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Editorial

So the wind of change did come, as I last year suggested it might (was that a year ago?), the wind, however, blew down Mount Pleasant, which is in the opposite direction to Bowring Park Road. Congratulations to Liverpool Y.M.C.A. on a fine cup and league performance. Out of the ashes of Mossley Hill T.T.C. came Palmerston T.T.C., and what an impact they have made—Champions of 3A, 4A and 5B, and Hyde & Forrest Cup winners. Congratulations to all the teams and Bob Hudson and Ken Davies. Congrats also to Alec Gould's mob, who had Division 2 and 4B championships and runners-up 4A, Rumjahn Cup winners and runners-up in the Forrest. Leaving our last, but not least congratulations to Old Swan 3A and Fire Brigade 5A.

I apologise for the lateness of two (and may be three) magazines. I must accept the responsibility of deciding to play the waiting game—I could write all the notes myself or issue the Digest without your particular Division's notes in—but I wait and wait and wait and wait.

What does the future hold for our local game? Don Cameron has come up with what I consider a moderate increase in our various fees, so it has to be a slightly more expensive season (A.G.M. permitting). Your magazine is an expense, but no rule amendment has been received to eliminate it from our scene—so we will still have one; it might help if you start trying to forget our colourful frontispiece and hope for the best!

Playing standards—too many of our TOP players put so little back into the game and our few top coaches concentrate so much on so few that any potential talent outside the inner ring stands little chance of fame or a general rising of standards.

To Wynne and Eddie Cameron, again our thanks, not only for the onerous job of compiling league tables, but answering the many queries we all have at all times.

Come to think about it, Brian Leeson has filled quite a few spots in our magazine and he is always on time.

LOCALS ABROAD

A couple of Scottish International Caps gave John McNee (Rafters) the confidence to beat Jimmy Walker, England No. 5, in the Welsh Open.

At Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock, The Convent of Mercy High School came number two school in England in the Girls' Under-19 championship, a magnificent performance by Marie, Jean, Linda and Christine.

Pete D'Arcy (Eng. Elec.) beat local boy Kerr 20 and 18 to win another Veterans' title in the Scottish International Open at Edinburgh. But where were you for the Manchester Closed Vets, Pete?!

An interesting item if NOT local, in a deciding county match for the Midland Division. Derbyshire arrived at the Leicestershire H.Q. and found the room smaller than the dimensions laid down by County Rules (did they measure it by tape under the watchful eyes of the Leics boys!?), claimed the game and won the division!

Keith Williams (Rafters) won two for Lancs Juniors against Northumberland; as he was ruled ineligible, a 6-4 Lancs win was a 4-6 loss!! Hard luck Keith.

Graeme Black (Eng. Elect.) came fourth in the recent Under-13 English Schools' Championship and now plays for England in that age group against Scotland. Keith Williams (Rafters) was also selected as the outstanding "non-qualifier".

Three old friends, Tony Clayton, Mike Johns and Nigel Eckersley are 14, 15 and 16 in the England rankings, with Denis Neale at Number 1.

J.A.L.

Stamp Cup Final

LIVERPOOL JEWISH "B" 4 FIRE BRIGADE 6

At the Bath Street club, with Alec Gould official in charge, Wally Sherburn got hot favourites, Fire Brigade, off to a good start, beating Bill Davies 17-21, 21-12, 21-9. Ray Gavin lost to Tony Cohen to make it one all, and John Ashley lost to C. Blackburn 19-21, 21-23—a close one. Joe Bird beat P. Overend 21-17, 19-21, 21-17. Gavin put his team ahead for the first time with a good win over Blackburn 21-16, 16-21, 21-9. A crunch win was Sherburns beating of Cohen 21-19, 21-18. A comfortable 17 and 11 for Bird over Davies, 5-2 up for the Fire Brigade, but back came Jewish when, in a tension-packed game, Overend beat Ashley 14-21, 21-19, 22-20.

So near and yet so far, the next game for Jewish, Blackburn and Overend lost to Sherburn and Ashley 21-17, 22-24, 11-21—6-3, and a fine win for the strong Fire Brigade boys with some terrific stuff from all four players. Davis and Cohen took the last doubles from Sherburn and Ashley 16 and 18.

A great match for winners and losers and a credit to the game.

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Readman Cup Final

At the new Police Club, at Prescott Road, Eric Hardman boldly called himself on with Pete Lee—no doubt to try and back up his strong words in the last Digest. He won 19 and 16, with Eric on top even allowing for Pete falling heavily in the second game. Mike Truman lost to Paul Tsang 11 and 17, their respective styles making it a good game to watch. At 11-9 in the first, Ricky Brown and Pete Turtle had expedite called, which, according to the clock-watching, was what they both wanted, Pete winning 14 and 21! Plenty of action in Bob Bagot losing to George Smith 16-21, 21-10 (Bob superb) 13-21. In the first, Hardman was 12-6 up on Turtle but Pete was 19-13 up and won 21-15! In the second Eric was 9-4 down and 17-12 up, winning this and the third 15.

A quick cuppa from John Christian and Brown and Hardman are upsetting all calculations by beating Tsang and Lee 16-21, 21-16, 21-17—(great stuff, Rick). Truman is 20-19 down in the first and Lee puts it back just right for a kill, Mike hit it and Pete fielded it from the top of Prescott Road and won 21-19. Pete led 16-8 in the second, Mike pulled back brilliantly to 20-20 but lost 22-20.

