 20/26, Peter Rumjahn 5/6, Neil Roberts/Paul Morgan 10/12 losing to Sue Alexandra/Mark Monaghan and Dave Cunningham/Phil Birchall. Paul Brown/ K.Jackson 12/14. E.Clein/John Henshaw 9/10, lost to Dave Ferguson/Ron Rumjahn. R.Stevenson/J.Quirk 4/4. Tommy Williams/M.Power 7/9. Some games and results of note:-

J.Clewitt beat J.Henshaw 21/10, 21/9. J.Yau beat P.Brown 21/10 in 3. J.Clewitt beat K.Jackson in 2. Lyn Fennah showed improvement and determination beating Dave Crispin 21/19, 21/23, 21/19. Jewish 5, Trinity "B" 5. Only Eddie Clein won both singles. Linacre 6 El. Supply 4 with Ken Ainsworth winning 2.

Bath St. "A" 6 Trinity "B" 4 with doubles for Phil Birchall, F.McCann and Mike Cororan. Linacre 7 En. El. "C" 3. Doubles for Jack Davidson and Frank Lacey. Wavertree Labour "B" 5 Colonsay 5. This was a see-saw of a game

worth detailing: Paul Morgan beat H.Nelson in two 1-0. Mark Monaghan beat N.Roberts 23/21 in 3. 1-1. Sue Alexandra beat K.Jackson in 2. 1-2. P.Brown beat H.Nelson in 2. 2-2. Lyn Fennah beat P.Morgan in three 2-3. N.Roberts beat Sue Alexandra in two 3-3. Lyn Fennah beat K.Jackson in three 3-4. Monaghan/Alexandra beat Roberts/Morgan in two 3-5. Brown/Jackson beat Fennah/Nelson in two 4-5. P.Brown beat M.Monaghan in three 5-5. Hard lines Colonsay, the nearest to beating Labour who deserve credit for fighting back well. Y.M.C.A. "B" 5 Linacre 5. A.Thabet and Frank Lacey winning both singles. Rafters "A" won both doubles in a 8/2 defeat by Kirkby. P.Birchall trying to prove a point against his old team. He beat Paul Morgan 22/20 in three and the doubles with Dave Cunningham in a 8/2 defeat. Kevin Parker (having a good season) beat J.Quirk in two. R.Craddock beat R.Stevenson in three in a 8/2 defeat. Neil Royden won two in a 5/5 game with Police. I beat Neil Roberts in three in the Cup and later P.Brown in three in the League. Alan Jones beat P.Birchall in two in a 8/2

defeat, playing one short. Trevor Watts and Mark and Neil Royden won two in a 6/4 win for Trinity "B" over El. Supply. A.Thabet beat J.Henshaw and J.Clewitt beat R.Stevenson in a 8/2 defeat. Alan Horwood won two in one 6/4 defeat by Rafter's "A" with the latter winning both doubles 17 in the third.

Rafter's "A" drew 5/5 with Jewish with Eddie Clein playing at number 4. Was this a game of "Who will play at what position?" Rafter's "A" came back with two wins to grab a draw. Details:- E.Clein beat Don Davies in two 0-1. D.Ferguson beat J.Quirk 23/21 in three 1-1. R.Stevenson beat D.Sayle in three 1-2. Ferguson/Rumjahn beat Clein/Henshaw in three 2-2. Quirk/Stevenson beat Sayle/Davies in two 2-3. Clein beat Rumjahn in two 2-4. Don Davies beat J.Henshaw in two 3-4. R.Stevenson beat R.Rumjahn in two 3-5. Ferguson beat Henshaw in two 4-5. Sayle beat Quirk in three 5-5. It sounded a good match with Rafter's "A" fighting well. I note that Kirkby appear to have ceased the practice of providing refreshments. Come on Norman, instead of letting Tommy Williams practice during the match, have him put the kettle on. Talking about Kirkby reminds me of a funny incident that occurred during our recent 4/6 defeat there. Dave Crispen was coping very well with Tommy William's big forehand, and was winning the third and Tommy in exasperation threw his bat up in the air. It failed to come back to the ground having fallen into the recess area near the roof. He lost the next two vital points and the game with a borrowed bat but later found his own!

Don't forget the Closed and the Dance.

DIVISION 3A MIKE GRIFFITHS

What an incredible division this is. Since the last issue there have been some dramatic changes in the position at the top. Summarising, Cadwa appear to be holding their position as favourites, but Old Swan and Police see* to have blown any chance they had of promotion. On the other hand Vagabonds

and Y.M.C.A. are coining through very strong now. One thing is for sure, I'm not going to make any more predictions.

Let's now examine some of the results which have led to these changes, starting with Cadwa. As I said they are holding their position and they put Old Swan well and truly in their place with an 8-2 win. But what about this for a result, Cadwa 3 Cadwa "A" 7!!! I must give you the full story of this one. Cadwa have dropped Clive Roberts into the second team and replaced him with Rob Davies. Clive in his first match for the second team not only beat Rob Davies 21/19 25/23 but follows that up with a tremendous three game win over Trevor Hughes. With Guy Garton also in fine form beating Trevor and Robin Brackley it was left to Ken Hartley of the first team to salvage something for his team with wins over Colin Wilson and Ian Fletcher.

Alan Wood and his Police Team roust be very disappointed at their recent form. They went down 7-3 to fellow challengers Vagabonds, and then crashed to two successive 8-2 defeats at the hands of Bath Street and more surprisingly Colonsay "A". The other team slipping are Old Swan. They had a spell without Pete McAdam and lost to Argot 7-3. A 6-4 win over Liverpool Jewish was not promotion form either.

