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Editorial

Unless something quite drastic happens the fine Liverpool Y.M.C.A. team (With the accent on the team) must become our new champions and cup winners. This will no doubt bring satisfaction to those who have not been particularly happy over the English Electric dominance over the past few years. There is nothing unusual about the Electric clubs performance, dominance has been a prevailing feature of our league since its inauguration—Hatton and Clubmoor pre-war, Balfour and Liverpool Y.M.C.A. 5 times and Rafter's are examples post-war. So you see how the pattern works, is it good or bad? Four or five good teams with different winners of honours each season is great from a purely local point of view. But don't we have to look further than the local scene, take Ormesby the Middlesbrough champs, they can field nearly two International teams and a couple of County teams; Little Lever—Bolton, Gatley Y.M.C.A., Stockport can both field at least a county team—and so you can go on. The higher the standard set the higher the standard to be aimed at, plus the fact that only the kind of teams I have mentioned can bring honours to their club, league and city. The Clubmoor clubs era brought the highest standard of table tennis the city has known. Personally, I say if the Y.M. boys are starting a new era of dominance—good luck to them—all the other clubs have to do is out dominate their dominance—if you see what I mean, and everyone's standard should improve. And the fact is in our league it **needs** to.

This is the moment all you folks who have moaned and groaned about the management committee during the season have been waiting for—you may now put forward amendments to rules or suggestions for alterations to policy before May 1st.

LOCALS ABROAD

My notes must commence this issue with the news that our ladies team are the new champions of the 1st Division, to record our first championship win in this Division for 26 years. Having recorded wins at Stockport 8-2 and Preston 10-0, Southport at home 10-0 and finally a 9-1 victory at home to Bolton, I am sure that everyone will agree that it is a fine achievement, especially those men that have "gone down" to our three girls over the past few seasons, the formidable trio, of Brenda Williams, with only one defeat, that to Sue Lisle, Barbara Kirkman and Susanne Manning, and reserves Janet Rumjahn and Julie Black, undefeated in the three matches she played in.

The men's team suffered a great setback in their first two matches of the New Year, when drawing with lowly Blackburn. Then followed their biggest defeat for over 7 years when Chester's "Johns brothers" crunched our team of John McNee, John Marshall and Peter D'Arcy by 10 sets to nil. When Pete D'Arcy was unable to play against Preston, it gave Paul Tsang the chance to play his first match for the Mens team, and he played a big part in their fine 7-3 win. John McNee and John Marshall both beat Tony Rigby, with all three players beating Jim Clegg, but the best win of the night was the defeat of Lancashire No. 4 Ian Smith by Paul Tsang. The doubles combination of McNee and Marshall beat Smith and Rigby, which keeps the team in the top three in the division.

The Youth Team have already completed their fixtures and are also league champions, having won every match with a final sets total of 43 to 7. The 6 players appearing in this team were drawn from three clubs, John McNee, John Marshall, Keith Williams and Brian Davey all of Rafters, Neil Roberts, Wavertree Labour and Eric Hardman, Trinity. The junior boys are currently lying in second place in the first division, following fine wins at Manchester and Bury both 10-0, and home wins over Stockport and Wigan both being 6-4. The match with Wigan had an exciting ending when Liverpool led 5 sets to 4 and Keith Williams beat Clive Strettle to give us a vital two points. Neil Roberts also beat Clive, and along with Tony O'Connor all three have played consistently well all season.

Marie Gaul, Linda Myhan and Joan Monaghan (Knotty Ash) and Chris Daybell (Trinity) playing for the Convent of Mercy High School have won the North of England regional final of the English Schools under-19 championship. They now compete in the national finals which will please Annette Cross (Trinity) and their many admirers—nice work girls—but no giggling when you win the finals!

In the Zone Final of the Stiga English Club Championship, English Electric travelled to Oldham and beat the local champions Waterloo Meths. 9-0 and now meet Gatley Y.M.C.A.

The Business House championships were held at Otis Elevator (Touch of the Billy Claytons, Bath St.) John Marshall (Rafters) beat Trevor Owens (Wavertree Labour) in the singles final 21-4; 21-16. They paired up to beat Geoff Edmunds and Ted Gilmour (Wavertree Labour) in the doubles final. Pete Lee (Y.M.) and Ted Gilmour were losing semi-finalists. Paul Morgan (Palmerston) won the restricted.

Consolation Singles: D. Harrison (Polytechnic) beat G. Nevins (Wavertree Labour).

In the Southport championships Eric Hardman (Trinity) beat Bob Bagot (Trinity). Muriel Cox (English Electric) won the Ladies Singles and Val Blore (Maghull) and Mike Truman (Trinity) won the mixed doubles.

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Rumjahn Cup Final

Les French and Chris Coogan gave us a taste of the exciting things to come at the Wavertree Labour Club with a win for Chris 16-21; 21-16; 21-10: great stuff. John O'Sullivan started the see-saw going with a 15 and 16 win over Alec Gould (1-1) Ron Evans fought hard but lost to Val Franco 16 and 19 (1-2).

Catching up for the first time at 18-18 in the first Dave Williams and O'Sullivan beat Gould and Franco 23-21; 16-21; 21-17; (2-2) to make it 2-3, Evans and French went down 12 and 15 to Coogan and Allan Walton. But never say die Williams pulled back after losing the first game 14 and 21, in the second Franco caught him at 17 all—but lost to Dave 19, who also won the last 21-11—powerful stuff. (3-3) O'Sullivan lost to Walton 15 and 12: (3-4) With a real mixed grill of strokes French beat Gould 17 and 16 (4-4). With their two anchor men left Bath St. turned on the heat Walton beating Evans 11 and 17 and Coogan taking the lead for the first time at 21-20 beat a fighting Dave Williams 26-24; 21-10 a magnificent climax to a fine game.

Ken Armson was the official in charge backed by Chairman and Sec. Arthur Upton and John McKim and Cup Sec. Ken Black, traditionally Janet and Ted attended, the latter presenting the cup to Bath St. who would be the first to admit they had a fight on their hands and were loudly cheered by Cyril Smith the lone supporter of BOTH CLUBS.

Colonsay 'A' 4 — Bath St. 'A' 6.

J.A.L.