Bagot and Truman pulled out all the stops, beating Turtle and Smith 24-22, 14-21, 21-12. Four-all and this was the climax of a great effort by Eric Hardman and his Trinity boys as the Y.M.C.A. triumphed with convincing wins by Tsang over Bagot 12 and 10, and Smith over Brown 16 and 14.

A good final made good by Eric's excellent performance—but Y.M.'s brilliant team work, as it has done all season, won the day.

Arthur Upton, with Lil, presented the trophies. Vice-President Ken Jones and Secretary John McKim, and a "mini Kop" from Rodney Youth Club supporting Pete Lee, were present. John O'Sullivan cheerfully officiated an excellent final, merrily surviving the umpiring quips of Arthur and Mike.

J.A.L.

Hyde Cup Final Replay

LIVERPOOL JEWISH 2 PALMERSTON "A" 8

Trevor Hughes coming in for Dave Cohen and Alf Heys for Keith Owen made the start of this cup final unique in my cup final tour. A 17 and 14 loss for Dave Money against Roy Bradbury was a foretaste of things to come. Dave, having won the first tie, John Henshaw completed a dismal start for Jewish by losing to Arthur Land 21-19, 10-21, 17-21; a superb game this. Trevor Hughes, with his unorthodox style, had no answer to the simple, hard hitting of Bob Hudson, losing 17 and 8. John Hodges gallantly tried to bring his side into the game losing 17-21, 21-13, and after being 14-8 up in the third, losing 21-19 against Bradbury. Money fought back from 18-14 down to win the first 22-20 against A. Heyes, who won the next two 7 and 14. Five nil up and a whisper from Bob in the corner—"We can't lose". But Hodges and Henshaw didn't know it and beat Land and Heyes 21-14, 17-21, 21-15.

Appropriately with his enthusiasm and dedication, Bob Hudson and Roy beat Trevor and Dave 22-20, 21-10 and the cup was Palmerston's. But it was still no holds barred. Hodges lost to Land 21-19, 18-21, 14-21; Hughes lost to Heyes 17 and 15, and who said it's all over—Henshaw beat Hudson 21-18, 22-24, 21-19. Great stuff—but while I felt Jewish were always likely to win the first match—I felt they were never in the second from the word go.

This game finished Ken Armson's stint of three finals at the Wavertree Labour Club. Arthur Upton presented the magnificent trophy, assisted by John McKim.

J.A.L.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1975

New Heys Comprehensive School was again the venue for the Liverpool Closed at the beginning of April. The school provides excellent facilities and with space for twelve tables this year, the schedule of play was completed in good time on two evenings, although Thursday once again brought a late finish.

John McNee emerged as the winner of the Men's Singles event, beating Tony Boasman in an exciting final, and so retaining his title as Liverpool Champion. There were a few surprise results in this event, the most significant possibly being the defeat of John Marshall in round four by Alec Bryce, who went on to the semi-final. Eric Hardman, expected to do better, lost in the third round to Wayne Percival, while Wally Allanson made his exit via Peter Lee. Dave Roberts' defeat by Peter Turtle and subsequently Peter's defeat by Chris Coogan also might be termed surprise results.

The Men's Doubles title went once again to the holders, the top-seeded pair, John McNee and John Marshall. Peter D'Arcy and Tony Boasman provided stiff opposition in the Final and the result was never clear-cut. Some good displays were noted at various stages of this event. Ron Evans and Harry Nelson reached the quarter final with wins over J. Davidson and K. Ainsworth, followed by an impressive win over Alec Bryce and Sammy Holland. Wally Allanson and Don Davies reached the semi-final with good wins over Dave Roberts and Neil Roberts, Tom Killip and John Higham, and then George Smith and Peter Turtle.

The Women's Singles and Doubles Events were affected by the non-appearance of the number one seed and holder of two Cups, Brenda Williams. Unfortunately, neither the Women's Cup nor the Junior Girls' Cup could be delivered for presentation at the Finals. However, the new Women's Champion, Miss Barbara Kirkman, took over the title with ease, and with her new partner, Mrs. Muriel Cox, also claimed the Doubles prize. Julie Black took the Junior Girls' title, although there were times in the Final against Marie Gaul when Julie must have been quite worried.

The Junior Boys' Final, a repeat of last year's, saw Keith Williams in most determined mood. Neil Roberts was unable to offer any real threat this time and so Keith achieved the title in his last year as a junior.

The Restricted Singles is always difficult to seed, but this year the player seeded as Number One didn't let me down. Dave Crispin managed to win the event, although there were times when defeat seemed to be staring him in the face. He came through the crises, however, and provided Old Swan Boys' Club with their first title in the Championships. Les Linforth, who progressed so well last year in this event, lost in round three to Wally Sill, who then lost to Jack Davidson in the Quarters. John Linforth lost in the semi-final to his club and teammate, Colin Hall, who had earlier eliminated Bobby Hudson, Julie Black and Ken Ainsworth.

The Veterans' title was never really in any doubt. Who could be expected to beat Peter D'Arcy, the holder of so many Open titles, including the English Open, the Scottish Open and the Irish Open Veterans' titles? Peter won the title with ease, as expected.

We were pleased to obtain sponsorship this year from the Liverpool firm of sweet manufacturers, Tavener Rutledge Ltd., who donated £50 to purchase prizes, and also gave numerous tins and jars of sweets for the four draws, one draw on each evening of the tournament. We were delighted to have Mr. John Tavener with us on Finals Night and he kindly consented to present the prizes and awards.