This months competition by the way is connected with Old Swan. Special prizes will be going to any team that makes them SMILE!!!

The team having the best run at the moment is Y.M.C.A. They thrashed Colonsay 9-1 but Dave Piper can consider himself very unlucky not to have picked up a point or two for his team. He lost to David Ng 21/18 19/21 19/21 and then had an outstanding match with Ron Jones, Ron winning 22/20, 22/24 28/26. In their match against Bath Street seven sets went to three with Y.M.C.A. coming out winners 8-2; winners for Bath Street Ken Foulkes over W.H.Law and one of the divisions best doubles pairs Alan Spencer and Brian Cunningham.

Y.M. might have hoped for better against Cadwa "A" but with Paul Reed-Clayton losing to Guy Garton and Ian Fletcher they were held to only a 6-4 win.

Some fine results by the Maghull team recently; Colonsay 5 Maghull 5 with Alan Smethurst a double over Frank Rogers and Brian Leeson, and an even better draw with Bath Street, Eric Taylor beating Ken Foulkes 21/11, 13/21, 21/13 and Chris Roberts beating Brian Cunningham 21/17 19/21 21/18. I can imagine the hardest worked people at this match were the barmaids.

Wavertree Labours current form was shown in their 8-2 defeat by Maghull. A good job Labour had a fair start to the season otherwise they may have been in some trouble. Trinity managed 4 of them, John Simm putting in a fine fighting performance to beat John Hoban 12/21 21/16 23/21.

Waterloo Park continue to find the going tough. Les Walsh had a magnificent win over Rob Davies 12/21 21/16 21/18 and Arthur Purcell did well to beat Brian Leeson 22/20 21/19.

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Some results which catch the eye; Dave Southworth (Trinity) beat Geoff Blackburn (Argot) 13/21, 21/16, 21/17; Tom Purcell beat Doug Ridgeway 21/14, 19/21, 21/18; Billy Wardle playing as reserve for Wavertree Labour beat Trevor Hughes 22/20, 19/21, 21/18; Ann Carline (Jewish) beat Pete Davies (Wav. Lab.) 21/19, 18/21, 27/25. Gerry Goldring beat Peter Dobbs in three.

To make the final Digest a bit more interesting could I ask all teams to put their end of season averages somewhere on the last scorecard.

DIVISION 3B SUE HUGHES

Flicking through Maghull's match book the 10.0 score lines keep appearing with monotonous regularity, and although for a while it appeared that Bootle could upset them, the experience and consistency of the former have proved too strong for all challengers. So much so, that the majority of teams playing Maghull and finishing with a point can think of it as a point won and not nine lost. The showdown of the "big two" came on a cold December evening. The set-up a desolate club house in the car park of Maghull Community Association, bats at the ready and both teams had everything to fight for. Bootle's Paul Hutchings and Maghull's Gordon Brownlee, each had 100% records to protect. Both kept their records intact. Paul beating Alan Chase 21-7; 21-18 and Dave Newton 19-21; 21-15; 21-18 in a harder contest, Gordon came close to losing his record when he played Keith Miller, but finished up on the winning side 17-21; 21-19; 22-20. He completed his double by beating Dave Wilson 21-11; 21-19. John McLoughlin won Bootle's only other two games by beating Dave Newton and Dave Tagg to make the final score 6-4 in Maghull's favour. With Bootle and Maghull already claiming the promotion places it is easy to overlook the other good teams in the division. Aigburth has been the most consistent team of the 'rest'. Able to field a settled side most weeks, they have averaged 7 points a game, though any of their opponents who manage to find Aigburths club at their first attempt deserve to leave with a few points. On a personal note Aigburths Ray Lavin had his best game of the season against Maghull when he beat Gordon Brownlee 21-13; 21-5 and completed his double with a 21-15; 19-21; 21-13 victory over Dave Tagg for Aigburths only two points of the encounter.

After the top three clubs, not many points separate the clubs around the middle of the table which means a very good evenly balanced game most weeks with everything to fight for.

Neither Liverpool Jewish team has had a very successful season, the Jewish 'C' team appears to have resigned themselves to the fact that, barring miracles, they'll be playing in the fourth division next season. But that should not detract from the fact there have been several good individual performances. The Jewish team must have wondered what they needed to do against Beauclair 'A' recently, although they lost 9-1, 8 of the games went to 3. Jewish's number one Tom Bunner, must have been the unluckiest man

there. He lost to Bill Leeming 21-23; 22-20; 19-21, then partnered by Ann Carline he faced Bill again, this time with Harry Holmes only to lose 6-21;

21-18; 26-28. Nail biting stuff.

The Jewish 'A' team are doing better, but despite a good first half of the season, their last few results haven't been up to their usual standard, but Roy Lussey at number one has chalked up a few good wins. The other club with two teams in the division is English Electric. The margin between the teams is quite small and as neither should be in contention for promotion or relegation its just a matter of pride which finishes above the other, English Electric '0' probably have the edge over us at the moment, thanks to the ever improving form of Jeff Draper who must be destined for greater things.

Another promising youngster is Trinity's Steve Royden whose powerful hitting has upset quite a few players this season in Trinity's 6-4 defeat by Palmerston, Steve beat G.Higham 21-17; 17-21; 21-17. Good individual performances Tony Delamere winning Waterloo's only point against Colonsay, beating G.Higham 21-15; 21-14.

Palmerston Bob Wilson beating Bootle's John McLoughlin 26-24; 21-18, when Bootle won 6-4. Electric Supply's Wally Lewis beat Beauclair's Bill Leeming 21-17; 19-21; 21-19, when Electric Supply won 6-4.