Hyde Cup Final

At the Wavertree Labour Club Arthur Land hit enough balls in a mundane pushing game to beat John Hodges 18 and 18. An energy packed Dave Money after being 8-1 up in the first found himself battling at 18 all against Roy Bradbury but won 21-18; 20-22; 21-18.

A. determined Bob Hudson was too good in the end for John Henshaw winning 23-21; 18-21; 21-11. Keith Owens beat Dave Cohen 16 and 19, Henshaw beat A. Land 21-16 and lost an 8-1 lead at 10-10 but after some superb table tennis from both players won the second 19. Throwing everything into the battle again Money took Jewish into a 4-3 lead with a 19 and 15 win against Owens: Cohen lost 17 and 11 to a top form Hudson.

Four all and it's all on the doubles and an easy 21-12 for Hodges and Henshaw but Land and Owens make it level with a 21-16 win, after a brave 20-20 decision by Ken Armson and a net from Hodges, Jewish took the lead with a 23-21 win—5-4 up—but a convincing 17 and 16 win by Hudson and Bradbury gave favourites Palmerson another chance, but they would be the first to admit that the Jewish team had really excelled themselves—for our next thrilling instalment see the next Digest. Ken Armson officiated and Vice-Chairman Roy Hebson was present.

Palmerston 'A' 5 — Liverpool Jewish 5.

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Forrest Cup Final

Bath St. 'D' 3 — Palmerston 'B' 7.

A bevy of female beauty encouraged Bath St. 'D' to a magnificent start. Alan Spencer through sheer tenacity coming from behind to beat Paul Morgan 15-21; 21-16; 21-18. Ken Foulkes and Phil Luxon then vied to see how many backhand misses could be made in one game, Phil won—which gave Ken the first game 21-17; and the second 21-16 which he finished with an inspired bout of hitting from both wings.

Brian Cunningham tried to outfox Brian Maguire but this young player has a lot of unorthodox answers and won 21-15; 18-21; 21-18.

Brother Dave nearly made it 3-1 winning the first 21-16; (7-1 down) against Ken Davis and losing the second 22-24 after being 9-1 down. A 21-18 for Ken made it two all. Kapow and Foulkes had lost to Morgan 17-21; 7-21. And then one of those peculiar score lines Spencer and Davies 21-12; 11-21; 3-21. Luxom made it 5-2 with a win over Brian 21-15; 21-15. And then the crunch one—Dave and Alan a superb game with Alan in charge for a 21-16; 21-12 win for Palmerston who retained the cup with a harder fight than they expected.

Spencer and Foulkes the Bath St. heroes beat Morgan and Luxom 10-21; 21-18; 21-19. Brian and Dave Cunningham had no answer to the big guns of Davies and Maguire who won 21-12; 21-12 without a huff or a puff from Ken this time.

Eddie Cameron who had serenely and competently supervised the evening at the Crawfords Club, including refreshments, presented the cup amidst a flurry of flash bulbs.

J.A.L.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It has been the practice over the previous seasons for a nomination form and reminder to be sent by post to all club secretaries, and the Committee have decided that this practice (Which is not required under the League rules) will not be carried out this year.

The returns from such a circular have over the past years been very small, approximately 5 forms returned out of 50/55 forms posted, and with ever increasing postal charges this is one expense which we feel is not necessary.

I therefore take this opportunity of reminding all club secretaries that their nominations for Committee members for next season, and any proposed rule changes which they wish to put forward, should be in my hands on or before 1st May, 1975, and I repeat once again, **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A NOMINATION FORM THIS YEAR**, send your nominations etc., on plain paper please.

In the present circumstances the Liverpool League in common with all other organisations, must make every effort to improve its financial position, your Committee are loath to propose larger fee increases, but the league must have funds in order to operate, these tickets provide the ideal opportunity for every player to play his or her part in improving our finances, as 50% of all money raised by the sale of these tickets comes to the Liverpool League, and the more you raise by this method, the smaller the increase in your league fees will be, there will be no Lincoln Handicap Draw this year, the enclosed tickets will be all you will be asked to sell.

You may well ask what do I get from this effort, the E.T.T.A. and the Liverpool League benefit, but where do I come in, well apart from the fact that your league fees will be lower, the Committee have decided that individuals should also have the opportunity to gain from this draw, and we will provide free registration next season to any player who sells a minimum of eight books of draw tickets, all we ask is that your club secretary verify any claim.

Please sell these tickets as quickly as possible and return all counterfoils and cash to our Treasurer:— Mr. S. D. Cameron, 29, Dudlow Lane, Liverpool 18, from whom any further tickets required can be obtained, the last day for receipt of cash or counterfoils is the date of our A.G.M., 30th May, but please return your cash well ahead of that date if possible.

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Letters to the Editor

26 Rimmer Ave.,

Having taken the position of Cup Competition Secretary this season, I realise the problems my predecessors have experienced when attempting to arrange venues for the semi-final and final rounds of the cup competitions.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to all the clubs and their secretaries who have helped out in allowing the use of their premises. Without this support the competitions would be non-starters.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without informing those semi-final/final competitors who continually moan about the venues and there are some who should know better. Please consider the following facts:—

- 1) The dates of the semi-final/final rounds are fixed at the start of each season.
- 2) Clubs do have league programmes to complete and in some cases these clash with the set dates of the final rounds of the cup competitions. Therefore, it follows that many club rooms are unavailable.
- 3) There are 5 cup competitions which means 10 semi-finals and 5 finals not to mention 15 possible replays—all requiring venues.

So in future please be more considerate and stop and think before publicly expressing your views, which apart from anything else can be an embarrassment to the representatives of the host club.

Please get on with playing the game and be thankful we have clubs who allow you to play at their club rooms.

Ken Black,
Cup Competition Secretary.

