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Editorial

Welcome to a new season, congrats. to those teams who won promotion, and hope that they hold their own in their new division, and maybe we will see a harder push developing to unseat Fords from the top spot before it becomes a 'done thing'.

Individual Registration is now upon us, the coming season (2010 – 2011) requires all players to have an I.D. (ETTA Player Registration Number) before you can play in a ETTA affiliated League, the L&DTTL is one, I think there is a bit of give and take to try and allow for a bit of confusion about what to do, expected at the start, but therein after, that number is required. Trevor Owens, (Fixture Secretary) has agreed to be the Leagues, 'Individual Player Registration Secretary', with Tom Purcell as assistant. I have been running articles in the last 5-6 Digests on Individual Registration, but I'm sure there are some who still have their heads 'in the sand', Trevor will help any enquiries, but at the same time will need input from the Club Secs. Think! you may have problems with your own club, he may have problems with 16 clubs!! The Registration forms need to be filled in and sent to the ETTA each season, so Secs. may find it useful to fill in the spreadsheet available on the ETTA web site, and just update any changes each season.

Another well known and respected player has 'tread' the heart-surgery path, Bootle YM's John Higham, found out early March that he had severely blocked arteries, he had played regularly before this, suffering many match nights of chest and shoulder pangs, dismissing them as a sign of age, and normally feeling 'fit', but finally taking the 'plunge' to see his Doc. for referral tests, where the truth was told. A worrying time followed, with one cancellation, but finally being done at Broadgreen on Thurs. 15th July, and discharged the following Wed. 21st to get on with life, 6 days, amazing, he's now building up. Moral of this story is "don't ignore those pains". Further to heart surgery, pg. 19 has a follow up to my Physicians v Patients article 12 months ago.

Another ETTA award goes to a long standing member of the L&DTTL, page 19.

Something must be improving, we have 5 new teams entered in the League this coming season, making 64 in all, one going straight into the 1st. Div because of their 'assumed' quality, one into the 2nd. Div. because of their known quality, and 3 into the 5th Div. Quite a few new youngsters starting their way in the L&DTTL, hopefully they'll still be with us for many years. Last season, after 2 seasons in the league, Edgehill Youth Club suffered the 3 postponements rule and had to drop out, they have not come back, not because they have lost interest in T.T. but due to the problem of getting to matches, this will be the main problem of encouraging youngsters to play in our League, ferrying around, ideally, parents are the solution, but not always the answer, but encourage we must. Hopefully the players from Edgehill join another Club.

We have just had the first Grand Prix of the new season, The City of Liverpool G.P. at The Wavertree Tennis Centre, a bit close to this publication to give a full report, but will include in next Digest, but coming up shortly is our own 'production' of the Liverpool Junior 4 Star to take place 2nd & 3rd. October, when again help to erect and dismantle all the gear for this popular Junior tournament is requested to all, as this is a L&DTTL tournament, we use our own equipment, to transport and return to our new storage facility at Council premises at Paul Street (Vauxhall).

After, I'm not sure how many years, our spiritual home at the Merseyside Police Club in Prescott Road, Fairfield, has ended, the Club finally closed at the end of July (2010), and we had to move all the L&DTTL equipment to a new Council storage facility off Vauxhall Road, 21 full tables, and all the ancillary equipment that goes with tournaments, this move was done by only 4 'slaves', ManCom members Stan Clarke, Don Davies, yours truly, and Rob Davies from Cadwa, with the assistance of the two usual council staff and their tail lift wagon. A big thank you to the staff of the Police Club for their help over the years to put on our Closed Finals Night, a difficult venue to follow, also to Mr. Dick Johnson of the Liverpool Sport Development Unit for coming to our aid over storage facilities, not forgetting also the use of Wavertree Tennis Centre for our own and G.P. tournaments.

Our Local Schools Leagues have had another good season, thanks to the input of Schools Sports co-ordinator Paul O'Leary for the Liverpool Schools, and Cathy Robinson S.S.C. for the Sefton Schools, more youngsters are now making the transition from schools T.T. to playing in our league, you will see them this season, encourage them please!!, report on page 16.

"The TTNews is no more", the recent ETTA AGM decided that the time and cost of producing the national magazine of English Table Tennis was not worth it, being read by only 1% of playing members, and publication will cease; when is to be decided, but I'm sure is imminent. The future is digital, the requirement these days is 'instant news', and with that in mind, the new ETTA web site has been beefed up, but having said that, there's that much going on in the site, that it can get a bit difficult to move around, I've got lost a few times trying to get back to an article I'd seen earlier. In the last Digest in April, I brought up this subject of printed matter, pointing out why the Cheltenham & District ended their printed magazine, I asked for input of thoughts from our 'readers', the result was worse than the ETTA's percentage, 0.24% of our readers cared, (1 reply), that told me a lot!!

Thanks again to all Div. Reporters, and Don Davies, who give of their time, and 'all' contributors of any sort.

Sad to learn of the death of Ken Hyde, a former Vice President of the league and a life member until he died in June this year aged 95. He played for England from 1933 until 1939 and I believe was the longest surviving England Swaythling Cup player having appeared for his country in the 1933 competition. Obituary pg. 15

The UK Corporate Games came to Liverpool in May with TT being staged at Wavertree Park in the Aquatic centre sport hall. In terms of numbers, the total entry was poor, the women's singles was though being boosted by the inclusion of Clare Langford and Jordyn Layfield - the only other league player in the draw being Sharon Mahon who plays for Wavertree Labour. The Cadwa pair finished first and second in the round robin, Clare scoring a second victory on the day over her club mate to take the title. Bert Rivers (Bootle YM) reached the men's final, but after beating former Kent county junior Simon Nolan in the groups, was beaten in a tremendous contest after looking like repeating his earlier success. Bert teamed up with Francis Lay (Manweb) in the doubles - the pair finishing in third place - Tony Mullally (Marconi) taking the 40-49 title. The organisers' were delighted with the event which in the organiser's words was 'very professional'. This was due to the tremendous input provided by Tom Purcell, Roly Wright, Stan Clarke, Graham Rollinson, Dave Goulden and Rob Davies plus help from Doug Baker in moving tables while Referee Dave Cochrane successfully controlled matters at the desk. On the day after the tournament the average of the table shifters' was almost 68. Enough said.

At the request of Dick Johnson, the league agreed to provide eight tables plus nets and surrounds and umpires' tables which, had to be transported from Fairfield to Wavertree and back which was duly carried out by the above personnel. All competitors thoroughly enjoyed the event which passed off without a hitch.

With the demise in the near future of the Fairfield Police club, the aforementioned tables and associated equipment were moved to their new 'permanent' home in the Council's city centre storage depot. Again, this required manpower and on this occasion Stan, Roly and Rob did the business both at Fairfield and at Paul Street. This facility, provided by Dick Johnson, leaves the league still further in his debt for this and the ongoing use of Wavertree Tennis Centre on three occasions during the season.

The Liverpool Sport Council holds a meeting a couple of times a year and Arthur Knowlson has attended the last two. They announced that the English Open would be staged there next year but, when I spoke to Harvey Webb (ETTA) he said it would be in Sheffield in 2011. However, discussions are in place with a view to staging a much larger event in the city in 2017!!

Nice to see a new club enter the league and in a venue in the garden of a private house. I can't recall this situation in the past in Liverpool but, the league hopes it will prove successful. City junior and senior players will recall playing at Peter Rainford's TT room in Penwortham near Preston which was situated in his large back garden where hundreds of Lanc's and Cheshire League matches were staged over the years. Perhaps the most famous example of this type of club is Alan Ransome's Ormesby club in Middlesbrough. I saw the home side of Taylor, Neale and Jarvis win a fantastic European Cup semi-final tie there in the 1972 when Istvan Jonyer (the world singles champion three years later) was in the visiting team!!

Disappointing to see Edge Hill leave after just one season, League table tennis for a new club, even in division 5, is a lot more difficult than people imagine particularly for an inexperienced team and without a person to ferry them around. Their first match of the season in 2009 failed to take place since there wasn't an adult to look after them in a home fixture - they eventually conceded the match when due to be re-arranged.

Mike Power had decided to retire from the position as League Secretary but, I was delighted when at the last Management Committee meeting he announced that he would continue until a suitable successor can be found. The job takes up many hours a week with a multitude of tasks requiring attention. While most players, apart from the leading players, take a break from May to the end of August, work continues for Mike during the summer and he still has to make time to earn a living. This sort of workload also applies to Trevor Owens and Roly Wright who never stop throughout the year and if any league has a better threesome, they have my and the Man. Com's admiration. Long may the reign.

As a footnote; Roly intended handing over his Cup Secretary's role more than a year ago but, when a replacement didn't come forward, he generously continued.

Royal Mail has, this week issued a new set of Olympic Games postage stamps depicting Table Tennis and Rowing. They come in booklet form which includes four 1st class stamps, unfortunately the

TT bat rubber they show on the advert is 'blue'. £2.46 per book.

With the demise of the Police club, a new venue will be required to stage the 'Closed' finals. A number of premises are being considered as will the tennis centre should a suitable room not be found. However, there was a storm of protest when a few years ago the finals were 'staged on the day' at Wavertree following the completion of the knock out rounds. Some people think that a bar is almost, and some say more, important, than the venue. However, just ask those players who are likely to appear in the finals and I'm sure they'd plump for good conditions.

Division 1

Ian McElwee

In my last report I foolishly suggested that there was a chance of either Merseyside Police or Bath St Marine putting sufficient pressure on Fords to become champions. In the 2 weeks following that report Fords met each of their nearest challengers beating the Police side 6/4 and BSM 7/3. In the Police match reserve Tim Weardon had a fantastic 14/12 5th set victory over Jon Taylor. Mal McEvoy and Terry Turner lost out to Jon, but won their other 2 singles and combined to take the doubles.