Bill Holmes (Beauclair) beat Dave Wilson (Bootle) 21-14; 19-21; 26-24 for Beauclair's only point of the encounter. Wally Lewis (Elec. Supply) beat Pete Wass (Aigburth) 20-22; 25-23; 21-19, when Elec. Supply lost 3-7. Heather Stirrup (Colonsay) beat Wally Lewis 21-17; 21-15 to help her team win 6-4.

DIVISION 4A STAN CLARKE

At the time of writing Plessey have jumped to the top of the division with a two point lead over Vernon Sangster, despite the fact that Sangster are unbeaten and Plesseys have lost two matches. Courtaulds and Longreach are third and fourth by virtue of having lost two matches to Longreach's three.

Dutch's are in fifth place and have recovered well from a rather shaky start to the season although at this moment they are level on points with English Electric 'F' who are in sixth placed followed by Bath St. 'E' and Electric Supply 'B' in that order. These three teams are having a peculiar season, one week playing well, and the next dropping unexpected sets to weaker teams. I can understand a certain lack of consistency by Bath St. as they are basically a very young team with two juniors Andrew Nelson and Andrew Armstrong along with Karen Gibson and skipper Tony Roberts and some of the older heads can make life very difficult for youngsters, no matter how talented. The same excuse cannot be made for English Electric and Electric Supply for not even the most generous could call them youngsters, I would not like to guess at their combined playing years, sufficient to say that they sometimes make me feel a youngster, and that's not easy.

Aigburth 'A' and Rafter's 'B', Cadwa 'B' seem to have pulled themselves clear of the relegation zone. The re-grouping of Brian Aldred into the team will help Aigburth immeasurably and they may still worry some of the teams higher up the division. Cadwa 'B' on the other hand seem to have lost several of the players who gave such good start to the season, and now seem to be calling on old faithfuls Fred Biggs, Jack Power and Carol Flood most weeks, however, they have an eight point lead over the bottom three clubs and that may be enough to see them safe this season.

Rafter's low position may well be due to the fact that they often seem prepared to sacrifice their weaker players at 1 £ 2 in order to allow Jerry O'Keefe and Alan Nisted to pick up points lower down the order, this seems a little daft to me as both Jerry and Alan are capable of giving most players in the division a hard time.

The bottom three places are occupied by Maghull 'C' and Vagabonds 'A' and Bootle Job Centre in descending order. I am at a lost to explain why the Maghull teams are struggling so much, on paper they should have made a far better showing than 46 points from 16 games, in fact they have had more sets to three games than

any team in the division, the only problem is that they insist on losing their third game.

Vagabonds 'A' are in the same position, in Dave Rooney, Ken Ray and Mike Gallagher they have a very useful squad, especially as Ken seems to be having a very good season, but the team has only managed one win so far this season.

Bootle Job Centre have battled on gamely all season, and of late have managed to pick up a few points, which is the least they deserve, as a reward for their enthusiasm. K.Francis seems to be their most successful player to date, and has wins over Eddie Cameron, Elec.Supply, George Finnis, Courtaulds and B.Aldred, Aigburth to his credit so far.

There have been several matches of note, notably Bath St. 'E' brought Vernon Sangster down to earth by taking four points from their match, Mal Cray beating Chris Ford, Tony Roberts and Andrew Armstrong beating Steve Gittins and Mal and Tony combining to beat John Greene and Steve in the doubles. Rafters 'B' beat English Electric 'E' 6-4 doubles to Jerry O'Keefe over Ken Black and Margaret Collins and for Electric Ron Simister beat Ian Andrews and Alan Nisted.

Vagabonds 'A' drew with English Electric, Dave Rooney and Ken Ray winning their singles to give Vags a welcome Xmas present. On the individual side, Jack Power, Cadwa beat Ken Black 21-19; 9-21; 21-16, to salvage a point for Cadwa as did Jerry O'Keefe against P.Jackson, Longreach, 21-16; 21-10. Ken Ray beat Karen Gibson Bath St. and Andy Howard and Harry McGarrity, Maghull took two points from Dutch's with wins over George Files and George Hughes.

Finally, the Forrest Cup will be won by the Vernon Sangster Club, Sangster and Sangster 'A' will contest the final, who will win? Your guess is as good as mine, even better question is who will play for which team and in what order? I can only hope that the representatives of 4A will be the eventual winner.

DIVISION 4B LES FRENCH

As predicted. Vernon Sangster 'A' have virtually clinched the championship by defeating closest rivals Wav. Lab. 'E' by 7-3 for the second time and crushing Kirkby 'A' 9-1. Billy Wardle provided stiff resistance for Labour with good wins over Ian Wensley and John Griffiths with Mike Feerick beating John Crawley for the other set. (O.K.Ken?) For Kirkby 'A' only Alan Brown managed a set, beating Paul Beesley 16, 25-23. I avenged my only defeat so far by beating Ritchie Cragg 13 in the third. Ritchie has fallen from grace a little since then and has now lost 7 sets, winning 33.

Sangster gained the services of Ian Wensley, from Jewish. Ian started his TT at Lowlands when I was there for a season after Fairlawn closed down. We both went to Colonsay from there, eventually reaching the lofty heights of the first division. Ian went away to sea for about 7 years so we lost touch. On returning, after a season at Colonsay, he joined me at Jewish, winning the third division at the first attempt. I moved on to form the Vernon Sangster club and it's nice to have Ian around again. A fierce competitor, but always friendly and good-natured - a good example to all the young players in the division.