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Divisional Notes

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Liverpool YMCA ...	24	23	—	1	202
Eng. Elec.	25	19	5	1	178
Rafters	22	20	2	—	169
Wav. Labour ...	24	14	7	3	142
Trinity	25	15	8	2	138
Palmerston	23	10	11	2	111
Eng. Elec. 'A' ...	22	9	11	2	111
Trinity 'A'	24	9	13	2	111
Rafters 'A'	25	9	16	—	102
Bath St.	23	8	12	3	93
Sefton	25	5	18	2	91
Wav. Labour 'A' ...	23	6	16	1	74
Liverpool YM 'A' ...	24	4	19	1	72
Colonsay	21	3	16	2	56

This year's Readman Cup will be contested by Liverpool Y.M.C.A. and Trinity. Trinity fortunately, drew the second team in the semi-final and a 10-0 score line was never expected by them. The other semi-final proved to be a real classic, even up to the last point. Y.M.C.A. were 5-4 to the good, George Smith was playing Clive Strettle, George was 20-18 up in the third game, he served and 'killed' the return, Clive somehow stretched out to hit the ball past George 20-19! George served again, and again he 'killed' the return, this time it proved to be the winner for Y.M.C.A.

The final will be played at the Police Sports and Social Club in Prescot Road. Please take note! Anybody who is predicting a hammering for Trinity please look at our recent results and also remember Wimbledon, Leatherhead and Altrincham in the F.A. Cup. 6-4 was also the result of the clash back in December, before Y.M.C.A. had opened up a lead. Birch, D'Arcy, Strettle each took a singles and D'Arcy and Strettle a doubles. The score card was marked: — Well played Y.M.C.A. — signed Pete D'Arcy. This is the kind of remark more expected from our league champions who have played in the Stiga club competition up and down the country, and not antics displayed by a certain other member of their team. I hope the person in question takes a leaf out of your book Pete.

Second place in the league book looks like falling to Rafters. They turn out a strong consistent team each week, while English Electric

seem to be experiencing a little difficulty in doing this. Rafters also beat Electric 6-4, McNee and Marshall winning two singles apiece and the doubles. Williams added the other single, Mr. Marshall will no doubt be pleased that I mentioned him winning, after the comments I received from him after the publication of the last issue.

Wavertree Labour are at the moment fourth, but they are being closely chased by Palmerston and Trinity. There has been a strange happening at the Wavertree Labour Club. For instance, their second team who are involved in a desperate relegation struggle beat the first team 6-4! Also in the last Digest we all read of the losses the club had endured, since then such names as E. Gilmour and R. Burke have appeared on score cards, I'm sure their hard working secretary will no doubt be able to provide the answers to any questions.

The middle placed teams, are at the moment, being led by Palmerston but they are turning out weakened teams, which is a pity because they have a good side which is capable of finishing above Wavertree Labour. However, hot on their heels is my own club Trinity. We are ten points behind, but we have two games in hand, we would like to finish fourth to equal our 1972-73 season in which we also played in the Readman Cup final.

Still with the Trinity club, their 'A' team are still doing very well and are trying their hardest to keep up with their first team. They drew with Wavertree Labour, Harris having wins over Dave Roberts and Mike Tierney and with John Griffiths a doubles, Chase and Griffiths winning a singles each. They also beat Wavertree Labour second team 8-2 but they came down with a bump against Sefton. Trinity 'A' defeated Sefton 6-4 earlier on in the season, but on the return Sefton gained their revenge with a 7-3 win, and they were without their No. 1 John Fennah, Rafters 'A' the other promoted side are winning enough games to keep them clear of relegation. Brian Davey is enjoying and benefitting from his prolonged spell in the No. 1 position for them. There are only 6 teams in the

division who are able to keep anything like a stable side. They are Y.M.C.A., Rafterers and Rafterers 'A', Sefton, Trinity and Trinity 'A' and to an extent Colonsay.

English Electric 'A' and Bath St. seem to have difficulty in turning out the same team two weeks running. Mike Moran of Bath St. is playing each week together with any three from eleven other Bath St. players. This must surely be the largest first division squad for one team? Never mind Mike, I am sure Norman Chaloner can give you some words of advice because not so long ago he had similar problems at Colonsay. Colonsay now seem to be playing a regular team each week and are thus constantly picking up points. They have taken 6 off Trinity 'A', 3 off Trinity and 2 off English Electric. Good wins here for Chaloner over D'Arcy, Clive Strettle and myself. Keep up the good wins Norman, though not any more at my expense please.

Relegation? it can still be any 2 from 4. Wavertree Labour and Y.M.C.A. do not field a consistent team and this could be their downfall. I expect Sefton to stay up, but only by the skin of their teeth and Colonsay I fear, may have left it too late.

Two of the youngest players to play in the league this season, for English Electric are Graham and Julie Black. Together with Clive Strettle and Wally Sill they went along to play Wavertree Labour 'A'. The result was a 6-4 win for English Electric with the youngsters getting a singles each.

This was certainly a 'BLACK' result for Wav. Lab. in their fight against Relegation. Another player to bridge the gap from a lower to the top division is Malcolm Clark. After leaving Bath St. last year as part of a divisional winning side he has floated in the Trinity teams.

In the clash between Colonsay and Trinity, Malcolm turned out at No. 4, won a singles and his doubles. He partnered myself to reunite an old doubles partnership that used to be the scourge of the fourth division a few years back. I hope all those reading this column have entered the Closed, if so I'll see you there for any news. Trinity for the cup.

ERIC HARDMAN

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Bath St. 'A'	23	21	1	1	175
Colonsay 'A'	24	20	3	1	164
Colonsay 'B'	24	17	3	4	160
Eng. Elec. 'B' ...	24	15	5	4	144
Beauclair	23	12	5	6	129
Trinity 'B'	24	9	10	5	122
Bath St. 'B'	23	9	12	2	119
Police	25	8	15	2	116
Elec. Supply	22	9	11	2	110
Rafterers 'B'	21	9	9	3	104
Waterloo Park ...	23	6	13	4	101
Liverpool YM 'B' ...	23	4	17	2	77
Liverpool YM 'C' ...	23	2	20	1	55
Wav. Lab. 'B' ...	22	1	18	3	52