Kevin Dolder was their star man at BSM in remaining unbeaten on the night but was ably supported by Terry who lost to Ken Jackson but beat both Steve Green and Dave Roberts.

Despite not being able to put out a full strength side week in week out they still remained unbeaten throughout the season, winning 18 matches, drawing 2 and amassing 140 points. Kevin topped the league averages (96.9%), Mal had 79.4% and Terry 73.3%. Additionally and significantly they only lost 1 doubles match all season. They have had another wonderful season and fully deserved to win the championship yet again.

Merseyside Police had their best season for a number of years to finish in 2nd place on 124 points. They had a fine 9/1 victory over Wavertree Labour with Jon Taylor and Paul Gittins in top form as they remained unbeaten and John Hope losing out to that old warrior Roy Smith. Although their season ended disappointingly with 6/4 losses to Crosby High and CTK their consistency throughout the season enabled them to remain 4 point clear of BSM in 3rd place. Jon Taylor was their top man with 90.9% followed by Paul on 70.6% and John on 52.9%.

BSM never fully recovered from a mid season wobble when Dave Roberts was injured but always remained competitive with 13 wins from their 20 matches. In the latter weeks of the season they beat Crosby High 7/3 with Ken Jackson winning his 3 singles and combining with Dave to take the doubles. Steve Green did his bit for the cause in taking points off Cherrith Graham and Jamie Hewitt and Dave beat Cherrith. They each took 2 points in their 6/4 victory over CTK with Steve losing out 11/9 in the 5th to Keith Bird before they went down 7/3 to Harold House in the final match of the season. Ken has returned from illness this season to once again prove how difficult he is to beat with 41 singles victories (69.5%), while Steve, after a long absence from the game, won an extremely creditable 62.7% and Dave, despite his injury problems, gained 55.3%.

Crosby High followed in 4th place on 112 points. In the aforementioned 6/4 win over Merseyside Police Stuart

Mudie proved his undoubted class as he won his 3 singles in a comfortable fashion with Jamie Hewitt achieving a fine 4 set victory over Paul Gittins and he and Cherrith victorious over Jon Dyson. Stuart again remained unbeaten when they beat Wavertree Labour by a 6/4 margin with Jamie doing well to beat the experienced Roy Smith and Mike Tierney and combining with Stuart to take the doubles. Stuart has been a great addition to their squad only losing 2 of his 40 singles to end in 2nd place in the league averages with 95%. Jamie continues to mature, had many good wins and ended up with an impressive 55.8%.

Harold House are 5th on 109 points despite various changes in personnel throughout the season. They certainly finished the season well with 4 straight victories, 10/0 over Maghull, 9/1 over Crosby High A and 7/3 over Bootle YMCA and BSM. Fiona Dennett was joined by Myles Fong and Jasmine Yang in the whitewash of Maghull and the same 3 players were on duty against Crosby High A when Fiona lost to Barry Elliott. They each ended up with very respectable averages with Jasmine on 73%, Myles 68% and Fiona 61% along with Rachael Baker on 77% from 6 matches. If these young players play together during the forthcoming season and can play in the majority of matches, I have no doubt that they could be a major threat at the top of the league.

Next in line were CTK on 106 points. Keith Bird had another fine season to finish 5th in the averages with 85% from 53 games. Tony Whelan was unavailable for most of the season (I think due to illness) but in the 8 matches that he played he achieved a win ratio of 54%. When these 2 were joined by Peter Lee they had a hard fought 6/4 win over a full strength Police side. Tony showed how much he has been missed on a regular basis as he remained unbeaten on his 4 visits to the table, including a brilliant 4 set victory over Jon Taylor. Keith almost emulated him with his only loss being in the 5th set to Jon after being 2 sets up.

Wavertree Labour were a further 6 points adrift in 7th place on 100 points. Gary Watson was his usual competitive, consistent self in ending up on 81% and was well supported by Aaron Beech with 45% and Roy Smith 40%. Their biggest problem was in managing to get their strongest team out on a regular basis and a lack of strength in reserve. They had a 7/3 victory over CADWA when these 3 players were all available with Gary winning his 3, Aaron winning 2 and Roy outlasting George Lennon to win 11/9 in the 5th with all their games ending in this score (probably the closest match of the season). Gary was not in the team when they went down 7/3 to

Fords but Aaron proved his worth in beating Mal McEvoy and Bob Hughes, with Tony Connor coming in to get the better of Bob in a nail biting 11/9 5th set victory.

Crosby High A achieved a respectable 95 points. A team of Barry Elliott, Rob Wylie and Gavin Lloyd finished the season strongly with a 10/0 win over relegated Maghull and a 9/1 over CADWA in their final match. Graeme Black was the man who saved face for CADWA when he beat Gavin. Barry had a fine record in his first season for the club with 60% and Rob again did well in achieving 63%. Gavin was not as successful as usual (40%) but again proved what a great club man he is by playing more games (65) than any other player in the division. The 24 points he gained were obviously important to the team and was more than many people who achieved higher percentages.

Bootle YMCA were just one point behind finishing on 94. Keith Williams has been up at the top for what seems a lifetime and without his contribution during the season Bootle may well have been relegated. He contributed over half of his teams points tally with 44 singles (91%) and 7 doubles wins. Such a major contribution for a struggling team ensures that he gets my player of the season award (no trophies, no money, just admiration for his skills and will to win which are always there in abundance)

CADWA have fought hard to maintain their 1st division status throughout the season and, perhaps, have been rescued from relegation by the withdrawal of Manweb. Although they only managed one victory during the

season they did pick up points on a regular basis. This is emphasised in the latter weeks with a draw at Maghull, 6/4 defeat by a weakened Fords side and 7/3 loss to Wavertree Labour. Graeme Black repeated Keith's act in winning over 50% of his team's points and ended up with a highly respectable 56%.

Maghull finished bottom of the table with only 39 points and were finding life hard enough with their regular team of Tony Kendall, Matt Wilson and Kevin Lewis. To make matters worse none of these were regularly available during the closing weeks of the season when they had to field reserves. Alan Jones did a fantastic job when he came in against CADWA and beat both Graeme Black and Claire Langford 13/11 in the 5th sets. He joined Tony in the doubles in victory and Tony's 2 wins against Claire and Jordan Layfield ensured a draw on the night. Rod Bulmer nearly got his name in lights when he went down 16/14 in the deciding set to Claire. A victory for Rob would have meant them gaining a win for the only time during the season.

Finally, I have continuously quoted percentage wins throughout this report but I believe it is equally important for players to be recognised for their commitment and contribution to their teams. As the league is ultimately determined by the number of points won at the end of the season I think it is important to highlight the players who have gained the most points for their respective teams. The top 5 players in this category were Keith Bird on 45 singles victories, Keith Williams 44, Ken Jackson 41, Jon Taylor 40 and Gary Watson 39.

Division 2

Hi, and welcome back to division 2 news.

This edition will be focusing on weeks 22 - 26 of the LD TTL second division. So, here it is again, the end of another season, with its concomitant awards to award and reflections to reflect upon plus all the usual stuff that we all greatly admire in these notes?

First up is the winners and losers section:

Congratulations to Christ the King (A) on taking the title with 23 points to spare and commiserations to Bootle YMCA (A) who finished bottom by a mere 3 points.

"Without failure we cannot appreciate success and without success we are relegated to the third division". Anon. So if Bootle appreciated any successes they had throughout the season, does that mean that CTK appreciate their 50 dropped points as it allows them a more meaningful



Paul Banks

winning experience? Probably not but it may help sustain both of the teams next season in their respective divisions!

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Teams:

Christ The King (A) Current Position (1) Predicted Placing (1)

Well, we all kind of knew what the outcome would be from week one! *"80% of success comes from just turning up"* Woody Allen, well that is not too far from the mark with this team.

Peter Lee, Ahmed Thabet and Omid Khaiyat have maintained their form against all comers and with only two

losses over the season and dropping only 5 points over the last five matches are good value for the second division title. So sincere congratulations for winning the title with such ease during a season that must rank as one of the strongest in recent years.

Harold House (A)

Current Position (2) Predicted Placing (2)

Two out of two so far with the placings! Harold House have managed to maintain a strong line up and have only lost one game all season.

Dale Earnhardt says that *"second place is just the first place loser"* and whilst there is something to the fact that as competitors we all want to win, second place here wins Harold House (A) promotion and respect from the division for their focus and drive! Alec Bryce, Steve Whalley and Neil Baker have demonstrated beyond question that the first place losers will be ready for the top flight.

Marconi

Current Position (3) Predicted Placing (4)

"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Satchel Paige.

Placings are all out of the window now, but what is interesting is that only six points that separate the next five teams!!

What's with all of these quotes Paul I can hear you muttering, well I was planning to throw a relevant quote in to accompany each piece but from third place onwards the relevancy may be a bit of a stretch.

Marconi have ended in one of the worst places possible, *"So near yet so far away"* Carol King. Unless there is some reorganisation of the divisions following team drop outs etc?

Bob Edwards, Ray Jackson, Chris Spedding and Adrian Bramham have consistently just done enough to hold on to third place, (same as last year) so the 1-9 defeat at BSM was just a blip.

Adrian Bramham has shown why he is an in demand player in a number of north west leagues with a 62.75% average in the second division. Adrian has the ability to get the ball back from wherever you decide to put it and however you decide to put it there. Taking quite a number of scalps such as: Alec Bryce, Steve Whalley, Dave Harse and Andy Lloyd and for being highly competitive as well as such a nice guy, Adrian wins my final player of the quarter award, well done Adrian!