I cannot close this short report of the Tournament without recording my sincere thanks to all those many people who contributed to its success.

The Easter holiday period is a most hectic time for me, but so many friends help to make the job easier that it is difficult for me to know where to begin when it comes to naming names. May I simply say, thank you to all who helped.

A list of the main results follows this report.

BRIAN LEESON
(Tournament Secretary and Referee).

RESULTS

Men's Singles—Quarter-finals

J. McNee bt P. Lee 21-18, 21-17.
A. Bryce bt W. Percival 12-21, 21-15, 21-18.
A. Boasman bt P. Tsang 20-22, 21-15, 21-13.
P. D'Arcy bt C. Coogan 21-5, 22-20.

Semi-finals

J. McNee bt A. Bryce 21-16, 21-10.
A. Boasman bt P. D'Arcy 21-16, 21-10.

Final

J. McNEE bt A. Boasman 21-15, 22-20.

Men's Doubles—Quarter-finals

J. Marshall/J. McNee bt R. Evans/ J. H. Nelson 21-14, 21-19.
W. Allanson/D. W. Davies bt G. K. Smith/P. Turtle 22-20, 21-17.
P. Tsang/P. Lee bt E. Mandaluff/I. Burrows 21-14, 21-17.
P. D'Arcy/A. Boasman bt E. Hardman/M. Tierney 21-17, 21-13.

Semi-finals

J. Marshall/J. McNee bt W. Allanson/D. W. Davies 21-19, 21-14.
P. D'Arcy/A. Boasman bt P. Tsang/P. Lee 22-20, 14-21, 21-14.

Final

J. MARSHALL/ J. McNEE bt P. D'Arcy/A. Boasman 19-21, 21-10, 21-13.

Women's Singles—Semi-finals

Miss J. Turner bt Miss P. Breithaupt 21-12, 21-19.
Miss B. Kirkman bt Miss J. Black 21-11, 21-15.

Final

Miss B. KIRKMAN bt Miss J. Turner 21-14, 21-11.

Women's Doubles—Semi-finals

Mrs. M. Cox/Miss B. Kirkman bt Miss J. Black/Miss J. Turner 21-16, 17-21, 21-16.

Mrs. P. Lawrenson/Mrs. J. Reynolds bt Miss A. Carline/Miss E. Faragher 19-21, 21-15, 21-9.

Final

Mrs. M. COX/Miss B. KIRKMAN bt Mrs. P. Lawrenson/Mrs. J. Reynolds 20-22, 21-10, 21-18.

Restricted Singles—Quarter-finals

D. Crispin bt D. Harrison 23-21, 23-21.
J. Davidson bt W. Sill 21-9, 17-21, 21-16.
J. Linforth bt P. Morgan 21-13, 19-21, 21-15.
C. Hall bt K. Ainsworth 21-18, 21-4.

Semi-finals

D. Crispin bt J. Davidson 21-16, 21-12.
C. Hall bt J. Linforth 21-19, 22-20.

Final

D. CRISPIN bt C. Hall 21-18, 21-18.

Junior Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals

N Roberts bt R. Robinson 21-11, 24-22.
C. Strettle bt J. Read 21-12, 21-17.
A. O'Connor bt G. Black 22-20, 21-14.
K. Williams bt P. Dunne 21-11, 21-12.

Semi-finals

N. Roberts bt C. Strettle 24-22, 21-16.
K. Williams bt A. O'Connor 21-14, 21-16.

Final

K. WILLIAMS bt N. Roberts 21-10, 21-15.

Junior Girls' Singles—Semi-finals

Miss J. Black bt Miss J. Monaghan 21-15, 21-11.

Miss M. Gaul bt Miss E. Faragher 16-21, 21-13, 21-8.

Final

Miss J. BLACK bt Miss M. Gaul 19-21, 21-15, 21-16.

Veterans' Singles—Quarter-finals

P. D'Arcy bt L. Linforth 21-12, 21-14.

E. Mandaluff bt J. Davidson 21-17, 21-14.

R. Jones bt W. Harris 21-19 21-13.

G. K. Smith bt C. Coogan 22-20, 21-16.

Semi-finals

P. D'Arcy bt E. Mandaluff 21-7, 21-13.

G. K. Smith bt R. Jones 21-13, 18-21, 21-15.

Final

P. D'ARCY bt G. K. Smith 21-8, 21-15.

Men's Consolation Singles—Semi-finals

C. Strettle bt L. French 21-14, 21-17.

R. Jones bt D. Crispin 20-22, 28-26, 21-19.

Final

C. STRETTLE bt R. Jones 21-9, 21-13.

Women's Consolation Singles—Semi-finals

Miss E. Faragher bt Miss J. O'Malley (walk over).

Mrs. M. Cox bt Miss C. Gore. 21-12, 21-17.

Final

Mrs. M. COX bt Miss E. Faragher (walk over).

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Divisional Notes

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts
L'pool YMCA ..	26	24	1	1	214
Rafters	26	24	2	1	202
Eng. Elec.	26	20	5	1	185
Wav. Labour	26	14	9	3	147
Trinity	26	15	8	3	143
Eng. Elec. 'A'	26	11	13	2	136
Palmerston	26	10	11	5	126
Trinity 'A'	26	9	14	3	117
Rafters 'A'	26	10	16	0	111
Bath Street	26	9	13	4	105
Sefton	26	5	19	2	91
Wav. Lab. 'A'	26	8	17	1	91
L'pool Y.M. 'A'	26	4	19	3	82
Colonsay	26	3	19	4	70

Well done Liverpool Y.M.C.A. on their league and cup double. As I promised you, Trinity put up a splendid fight in the Readman Cup Final.