Since the last issue the promotion battle has reduced to three teams. Bath St. 'A' have maintained their early season form and seem certain to be champions. They are closely followed by the two Colonsay teams neck and neck with the 'A' team just a few sets ahead. Eng. Elec. 'B's' chances were demolished when they lost 9-1 to Col. 'A' with Brian Crolley their sole winner over John O'Sullivan. Colonsay 'B' improved their chances with a great win over Bath St. 'A' to spoil their 100% record. Tony O'Connor had a great double over Val Franco and Chris Coogan and teamed up with Alan Guy to win the doubles against Coogan and Alan Walton. These two pairs are undoubtedly the strongest in the division and were both undefeated before this match. Alan Guy had a good win over Alan Walton with Harry Nelson and Dave Piper both beating Alec Gould to make the score 6-4 for Colonsay. In the Colonsay 'derby' the 'A' team won 6-4. Tony won his two against John and myself (he'll be teaching us soon!) and won the doubles with Alan against Ron Evans and I. This was our third doubles defeat of the season, having lost only to the above two pairs and George Bradley and Billy Ellard of Eng. Elec. 'B'. Alan beat Ron in the singles but that was the end of their success story. Dave Williams won his three, with John, Ron and myself each adding a singles. Col. 'B's' hopes were set back by a 6-4 defeat by Rafterers 'B'. The ever-green Reg Hetherington, still hard to beat, beat Dave Piper and Alan Guy with Jerry O'Keefe also beating Alan and also reserve John Reid. The next week, however, they were beaten 8-2 by Col. 'A'. Jerry beat me for

the first time ever with Reg beating Ron. This match was repeated soon after in the semi-final of the Rumjahn Cup. Colonsay were without Dave Williams but had Tony O'Connor as reserve. Tony and I both won our two singles, with me avenging my defeat by Jerry. Jerry made amends by beating John O'Sullivan. Brian Jennings had a bad night, losing to John and Ron, but he can be forgiven as he is due to become a dad soon. Good luck, Jean. Incidentally, Ron and I added the doubles for a 7-3 win and the right to meet Bath St. 'A' in the final. My other outsiders for promotion, Beauclair, had a great match with Bath St. 'A' before going down 6-4 at 12-30 a.m. Frank Murphy was the star with wins over Val Franco (19, -22, 20) and Alan Walton. Ted Birch became one of the few people to beat Chris Coogan this season and Harry Harrison got the fourth set by beating Alec Gould. To round off the top of the table matches Eng. Elec. 'B' drew with Colonsay 'B' again (O'Connor 2, Ellard 2) Colonsay 'A' drew with Beauclair with only Dave Williams managing to win two singles. My remarks about Ted Birch in the last issue were shown to be absolutely true. He was so sporting when he played us that he let me hit him off the table in two straight! Mind you Frank Murphy let me down badly and beat me. John O'Sullivan saved the day by beating Frank in the last set. Bath St. 'A' beat Eng. Elec. 7-3. Col. 'B' beat Beauclair 7-3.

The relegation issue is still far from settled with Police and Electric Supply dropping rapidly into the danger zone. As I see it Police are likely to be relegated by a margin of 5 or 6 sets, with Bath St. 'B', Waterloo Park and Electric Supply almost inseparable just above them. However, with Barry back, the Police team have plenty of fight and would be at least level with the other group. Everything being equal I still fancy Waterloo to go down if Barry returns for Police. The improved Y.M. 'B' team are virtually certain to go down, with Y.M. 'C' and Wavertree Labour 'B' fighting it out to avoid bottom place. Police lost 6-4 to Y.M. 'C' with Alan Pickering getting a treble for Y.M. Alan also had two good wins against Eng. Elec. Y.M. 'C' had another good win over Elec.

Supply Paul Reed-Clayton beat Les Evans and Bob Conley, young Ken Roscoe beat Evans and Les Sille with Roy Williams adding two more against Conley and Alan Biggs to make the score 6-4. Ken Roscoe has improved considerably, with notable wins over Alec Gould and Dave Piper. In the Y.M. derby match, won 7-3 by the 'B' team, Ken beat Jimmy Brown. Williams the wood (Roy) had a fine double against Trinity, beating Newton & Wilson and also against Waterloo Park but couldn't stop Waterloo winning 7-3. Wavertree Lab. 'B' had a good draw with Trinity 'B' with Alan Cameron beating John Higham. Ron McEvoy won his first set in this match after his long lay-off. Ron went to three with Keith Fitzsimmons so it looks like some of the old magic is coming back. Tony Moon beat Alan Walton in Wavertree's 8-2 defeat by Bath St. 'A', and also beat Brian Crolley in their 7-3 defeat by Eng. Elec. Ken Armson is improving steadily, reaching 15 points against Waterloo Park. In the wooden spoon battle, Wav. Lab. drew with Y.M. 'C' with Fraser Farquharson and Shahidul Alam both winning two singles. The familiar face of Peter Hurworth turned out for Wavertree which was bad news for Colonsay 'B' as he won his two. Y.M. 'B' beat Wavertree 7-3 mainly due to two each from Noel Fagan and the ever-young John Donnelly. Noel goes from strength to strength. His latest scalps include Alan Reid, Barry McLeod, Ron Evans and myself.

Paul Taylor beat Noel in Bath St. 'B's 8-2 win over Y.M. 'B' Jimmy Brown of Y.M. (nobody knows whether he's in the 'B' or 'C' team) was the sole winner for Y.M. 'C' against Col. 'A', beating John O'Sullivan 22-20 in the third. He also won his first set of the season when in the 'B' team against Colonsay 'A' I'll leave you to guess whom he beat.

Here are some other good individual performances: Ray Graves beat Ernie Owens; Billy Ellard beat Frank Murphy; Frank Murphy and Ted Birch both beat Alan Reid in two straight. Tom Killip and John Higham both beat Frank Murphy in Trinity's 6-4 win over Beauclair. John Le'ch has beaten Tony O'Connor twice. Bob Conley beat Barry McLeod who

atoned by beating Ernie Owens. Les Sille beat Alan Walton in Elec. Supply's 8—2 defeat by Bath St. 'A'. Keith Fitzsimmons suffered another double defeat in this match. I must work out his average this season!

John Letch of Bath St. 'B' deserves a special prize for wear and tear on his nerves this season. Study the following scores and you'll see what I mean. Letch beat Reed-Clayton 30—28, 21—16. Letch beat Pickering 19—21, 21—16, 25—23. Letch beat Ellard 21—19, 18—21, 29—27. Letch beat Lewis 30—28, 22—20. If you subtract these four wins from Bath St. 'B's total relegation is a much greater possibility so I suppose John's tenacity has been well-rewarded.