Merseyside Police (A)

Position (4) Predicted Placing (9)

"If a tie is like kissing your sister, losing is like kissing your grandmother with her teeth out". George Brett.

So its sister kissing for Merseyside Police who although coming fourth due to games lost, finished on the same number of points as Marconi. The six pointer came on week 26 and effectively decided who would get third place (Marconi winning 6-4) I suspect that these two teams will be the top two next season?

Jon Dyson, Steve Gittins and Graham Cleary have been one of the most consistent in the second half of the season; let's see what they can manage for a whole one.

Christ The King (B)

Current Position (5) Predicted Placing (3)

"You wouldn't have won if we'd beaten you". Yogi Berra. You have to say that this team of Billy Cheung, Dave Tagg and Peter Taylor have the talent to beat most teams. This was underlined by their 5-5- draw with eventual runners up Harold House (A).

Not wanting to go on too much about Mr Cheung as I know I have sung his praises before, however, he has had another great season. Consistent, controlled aggressive play being the key to his success. Billy also holds the record this season for the most games played; facing opponents on 84 occasions, I hope he has 'Sky +'.

Fords (A)

Position (6) Predicted Placing (8)

"All sports are games of inches" Dick Ritger. Its inches that separate Fords (A) BSM (A) and CTK (B) – only one point!

Paul Kinsey, Robbie Gouldson and Dave Holland were joined on occasion by Bob Hughes and Janay Gibson – all of them difficult to play and ultra competitive. Young Janay shows her worth to the team being the only player to take three off Wavertree Labour on the night, and therefore needs to come off the bench more often if this team is to be closer to the top next season.

Bath Street Marine (A)

Position (7) Predicted Placing (5)

Did BSM (A) come 7th as they had the same stats as Fords (A) – I wonder how they worked that out??

"You can sum up this sport in two words: You never know". Lou Duva.

With the aforementioned six point difference between third place and seventh, things could have been very different for BSM (A). Despite losing 10-0 to the champions they managed to win the rest of their games and even pulled off a tin hat against Maghull.

BSM have maintained their rotation policy and it has either taken them to 7th place or left them there depending on your outlook: Ian Mcelwee, Fred Bainbridge, Dermot Tierney and Ricky Brown all contributing. Notable wins include Fred and Dermot taking all three points at Marconi, Ian and Dermot taking all three at Bootle and Ricky taking all three at Wavertree and Maghull.

Crosby High (B)

Position (8) Predicted Placing (7)

Two wins, one draw and one loss ended Crosby High's season on a bit of a high – a Crosby High, ha! ha! It's the stalwarts of Dave Evans, Roger Neal and Sylvia Graham that have achieved this.

Crosby's run in saw a draw against second place H. House and a win over third place Marconi – Dave winning his three at Marconi and a great win for Sylvia over Bob Edwards.

"It's not whether you win or lose - but whether I win or lose". Sandy Lyle. Now I am not the sort of report writer who focuses too much on the scores in any particular game but the aforementioned game of Sylvia and Bob has to be documented. 11-6, 9-11, 10-12, 12-10, 12-10,

wow, and the sweat on the floor helps with the grip if you rub it in with your feet – although not so helpful on the table or ball!

Manweb (A)

Position (9) Predicted Placing (6)

Dave Harse, Jason Ao and Roy Adams have been the mainstays of this team helped out on occasion by Andy Lloyd and young David Ao –(what a great prospect he is)! Manweb finished on the same number of points (111) as Crosby High but take the lower spot due to games lost. *“If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score”?* Vince Lombardi.

Notable wins include: Roy and Dave beating Ahmed Thabet, Dave and Jason beating Ray Jackson in the fifth set and Jason being the only player to beat Adrian Bramham on the night.

Wavertree Labour (A)

Position (10) Predicted Placing (10)

Now you may think that I am being investigated for fixing games etc for getting my team's prediction placing right! But I can assure you that the bookmakers involved in the scandal are merely acquaintances!

“We can't win at home. We can't win on the road. I just can't figure out where else to play”!

Pat Williams. Mr Williams is not quite right as the best looking team in the division had two wins at the end of the season over CTK (B) and Harold House (B). These skills will be needed next season for a higher position in the standings, that is my prediction! Oops I have just been told that I cannot make any more predictions about this team at the moment pending enquiries!

Anyway, notable wins for Wavertree: Mick Tierney beating Graham Cleary and John Rowan beating Fred Bainbridge and Peter Taylor.

Harold House (B)

Position (11) Predicted Placing (11)

“It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame”. Anonymous.

Harold House (B) have kind of fizzled out at the end of this season, from what were such bright hopes at the start – possibly due to their changing line up and possibly due to player availability. John Hughes Rob Midgely and Michael Siu have been the team toward the end and they have not, in any way, disgraced themselves: John winning three at Bootle YM as well as beating Dave Holland,

Graham Reid, and Peter Taylor. Michael with great wins over Billy Cheung and Peter Taylor!

Maghull (A)

Position (12) Predicted Placing (13)

“I would not be bothered if we lost every game as long as we won the league.” Mark Viduka

Well Maghull got the first bit right but obviously not the second! What they were able to achieve however was a win at the battle of the bottom; holding off Bootle YM by three whole points.

Maghull managed this by picking up some good wins; Michael Russell beating Sylvia Graham, Roger Neal and Alec Bryce. Peter Holmes beating Roger Neal and Jason Ao and Alan Jones beating Sylvia Graham and Neil Baker. Bootle YMCA (A)

Position (13) Predicted Placing (12)

And so to Bootle YMCA (A) – just not able to keep up with the Jones's (Alan) but made a fair stab at it with Richie Winckle turning out as the main threat to the opposition. Richie with wins over Dave Harse (I shall have to ask him how to do that), Dave Holland, Michael Siu and Ricky Brown, (I shall have to ask him how to do that) and Danny with wins over Rob Midgely and Ricky Brown, (I shall have to ask him how to do that)!

All that's left is the end of season awards.

Best Refreshments goes to Merseyside Police who were without equal.

Player of the season nominations are; Dave Evans, Steve Gittins and Adrian Bramham, and the winner is (just let me open this gold envelope) Steve Gittins for an outstanding season and a 77.42% average.

So Steve just needed his team to win the title and he would have won everything – still, *“You can't have everything... where would you put it”?* Steven Wright.

So “that's all folks.” Porky Pig. Commiserations to Bootle YM and congratulations to CTK (A). By the time you are reading this we may know what is happening next season, how many are going up, how many are going down, how many are coming up etc? So there may be some more commiserations and congratulations to offer at a later date?

Good luck

Paul Banks

Wavertree Labour.

Who said sportsmanship is dead?

Whilst playing recently in a match with Police, I was leading a set against Terri-Anne Nolan, when I hurt my knee and I was hardly able to continue. Terri-Anne then surrendered the set to me when she could have easily have taken advantage of my predicament. I felt honoured and humbled to witness personally this huge act of sportsmanship by such a likeable lass.

Peter Wass - Marconi 25. 3. 10

Division 3

Russell Thornton

As the new season approaches rapidly, I am writing these notes in time for the start of 2010-2011 season. I hope you all had a good summer.

In week 20 divisional leaders Marconi had a free week so it was up to the chasing pack to make up some ground, 2nd placed Bath St C were 9-1 victors against Maghull with trebles from Brian Crolley and Luke McCall.

Wavertree Labour C who won 6-4 at Cadwa got off to a good start when Lee Farley beat Peter Roberts 12/10 9/11 5/11 11/7 14/12 in the 1st match of the night and then went on into a 4-0 lead, however Cadwa managed to win 4 out of the next 6 matches.

Wavertree Labour B won 6-4 at Police B, Len Dyson wrote, 'Bill Stanley burst the hosts bubble with a fine treble to take the match'. Bill had more than his fair share of edges against Len but Paul Morgan lost in similar fashion against Len who managed a delightful drop shot to win 13/11 in the 4th game. Police B have now managed to lose 4 matches on the trot and now lack confidence or desire to push for promotion. John Moore foolishly tried out a new bat halfway through the season with disastrous consequences, Tom Lynch is finding himself losing too many matches by the odd 2 points'

Police C's Terri Ann Nolan won her 3 matches against Manweb 'C' to earn her side a 5-5 draw, 3 really close matches were Tom Purcell's win over David Ao 16/14 6/11 11/9 5/11 11/9, David Ao's win over Brian Burrows 12/14 9/11 11/4 11/8 12/10 and Alan Biggs win over Brian 9/11 9/11 11/9 11/7 12/10.

The other Manweb team 'B' were beaten 7-3 at home to Bath St B with Ben Chen winning Manweb's 3 points.

In week 21 an under strength Marconi lost their 2nd match of the season, 8-2 at home to 2nd placed Bath St C mainly due to another Luke McCall treble and an Andy Cheung win over Peter Wass 7/11 11/9 11/9 7/11 14/12.

Sefton Park were 7-3 winners at Manweb C helped by a treble from Alan Davies. Despite being a player short Cadwa managed a 5-5 draw at Bath St B. Cadwa's Jordyn Layfield winning her 3 and teaming up with Mike Power to win in the doubles. Another draw was at Maghull where Police B were the visitors. With Maghull's Rod Bulmer winning his 3, a close encounter was John Moore's 11/9 win in the 5th over Phil Christie.

Back to full strength Marconi got back to winning ways in week 22, 9-1 at Police B, with trebles from Peter Wass and Ian Wensley, John Moore's shock win over Frank McCann was the Police's face-saver. The Bath St C team of Brian Crolley Andy Cheung and Luke McCall



were 10-0 winners against Police C, although Brian had to overcome John Appleton 11/7 10/12 9/11 15/13 19/17, Sam Gittins making his division 3 debut in this match.