A word of thanks to the Police club and a word of praise for their conditions. I was very disappointed at the turnout for what was the league's showpiece of the season. Apart from the players' girlfriends, wives, children, etc., there were about half a dozen supporters from the Y.M.C.A. and only ONE supporter from the whole of the TEN-TEAM club of Trinity.

Back to the league, Y.M.C.A. faltered badly in the run-in to the title. First of all they dropped four games to Palmerston, a double for Alec Bryce over Tsang and Lee. Then a draw with fourth-placed Wav. Lab., Peter Lee lost to Roberts—Dave and Neil, and George Smith lost to Dave Roberts and Mick Tierney. Roy Smith's win over Peter Turtle completed their draw. Four days later they dropped four games to a below-strength English Electric team.

Meanwhile Rafters were pulling in some fine results. Trinity lost 2-8, McNee and Merrick losing to myself and Brown respectively. Rafters 'A' went down 0-10, and a "full strength" Wav. Lab. team lost 2-8. English Electric 'A' went down by a similar score. In this game Marshall had his revenge over Fred Pheysey, for his defeat earlier on in the season. Brian Davey, in the same match, would not have been very pleased when losing to Pheysey and Alec Sill.

The last match of the season for

Rafters and Y.M.C.A., was played at Rafters. What happened to the card? The results were wins by McNee over Tsang 21-15, 24-22, over Lee 21-8, 17-21, 21-11. Marshall defeated Tsang by 2 games to 1, scores 21-10, 17-21, 21-17; he also beat George Smith 21-8, 21-15. Keith Williams beat Peter Lee 16-21, 21-16, 21-10 and Peter Turtle 13-21, 21-12, 21-15. Brian Davey beat George Smith 13-21, 21-13, 21-18, but lost to Turtle 23-21, 15-21, 12-21. In the doubles, Y.M.C.A. split from their normal pairing, Tsang and Smith lost to Marshall and McNee, but Lee and Turtle beat Williams and Davey. Rafters' only weakness is the strength of their No. 4's, Davey and Merrick, both seem to be inconsistent.

Third placed English Electric have difficulty in turning out a "full team" each week and thus have indifferent results. If they are to regain their title next year I feel they must field a regular team. Wavertree Labour have finished fourth; they have played steadily throughout the season taking useful games off the top three clubs, and winning their other games.

The Labour Club just pipped my own Trinity to fourth place by four points. We at Trinity can feel well satisfied with a cup final appearance and fifth place in the table. Perhaps our best league result was against English Electric; Wally Sill played at four for Electric and lost to Brown and Bagot. Clein, at "2", lost to Brown 16-21, 6-21, and myself 15-21, 14-21, and with Sill in the doubles, lost to Brown and Bagot.

Palmerston, though fielding a reserve team every other week during the second half of the season, fell to seventh place. English Electric 'A', after a poor start, climbed right up the table to a very respectable sixth position. This was largely due to their skipper, Fred Pheysey, and No. 1, Rod McPherson, who have both had a fine season.

Below Palmerston come the two promoted teams, Trinity 'A' and Rafters 'A'. Rafters 'A' are not exactly new to the first division, whilst Trinity's old hands, Harris

and Griffiths, together with the shrewd captaincy of Alan Chase, put Trinity 'A' into eighth position. Bath Street, Sefton and Wavertree Labour 'A' stay up for at least another season at the top flight. Bath Street could be in trouble next season, as they have another team promoted. It will be interesting to see how many, and who play for which teams. Sefton and Wav. Lab. stayed up by the skin of their teeth. Wav. Lab. 'A', however, have managed to re-sign some of their retired stars and are thus a good bet to stay clear of relegation next season.

We say goodbye to Colonsay and Y.M.C.A. 'A', but I think it will be a fair bet that we will be seeing the Y.M.C.A. 'A' team back in 1976-77 season. Colonsay on the other hand must be slightly embarrassed—first team relegated, second team promoted.

Colonsay's run-in to relegation was an 8-2 defeat at the hands of Trinity. Chaloner stars in this game with wins over Chase and Southall, Eng. Elec. 10, Colonsay 0, then two creditable draws against Palmerston and Trinity. Stars for Colonsay were Brenda Williams and Barbara Kirkman; they took 7 out of the possible 10 points. This was followed by another 10-0 defeat at the hands of Eng. Elec. 'A', yes again. Their last game was against Bath Street, who turned out a full side and won 6-4, Coogan and Clayton winning 5 out of the possible 6 sets.

Y.M.C.A.'s cards have now all come in and their run into relegation starts last year. I think somebody forgot to post the card over Christmas. On December 16th they squeezed four points out of Palmerston. February 17th saw a good win over Trinity 'A' and this was followed a week later with another 6-4 win over Colonsay. Into March saw two defeats by Rafter's, 6-4, and Eng. Elec 7-3, this followed by 3 draws against Wav. Lab. 'A', Bath Street and Palmerston. As I said before, providing they can field the team which finished the season, they will be certs for promotion next season.

Wav. Lab. survival bid commenced on 10th February with a 6-4 defeat at the hands of Eng. Elec. This was followed by a 7-3 win over Eng. Elec. 'A' and a 9-1

win over Bath Street. To put my head on the block for next season, I predict Rafter's to win the league and possibly four clubs to fight out the relegation issue. They are Bath Street, Bath Street 'A', Colonsay 'A' and Sefton.