Some other close sets: Tom Killip lost to Alan Jones 31—29, 18—21, 19—21. John Higham lost to Tony O'Connor 22—24, 23—25. Alan Cameron lost to Dave Piper 18—21, 24—22, 21—23. Tony Delamere lost to Harry Harrison 30—28, 26—28, 15—21. Phew! Barry McLeod lost to Noel Fagan 26—24, 11—21, 21—23. Don Chalkley lost to Mick Allen 23—21, 13—21, 21—23 and finally Brian Crolley lost to Ernie Owens 26—28, 21—16, 19—21.

To close this issue, a word about Waterloo Park. To date they have turned out the same team for every match, in spite of suffering many defeats. They can be relied upon to give all teams fierce, fair but friendly competition. Well done Alan, Jimmy, Dave and Tony. They rely heavily on the skills of Alan Reid to my mind one of the most talented players in the city. I wish he'd learn to use a 'modern' bat even at this stage of his career. He has so much natural ability that cannot be used with a 'Barna'. Tactically he has no peer. Add to this his great competitiveness and you have the complete player. Give it a try next year, Alan, I'd be only too pleased to help!

LES FRENCH



DIVISION 3A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Old Swan	23	22	1	—	200
Liverpool Jewish	21	18	3	—	157
Trinity 'D'	24	15	6	3	146
Bath St. 'C'	22	16	5	1	136
Police 'A'	23	13	6	4	135
Beauclair 'A'	24	11	9	4	128
Vagabonds 'A'	23	12	8	3	124
Maghull	24	7	11	6	103
Eng. Elec. 'D'	23	8	11	4	98
Cadwa 'A'	22	7	11	4	96
Crawfords	23	7	14	2	89
Wav. Lab. 'C'	23	3	19	1	69
Knotty Ash	23	1	20	2	65
Bedford House	24	2	20	2	62

Down at the bottom something stirs and in this instance it is Bedford House, Wav. Lab. 'C' and Knotty Ash who are involved in a very close fight to avoid relegation. It is difficult to assess the position of all three due to missing results, but as Knotty Ash are having player problems it looks as if they may be doomed. I understand that a far more serious position is facing them of extinction due to loss of premises. Theirs may not be the best of playing quarters but we can ill afford to lose any club and can only hope that they will still be with us next season. As they have to play Bedford and Wav. Lab. the position is uncertain for all of them. Wav. Lab. have made a real effort to escape and have had some good results recently which included an 8—2 win at Bedford Hse, victories against Crawfords and Maghull and 4 sets from Beauclair. Against Crawfords Cyril Hoare had a good night when playing at No. 1 he beat Jones and Harrison and won his doubles with Bill Neary, who also won his two singles. Ron McEvoy also came good with wins over Harrison and Partington. A really close finish looks certain and we may not know who goes down until the last match is played. I am not going to risk a forecast for with the games Knotty Ash have to play they may surprise us all and pull it off. Bedford Hse. have had only one win recently beating Crawfords 7—3, but like Knotty Ash they pick up sets regularly, but if they are to get ahead of Wav. Lab. they will both have to pull a few wins in.

Crawfords and Elec. 'D' have comfortably escaped relegation problems, but I feel they may possibly find it

harder next season. Against Police 'A' Elec. had a good win 6—4; which included a treble for Ken Black. For Elec. only Graeme Black has been really consistent and he has had a very good season. In his doubles set at Wav. Lab. with Ken as his partner, Ken gave him a look which John Hoban interpreted as meaning "if you keep missing shots like that you get no pocket money this week." Eddie Cameron has hit a good patch with two trebles and his second double this season over Beauclair. Along with Stan Harvey Eddie has been their most consistent player.

At the top Old Swan have smoothly taken over from Liv. Jewish and defeated them 7—3 in the process. John Henshaw had a good win over Dave Crispin 26/28 in the 3rd. The other sets coming from Dave Cohen and Trevor Hughes, both beating Keith Kinnear. Old Swan have powered their way through and had the assistance of an able reserve in Les Linforth who has dropped only two sets in 9 matches. Jewish will go up this season only Old Swan and Police 'A' having succeeded in defeating them (mustn't mention Bath St. as Anna will be getting on to me again).

Trinity 'D' have gone from strength to strength and have moved into 3rd place. They will not be able to overtake Jewish and gain promotion but the gap may be very small at the finish. Their doubles record is bettered only by Old Swan and with a little extra effort next season they could well manage promotion.

The expected challenge from Police 'A' never materialised. They have been inconsistent all season repeatedly producing poor results against supposedly weaker teams. A good example being their results against Elec. 'D' when after winning away 10—0 they lost the return 6—4. In the second half of the season they have won only twice, lost to Bath St. and Elec. and only managed draws against Vags 'A'; Beauclair 'A'; Maghull and Cadwa 'A' not a very impressive record.

Bath St. have turned in some good results lately with wins against Police, Elec. 'D'; Crawfords and Maghull. They are now in 6th place and could well finish even higher. Cyril Smith has had a good spell with doubles against Beauclair, Maghull, Crawfords and Police.

Vags. 'A' have had a good season with a very steady record and have rarely produced an unexpected result. The team of Johnston, Ridgway, Rye-croft and Rooney provide good opposition and all have a steady haul of sets. If they could pull out that little bit extra they could be helping to make the running next season.

Nothing has been said this season about our superiority over that other lot in 3B, but this week we clashed in combat when Jewish (2nd) met Palmerston (1st) in the Hyde Cup Final. I don't think even the Jewish team expected to win as Palmerston looked the stronger team, but they gave everything and in spite of a below par performance from John Hodges they pulled off a draw. Every player gave his utmost for his team and they turned a 3—1 deficit into a 4—3 lead. Fell back to 4—all and then got in front again 5—4. Palmerston may eventually have the honour of winning the cup but the glory must go to Jewish for a truly magnificent effort. John Henshaw was 'man of the match' for me with a two straight win over Arthur Land that put them on the road to recovery, then teaming up with John Hodges for a tense doubles set which they won 21/23 in the 3rd to get that all important 5—4 lead. I think everyone winced for Dave Cohen each time he crashed bat against leg—which was pretty often. An exciting match marred only by a very late finish. All credit to both teams and I sincerely hope Jewish prove me wrong in the replay.