Another Alan Davies treble helped his Sefton Park team to a 6-4 win at home to Wav Lab C. Ian Laird chipped in with a close match against Mario Giove 11/7 12/10 9/11 9/11 11/9. Cadwa were 6-4 winners at home to Wav Lab B thanks to a Mike Power treble.

The division's bottom team Manweb B managed a creditable draw at home to Maghull

Week 23 saw the Police derby C v B, and after 5 matches the B team were 4-1 up, but back came the C team to win the next 2 so 4-3, the 8th match was the 'battle of the ladies' Terri Ann v Paula.

Terri Ann went 2-0 up but back came Paula to take the next 2, in the 5th Terri Ann took the game 23/21 to put her team level on the night 4-4. Geoff Pye then beat Len Dyson in 3 to put the C team 5-4 up, then came the battle of the 'Tom's' with Mr Purcell being too strong for Mr Lynch to complete his teams comeback 6-4 to C.

This week also saw the division's top v bottom team and it was no surprise that Marconi with Trevor Owens making a rare appearance coming away with a 10-0 win although Manweb were a player short. Another white-wash was Wav Lab C's win at Manweb 'C', thus completing an utterly miserable week for the Manweb teams in this division. Maghull won 7-3 at home to Cadwa the only notable event of this match was a Tom Downing win over Rob Davies 11/9 in the 5th.

A Rob Peat Treble could not prevent his Bath St B team going down 7-3 at home to Sefton Park.

In week 24 Marconi made certain of being Divisional winners, and Darius Knight was there to see it, a 6-4 win away at Cadwa, two really close matches were Ian Wensley's win over Jordyn Layfield 9/11 11/7 12/10 3/11 11/9 and Mike Power's win over Peter Wass 11/9 13/11 7/11 8/11 14/12. Darius signed the match card on behalf of the Cadwa team so I now have a copy of Darius's autograph in front of me.

With the divisional winners now being decided the team most likely to finish 2nd, Bath St C were surprisingly held 5-5 at home to Manweb C, Michael Kwan putting in a rare appearance whilst on leave from the army in Germany. Michael managed to win his 3 so it must be assumed that he is able to get some practise in over there. Another draw was Wav Lab C's match with Bath St B, again a treble for Bath St's Rob Peat. An Ian Laird treble helped Sefton Park to a 6-4 win over Wav Lab B. Bill Stanley had a really close match with Ian before going

down 11/9 in the 5th.

Michael Kwan also turned out for Manweb B at home to Police and again won his 3 helping his side to a 7-3 win, and therefore making it a really good week for the Manweb teams in the division, what a difference a week and one player makes.

In the penultimate week of the season Bath St C clinched the 2nd promotion spot winning 6-4 at home to Police B thanks mainly to yet another Luke McCall treble, of this match Brian Crolley wrote 'Another cracking match, a 6-4 win to Bath St with no quarter given from either side. This is what table tennis is all about'. The best game was Luke's against Paula she gave him a scare before losing 15/13 in the 5th. Len Dyson and Tom Lynch won the doubles 11/6 in the 5th, Tom was made up beating Brian and Luke in a well contested doubles match. Andy Cheung just beat Tom Lynch 11/8 in the 5th. Bath St C have enjoyed every match this season'

The Wavertree derby B v C produced a 7-3 victory for the C team despite a Tony Connor win over Lee Farley 12/10 in the 5th.

Maghull and Sefton Park battled it out for a 5-5 draw, Rod Bulmer had a close match against Lee Proffitt 13/11 11/5 9/11 5/11 15/13 to win another treble.

Cadwa had a 6-4 win at Police C with Jordyn Layfield again winning her 3 including a straight games win over Terri Ann Nolan and a close match 13/11 in the 5th over Tom Purcell. Bath St B had a 7-3 win at Manweb C, Rob

peat again winning his 3 including a close match with David Ao 12/10 13/15 5/11 11/6 11/9.

In the final week of the season champions Marconi were held 5-5 at Sefton Park, Marconi's Peter Wass won his 3 and reserve Tony Mullally winning 2, Lee Proffitt had a close win over Ian Wensley 11/8 9/11 11/13 12/10 11/9. Another enjoyable match for Bath St C was their white-wash of Manweb B. The closest match was Andy Cheung's over Alvin Tso 14/12 in the 5th. Wav Lab C also had a big win, 9-1 at home to Maghull, Maghull's face-saver was Rod Bulmer's straight games win over Xia Dong. Bath St B won 6-4 at home to Wav Lab B, another treble for Brian Crolley including a close win over Tony Connor 12/10 in the 5th, another close match was Colin Fyles win over Karen Gibson 13/11 8/11 9/11 11/4 11/9. Manweb C managed to get a draw at Police B despite being a player short, David Ao and Alan Biggs winning 2 singles each and then teaming up in the doubles and winning that 3 straight.

Congratulations go to Marconi A - League and cup double

Bath St C- 2nd place.

Merseyside Police B- cup runners up

Bath St B- best doubles averages

Rob Peat- Highest divisional averages 83.93% 47 wins from 56.

Good luck for the new season.

Russ

Last bit of space to fill ; a 'few' of the items from the agenda discussed at the recent ETTA AGM,

I am pleased to provide a summary of the main points discussed at last Saturday's National Council Meeting and hope that it will assist you in reporting back to your members.

3. Discussion took place on extending the deadline date of 2013 for coaches to realign to UKCC standard. The Coaching Department believed that changing the date would have very little impact as by 2013 nearly seven years will have elapsed and the date was not the problem. Coaching are considering a number of options to help these coaches through the "bridging course" and details will be presented at the January 2011 National Council meeting.

4. The reduction of Table Tennis News from eight issues to four or zero took place. This followed a number of inputs from Councillors and others on this matter and considered was the cost to the ETTA in terms of its production, staff time and income from the low circulation. After some debate on the matter 17 National Councillors voted in favour of scrapping the magazine and 12 national Councillors were not in favour. It was though agreed that the ETTA needs to ensure that more issues of the Ezine take place which clearly reaches more members, some form of Magazine should be produced for the English Open and once the IM is in place options would be considered in this area as part of a benefits package.

11. Discussions took place in regard to the AGM and the Chairman acknowledges the concerns raised by members about the location this year and that the Annual Report needs to be circulated earlier, albeit all Councillors regarded the report as an excellent and well presented document.

14. An update was given on Individual Membership and a number of technical problems relating to on-line applications were discussed at the Membership meeting and clarification of the issue of membership cards to members applying direct to ETTA and for day licences were discussed.

18. The 66th English Open ITTF Major Pro-Tour now confirmed, to be staged at the English Institute for Sport Sheffield from Wed Jan 26th -Sunday 30th Jan inc. Ticket prices will be announced in September and ETTA members and clubs will be given an early purchasers discount and the chance to select the best seats for the Sunday Finals.

ALEX MURDOCH

Chairman

Congratulations to **Harold House 'C'**, promoted for the second season in a row, and even though they had more admin errors (which last year cost them the 5th division title) they had room to spare ahead of runners up Bootle YMCA 'B' and are clear Champions. In their last 4 games they dropped only 2 points;- some run in!

HH'C' operated as a squad of (in order of appearances): Rod McPherson (3), Steve Wearden (4), Mendle Williams (12) Eddie Clie (1) and Michael Siu (8). The numbers in brackets are their position in the averages. Well done to Eddie in coming top, being bettered only the once. Rod & Steve & Michael all only lost thrice each in a combined total of 96 matches. Add to the stats that Mendle had an average of 78% and you'll see what a massive performance this has been for them. Good luck to them in the 3rd where they will do well - if they cut out the silly playing out of order problems!



Bootle YMCA 'B' were as far behind Harold House'C' as they were ahead of 3rd place Marconi 'B'. Two teams that were playing in the 3rd last year were beaten by a team playing in the 5th. Congratulations to Shakil on being runner up in the averages and thereby best No.1, and also to Eddy making it into the top 10.

Eddy was taken a back to be beaten by **BSM'D's** Les Gee, Les almost took Shak to a decider as well, losing the 4th 10/12, usual sturdy performances from Bert & Mike contributed to the 8-2 win, as unusually, Ted lost his two to Bert & Shak.

In the final week they visited "the buses", Mike lost a lead over Graham in the first match, then Derek beat Bert in 4, Shak beat Harry, but the win by Larry over Eddy in straights put the home team 3-1 up, Shak went back on to play Derek and won in 4 to go into the break 2-3 down. Bootle showed their steel in the second half; everyone winning, Bert bested Graham, then Eddy took Harry 14/12 in the 5th! Mike "did a number" on Larry (16-14 in the 1st). In the doubles the experienced partnerships of Bootle held sway, a 7-3 away win at the 4th team is a good way to finish off the season and prove the strength of the team. Good luck next year back in the 3rd chaps.

Marconi'B' have played a squad system of 5 regulars, so it's quite a record that they are all in the top 20 for the season, well done to John 5th in the averages and Tony 10th.

They had Frank in for the visit by BSM'D', Paul lost to Ted in 5 after beating Les also in 5, John came from 2 down to beat Ted, John was the only person to win both singles as he also overcame Mal /1 in the 4th. Bobby & Frank both beat Keith, Paul & Frank finally clicked in

the 4th set to beat Les & Mal, to end the night 6-4 victors.

In their last match they steamrolled a Maghull'C' w/o Mr. McLoughlin, Paul was down 2-1 v Harry before he sent the balls flying past him, John had a mighty close game with Steve; 3 games out of 5 going to deuce, but John took the 4th 13/11 and 5th 12/10! 10-0 but perhaps a case of too much too late?!

Arriva North West 1st the 5th division's other Promotees also had a good season, finishing well ahead of the 08-09 Fourth Division opposition, Derek Scotland lost only 6 times finishing 6th, always ready to spur his team mates on with a well placed expletive. Derek & Graham have played at this level before, but it was all new to Harry and Brian who proved they could handle the pressure (and the insults).