My apologies to D. W. Davies for my last paragraph. See you all next season.

ERIC HARDMAN.

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bath St. 'A'	26	24	1	1	198
Colonsay 'A'	26	22	3	1	181
Colonsay 'B'	26	17	4	5	168
Eng. Elec 'B'	26	16	6	4	156
Beauclair	26	15	5	6	154
Trinity 'B'	26	10	10	6	135
Rafter's 'B'	26	11	10	5	133
Bath St. 'B'	26	10	14	2	124
Police	26	9	15	2	122
Waterloo Park	26	8	14	4	119
Elec. Supply	26	10	14	2	118
L'pool Y.M. 'B'	26	5	19	2	95
L'pool Y.M. 'C'	26	2	23	1	60
Wav. Lab. 'B'	26	1	22	3	57

The season has ended with Bath Street 'A' as most worthy champions. To underline their superiority they also retained the Rumjahn Cup. In doing so they knocked out Colonsay 'B' (after a draw), Eng. Elec. 'B' in the semi-final and then Colonsay 'A' in the final by 6 sets to 4. Since these three teams ended in the next three places, you can't say that they didn't earn the trophy. Chris Coogan had the top average in the league, closely followed by Val Franco and Alan Walton, so theirs is a formidable combination. This, allied to Alec Gould's astute captaincy and experience (he's still hard to beat) has made them worthy champions. The only team to beat them was Colonsay 'B'. Colonsay 'A' were runners-up by a fairly comfortable margin from Colonsay 'B'. Dave Williams was their most consistent player, with myself and John O'Sullivan not far behind. The position of Colonsay 'A' is interesting, as the Colonsay 1st team has been relegated from the first division, so the team might still be with us next year.

The relegation battle couldn't have been more exciting. As expected, Wav. Lab. 'B', Y.M. 'C' and Y.M. 'B' were well behind the rest with the real battle going on

to avoid fourth place. Waterloo Park ended up with 119 points and seemed doomed, as the other contenders had already passed that total with the exception of Electric Supply, who had 116 points with two games still to play, against the top two teams. They lost 9-1 to Bath Street 'A' and so needed two sets from Colonsay 'A' to equal Waterloo Park's total. The earlier match ended 6-4 to Colonsay, so they seemed safe enough. However, without Ernie Owens and Fitzsimmons, they went down 9-1 again and so were relegated. Les Evans won the only set, beating Ron Evans, normally a "bogey man" for Les. Alan Biggs fought hard against both Dave Williams and myself, but had little luck. In fact I was rather fortunate to win 19 in the third (with my new, new bat) so you can see just how close the relegation issue was. I bet a few people are thinking of the odd sets that "got away" during the season, not to mention conceding a 10-0 walk-over to Y.M.

The relegation of Electric Supply shows just how difficult it is to maintain a place in a high division for a one-team club. They must have 6 players and if they're good enough for the second division they usually want to play every week. Inevitably the team is weakened just to give an adequate number of games to every player. Linacre suffered the same fate last year. I see that they'll be back with us again next year. (Welcome "home" lads).

Police pulled themselves just clear with the return of Barry McLeod after a month's absence.

Now for some personal reflections about the season as a whole.

Best Individual Performances: Bob Conley's win over Barry McLeod; Ted Birch's over Chris Coogan; Harry Nelson's double over Coogan; Alan Waddington's over Val Franco; Alec Gould's over Tony O'Connor; Barry McLeod's double win over Dave Williams and myself in the same match.

The following players have impressed me as people who always fight hard for their team and do so in a sporting manner without ever introducing needle into the game and, in addition, are extremely sociable off the table. Excluding members of my own

club (I daren't leave anybody out), the following players come to mind: Ted Birch and Frank Murphy; Brian Crolley, Billy Ellard and George Bradley; Dave Newton and Tom Killip; John Letch and the rest of the Bath Street 'B' team; Barry McLeod; Brian Jennings; Tony Delamere; Noel Fagan and John Donnelly. I'm sure that my own club members won't mind me singling out Harry Nelson for this list.

Players who have improved their game: Tony O'Connor, Alan Guy, Chris Coogan, Frank Murphy, Billy Ellard, Alan Biggs, Noel Fagan, Paul Taylor, Dave Williams and finally Ken Armson (he could only get better).

The best players in the division this season—I rate: Chris Coogan, Tony O'Connor and Alan Reid as my best three, closely followed by Dave Williams, Val Franco and Alan Walton, not forgetting Frank Murphy and Alan Guy.

The most enjoyable teams to play against: Beauclair, Eng. Elec. 'B', and Bath Street 'B'—all competitive teams of sporting players. I should add that most teams in the second division fall into this category, but for me, the above teams were outstanding.

The only match I didn't enjoy all season was our first match with Bath Street 'A'. Having agreed to let Chris Coogan play the first three games so he could go to play in another match (putting us 3-0 down in a vital match), my request for a timekeeper for my game with Alan Walton was turned down by the opposing captain (there's gratitude for you) with subsequent phone calls to the league, etc. No reflection on Alan, who's a most sporting player, but the game was played without the time recorded and, for me, the atmosphere spoilt the evening. I should add that our other two games with Bath Street 'A' were played in good spirit and were most enjoyable, especially the cup final. I was right about the expedite rule, wasn't I, Alec? As a result of this match the league has pointed out that all league matches should have game times recorded. This is unnecessary, usually, but with two "pushers" it's a good idea.