KEN ARMSON

DIVISION 3B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Palmerston 'A' ...	20	20	—	—	176
Linacre	24	18	3	3	175
Eng. Elec. 'C'	22	12	3	7	144
Vagabonds	22	15	2	5	134
Old Swan 'A'	25	10	9	6	126
L'pool Jewish 'A' ...	23	10	7	6	125
Trinity 'C'	23	5	9	9	106
Rafters 'C'	23	6	9	8	100
Eng. Elec. 'E' ...	23	5	10	8	95
Colonsay 'C'	22	5	13	4	92
Police 'B'	24	6	15	3	86
Cadwa	21	5	11	5	85
W'loo Park 'A' ...	24	4	16	4	85
Orrell	24	3	17	4	71

With just a few more games to go before the end of another season, Palmerston 'A' and Linacre are al-

readily assured of a place in Division two next season.

Linacre have proved what a terrible difference there is in standards between division two and three. Relegated last season and promoted this season I would not be surprised to see them back again in twelve months time, although we hope they do well. Palmerston A have 'walked' through most of their games, the closest being 6-4 victory at Vagabonds. Vagabonds successes were Ted Barnes beating Arthur Land 18 in the third, D. Rooney beating K. Owen 13 in the third, Bas Townsend winning in two straight against K. Owen, and Rooney and Townsend beating Land and Owen in the doubles 13-21; 21-17; 21-15. Palmerston 'A' I think will be the main team to watch next season in the second division. Another good result was Colonsay 'C' 5-5 draw with Linacre with M. Gray beating F. Lacey 34-32 in the third (What a game that must have been).

English Electric 'C', Vagabonds and Jewish 'A' are battling it out to see who will finish third, the odds must be with English Electric 'C'. Their game with Vagabonds ended all square with Hubbard being brought in from the 'E' team (He told me he had never been mentioned in the Digest) well that has now been rectified.

It looks like curtains for Orrell at the bottom end of the table, but they are not going down without a fight. They had a good win over Rafter's 'C' by 6-4. The outstanding set in that match was that between Ken Miller and Janet Rumjahn, with Janet coming out on top by 21-16; 20-22; 25-27.

Trying to avoid being relegated are Police 'B' and Waterloo Park 'A'. The relegation battle between Waterloo Park 'A' and Orrell ended in a 6-4 win for the latter (R. Stevenson 2). Some good wins—D. Jones (Orrell) over A. Davidson (Linacre) 15-21; 22-20; 12-21. D. Murray (Cadwa) over L. Linforth (Old Swan 'A') 21-16; 21-18. G. Dodd (Colonsay 'C') over G. Goldring (Jewish 'A') 21-11; 13-21; 18-21. S. Smith (Trinity 'C') over Davidson (Linacre) 21-14; 19-21; 18-21.

Sportsman of the season must be K. Ray of Vagabonds, who has yet to win a set is as keen as mustard, I

know the feeling, I once, about twelve years ago at the old Victoria Park, went 32 games without a win in fact things were so bad, that every time I got a point, I did a lap of honour round the club.

All in all, it's a good season with many close matches and some very enjoyable games. Congratulations to Palmerston 'A' on winning the Hyde Cup beating the Jewish first team 8-2 at the second attempt.

You will have noticed I have hardly mentioned my own team Jewish 'A' (As promised in the last issue) this is because we are not worth mentioning anyway. But watch us 'go' next season.

Finally, I noticed Colonsay 'C' failed to turn up at one match. I can't say I blame them. The team they were supposed to play—Palmerston 'A'.

WARREN DAVIES

DIVISION 4A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Palmerston 'B' ...	19	19	—	—	173
Bath St. 'D'	19	17	2	—	153
Maghull 'A'	18	11	4	3	104
Eng. Elec. 'F' ...	20	10	9	1	102
Cadwa 'B'	19	7	8	4	94
Polytechnic	19	7	8	4	91
Police 'C'	18	5	10	3	82
Rafter's 'D'	17	8	6	3	78
Stanley House ...	18	3	14	1	64
APH Linnets	18	5	13	—	58
Barker & Dobson ...	18	—	17	1	21
Woolton 'A' resigned—					

record expunged

Pride of place in this issue must go to D. Harrison (Polytechnic) who kept his unbeaten record with his side's only double against Palmerston, beating Paul Morgan 21-16; 14-21; 21-15 and Ken Davies 10-21; 21-16; 21-16. It's a pity for Polytechnic that he is unable to play every week. This was probably the hardest match the Champions elect have had this season with no less than six sets going to three.

A real shock was provided by A. Thabet with a 19-21; 22-20; 21-19; win over Bob Hudson (Palmerston) and away from home at "Euston Station" at that!!

Walkovers have abounded this month with Woolton giving 10-0's to Bath St. and Cadwa and both

Rafters and Stanley House failing to turn up at Polytechnic, Odd sets have been given by Stanley House (1 short at Palmerston) and Linnets (1 short at Stanley House) sorry about the last one but my car broke down on the way there.

Closest match for a long time must have been Maghull versus Rafters with only two matches being won in straight games viz. Andy Howarth beating Jean Reynolds 21—14; 21—13 and Pauline Lawrence winning 21—14; 21—12 against Frank Pattison, Andy was the only player on either side to win both singles, but Jean got some revenge by inflicting a rare defeat on Alan Smethurst, Maghull gained complete revenge for their defeat in the cup with a 10-0 thrashing of Linnets at Aigburth.

I must keep a promise from the first issue by mentioning that Fred O'Sullivan (B. & D.) beat me, although he cheated by doing it two straight instead of deuce in the third!

Dave Smith and Brian Jevons had their first wins for Linnets in this match, Dave doing it in style with a double over Peter Woodburn (10 & 8) and Peter Greaves (15 & 17), Peter Greaves had another of his slow starts against Palmerston losing 3—21; 19—21; to P. Luxom, Peter Woodburn put up a great fight at Cadwa to go down by only 28—30; 21—18; 12—21 to Carol Flood.

A super doubles match was played at English Electric with Dave and Brian Cunningham (Bath St.) running out the winners over Jack Lambert and Colin Fyles by 28—26; 11—21; 26—24 with Dave and Brian staging a come-back from 16—20 in the third.

Rod Peverill (Cadwa) saw his side through to a six four win over English Electric with wins over Colin Pratt and Betty Black and aided by Alan Watson—a doubles win over the same Electric duo.

Tough luck for young John Kelly of Rafters, with a 27—25 defeat in third by Alan Watson.