At MCA'C' Derek had a ding dong battle with Harry in the first match, dragging back from 1-2, Graham had similar fare with the younger McGanity; leveling the game with an 11/3 4th set, seemed to indicate Steve would suffer the same in the 5th. however it was Steve who strolled it 11/4, that was the home team's only point.

CADWA'B' finished 5th, one down from last season, but with the same win ratio, Ian Burrows finished 6th in the averages last year on 78%, this year he finished 11th in the averages on 78% - talk about consistent! Everyone above him on the 08-09 list got promoted, and everyone on the 09-10 list wasn't playing in this division last year.

CADWA'B' and Maghull'C' fielded reserves from the 5th Division; Steven Lennon and James McLoughlin. They met and James, after a 13/11 first set won in 3, Maghull organized their doubles better; Loon & James outwitting Steven & Paul Lunan in 5, and John & Harry beat the strong Higham & Burrows combo. This was the second time for John, as he also beat them separately. All else went CADWA'B's way; George see-sawed with Harry, as did Ian with Loon, and Paul won both his, Steven showed resolve coming from behind to win Loon in 5. Thus honours even between the teams.

George has missed only one game this season, and that because of illness. Overall the team has missed a player on 17 occasions, which is too much for a serious push, the last time the full team was out was in week 22 (against their own C team).

Bath Street Marine'D' have been fully absorbed into the 4th Division, they have a top player in Ted Cramsie who's guaranteed to win 2/3 and 3 vets who have 40% averages; a formula that means they could safely be here for years to come, so I hope they enjoyed this first taste of it!

Maghull 'C' finished above 4 teams that in the previous season they had been behind, then they were next to the drop zone, this year it never looked like that would be their fate. they also now have a top class No.1 in John McLoughlin, It's fair to say that he has been the main reason around the team's transformation (7th in the averages btw). It's been good to see Harry & Steve play in the same team, although they prefer not to partner up in the doubles (saves on family squabbles?). John had quite an eventful evening in the penultimate match with HH'C', at 2-1 up against Rod he took a tumble, damaging his ankle and ending up in Fazackerly A&E! I always thought carpet and strenuous physical activity didn't mix (- carpet burns).

Notable in the above is that each of the teams, from 2nd down to 8th were well strung out separated by 9 or more points.

The drama was at the basement of the division where trying to stay out of the last relegation spot was a pack of 5.

At the end of week 21 Linacre were 12th, adrift of Marconi'C' by 9 points and Sefton Park'A' by 10.

In week 22, Linacre got 9 from MCA'D', putting them just 2 points behind Marconi'C' (beaten 8-2 at Arriva) and SP'A' (1-9 at Harold House'C').

Despite a 2-8 loss at BSM'D', Linacre got to within a point of SP'A' (1-9 from Marconi'B'). Marconi'C' escaped their grasp; 10-0 over a completely reserve CADWA'B' (John & I went to 5 in our singles).

Linacre's focus changed to SP'A' and in week 24 they hosted them. In this hugely significant game, Harry and Eric both played Captains games winning their singles, Eric reminds me of a transformer that goes from cuddly Ewok to Darth Grievous, it was over by game 4 in his matches with Charlie and Ken, Ken lost his next singles to Ray who completed a brace after a win over Dave. In the battle of the Dave's, Ferguson beat Cunningham. Mr. C teamed up with Norm to win an extremely close doubles versus Harry & Charlie (9/ 7 /9 9/ /9). Thus SP'A' dealt Linacre a 3-7 body blow, putting them 5 points ahead alongside CADWA'C' (1-9 at Marconi'B').

The fixtures then sent Linacre to CADWA'C, Harry won in style and 'enjoyed' close doubles with Charlie beating Josef & John 12/10 in't 5th. Charlie went to 4 beating me but losing to Josef, Paul Webb was in smashing form; contributing most to CADWA'C's 6-4 win.

With another opportunity spurned, Linacre had one last chance as yet again fortune had them playing the team they had to beat. It was a tall order; 9-1 at least from Marconi'C', a team that had beaten them 6-4, Harry was heroic defeating Kenny & Dave, Linacre won both doubles and Dave beat Adrian (in 5), however, Frank Proffit won both his singles, Kenny fought back v Charlie in 5 and Mr. Bradley won the battle of the Dave's.

Thus it was that Linacre dropped down from the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

The previous was a resume of how the final weeks spanned out near the dreaded 12th spot, so I'll now give a summation of the individual performances of the relegation pessimists.

Cadwa 'C' claimed the match when Maghull'D' failed to turn up at their place for a game they had rearranged! The Cadwa derby match was played without John O, whereas the B team was at full strength, George came from behind to surprise Josef in 5, JK bested John Ashley, who won v a battling Mr. Webb in 5, Ian B won his 2, but Mr. Lunt lost to Paul in 3 to gain the C teams other point; 2-8. There was only 1 point at Marconi'B' when Joe beat Paul Loftus in 5 after losing to Russell in 5.

Sefton Park 'B' had it tougher than their A team, Derek Traynor was a rock in terms of performance and appearances as usual (there's a guy that earned his summer break), SP'B' had happily been ahead of their A team for most of the season, but in the last quarter of the season they saw their 13 point lead overturned.

The CADWA'B' regulars won the brought forward match 7-3, they achieved a respectable draw with Maghull'C'. Against BYMCA'B' two remarkable things happened, firstly Fred beat Eddy in 3 straight, then in the last match of the night, Derek had a fantastic game with Shakil, at 2 down it seemed over, then Derek won the 3rd 11/5 and he did the same in the 4th. in the tense decider, they got to deuce, Derek took the next 2 points for Shakil's only 3rd defeat of the season, undoubtedly Derek's crowning glory this season.

The 3-7 defeat by Arriva seemed to get in the way as Mr. T signed the card "*Oh what fun; great night, well contested, played in a most enjoyable fashion and so to the clubhouse*".

Sefton Park 'A's Eric & Ray had a fine win at HH'C' over Steve & Mendel and also a close win over MCA'D's Jimmy & Wilf (12/10 in't 5th). Eric enjoyed another close game with Naresh, /9 in't 5th. Dave Cunningham came good with a win (/10 /9 /9) over Russell that stopped a whitewash. In the last game they beat BSM'D' away 7-3 for their best result of the season, which leapfrogged them above their upstart B team rivals/colleagues. So how ironic is it that it was reserve, B team Captain Derek, who contributed two singles and a doubles win, his win in the last game of the night and of the season, put the A team above the B! Such integrity!

Marconi 'C' had just Kenny & Frank seeing out the season, they lost 2-8 away at Arriva, Dave McMahon beat Harry Hughes (11/9 in't 5th) and teamed up with Kenny to beat Derek & Larry. Ted Gilmour accompanied Trevor Owens to HH'C' for his first Division 4 match, Trevor lost for his only defeats this season (against Rod he leveled with a 14/12 3rd and 12/10 4th).

Ted snook the game off Mendle 14/12 in t^{3rd}. In the derby Kenny felt sick as a parrot losing out to Bobby 13/15, Frank had no queasiness beating him 11/8, 12/10, 12/10, surprisingly Frank then fell to reserve Norman Chaloner, who had already lost to Adrian (in 5). Jin Wang who had lost to Dave Bradley went on to beat Adrian then Norman & Bobby won a close 2nd doubles over Frank & Adrian. 3-7 the result.

Linacre had a chance for safety with their last matches including three relegation rivals and the bottom team, as it was they failed to beat their rivals, whereas Sefton Park 'A' beat BSM'D' and Linacre 7-3. being without Harry Nelson was a huge handicap, with both Harrys fit they will storm through the fifth next season.

Maghull'D' have found it hard going all season, with not so much as a draw to console them, Denise Chorley saved

the whitewash at Linacre, beating Dave in 4 after losing the first game 13/15, turning things around with a 12/10 second. Alan & Wilf can boast of taking a game off BYM'B's Eddy as can Jimmy from Bert. Alan was 2-1 up v BSM'D's Mal, and Jimmy was in the same position in the last match on before Ken won with two 11/9 games. At SP'A' the chaps got their own rewards, winning in straight sets; Jimmy beat Eric & Alan beat Ray.

It can't have been easy turning out to be beaten somewhere between 10-0 and 7-3. I hope they get pay back in the 5th next season.

Finally, I hope the new season has as much excitement and less controversy.

Doug

Division 5

Awards

For these awards (which are purely my view) I've mostly consulted the averages as the benchmark, subject to playing more than a dozen "guest" appearances and allowing a lot for team ranking. Paul Hutchings was not considered – feel free to add him in if you want!

Best 4 players: Joe Mullin, Larry Stone, Colin Fyles, Sam Gittins. Ranked 2 to 6 in the averages at the end of the season, Stan Clarke at 5 loses out to Sam because Sam played at 1 all season while Stan played mostly at 2 or 3.

Best 1, 2, 3, 4:

Colin Fyles - lost only twice, despite missing games through work which would disrupt many players play. Error-free, happy to push and a backhand hit that appears from nowhere.

Geoff Pye. Hellish pushing game with the threat of the big forehand which occasionally goes on, and nasty serves as well. Wonder if he'll ever dare to play his natural game in a match?

Ged Howard. That rare thing, a controlled attacking game, using spin and placement not speed, and so rarely making mistakes. Noticeable improvement over season.

Joe Mullin. Division 5 singles champion, and would qualify in any ranking position. Hope he managed to stay awake after getting a clearly wrong ranking, which was scarcely addressed by replacing his games against 3's with 2's during the season.