The Kirkby challenge has faded rapidly and they have been overtaken by Bath St. 'D', who have now set their sights on catching Labour. Kirkby lost 6-4 to Action Comm. who are now improving rapidly. Paul Wilson beat Ritchie Cragg and Alan Brown, John Taylor also won 2, including a 20-22, 23-21, 22-20 over Brian Cragg.

One of the reasons for Bath Street's improved position is the addition of Peter Ross, another good competitor. The team seems settled now and when you consider that Mal Cray has been available, I'm sure that they would have obtained promotion had he been a regular. As it is, Captain Ron Georgeson has been struggling, with 7 wins and 22 defeats - not the form that will allow them to catch Labour. Reg Edwards (what a nice bloke) has been a tower of strength with his 26 wins and 3 defeats but he'll need to move up to number 1 to lessen the burden on Alan Leason (16-15). Act. Comm. took 3 sets off them when they fielded two reserves. This could prove expensive at the final count, but full marks to

young Eddie Harrison for beating both of them. Action are having quite a season and their match with Moor Park is a candidate for the match of the season. EIGHT sets went to three and FIVE of these had a deuce game or 19. Action won 6-4 with only Paul Wilson winning two singles, so it really was a team game. Bushell/Williams won a doubles for Moor Park by 31-29 in the third but Action took the other doubles 21-23, 22-20, 21-11. Eddie Harrison had an exciting night, losing 19, 20-22, 16 to Geoff Bushell but beating Arthur Whitley 15, 19, 19. Great Stuff. It just shows that you can get an exciting evening's TT at any level of play when two sides are well matched. It is to be hoped that in future that powerful teams are removed to suitable divisions AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY to create the conditions for matches like that described above.

Police 'C' are winning their private battle with the 'B' team. They did very well to hold Bath St. 'D' to 4-6 with Peter Kavanagh beating Leason & Ross. Sue Anderson took Reg Edwards and Alan Leason to three but to no avail. In the return Derby match, the 'C' team won 7-3, with Peter getting another 2, as did Richie Winckle. Sue beat Derek Rimmer by 19-18, 22-20 but lost to John Christian 23-21, 13-19. John Moore beat Braben and Sue teamed up with Richie to take a doubles for a convincing win.

Maghull 'B' have an awkward side to beat but will miss leading set-winner Reg Coxsey (22-11) who is moving to Newcastle to a new job. Good luck, Reg. Maghull held V.S.A. to 4-6 thanks mainly to a great double from Reg who became the second person to beat John Cowley and added a victory over Barry Mounsey, one of Vernons Sangster's 'C' team reserve pool. Barry did wonders to beat Maghull's second highest set winner, Mike Lamden (21-12) by a 16-17, 24-22 scoreline. Jeff Banks beat Paul Beesley and gave me one of my hardest matches of the season before going down 19, 19. Jeff also did well against Trinity 'E' beating Ken Davies 9, 13 and Chris Reynolds 11, 15, to help Maghull win 7-3. Mike Lamden also got 2 as did John Southworth for Trinity.

Brownmoor Park 'B' will end up as wooden spoonists despite some heroic stuff from Peter Mayer, who won his three sets against Bath St. (their only sets) and also beat Reg Coxsey and Wilf Gibson at Maghull only for his team to go down 8-2. Spare a thought for Erica Williams and Tim Readitt, who are playing some nice TT but who are lacking in experience and haven't as yet won a set. At Trinity, John Moore and Kwame Obodai come into the same category. Don't despair lads (sorry, "persons"). Keep practicing and success will come. We salute you for your enthusiasm.

Trinity are having a great battle with Moor Park to avoid the drop, but the incoming of Dave Southworth in place of John Moore has boosted their chances and I expect them to pull clear. Geoff Bushell is doing best for Moor Park with a 14-14 record. It was Geoff who led his team to a great 6-4 win over Police 'B' with wins over Derek Rimmer and John Christian. Pete Williams also beat Derek, whilst Arthur Whitley and John Jones both beat reserve W.Braben. For Police, Morrissey took 2 on his debut. Trinity lost 7-3 to the full-strength Police '8' team. Derek Rimmer won 2 this time, with Keith Wilkinson also getting 2.

Bath St. 'F' are doing well, thanks mainly to Eugene Berger, with an im-pressive 22-12 record to date. This is a pleasant team to play against, with a nice blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm (and that's from Eugene!) They fought out a draw with Maghull, with Eugene's wins over Reg Coxsey and Mike Lamden a deciding factor. Wilf Gibson replied with two for Maghull. The likeable Andy Armstrong did well to beat Reg. B.S.F. beat CADWA 'C' 7-3 with doubles for Eugene and John Higginson. Carole Flood replied with 2 for CADWA. CADWA have had their team problems, but what a great fighter they have in the ageless Fred Biggs, who flies around like a 2 year-old, counter-hitting everything. Long may you continue, Fred. We're all enriched by your never-say-die spirit and friendly, sportsmanlike attitude.

Full marks to J.Power of CADWA for saving the whitewash by Elec. 'G' for whom Les Harper emulated the feat against Kirkby 'A'. Dave Thomas had hard luck against Brian Cragg, going down 15, 21-23, 25-27. Wilf Gibson did well to beat Billy Wardle 19 in the third after losing the second game 21-6. The match ended 6-4 to Labour.