Now this month's Whitewash Savers:—Steve Jones (Woolton) 21—19; 14—21; 21—10 against Frank Pattison; Fred O'Sullivan 24—22; 21—15 versus Tony Ham (Police). Stan Clarke (Maghull) 22—20; 21—16 over Dave Cunningham, Les Travis

(Barker & Dobson) 21—18; 21—19 against Jean Reynolds and finally Peter Meyer (Linnets) gets **THREE** mentions for beating Carol Flood 21—19; 19—21; 21—18 and C. Sealy (Stanley House) 21—13; 21—16 and in the same match with some help from Brian Jevons a doubles win against K. Brew and C. Williams. That's not bad for a near veteran!!

Woolton have dropped out of the division owing to most of their players being involved with their G.C.E. exams.

BARRY MAYER

DIVISION 4B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Woolton	25	22	1	2	193
APH Linnets 'A' ...	22	17	2	3	173
Bath St. 'E'	20	16	—	4	159
St. Hugh's	23	13	8	2	136
Rafters 'E'	24	14	7	3	135
Eng. Elec. 'G' ...	22	12	7	3	134
Trinity 'E'	24	12	8	4	131
Colonsay 'D'	24	9	14	1	106
Cadwa 'C'	19	9	8	2	99
Knotty Ash 'A' ...	23	4	19	—	79
Orrrell 'A'	24	5	17	2	74
Maghull 'B'	22	6	14	2	68
Police 'D'	21	4	15	2	66
Vagabonds	25	—	23	2	47

It's ladies first this time with our congratulations to the girls of Knotty Ash 'C' team who recently represented the Convent of Mercy High School, West Derby, and have won the under-19 Northern Region Finals, in the English Schools Championship.

In a small way we have all helped in this one by giving them the weekly practice and experience necessary for turning them into champions. Past of luck in the finals girls.

Woolton 7—Linnets 3, Linnets 5—English Electric 5 Bath St. 8—English Electric 2, Woolton 5—Bath St. 5, Bath St. 5—Linnets 5, Woolton 9—Cadwa 1, Bath St. 5—Rafters 5. Eng. Elect. 4—Woolton 6. What a season! that little lot show just how close it is at the top. Linnets now appear to be slipping a bit to let Woolton and Bath St. fight it out for first and second.

That 8—2 result by Bath St. over Eng. Elec. was a sheer fluke, anyone from the Crosby club will tell you the E. Lancs boys deserved a draw

for the way they played and as I lost my 2 for the first time this season, I'm the first to say it, but Bath St will have to watch it, playing a man short at Rafter's has done them no good at all.

Although Bill Hargreaves is so good over at Woolton, Dave Williams, Mick Elson and young Phil Hargreaves are proving that this is not a one-man team, all these players had a hand in Linnets biggest defeat of the season but the outstanding performance was by Dave Williams who along with Bill won all three of his sets. Woolton also seem to have solved their reserve problems with S. Tones picking up an important win over Alan Hewett in Linnets 6-4 win over Eng. Elec. Linnets have been turning in such good performances this season that it only makes news when they slip up, George Higham and Norman Wakefield have been having a thin time lately both players lost their 2 against Woolton and Eng. Elec.

Cadwa's late rush to the top seems to have come unstuck. Ken Hartley's promotion to a higher team and the pressure of playing 2 matches a week is showing in some of their recent results, but Ray Smith, Ken Guy, Fred Biggs and Steve Power must still be treated with respect. Cadwa played both their games against Trinity within a fortnight with the same 6-4 result going against them, a good performance by Trinity here, although Mal Clark of Trinity lost to Ray Smith and Ken Guy on his own table, he beat the same two players in the return match to make amends, conditions must suit him better at Cadwa.

With an average of over 6 points per match St. Hugh's must be wondering just how good they must become to get into a promotion position, this is the third season they have just missed out. G. McAlle showed his team mates how to do it when he won all 3 of his sides points vs Bath St.

All the sweat and running going on at Rafter's is beginning to pay off with the experience of Fred Price at No. 1, youngsters Maher, Kelly and Roberts are getting better as the season progresses recent results—10-0 over Maghull, 7-3 over Eng. Elec., 4-6 vs Woolton and 5-5 vs Bath St.—shows they are being 'Marshalled' into a good side.

With numerous names popping up Colonsay 'D' team appear to be experimenting this season. Outstanding players so far appear to be Miss J. Turner who could yet follow in Brenda Williams footsteps, and watch out for young Coyle, he's only small, but so is a stick of dynamite. Maghull 'B' must no longer be considered a pushover Messrs Whittaker, Barnes, Banks and Farr now look like a table tennis team. A 6-4 win over Orrell and a fighting 3 points from Cadwa all point to better things in the future.

Over at Orrell D. Jones and R. Stevenson both won their 2 to help their side to a 6-4 over Knotty Ash, and Huxley and Forshaw responded with a couple of wins against St. Hugh's.

The Police and Vagabonds can't decide who is the worst side by sweating over a 5 all draw at Christmas. Finally, no sports bag is complete without one—keen young looper rushing from table after reducing desperate veteran (me) to a gasping wreck, and eagerly swoops his bat for an electronic calculator to work out his new average, computerised table tennis is here at least folks!

TED JANE

DIVISION 5A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Fire Service	18	18	—	—	165
L'pool Jewish 'B'	19	16	3	—	151
P.O. Panto	19	16	3	—	131
Police 'F'	18	13	5	—	114
L'pool Jewish 'C'	19	11	7	1	113
Maghull 'C'	17	7	9	1	73
Crawfords 'A'	18	5	11	2	65
L'pool Jewish 'E'	19	5	14	—	61
Trinity 'H'	16	5	11	0	49
Barker & D'son 'A'	19	1	18	—	41
Trinity 'T'	18	2	16	—	27

Our champions to be Fire Brigade had their first real test against Post Office when Alf and Ray Hayes took four points off them but two Ashley singles and a doubles with Sherburn kept their 100 per cent. record intact with a 6-4 win.