Paul Oakes



Best Doubles; Kristov and Pavel. See last issue for why. A well-matched style, with Kristov's speed being especially useful in the doubles. The quality of the doubles throughout the Division was significantly better this season, with lots of pairs having the horrible combination of a tricky server and someone who can murder any loose returns.

Most Improved Player. Very subjective – I get to see most players twice a season so don't get the fullest impression, especially for number 1s playing against the BSM E Team weird bat squad. Players

who've significantly improved their average compared to last season include Sam Gittins (and playing 1 against 3 last season), Janusz Wator (54% / 67%), Amy Hutchings (no wins to 20%), Danny Bellard (21% / 51%), but my award is to Geoff Pye (44% to 75%). Players improving by these margins will make it into the top 10 (or a higher division) pretty quickly, and I must admit it's great to beat someone who you haven't made any impression on previously.

Best newcomer (i.e. An experienced player joining the league) is Larry Stone. No debate required.

Best beginner (never played in leagues before) is wide open. Barry Davis made 57% at 1 in a struggling side, with a far higher average in the second half of the season. Michael Evans scored 33% playing 1 or 2, and once he realises the opponents aren't going to set up his favourite shots all night he'll be moving up Divisions. Eric Young's nomination was disqualified on a technicality. However, I'm awarding it to CADWA D, as 3 of their players are league beginners, and they all really showed improve-

ment over the season. They should be a promotion challenger next season providing they have cover for absences.

Unluckiest player from my viewpoint is whoever's playing Albert Parker, as you know they'll suffer endless net-cords. Anna Yang was nominated by Ged for serial suffering in all her games against CADWA, but Alan Cameron is clearly the winner (or is it loser?) as he keeps telling us how unlucky he's been (even when he wins). Better luck in Div. 4 Alan.

Most sociable side is another tricky one where I've had one evening at each team to make a decision. While no-one approached Police C's buffets of 2 years ago, Police D's sandwiches, cake and biscuits, Stan Clarke's home-made scones, CADWA's pizzas in the last game and the biscuit mountains at both Arriva teams' matches were all appreciated. Probably wrong to give an award as everyone is welcoming and makes an effort (unlike some Southport league sides, for instance), even the most competitive teams in matches with promotion at stake seemed happy to chat all night, and laugh at their own players for fluffed shots.

Most gracious loser is Gordon Langshaw. He's an excellent player who runs himself into the ground during games, has epic struggles against my team and seems to be happy just to play. His attitude has rubbed off on Sharon and Anna who also love to play. Sharon nearly won this award – with no time to practice between work and 2 kids (impeccably behaved by the way, maybe there's something in this child psychology stuff after all) she's still staying cheerful in defeat and getting better to the point where a big improvement next season is possible now she sets about winning points rather than just getting the ball back.

Reports

Week 22 (early April) gave CADWA a chance to measure their progress against Wavertree D. Wins for Joud, Ged and 2nd doubles and an 11-9 defeat in 5 sets in the other doubles for a respectable 3 points shows the improvement and the distance to travel if they want promotion next season. Wavertree E scored 3 of their 4 points against Bootle by walk-overs, but the other point was an excellent win for Michael Evans over Jim Geddes in an otherwise brief series of games.

CADWA hit upon a brilliant tactic for their game against Arriva A – play a Polish player of their own! Certainly stops the doubles tactical discussions at the table, and maybe cuts a few rude words out after the occasional miss from Arriva. This was the début for David RataJczak, playing at 2 in a CADWA side featuring only Ged of the regulars, a nice gentle start that must have been. He managed to take Wacek and Kristov to 5 sets (11-13 against Kristov) so can probably play a bit. Arriva still won 10-0 though, and look certain to finish 2nd. Thanks

to Ged for the comments. The removal of the Edge Hill results from the tables went through this week, and suddenly Police have a lead in the table, and a relatively benign run-in that means it's unlikely they'll drop the points needed to give the others any chance to catch up.

Another team struggling to find players was Maghull F, which was unfortunate as their game at BSM F would be a fixture they could expect some joy at with a full team. A close set of results with long games ended 4-3, plus 3 walkovers to the home side. Police's 7-3 win over Maghull E was nearly better, with Geoff and Camo only losing to Amy and partner 13-11, 11-9, 12-10, 12-10.

When you're playing a higher-ranked team from your own club it doesn't help if your regular no. 1 player is missing. Wavertree D very sportingly left their regular 1 at home as well to equalise matters, but still won 9-1, a good win for Eric over David Williams and a rare Ken Ray appearance to bamboozle Sharon and Anna. Meanwhile, with Arriva A beating 3-man Sefton Park 10-0, BSM E all but drop out of the promotion race with a 5-5 against Bootle, Jim beating Bill. Police manage to preserve their lead with an 8-2 against 3 Arriva B players (was everyone on holiday in April?). Geoff went 2-0 up against Larry, then managed 12 more points.

Penultimate week of a long season saw the end of BSM E's aspirations, 10-0 losers to Wavertree D in a match with only two 3-set results. Although the result is somewhat extreme it shows what a good team Wavertree D are when they have their top 4 players available, and if 3 teams are promoted it would make life a lot easier for the rest of us next season. The BSM F team do far better, taking 3 points off the Police with Des beating Camo and taking Sam to 5 sets.

Arriva A's 8-2 win at Wavertree E secures second place in the league barring disaster, and another second-season promotion for a driver's team. Given the number of players entered in Arriva's handicap competition I wouldn't be surprised to see another new team playing at the Green Lane Sauna room next season.

Finally, Police finish with 9-1 over CADWA, Ged beating Sam. Arriva lose 4-6 to BSM E, Wacek's 2 and Kristov (who's still here, I note) wins allowing them to put away the calculators and enjoy promotion. The ever-changing Maghull F draw with Wavertree E in another epic contest, Michael and Luke scoring 3 singles wins and Luke taking Eric to 5 sets indicate prospective talents for next season. Gordon won his games, and Ken Ray played despite knee and feet problems (thanks to Andy for comments).

Three players for Wavertree D are enough to get 6 points from Bootle, which is good going. Arriva B try this approach against Maghull E but only get 3 points from the evening, all players winning their singles against the lower-ranked opponent. Another close doubles result,

Amy carrying her partner to a 5-set win over Larry and Danny to stay unbeaten for the season.

And that's the end of Division 5's third season since the league expansion. We had 2 completely new teams (Arriva B, CADWA) who both had good seasons and might fancy a promotion effort next time, an array of new players and a marked increase in young players. The league table shows mostly 10 point gaps between places, so one extra win every second game moves you up the table, much preferable to divisions where there's massive gaps to be covered between teams in blocks at the top and bottom. The huge entry for the divisional singles showed both enthusiasm and the depth of players. Last season's promoted teams came first and fourth in Division 4, while the relegated Wavertree D weren't runaway winners of our Division (and they weren't even bottom of Division 4), so we're definitely not in the yo-yo state where promo-

tion one season is followed by a disheartening relegation the next. If anything, the problem is the standard of play is too high for many players starting in the league, especially if they're not playing at 4; neighbouring leagues have bottom divisions full of young players with no experience, which gives a gentler introduction at a level below the general standard of Division 5.

I hope you all have a fun close season, don't go too mad when all the new equipment catalogues turn up (I only bought 2 new bats this season, I'm getting better) and are ready for the new teams that will appear full of top players, the relegated team(s) and those annoying players who just keep on improving.

Paul.

AMENDMENTS TO THE E.T.T.A. RULES OF TABLE TENNIS.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the E.T.T.A a number of rule amendments were made that directly effect league play and are now a part of our rules, as our rule book states that "All matches shall be played under the Laws of Table Tennis as recognised by the E.T.T.A."

There are two alterations to rule which will have a dramatic impact on how we play the game;

1 The racquet covering shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the I.T.T.F. To assist in this the E.T.T.A. will issue to each league the current I.T.T.F. list of approved rubbers; this is issued twice a year.

In effect this means that all players must ensure that the rubber covering on their racquet is listed on the current I.T.T.F. approved list. Merely having an I.T.T.F. logo on your rubber is not sufficient, as every rubber initially will have this logo, but the rubber may subsequently be withdrawn from the approved list.

2 The rules have been changed to state " A racquet shall not be changed during the course of a match unless it is accidentally damaged so badly that it cannot be used" In this context A Match is defined as an individual match and for league purposes will mean any of the number of sets (Matches) contained within a team competition. Deliberate damage to a racquet is not allowed.

If you are unsure as to how these rule changes will effect you please feel free to contact Stan Clarke on 0151 928 3771 or at stanclarke@talktalk.net

The latest list of Rubbers -List 31.1 (July- Dec.2010) can be found on the ITTF web site - : <http://www.ittf.com>

The ET TA has now decided to follow the lead of the ITTF in banning certain rubbers, all rubbers banned were listed on the ITTF List No.29 (2008). The following list is only part of that list, there were 37, where I've put **, that rubber has come back with a slightly different name (must be a modified rubber) to be accepted, i.e. Boomerang, returned as Boomerang Classic. There are a lot of new rubbers added to that 2008 list, but obviously, anything after 2008 is ok. Suppliers were selling these off cheap last season, I wonder if they new something we didn't!!