Leading records:- Les French 41-1, Paula French 26-2, Reg Edwards 26-3, Brian Thomas 25-3, John Cowley 21-3, Billy Wardle 29-6, Richie Cragg 33-7, Peter Kavanagh 25-7, Paul Beesley 23-7, Ron McEvoy 29-9, Richie Winckle 32-10, Paul Smith 28-11, Mike Feerick 26-10, Alan Brown 28-12, Reg Coxsey 22-11, Tony Ham 15-9, Mike Lamden 21-12, Brian Cragg 24-15.

DIVISION 5A JACK LAMBERT

With their first win of the season top place and team of the month and of the season for that matter must be Maghull 'F' who after so many bruising have kept coming up heroically for more. In the local Derby with their 'E' they scored their first win 6-4, a great performance with Mark Heygarth the hero with two wins for the 'E' from A.Daley, Mark had another double against Wavertree Labour •F• but in this match we had a heroine - Debbie Clark who beat C.McEvoy 21-12; 21-10, a personal triumph for Debbie who is one of the very special Maghull 'F' team. Just to get things straight M.Ryan and Alan Birch won their singles and doubles in a 7-3 win.

Pleasing to see a few draws knocking about Wav. Lab. 'F' and Maghull 'C' (j.Percival 2) seven games going to three, quite a game.

Bootle 'B' and English Electric 'H' (Dave Foulis and Nigel Conquest 2). Another Tsang here Jeremy who won a game. English Electric (Foulis 2) and Police 'E' (Alf Baker 3) Bath St. 'G' and Richmond, a turn up for the book here John Pritchard 2!! And Tim McCoy two.

A few of our top players to have a go at according to the cards I have received to date. Only John Griffiths (Vernon Sangster '8') has 100% and he will take a lot of beating. The next players who have lost one game include George Wilson (Bootle 'A') very impressive with his shift work handicap.

Basil Townsend (V.S. 'B') and Terry Hardy (Richmond) both seasoned campaigners and proving it, both having an excellent season, following closely on the top group are Mark and John Tsang (Bootle 'A') Ted Jane (Bath St. 'G') and Roger Bannion (V.S. 'B'). Undoubtedly the divisions two outstanding young players are Adam Bannion (V.S. 'B') and Nigel Conquest (Eng. Elec. 'H') not only have they lost a handful of games between them but show such great potential, enthusiasm and discipline.

With a reserve like Ian Wensley in the team Vernon Sangster made no mistake against Bootle 'A' George Wilson saved Bootle's face with a singles and doubles win. At the other end of the table the girls at Electric Supply pulled out all the stops with a 9-1 win over Bootle Job Centre, Dave Graham winning the lone game. But both teams lost 4-6, Supply with Marie Lupton in the team (she has an excellent fresh fruit salad recipe) she won one as well, Millie and Lil claiming a singles and doubles but Neil Hamilton and D.McGarrity scored two apiece to give Maghull 'G1' a 6-4 win. Bootle Job Centre did really well to hold the strong Barker 6 Dobson team, Fred O'Sullivan and Pete Greaves winning five of their six games, Harry Blackburn doing well for the Job Centre team.

An outstanding performance by Lil Wynne against Richmond beating Jack Taylor and Terry Hardy both in two straight for her sides only two points. Lil also won her sides only point against Wav. Labour 'F' beating Alan Birch 12-21; 23-21; 21-19. Alan did his lone winning act against Mal Dixon 21-12; 13-21; 21-16; Crompton and Hamilton doubles gave Maghull 'G' a good win over Police 'E1'. An up and down win for Annette Jones over Harry Blackburn winning the first 11 losing the second 7 and a 21-19 clinching her win which was one of the three against Job Centre and A.Daley getting a double. Neil Burslem (Maghull 'F') lost 21-16; 11-21; 25-27 against John Bolton (Bath St.) and Brian Taylor lost to Tony Kendal 21-23; 21-18; 22-24; (in the joint top match of the month) in the same game - valiant efforts that failed to save a 0-10. The joint top game was Dave Graham losing to Jeremy Tsang 22-24; 23-21; 18-21.

Frank Reece was the hero in the Maghull 'G' game against Bootle Job Centre winning his two singles, D.Landon (Maghull 'B') won against Bootle 'A', G.Crompton

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DIVISION 5B KEN ARMSON

The position at the top has become a little clearer but not cleaner. To say that many of us are disturbed by the methods of some teams would be putting it mildly. Is this really the bottom division, or is it that winning this division is such a high honour that any tactics are justified?

Rafters 'C' emerge from all this with their reputation unsullied, but their bid for promotion in ruins. Fourth place is all they will now manage and they can look back on far too many sets dropped to players they should have beaten. I am given to understand by Janet Davies that in some way I have upset the ladies of Rafters 'C. I am at a loss to understand how this has come about and can only put it down to a misunderstanding. Janet made a comment about playing in trousers. Don't know what she was implying. Do you?

At the present time only two points separate V.S. 'C' and Corts. 'A' on equal matches, but with V.Sang. having players to call on who can be assured of winning the odds are in their favour. We may well have to wait for the final match V.S. 'C' v Corts. 'A' before we know the champions.

If Corts.'A' miss the boat they can look back on the sets they keep dropping when potential 10/0's have become a 9/1. In five successive matches they have dropped a set. The heros, or villians, dependent of your point of view, were Mike Lewis for Jewish 'D' with a great win against John Tilley, 19 in the 3rd. A.Tyrer for Vags. 'B' a two straight win against Dave Moore. For L'reach. Reg Hetherington has put in a re-appearance and took a set from Mike Hughes 19 in the 3rd. Mike Hughes in his role of defender of the weak was at it again dropping

another set to P.Knight, Aigburth 'B' 15 in the 3rd. He completed his unwanted hat-trick against Police losing two straight to Alex Peterson. When they hold the inquest those five sets could well be the verdict. I have said before that you should always have a go at the top teams for your set could well be the one that decides a championship.