Finally, some details about the closing weeks of the season. Robert

Hamilton recorded his first and only win of the season against Ruffers 'B', beating Ray Graves (deuce in the third). Robert's a much better player in practice and is a good example of a player who should concentrate more. Colonsay 'B' lost 7-3 to Bath Street 'A' in the return match. Alan Guy beat Val Franco and Harry Nelson beat Coogan again. Waterloo Park avoided relegation by beating Wav. Lab. 'B' by 9-1, with the assistance of 3 walkovers. Jim Martin had a good win over Fraser Farquaharson. Bath Street 'B' beat Ruffers 'B' by 8-2 to ease their relegation worries. Brian Aldred had a good win over Reg Hetherington in this match.

O'Connor and Guy are our doubles champions. Their only serious rivals, Coogan and Walton, having lost only one for most of the season, lost two more late on in the season. Congratulations to Crolley and Jones, of Eng. Elec. 'B' and to Owens and Biggs, of Electric Supply. Ron Evans and I were third, losing 6 times, including three defeats by Coogan and Walton and one by O'Connor and Guy. If we play them again we'll call ourselves "Electric Colonsay", then perhaps we'll win.

Ernie Owens had a good double over Murphy and Birch in Beauclair's 6-4 win over Electric Supply. Paul Taylor beat John O'Sullivan 11 in the third in Bath Street 'B' 8-2 defeat by Colonsay 'A'. Barry McLeod beat Dave Williams again (not me this time).

I'd like to end by wishing Bath Street 'A' well in the first division next year and a speedy return for our relegated clubs.

LES FRENCH.

Division 3A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Old Swan	26	25	1	0	228
L'pool Jewish	26	22	3	1	195
Bath St. 'C'	26	19	6	1	157
Police 'A'	26	15	6	5	155
Trinity 'D'	26	15	8	3	151
Vagabonds 'A'	26	13	9	4	140
Beauclair 'A'	26	11	10	5	134
Cadwa 'A'	26	9	13	4	117
Eng. Elec. 'D'	26	9	12	5	111
Maghull	26	8	12	6	110
Crawfords	26	7	16	3	101
Wav. Lab. 'C'	26	4	21	1	78
Knotty Ash	26	2	22	2	74
Bedford House	26	2	22	2	69

Old Swan's temporary retirement to this division to regroup having been successful, they will return to the 2nd div. as champions. This success did not seem very certain at the commencement of the season, but with the return of Dave Crispin and Keith Kinnear, they quickly took a grip on the leadership. They will be accompanied by Liverpool Jewish, who have won this season what they should have accomplished last season. Had it not been for the emergence of Old Swan as challengers, Jewish would have been certain to go up as champions. Much of their success has been due to the consistent form of Dave Money and John Hodges, who have in turn, been well backed up by John Henshaw, Dave Cohen and Trevor Hughes. Old Swan lasted two seasons on their last visit to the 2nd div. and as most of us have been "hammered" by them, we can only hope it will be a long time before we see them again. Their strength is shown in their sets against total. Their only suspicion of weakness was at No. 4, where Keith Kinnear's form was sometimes suspect following his long lay-off. The last visit for Liverpool Jewish was in 1969-70, again from this division. They lasted one season but will no doubt feel better prepared this time. Survival in the 2nd div. is the hardest task in the league and in congratulating them both in achieving their aim of promotion, we can only wish both teams every success next season.

Another set-back for my predictions (Brian Cunningham is probably enjoying it) came from Bath Street 'C', who quietly plundered their way into 3rd place with an impressive string of wins including a 7-3 against Police 'A'. My only excuse is that with Cyril Smith playing as efficiently as ever, winning all the sets he should and most of the ones he shouldn't, forecasting is always difficult. The passing of the years and the changes in style have meant nothing to Cyril and he is still difficult to beat and not a player to take liberties with. With Cyril's efficiency allied to Ray (Poker Face) Dyer, affable Norman Cooke and the steadiness of Ian Blore, good results seem to come pretty easy—easier than good forecasts. I

don't see them as ever being a promotion side, but they will always be a thorn in the side of any team with promotion intentions.

Trinity 'D' fell away slightly towards the end but if they stay together next season they could well be in the running. If I am right about Bath Street then Trinity can point to the fact that they beat them 8-2, which should give them hope for next season.

Vagabonds remain an enigma, they have the ability, the team is strong, but the results are never quite good enough. Could be that for Tom Johnston and Doug Ridgway in particular, the pressure of a promotion season holds little interest compared with the pleasure of playing to win and enjoy it rather than a win at all costs. I see they conceded a 10-0 w/o. to Old Swan, very unusual for them and I have no doubt there is a very good reason for it.

What happened to the prospects of Police 'A'? From possible outsiders they fell out of the reckoning due to unpredictable results. The answer may well lie in the fact that strong as the team may be any desire to go for promotion was dulled by the cold facts of life in the 2nd. I may be wrong but I feel that the team as a whole did not relish the thought of another spell in the 2nd div. They have the ability and it will be interesting to see how they react next season when their prospects should be just as good.

Beauclair fell away this season and whether this is due to an improvement in the strength of the division or the passing of another year is problematic. At this rate they can well expect to be relegation candidates in another couple of seasons. This will not dim the enthusiasm of Bill Leeming, Harry and Bill Holmes and Jim Lightburn, for they still have a lot of table tennis in them and no doubt expect to be together as long as they can manage to hold a bat.