ITTF No. Supplier		
SUPPLIER	BRAND	TYPE
999	889	out
Andro	Clou	Long
Andro	Krypto	Long
Donic	Alligator	Long
Donic	Alligator	Long
Donic	Piranjá FD **	Long
Double Power	4080	Long
Dr. Neubaur	Boomerang **	Long
Dr. Neubaur	Inferno	Long
Dr. Neubaur	Monster **	Long
Dr. Neubaur	Roulette	Long
Dr. Neubaur	Scalpel	Long
Dr. Neubaur	Super Block	Long
Dr. Neubaur	The Wall	Long
R.I.T.C.	755 Faster	Long
R.I.T.C.	799 - 1 **	out
Giant Dragon	8228 **	out
Hallmark	Friction Special **	Long
Hallmark	Super Special	Long
Hallmark	Super Special Extra	out
Joola	Antispin Long Pips	Long
Joola	Fakir	Long
Joola	Razor	Long
Tibar	Grass Devil	Long
T.S.P.	Bamboo Curl P-1	Long
T.S.P.	Curl - Cactus	Long
T.S.P.	Curl - Combi	Long

Obituary - Ken Hyde 1915 -2010



J. K. Hyde, born in St. Helen's, Lancashire in June 1915, Ken was the youngest of three brothers, taking up table tennis when the family moved to Runcorn, Cheshire in 1928. In one of our long telephone conversations, he told of his father being the captain of the champion team in the St. Helen's 'Ping Pong' league in 1912 and according to dad, the small Merseyside town formed the first 'official' league in the world. His two brothers made sure they gave expert coaching to the youngster and when moving to Liverpool in 1931, all three brothers joined the Grove House club,

who won the Liverpool league division one title that year. While at Quarry Bank High school in 1932, Ken made his England debut, a year later being selected for England's Swaythling Cup team for the world championships in the Austrian city of Baden. Ken lifted the Merseyside Open singles trophy in 1934 and the doubles with brother Eric. Another singles title followed in 1936 while two years later, he combined with world singles champion Richard Bergmann, to win the Merseyside doubles title. During this period Ken added the Liverpool Closed singles title in 1932

and 37 and the doubles on four occasions, two with Wales' international Fred Bamford and a couple with brother Eric, also an England international.

Upon leaving school he attended Liverpool University where in 1939 he gained his B.S.C in Chemistry whilst proving to be a superb sporting all rounder. His achievements while there included, 'Colours' in football, cricket, tennis and squash racquets and represented the combined universities (UAU) cricket team at the end of the thirty's. From 1933 until 1939 he played table tennis for England and was jointly ranked at one in the country with Manchester's Hymie Lurie in 1938 and 39. His international team mates included Lurie, Ernie Bublely, Andy Millar and Stan Proffitt, the latter becoming the first Merseyside Open men's singles champion in 1929. Ken scored wins over world champions' Michael Szabados and Bohumil Vana both in Swaythling Cup action and was the only Englishman to defeat Barna in tournament singles combat in the final of the Manchester Evening Chronicle International cup in 1937. Ken's trip to the 1939 Worlds' in Cairo was a tortuous six days each way affair but en-route he enjoyed a fine win when they played France in Paris where England beat the home side 3-1 - Ken overcoming their top player Michel Haguenuer, a future English Open champion. From there they travelled third class by train for ten hours before reaching Marseilles where they sailed for four days to Alexandria and on to the Egyptian capital, Cairo, they spent sixteen days away from home but, didn't receive a penny for out of pocket expenses for, in Ken's words, 'we were true amateurs'

In 1940 he married before volunteering for the RAF, serving for three and a half years in Africa, rising to the rank of Squadron Leader before leaving the services in 1946. He didn't play much after that except in a couple of exhibitions' in 1948, the second of those, ironically in Liverpool, ended his playing days when suffering an Achilles Tendon injury.

In 1946 he joined Ashdowns Ltd - Plastics Division of Pilkington Brothers and became Technical Manager in 1947 and remained in the industry throughout his career, becoming managing director of a number of companies whilst later becoming a private consultant to company's in Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Taiwan, China and The Netherlands until 1995. Since 1948 Ken travelled the world which included ten visits to China in 2004/2005 and a total of forty two trips to India between 1990 and 2005 and at the age of 92, he called it a day. His exploits in the sport led him to be installed as League President but, unable to remain involved in the league's affairs from his home in Hertfordshire, he relinquished the position - the late Arthur E. Upton taking over. Ken could talk for hours about his experiences and remained a proud Life Member of the League.

Last year he was invited to Liverpool University together with another former Liverpool league player, Tony Clayton, also a Swaythling Cup player for England in the 1971 Nagoya Worlds'. The pair were duly inducted into the University's 'Hall of Fame' on a the roll of honour which includes every former student who has represented their country. Although I spoke to Ken on numerous occasions and corresponded via email, that university occasion, was the only time I met this remarkable gentleman. It's proved difficult to do justice to his life both in industry and sport and I'm sure, his like will never again be seen in our sport.

Don Davies Chairman L&DTTL

Schools Table Tennis

The Liverpool Schools League finished with the following results, the top positions changing from last season, Bluecoat were top in both Divs. last season. Paul O'Leary must be congratulated for encouraging all schools to complete their fixtures, we are now seeing the follow on

KEY STAGE 3 LSSP LEAGUE TABLE 2009 - 10					
Pos		matches	Games	Games	Pts.
		played	Won	Lost	
1	King David (Champs)	7	60	24	60
2	St Margarets	7	55	29	55
3	SFA	7	52	32	52
4	Bluecoat	7	51	30	51
5	Childwall	7	38	43	38
6	Shorefields	7	37	47	37
7	SFX	7	28	56	28
8	St Benedicts	7	15	69	15

KEY STAGE 4 LSSP LEAGUE TABLE 2009 - 10					
Pos		matches	Games	Games	Pts.
		played	Won	Lost	
1	SFX (Champions)	6	51	20	51
2	Bluecoat	6	48	24	48
3	St Benedicts	6	45	27	45
4	Shorefields	6	35	37	35
5	Childwall	6	28	44	28
6	Calderstones	6	26	46	26
7	St Margarets	6	18	48	18

The Liverpool Schools Partnership T.T. League held their Individuals Championships at Shorefields High School, 29th June, organised by Schools Sports Coordinator Paul O'Leary with assistance from L&DTTL Tournament Secretary Stan Clarke.

The winner of the U16's was Michael Evans (Photo with Stan Clarke) from Childwall Comp. Adam Shiffman, (King David) 2nd, and Steven Lennon (SFX) 3rd.. Michael and Steven showing that experience helps a lot as both have been playing in the L&DTTL for a while, Michael plays for Wavertree Labour 'E' and Steven for Cadwa 'B'.

There are plenty of youngsters waiting for the chance to "move up a rung", just need that opening.

Trevor at Marconi, with help from Ian McElwee and Norman Chalinor, have been coaching a few youngsters at their Friday night sessions, and has entered an extra team into the 5th to give them a chance, hopefully they too will go from strength to strength.



The winners of The Sefton Schools' 2009 - 10 T.T. U16 League, were again Savio High School, Bootle, with basically the same players that won last year, which must have given a lot of pleasure to their coach and mentor Mr. Ged Howard, and the School.

Last season Mr Howard was playing for Cadwa and managed to get some of the boys a few games helping Cadwa out when short, the same boys also play in the Southport League for Formby High.

Bootle YMCA, being the local L&DTTL Club to Savio, has taken the school under it's wing, and encouraged anyone interested to visit BYM on practice nights to get some league 'experience', The logical conclusion of this was to give the

boys a chance at league table tennis and BYM have now entered them as a team into the 5th Div. The boys all accept the challenge of the move up, and are looking forward to it, and will treat this season as a learning curve.

Coaching Secretary, Keith Williams has been a regular visitor to Savio, to show the finer points, and some also attend Formby High coaching sessions, confidence is the next thing, not easy to teach!

Savio T.T. has a problem next season, their mentor Mr. Howard is away on courses, so will not be around, hopefully

The UKCC course programme is now available, with courses running from September 2010 until June 2011.

If you wish to book on a course Details can be found on the ETTA web site

The costs of courses are as follows:

UKCC 1st4Sport Level 1 £160

UKCC 1st4Sport Level 2 £270

UKCC 1st4Sport Level 2 Bridging £139

UKCC 1st4Sport Level 3 £1,100

UKCC/UCLan Level 4 £2,200

* Level 4 costs include only the UCLan student registration fees and are exclusive of table tennis intervention sessions and candidate expenses

3. Discussion took place at the recent ETTA AGM on extending the deadline date of 2013 for coaches to realign to UKCC standard.

The Coaching Department believed that changing the date would have very little impact as by 2013 nearly seven years will have elapsed and the date was not the problem.

Coaching are considering a number of options to help these coaches through the “bridging course” and details will be presented at the January 2011 National Council meeting.

There are various ways of obtaining grants to help with courses by going to Coaching / North West on the ETTA web site

Halton does it again

Local community sports club wins coveted national award

Recently the CCPR, the national alliance of the governing bodies of sport and recreation, acknowledged and commended the hard work of seven outstanding sports clubs across the UK. Amongst the winners in the prestigious annual Sports Club of the Year Awards was Halton Table Tennis Club, which picked up third place.

The club was presented with its award in a top London hotel by CCPR President, HRH The Earl of Wessex.

As well as a plaque, winners all took back to their clubs a substantial cash prize.

Tim Lamb, CCPR Chief Executive, commented:

“CCPR is delighted to be rewarding such an exceptional club. Halton Table Tennis Club is a great example of what a community club can achieve and this award is testament to the incredibly hard work put in by those who run it. But as well as long hours in the committee room or coaching youngsters, the people who run this club have also provided

expertise. That means that it provides a great service to its members and opens up sporting opportunities for the whole community.

“It’s quite an accolade to be selected for a prize from amongst the 150,000 community sports clubs across the UK and Halton Table Tennis Club can be very proud of its achievement.”

A Fantastic club showing an enormous junior membership growth through their outreach school to club links, providing regular coaching delivery in after school sessions, whilst the club continually grow and develop strong partnership links with local key partners in the community.

Yet another year where an ETTA table tennis PremierClub is recognised Nationally for its achievements, competing with clubs of different sports from throughout the country.