Corts. 'B' are still there, but I doubt their ability to finish higher than 3rd. Jewish 'D' were again in the news against them with M.Poole getting a fine double over Kelvin Chan and Jim Geddes. I have heard that Kelvin is still using an illegal bat in that it is painted instead of being natural or stained. I hasten to add that this allegation has not yet been substantiated.

Now for the rest of us chopping blocks. Police 'D' have eased into 5th place just ahead of L'reach. 'A'. In between taking a set from V.S. 'C' when Ken McLaren beat Barry Mounsey and the set from Corts. 'A' they lost 6-4 to Vags. 'B' and dropped another four sets to Colonsay 'C'. They had some tight games against Corts. 'A' with George Wilde losing 16 in the 3rd to Dave Croot and Frank Greaney 20 in the 3rd to Mike Hughes. They narrowly lost a doubles 18/21; 21/18; 19/21. Not a bad effort with four sets going to three.

L'reach. 'A' with R.Hetherington back on duty will be pushing the Police for 5th place. He is getting among the results and had improved his teams performance. He had a good double against Maghull 'D' beating Fred Pattinson and Alan Rycroft. Maghull, I feel, are the team that will probably finish in 5th place for they have matches in hand and are the strongest team in the middle group even allowing for their in and out results. They have defeated Wav. 'G' 7-3. Moor Park 8-?. Halewood 8-2 and Colonsay 'C' 7-3. The introduction of Alan Guy saved C'say from a heavier defeat. He won his two, which is only to be expected of a player who this season has appeared in div. 2. and won. Div. 3A and won. Div. 3B and won and now appears in this division. Need I say more?

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STAMP CUP FINALS -

BOOTLE 'A' - 4 VERNON SANGSTER 'B' -6

With Basil Townsend not fit to play, this final was wide open as Bootle soon proved. John Griffiths beat Mark Tsang 18 and 19 to give Sangster first blood. Roger Bennion lost to George Wilson 13 and 18. Mark Read lost to Mal Dixon 15 and 11, Adam and Roger Bennion lost to Wilson and Mark 18-21; 21-12; 21-15. A nice 3-1 lead for Bootle. Griffiths and Read beat Dixon and John Tsang 21-17; 18-21; 11-21; Rees lost to Wilson 17 and 16. Bootle 4-2 up and Sangster have it all to do. Adam Bennion beat John Tsang 19 and 15 in what I considered the crunch game Roger beat John 11 and 20 a superb and atmosphere shattering game 4-4. Griffiths beat Dixon 11 and 16 and so the decision lay between a young and very young head. Mark gave his all but Adam won 14 and 17.

A great final, made so not only by some excellent and competitive play but by the over forty spectators who helped to make a great atmosphere. Dave Williams and Les French (despite his critics) both of whom do so much for our game must be quite proud of their teams.

The official in charge was Jack Lambert who presented the cup at the English Electric Club.

FORREST CUP -

VERNON SANGSTER 'A' 4 - VERNON SANGSTER 6

A unique situation which rarely crops up is two teams from the same club competing in the final of a cup competition. Outside the club the main interest was focussed in the composition of the two teams.

So here goes:-

First teams - names first. John Greene beat Paul Beesley 17 & 18, Bill Harris beat John Griffiths 17-21; 21-18; 21-8: Chris Ford beat Peter Davies 19 & 21: Chris Ford and Steve Gittins beat John Griffiths and Adam Bennion 8 & 18: Gittins lost to Beesley 19-21; 22-20; 18-21. A real tough one this with Paul breaking through and starting an 'A' team revival (4-1). Harris beat Bennion 13 & 15 (5-1) Greene lost to Griffiths 19 & 20 (5-2) Gittins lost to Davies 13-21; 21-14; 18-21 (5-3) Ford lost to Bennion 21-23; 21-13; 13-21: (5-4). My goodness my Guinness! With a sigh of relief Harris and Greene beat Beesley and Davies 14 & 14 and a second trophy arrived on the Vernon Sangster shelf.

Alec Gould was the official in charge at the Bath St. club and Mr. Arthur Upton our Chairman presented the cup and medals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jack,

I understand it is one of the duties of the committee to inspect the premises of new clubs when they apply for League membership, whilst I am the last one to suggest that any clubs should be barred from joining, if their premises are not up to League Standard, surely some advice could be given when - or if - inspection takes place. Is it not too much to ask for the clubs to have:-

A table with a regulation bounce, and with a level unwarped surface. Non skid floor - an important one this, because in the event of injury someone could be liable under the Health & Safety Act. Some lighting directly over the table.

Please note committee members, new clubs don't stay down in the fifth for ever, and you too could find yourselves going for where you think the ball is, instead of where you know it is.

Ted Jane.

16 Handfield Road, Waterloo.

Dear Jack,

I believe that at the end of the season due to business commitments that Ronnie Rumjahn will be leaving the Liverpool T.T. league. I feel that such an occasion should not pass without a tribute to Ronnie's performances and more than that this his impeccable behaviour throughout those years. When my club, Linacre T.T., joined the Liverpool league in 1948 in the old North region, the Rumjahn brothers were all established stars of the first division then and we could only admire their performances and demeanour in competitions like the Liverpool Closed tournament. Over the years we have played the Rafters club in various divisions and it was always a pleasure to play against that club. Occasionally we played against Peter and Ronnie and although we couldn't claim many victories against them, we always enjoyed our tussles against them. To people like the Rumjahn family, playing the games was the all important thing, not winning at all costs and Liverpool league table tennis can ill afford to lose players of this calibre. On be-half of Linacre T.T. may I wish Ronnie Rumjahn all the best in the future and I know the name of the Rumjahn's will always stand for everything good in sport.