Cadwa did nothing spectacular but rarely slipped up against lower teams and so never had any relegation problems. The introduction of Ken Hartley half-way through strengthened them and towards the end he was their best player. No problems this season but next may well tell a different story.

Maghull had one of their poorest seasons for some time and a total of two wins against Knotty Ash and Bedford House in the second half tells its own story. Next season they will probably be joined by Gordon Brownlee (Wav. Lab.) who is seeking a club nearer home due to rising travel costs. The introduction of a strong and experienced No. 1 should lead to an all-round improvement in their results next season, which could easily push them into the promotion struggle.

Crawfords had a season of ups and downs with spells when they reached great heights and spells when they touched rock bottom (something like my own). At times they looked like breaking through only to fade tamely away and finished in a position which could spell relegation problems next season. Their main problem seems to be lack of consistency.

Elec. 'D' never distinguished themselves but always seemed to give the impression that they would find it easy to extend themselves a little more if it became necessary. Their main concern was the build-up of Graeme Black, whose progress this season has no doubt been watched with great interest by his club. He worked up to No. 1 spot and can look back on a very successful season. Somehow I don't think he will be with them next season.

Wav. Lab. 'C' emerged triumphant from the relegation struggle, leaving Bedford House and Knotty Ash to go down. Once the Labour Club team realised the seriousness of the position they really got down to it. They produced some good wins backed by a steady haul of sets in other matches which the other two teams were unable to match. Every player played a part in their mini-revival, one sobering thought (no pun intended) being that they may well find themselves having to do it all over again next season. Bedford House lacked that little extra edge needed to win survival. Peter Roberts assisted by Ken Brady, did their best but they lacked support. If they could have had the services of H. Tan regularly it would have made all the difference, for he won 6 of the 8 sets he played. Knotty Ash were beset with problems but struggled on to try and complete the season

and like Bedford House, their two best players, Leigh and Pownall, lacked support and they lost the services of John Ainsworth early in the season.

Division 3B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Palmerston 'A' ..	26	26	0	0	233
Linacre	26	20	3	3	194
Eng. Elec. 'C'	26	13	4	9	161
Vagabonds	26	16	4	6	152
L'pool Jew. 'A' ..	26	12	8	6	140
Old Swan 'A'	26	10	10	6	126
Trinity 'C'	26	6	10	10	122
Eng. Elec. 'C'	26	7	10	9	113
Rafters 'C'	26	6	11	9	109
Colonsay 'C'	26	6	16	4	108
Cadwa	26	6	15	5	99
Police 'B'	26	8	15	3	98
W'loo Park 'A' ..	26	4	18	4	90
Orrell	26	3	19	4	75

The last set of notes I received was on Thursday, 29th May. I regret that I have not, as yet, received notes for your division; usually in fairness to you, I wait until I receive notes. On this occasion, however, I can only leave them until the day before I go on holiday. Most of the cards have been in correspondents' hands at least seven weeks. I am sorry.

J.A.L.

Division 4A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Palmerston 'B' ..	20	20	0	0	181
Bath St. 'D'	20	18	2	0	159
Maghull 'A'	20	13	4	3	120
Eng. Elec. 'F'	20	10	9	1	102
Cadwa 'B'	20	7	9	4	96
Police 'C'	20	6	11	3	94
Rafters 'D'	20	9	8	3	92
Polytechnic	20	7	9	4	91
Stanley House ..	20	5	14	1	81
A.P.H. Linnets ..	20	5	15	0	59
Barker & Dobson	20	0	19	1	25

Well, Palmerston have finished worthy champions, something which was evident from the first issue; they were obviously above their class in this division, although Bath Street gave them a scare by leading 2-0 in the Cup Final, before going down 3-7, and also taking them to 6-4 in the league. I've no details to hand of these matches but it was obviously a couple of good performances by the lads from Crosbv. I was wrong in guessing that Rafters would finish third — this was partly

brought about by their conceding two 10-0 walk-overs, but they have also been hampered by lack of strength in their lower order, especially when Eileen Mansell has been unable to play.

Top player in the division has been Dave Harrison, of Polytechnic; unfortunately he hasn't played regularly for them but has met most of the top players and remained unbeaten. He beat Ken Foulkes (Bath Street) 21-14, 21-13 and there aren't many players who do that in a season. I'm told that Pauline Lawrenson took him to three, which was a super performance by the Rafters girl (!) and the only game Dave has dropped all season, except for two at Palmerston.

The latest saying from our "fisherman" friend — two successive nets and "The last bloke who did that had a terrible time at Easter." Mind you, I saw him get 5 nets in one game, finishing off with a combined net and edge to clinch a game at 24-22. What does that make him?—God or just a skilful player like I think I am, when I get there. Two Rafters matches with the same 6-4 winning scoreline but entirely different story lines:—First versus Stanley House with no less than eight three-setters, then against English Electric with nine going two-straight — I wonder which match they enjoyed most.

A good pull-back by Poly at Cadwa from 5-2 down to 5-5—Dave Harrison (of course!) and P. Roberts were responsible for all five Poly points—while Rob Peverall had a treble for the Child-wallers.

Dave Smith (Linnets) beat the experienced Norman Morrissey (Police) 14-21, 26-24, 21-10 from being 15-20 down in the second—a great recovery and an excellent win for someone who has only been playing 12 months.

Another good win was by Sue Anderson (Police) 13 and 18 over Jack Lambert (Eng. Elec.).