Mark Willerton
ETTA National Programme Manager Clubs & Premier League 4 Sport.



Photo shows Frank James, club coach, Club Chairperson Karen Tongue MBE and HRH Earl of Wessex

AETTU. Competition Results 2010 from Tom Purcell, I. U.



Faith Moore, partner of the late Ken Armson MBE (IU), presenting the Ken Armson Trophy to the winner of the Open Event, Ray Jackson and losing finalist Tom Purcell



The 2010 competition for the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires (AETTU) took place at Wood Green TTC, Wednesbury over the weekend of 3-4th July 2010. For the last two years the competition has been dominated by umpires from the North East but this year Lancashire ruled the roost with Ray Jackson winning three events including the Open competition and Graham Rollinson winning the Over 70's event.

Tom Purcell reached four finals but didn't manage to beat an in form Ray Jackson in three of the finals and John Lawton in the hard bat final. Lynda Reid had a very good win against Bob Evans in the Over 50's final and Ron Douglas and Bob Evans beat Geoff Taylor and Ray Jackson in the Doubles Final. Many thanks must also go to the friends and partners of the players who attended the competition and provided support and refreshments.

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER - UP
OVER 40's	RAY JACKSON	TOMPURCELL
OVER 50's	LYNDA REID	BOB EVANS
OVER 60's	RAY JACKSON	TOMPURCELL
OVER 70's	GRAHAM ROLLINSON	STAN CLARKE
OPEN	RAY JACKSON	TOMPURCELL
DOUBLES	RON DOUGLAS BOB EVANS	GEOFF TAYLOR RAY JACKSON
HARDBAT	JOHN LAWTON	TOMPURCELL

NEWS: (part of article on ETTA web site, space doesn't allow total article)

I can report that two important national media sites are both producing table tennis reports regularly. The Daily Telegraph, who have done us proud in print in recent months, has been joined by the BBC. Both have dedicated table tennis websites and both have up to date news, video's and competitions. They are both regularly updated thanks to new software which can pick up suitable stories from our own site and quickly transfer it to their own. Regular visitors to our site will be aware that we have been getting up to six/seven news stories on the web each week and with the usual tt stories appearing in the local and regional 'papers, our sport continues to receive good coverage.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

The new ETTA website is finally up and running following our last meeting in April and a presentation by Communications Manager Richard Pettit. I suggest you spend a few minutes clicking on the various pages to familiarise yourself with the intricacies of a modern website. Information is being added each day. Already we have noticed an increase in traffic as people begin to explore the site. We have also received over 200 comments since its appearance earlier this month. Don't forget if you have suggestions, just use the comments facility on the new site.

One of the success stories of our social media sites has been **Facebook**. At the last count we had 1160 fans - Facebook also provides our marketing people with a great breakdown of users. **YouTube** - This also continues to grow and latest figures stand at 289,490 video views. **Add This** - a new feature that allows users to post our content directly to their own social media sites i.e facebook, twitter etc. Eighty people have so far posted our content on their website through this media.

Jim Beckley V.C. Public Relations ETTA

Physicians v Patients



12 months ago I ran an article about a table tennis match between a team of TT players who had undergone Heart surgery against a team of Physicians who had performed their operations, all played in the Milton Keynes League, the adjacent photo was taken at that first match, the intention was to play an annual match.

Disappointingly, the follow on match didn't take place this year, but not due to any reason relative to the heart opps, the reasons being more to do with age, a hernia, a cataract, and an amputation, but all say they will be ready for next years meet.

left to right: Richard Adjuwon, Obi Onue Kwusi, Roger Myers, Ibrahim Mamadi, Phil Adams and Paul Hooley.

My thanks to Chris Welch, Secretary of the Milton Keynes T.T. League, and others for the follow up info, (Paul Hooley for photo), I also had an e-mail from Nick Wharton, Fix. & Reg. Sec. which I thought was worth showing:- "Hello, my name is Nick Warton, Fixture & Registration Secretary for Milton Keynes Table Tennis league. Chris forwarded your email . The Physicians, now called Greenleys Kaisers are a team that played out of Greenleys Table tennis Club a few seasons ago. I believe that the doctors did play in that team but over the seasons the team has changed personnel. I do not remember the story myself, Indeed in Mk we have lots of players that have recovered from minor and major heart surgery and have taken up the sport again, all be it at a lower level.

Yours in sport Nick W"

The Liverpool League also has lots of players who have gone through the trauma of Heart Surgery, recovered and are back playing, an ideal sport for recovery, but as in most illnesses, early diagnosis is a must, unexplained pains, go see your doc!!, don't think "I'm too fit to have heart problems", who's quote was "better safe than sorry", Paul Banks will know, he's good at quotes!



Here we see Stan after the presentation by ETTA Chairman, Alex Murdoch

Congratulations to League Tournament Secretary, and Wavertree Labour Club Sec. Stan Clarke who was awarded The ETTA Vice President Award at the recent ETTA AGM, Stan follows in the footsteps of Ken Armson, (deceased), Ken was our also League Tournament Secretary and Wavertree Labour Club Secretary, quite an achievement for two people from the same club to receive this prestigious award..

The City of Liverpool Junior 4 star Tournament

Is our next major tournament to be played at the Wavertree Tennis Centre.

Scheduled to take place over the weekend of Sat / Sun. 3rd & 4th October 2010.

We use all our own equipment, 21 tables, surrounds, umpires tables, public address system, and everything that goes with a tournament, all requires moving from (Friday), and back to (Monday), our storage facility at Paul Street.

Help from anyone is always appreciated, contact any of the ManCom for more info. Details in Handbook.

Final League Tables Season 2009 - 10

Division One		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Fords	20	18	2	0	140
2	M/Side Police	20	11	3	6	124
3	Bath St Marine	20	13	1	6	120
4	Crosby High	20	11	4	5	112
5	Harold House	20	10	3	7	109
6	Christ The King	20	10	4	6	106
7	Wav Labour	20	9	1	10	100
8	Crosby High 'A'	20	6	4	10	95
9	Bootle YMCA	20	7	2	11	94
10	Cadwa	20	1	2	17	61
11	Maghull	20	0	2	18	39
12	Manweb	Records Expunged				
13	Free					
14	Free					

Division Three		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Marconi 'A'	22	19	1	2	167
2	Bath St Marine 'C'	22	15	4	3	141
3	Wav Labour 'C'	22	14	2	6	134
4	Sefton Park	22	13	5	4	129
5	Bath St Marine 'B'	22	10	4	8	114
6	M/Side Police 'B'	22	9	3	10	111
7	Wav Labour 'B'	22	7	3	12	103
8	M/Side Police 'C'	22	8	5	9	103
9	Cadwa 'A'	22	7	2	13	92
10	Maghull 'B'	22	4	8	10	88
11	Manweb 'C'	22	2	7	13	79
12	Manweb 'B'	22	1	2	19	59
13	Free					
14	Free					

Division Five		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	M/Side Police 'D'	22	19	1	2	168
2	Arriva Nth West 'A'	22	17	0	5	159
3	Wav Labour 'D'	22	17	2	3	150
4	Bath St Marine 'E'	22	14	2	6	135
5	Bootle YMCA 'C'	22	11	3	8	115
6	Maghull 'E'	22	7	3	12	111
7	Arriva Nth West 'B'	22	9	5	8	102
8	Cadwa 'D'	22	7	3	12	91
9	Maghull 'F'	22	4	4	14	81
10	Sefton Park 'C'	22	5	2	15	76
11	Bath St Marine 'F'	22	4	2	16	66
12	Wav Labour 'E'	22	2	5	15	66
13	Edge Hill	Records Expunged				
14	Free					

Division Two		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Christ The King 'A'	24	22	0	2	190
2	Harold House 'A'	24	18	5	1	167
3	Marconi	24	13	4	7	136
4	M/Side Police 'A'	24	14	2	8	136
5	Christ The King 'B'	24	10	7	7	131
6	Fords 'A'	24	11	5	8	130
7	Bath St Marine 'A'	24	11	5	8	130
8	Crosby High 'B'	24	8	5	11	111
9	Manweb 'A'	24	8	3	13	111
10	Wav Labour 'A'	24	8	3	13	102
11	Harold House 'B'	24	7	3	14	99
12	Maghull 'A'	24	0	4	20	60
13	Bootle YMCA 'A'	24	2	2	20	57
14	Free					

Division Four		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Harold House 'C'	24	21	2	1	198
2	Bootle YMCA 'B'	24	20	2	2	186
3	Marconi 'B'	24	19	4	1	173
4	Arriva North West	24	18	1	5	156
5	Cadwa 'B'	24	13	2	9	134
6	Bath St Marine 'D'	24	9	5	10	125
7	Maghull 'C'	24	8	4	12	111
8	Cadwa 'C'	24	9	1	14	94
9	Sefton Park 'A'	24	7	2	15	93
10	Sefton Park 'B'	24	6	2	16	92
11	Marconi 'C'	24	5	5	14	89
12	Linacre	24	5	2	17	82
13	Maghull 'D'	24	0	0	24	27
14	Free					

End of season 2008 - 09

<i>Fines to Date</i>	No	Fine	Total
Player Short	25	£3	£75
Walk Over League	12	£6	£72
Walk Over Cup	2	£6	£12
Played Out of Order	2	1.50 PP	£6
Late Score Card	24	£3	£72
Total	65	£237.00	

End of season 2009 - 10

<i>Fines to Date</i>	No	Fine	Total
Ineligible Player	0	£0	£0
Player Short	36	£3	£108
Walk Over League	13	£6	£78
Walk Over Cup	4	£6	£24
Played Out of Order	2	1.50 PP	£7.50
Late Score Card	29	£3	£87
Total	84	£304.50	