Yours sincerely, Frank Lacey.

Robert A. De Asha, 106 Rosslyn Street.

Dear Editor,

With reference to your Digest, Volume 33, Feb. 80, No.2., may I on behalf of the Aigburth team in Division 4A, answer to the comments made by Mr. Clarke.

He is probably not aware of the fact that our FULL team turned up at the CADWA Club on the original fixture date, but due to a Secretarial slip-up we were completely unaware this date had been changed.

We immediately made contact with the Secretary of the CADWA team and another date was confirmed. The whole team once again turned up at the CADWA Club, this time the CADWA team failed to appear.

It appears that they are desparately in need of the points and have claimed them rather than play the game.

May I suggest that it is very easy to be critical but to be fully aware of the facts would be helpful.

Your sincerely, R.A. De Asha. Team Capt. Aigburth 'A'.

24 Ursula Street, Bootle.

Dear Jack,

Firstly, re: Eddie Cameron's comment in issue 2 of the Digest 1980. Are the Management Committee going to single out a club each season and accuse them of "fiddling" their teams?

Last season it was Palmerston and this year it is Vernon Sangster. Currently in the first division there are 8 different clubs. In my opinion the following four clubs are guilty of this practice, this season i.e. Wav. Lab. Eng. Elec. L'pool Y.H. and Bath St. In previous season my own club Trinity have partially split their strength to enable to keep two teams in the first division. Perhaps somebody could give some thought to Rule 15 and in particular para. 4, and suggest a rule amendment.

With reference to the Editorial and in particular the 'Open' and 'Closed'. Surely the Management Committee should be giving a top class lead by bravely finding a sponsor for the 'Closed', before the 'Open'.

The editorial also mentions in "fairness to our members". Is it fair that our members pay £1 to enter the men's singles in the 'Open'. Many players enter the Open to play non-Liverpool League players. They then must qualify on a Friday night to play these players, and there is every possibility that they will be knocked out by a team colleague or a divisional

player they have already played twice this season. For that privilege they have paid £1. That is one reason I have not entered the 'Open'. May I say now, that, I have entered other 'Open's' this season. I have learnt since the closing date of entries for the Open, that there will not now, be any Friday night play? Wonder why?

I would of written this in verse but I don't have Irene Clark's poetic flair.
Eric Hardman.

I think you should have defined your use of the word fiddle Eric: Is it split strength or teams picked for the convenience of players? Teams not playing in order? Or as Eddie clearly defines it teams registering very good players down below and then promoting them for crunch matches?

FIXTURE SECRETARIES NOTE:-

Most secretaries received a note some weeks ago re: outstanding matches. So far two only have been returned. Looks like a Bonanza in fines for walk-overs.

DIVISION 1	P	W	1	D	Pts.	DIVISION 3B	p	W	L	D	Pts
Wav. Labour	21	19	1	1	173	Bootle	22	21	1	.	193
L 'Pool YMCA	21	19	1	1	163	Maghull	21	21	-		188
Palmerston	21	17	3	1	149	Palmerston 'C'	19	14	4	1	127
Rafters	20	14	2	4	133	Aigburth	19	12	6	1	122
Eng.Elec.	22	10	8	4	119	Elec.Supply 'A'	22	10	10	2	111
Eng.Elec. 'A'	21	9	9	3	116	Wav. Lab. 'C'	19	13	5	1	109
Palnterston A	19	11	8		109	Brownmoor Pk.	22	10	9	3	108
Wav.Lab. 'A'	21	10	8	3	109	Eng.Elec. 'E'	21	9	10	2	95
L'pool Y.M.'A'	21	6	10	5	101	Beauclair 'A'	22	6	13	3	83
Trinity	21	5	15	1	78	Eng.Elec. 'D'	19	6	11	2	79
Bath St.	21	1	13	7	67	L'pool Jew.'A'	20	6	14	-	73
Beauclair	21	3	16	2	52	Colonsay 'B'	20	3	15	2	58
Palmerston 'B'	19	2	15	2	50	Trinity 'C'	22	2	19	1	55
Trinity 'A'	21	2	19	-	31	L'pool Jew.'C'	17	-	17	-	23
DIVISION 2						DIVISION 4A					
Wav.Lab. 'B'	21	18	1	2	167	Vernon Sang.	21	20	1	-	178
L 'pool Jewish	22	18	2	2	151	Plessey	20	17	3	-	163
Kirkby	18	12	4	2	110	CourtauIds	21	19	2		158
Trinity 'B'	22	9	9	4	107	Longreach	20	15	5	-	138
Rafters 'A'	20	12	7	1	103	Dutch's	21	11	g	1	108
Elec .Supply	22	8	14	-	103	Eng.Elec. 'F ¹	20	8	9	3	105
Colonsay	18	11	7	1	102	Elec.Supply 'B'	20	10	8	2	104
L'pool YM. 'B'	21	5	12	4	94	Bath St. 'E'	20	9	11	-	101
Bath St.'A'	17	10	7	-	90	Aigburth 'A'	22	8	13	1	92
Bath St.'B'	20	7	11	2	88	Cadwa 'B'	20	7	11	2	83
Police	20	5	13	2	79	Rafters 'B ¹	22	4	13	5	79
Eng.Elec.'C	22	5	17	-	77	Vags. 'A'	22	4	15	3	71
Eng.Elec.'B ¹	19	5	12	2	74	Maghull 'C'	22	4	17	1	59
Linacre	18	3	13	2	55	Bootle J.C.	21	1	20	-	21
DIVISION 3A						DIVISION 4B					
Vagabonds	21	15	3	3	148	Vernon Sang.'A'	21	21	-	-	186
Cadwa	20	17	2	1	147	Wav.Lab. 'E'	21	18	3	-	149
Argot	22	11	0	8	135	Kirkby 'A'	20	13	6	1	130
Old Swan	21	13	5	3	127	Bath St. 'D'	18	14	1	3	126
L'pool YM.'C'	19	14	3	2	126	Police 'C'	20	13	5	2	125
Bath St. 'C'	21	11	6	4	124	Maghull 'B'	21	9	9	3	105
Police 'A'	21	11	8	2	117	Police 'B *	20	8	10	2	102
Cadwa 'A'	19	10	8	1	108	Eng.Elec.'G«	20	7	9	4	101
Colonsay 'A ¹	20	7	9	4	101	Bath St.'F'	21	8	10	3	101
Maghull 'A'	22	6	13	3	97	Trinity 'E'	22	5	17	-	72
L'Pool Jew.'B'	19	6	10	3	87	Action Cofflin.	18	8	10	-	71
Wav.Lab. 'D'	21	4	15	2	65	Cadwa 'C ¹	19	3	15	1	53
Trinity 'D'	21	1	20	-	47	Moor Park	21	3	17	1	53
B'moor Pk. 'A ¹	21	-	21		11	B'moor Pk. »B ¹	20	1	19	-	35