A nice gesture by the girls in the Jewish 'E' team who apparently played a two man Police 'F' team which they won 6-4 and then opted to replay the game against a full side and lost 8-2, well played girls! a fine example—this is what the game is

all about but Liz, Debbie, Margaret and Karen then met a Trinity 'I' team strengthened by Cutler and lost 6-4. A good first win for the Trinity boys. Another good double from Cutler against Crawfords 'A' and a doubles with Tobin failed to impress the Crawfords team who had doubles from Creed and Smith P. in a 7-3 win. Nice to see Tom Partington back with his side's lone win against Fire Brigade.

Barker & Dobson 'A' opening pair Evans and Booth won the first four games on the card against Maghull 'C' but Adams with two singles and a doubles with Gibson led his side to the last six wins and the match. The Trinity 'I' and 'H' derby game was no walk-over for the seniors Cutler and Tobin winning four between them, Tobin having a fine 21-17; 22-24; 21-16 win over Sanders, but Stevenson pulled the 'H' boys round with a trio of wins the doubles with Sanders.

Despite a singles and doubles from Thatcher for Crawfords, Liverpool Jewish 'B' were far too strong in their 8-2 win and three consecutive 10-0's keeps them in a challenging position. A reserve strewn Jewish 'C' saw Green beat Bird 18 and 18 in his side's lone success.

Another loner Walker (Trinity 'H') beat Wallace (Police 'F') 21-16; 8-21; 21-14. But Cathy Gore (Jewish 'E') won her side's three (doubles with Liz Faragher) against Maghull 'C' but Addams 3 and Gill 2 were heroes for Maghull. Liz had a couple of fine wins in the Jewish 'E' 6-4 defeat of Crawfords 'A' Dorman (Jewish 'C') 8 out 8 can't be bad for a start.

Tulip (Police 'F') made a great effort to save his side's whitewash against the Fire Brigade losing 21-19; 18-21; 18-21; to Sherburn. Congratulations to Fire Brigade and Liverpool Jewish 'B' on reaching the final of the Stamp Cup For those who I have not met I hope you will buy me a tea at the Closed. (Those I already know can buy me one as well) whether you have entered or not it's a good chance to meet and chat — by the way I luv cheese and onion sandwiches.

JACK LAMBERT

DIVISION 5B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Palmerston 'C' ...	19	17	2	—	156
Stanley H'se 'A' ...	18	12	4	2	112
Police 'E'	16	12	2	2	112
Trinity 'F'	20	10	10	—	112
Eng. Elec. 'H' ...	19	8	9	2	99
L'pool Jewish 'D' ...	17	10	5	2	97
Fazak Hospital ...	16	9	6	1	83
Trinity 'G'	18	6	11	1	70
Fazak Hospital 'A'	16	5	10	1	56
St. Katherine's ...	20	2	17	1	51
Colonsay 'E'	19	2	15	2	46
Rafters 'F' record expunged					

With five 10-0 score lines and a 9-1 over close rivals Stanley House 'A' (Brew the winner) it is difficult to see anyone stopping the strong Palmerston 'C' side from winning the championship, although there is something morally wrong when a strong Division 4 number one is called as reserve for a Division 5 team.

Stanley House 'A' and Police 'E' both slipping behind Palmerston had a ding dong battle, Brew again was man of the match for Stanley winning his three (Doubles with Daiken) was his 22-20 win in the third against Mills the crunch game? Heague did a similar job for Police (Doubles with Lawson) and kept his 100%. Lloyd's two for Fazakerley Hospital 'A' and Chujor's three (Doubles with Cohen) for St. Katherine's were top men in their 5-5.

Paula Breithaupt was the Liverpool Jewish 'E' heroine in her sides 5-5 draw with Eng. Electric 'H' (Carron 2) winning both her singles and doubles. This was a tremendous match eight games going to three and tenacious Debbie Driver winning the crunch game against Parker 16-21; 22-20; 21-19. We had some brilliant umpiring by Liz Faragher who can only count up to nine but umpires as many games as poss—keep it up Liz! (Watch out for Liz—Brian Leeson). Please, please Rafters 'F' don't go the whole hog—stick to two walk-overs for us as well as yourselves.

These local derbies are being real hum dingers Hatfield (Trinity 'F') won his two against his 'G' Team but Walker and Griffiths scored 5 of the 'G' Teams six, five games going to three and the 'G' winning three of these at deuce! how close can you

get? Fazakerley Hospital consolidated their mid table supremacy with 7-3 wins over Electric (Cheng 2) and St. Katherine's (Chujor 2). Dawson winning 3 in the first game and Williams and Sumner following suit in the second match. Phil Smith (Colonsay 'E') had a good win over Cathy Gore 21-16; 17-21; 22-20 for his sides lonesome set against the fast improving girls at Jewish 'D'. Griffiths (Trinity 'G') a lone double against Electric and his sides single against Police; also against Police, Hulm 2 and Happenden (Trinity 'F') just failed at 19 in the third against

Reynolds and Miles. At Jewish the girls led by Liz Faragher 3 and Annette Cross (Trinity) 2 won nine out of ten for women's lib and Glenis Holland only lost 19 in the third. Peddar being the lone male chauvanistic winner! With all these girls about what happened to the Ladies' Division?

I wonder where we went wrong in the Stamp Cup, perhaps you can explain over a tea and a biscuit at this Closed.

JACK LAMBERT

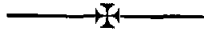


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TABLE EDGES

With the expiration of their lease the Knotty Ash club may have to cease playing next season.

Next year our league celebrates its 50th year of existence. Do we celebrate it or does it go unsung? If this is not a good reason for a top celebration of old and new members then we will never have one—what would you suggest—disco—hot pot—dinner social—dinner dance—come on let's all be devils and have a ball!?

To contradict my last month's statement regarding Wavertree Labour, Ted Gilmour, Ron Burke and others are trying to help their old club out of a mess by playing as often as possible—a nice gesture.

So Ken Black as club secretary is now getting the stick that Rene and Eddie had before him, THE CLUBS decided that semi-finals be played on a neutral table—the best **available** table may be the worst in the league, this is what your representatives decided. Alternatives have been suggested which could give you the best or near best conditions for finals, but no one has thought fit to follow these suggestions up—so do something about it—or hush yo mouth!

A nice letter from Vice-President and first ever International Don Foulis, his (And Liverpools) first cap was against Wales in 1929 when he replaced World table tennis champion and Wimbledon Tennis champion Fred Perry. He kindly forwarded a cheque for the Rene Sturgeon Beauclair fund.