DIVISION 5A	P	W	L	D	Pts.	DIVISION 5B	P	W	L	D	Pts
V'Sang 'B'	22	22	0	0	199	V'Sang 'C'	18	15	0	3	150
Bootle 'A'	22	20	2	0	180	Corts. 'A'	17	16	1	0	144
Richmond	22	18	3	1	170	Corts. 'B'	19	15	1	3	140
B & D	22	16	6	0	143	Rafters 'C'	19	13	4	2	130
Eng.Elec. 'H'	22	11	9	2	111	Police 'D'	21	10	9	2	112
Police 'E'	21	10	9	2	108	L'reach. 'A'	19	9	6	4	93
Wav. Lab. 'F'	22	8	11	3	106	Wav.Lab. 'G'	18	8	8	2	89
Bootle 'B'	21	10	9	2	105	Maghull 'D'	17	9	6	2	84
Bath St. 'G'	22	6	11	5	94	Colonsay 'C'	17	3	13	1	62
Maghull 'G'	22	6	12	4	75	Vags. 'B'	18	6	12	0	62
Elec.Supply 'C'	20	5	13	2	73	Aigburth 'B'	20	3	13	4	59
Maghull 'E'	22	3	17	2	66	Halewood	19	3	14	2	48
Bootle J.C.'A'	22	4	17	1	64	L'pool Jew.'D'	20	0	19	1	37
Maghull 'F'	21	1	20	0	24						
NOTE:- Moor Park 'A' Record expunged,											

		HONOURS LIST 1978/79	
DIVISION			
1	CHAMPIONS	- WAVERTREE LABOUR CLUB.	RUNNERS UP PALMERSTON
2	CHAMPIONS	- PALMERSTON •B'	RUNNERS UP PALMERSTON 'A'
3A	CHAMPIONS	- ENGLISH ELECTRIC 'D'	RUNNERS UP LINACRE
3B	CHAMPIONS	- TRINITY 'B•	RUNNERS UP ENG. ELEC. 'B'
4A	CHAMPIONS	- KIRKBY 'B' ¹	RUNNERS UP WAV. LABOUR 'D'
4B	CHAMPIONS	- AIGBURTH	RUNNERS UP BOOTLE
5A	CHAMPIONS	- PLESSEYS	RUNNERS UP VERNON SANG.
5B	CHAMPIONS	- ST.FRANCIS DE SALES	RUNNERS UP VERNON SANG. 'A'
6	CHAMPIONS	- L'POOL Y.M.C.A. 'D' ^f	RUNNERS UP M/SIDE POL. 'F'
READMAN CUP	WINNERS	- WAVERTREE LABOUR	RUNNERS UP LIVERPOOL YMCA
RUMJAHN CUP	WINNERS	- PALMERSTON 'A'	RUNNERS UP PALMERSTON 'B'
HYDE CUP	WINNERS	- PALMERSTON 'C'	RUNNERS UP LIVERPOOL YM. 'C'
STAMP CUP	WINNERS	- VERNON SANGSTER	RUNNERS UP COURTAULDS
FORREST CUP	WINNERS	- AIGBURTH	RUNNERS UP W/LOO PARK 'A'

LIVERPOOL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT KIRKBY SPORTS CENTRE:

MEN'S SINGLES	CHAMPION -	WAYNE PERCIVAL (WAVERTREE LABOUR)
	RUNNER UP-	KEITH WILLIAMS (PALMERSTON)
LADIES SINGLES	CHAMPION -	LYN FENNAH (COLONSAY)
	RUNNER UP-	PAULA FRENCH (VERNON SANGSTER)
JUNIOR BOYS	CHAMPION -	MALCOLM FU (LIVERPOOL Y.M.C.A.
	RUNNER UP-	PAUL HUTCHINGS (BOOTLE)
JUNIOR GIRLS	CHAMPION	LYNN FENNAH (COLONSAY)
	RUNNER UP-	HEATHER STIRRUP (COLONSAY)