Some face-savers:—Fred O'Sullivan (Bed) 11-21, 21-17, 22-20 against Jack Power (Cadwa); John Kelly (Rafters) 16-21, 21-19, 21-16 versus A. Maguire (Palmerston); John Foster (Poly) 21-17, 15-21, 21-16 over Colin Pratt (Elec.); Rob

Peveall (Cadwa) 21-15, 21-18 (!) against Ken Foulkes (Bath Street). Also a modest Linnet player (his name appears at the foot of these notes) beat Stan Clark (Maghull) 16 and 13 and Colin Fyles (Elec.) 14 and 18.

Nail Biters! A. Thabet (Stanley House) 21-15, 13-21, 28-26 versus Alan Smethurst (Maghull). Pauline Lawrenson 16-21, 21-16, 22-20 against K. Brew (Stanley House). John Foster 23-21, 13-21, 22-20 versus Norman Morrissey, and a doubles, Thabet and Peter Jenkins 21-23, 21-15, 23-21 against Jack Lambert and Colin Fyles.

Andy Howarth (Maghull) tried hard to get a three-setter at Palmerston, losing the first 30-28 to Paul Morgan and the second 25-23 to Ken Davies.

A word for our wooden-spoonists Barker & Dobson. They have never looked remotely like winning all season, but always turn up with a full team, and always make you welcome at Whitefield Grove and enjoy their matches for the social occasions they're supposed to be. Some of the other teams higher in the table could take a leaf out of their book.

A few memories of the season for me. Teams I've most enjoyed playing:—English Electric and Maghull. Players I most enjoyed playing:—Colin Fyles and Andy Howarth (although he's 2-1 up on me over three matches). Club I least enjoyed playing at:—Palmerston (too much noise and too few smiles). Players I least enjoyed playing:—Alan Smethurst (he's too b - - - good) and Ken Davies (isn't play supposed to be continuous?).

Finally, hope you all have a good summer break with plenty of sunshine for all those going on holiday, especially in the first week in June.

BARRY MAYER.



Division 4B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bath St. 'E'	26	22	0	4	213
A.P.H. Linnets 'A'	26	21	2	3	206
Woolton	26	22	1	3	198
Eng. Elec. 'G'	26	13	8	5	154
Rafters 'E'	26	16	7	3	149
St. Hugh's	26	14	10	2	147
Trinity 'E'	26	13	8	5	142
Cadwa 'C'	26	10	13	3	121
Colonsay 'D'	26	10	15	1	105
Knotty Ash 'A'	26	6	20	0	93
Police 'D'	26	5	18	3	88
Maghull 'B'	26	6	18	2	77
Orrell 'A'	26	5	19	2	76
Vagabonds 'B'	26	0	24	2	51

Just to add to the tension at the top of our division, the championship was not decided until the last match between Cadwa and Bath Street and this was eventually played 3 weeks after the season had finished. This came about after the Management Committee upheld an appeal by Bath Street for a match that had been claimed off them. So the Crosby team went into the Final knowing they only required 3 more points to clinch the championship.

In the event they finished winners by 7-3 and are 5 points clear at the top.

As I am writing about my own team I find it hard to blow the Bath Street trumpet, but as the bottom props in a 6-team club, it has not been easy keeping a winning squad together, as reserve calls and team re-arrangements usually rippled right through the club to land on our doorstep. So all I can say to Kevin Dyer, John Stewart, Colin Flanagan, Eugene Berger, John Pritchard and Ron Georgeson is—well done, team; many thanks for a most enjoyable and exciting season.

Our congratulations are extended to A.P.H. Linnets for finishing runners-up. They made a tremendous start to the season, but faltered half-way through, then made a strong finish to almost grasp the medals. Linnets only called on a reserve on 2 occasions and had easily the best doubles record in the division. So John Gaskarth, George Higham, Norman Wakefield and Ian Addie must be well pleased with their highly satisfactory season.

It is no consolation to Woolton to know that if the match points

had been scored under the old system they would have finished in second position, but this is one of the few times this anomaly has come up and, to save a season of arguments, I hope some team in a higher division obligingly drops out to let Woolton go up and play with the bigger boys.

The teams to watch next season must be English Electric and Rafter's 'C'. If these young players improve as much next season, as they have in this one, they will certainly be the next promotion candidates.

I am not going to say "Farewell" to the two bottom teams this time, as when the next season starts there are usually enough drop-outs to save anyone dropping down.

Outstanding player of the season is, without question, Bill Hargreaves—ever-present No. 1 for Woolton, and only lost one set.

Outstanding set must be Ray Smith, of Cadwa's defeat of Bill Hargreaves.

Outstanding match? well, everyone has their own memory of this, but for me it was Linnets' first defeat of the season by Bath Street. This result seemed to change the pattern of the table and helped to make the second half of the season more interesting.

Outstanding doubles, as previously mentioned, were Linnets, who only dropped 2 sets between them.

Outstanding brickbat? To Cadwa, who made a late start, a reluctant finish and latterly produced some results that could have turned the whole table upside down.

In the main, our division has been like the old saying about beer—there have been no bad teams, just some teams better than others. So let us hope the brew improves with the next round.

As my team is moving on, I hope you find another and better scribe for these notes next season. (Did I hear Mal Clark volunteer?).

All the best for the summer and here is hoping we can all still afford the inflationary price of a new bat!

TED JANE.

Division 5A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Fire Service	20	20	0	0	182
P.O. Panto	20	17	3	0	159
L'pool Jew. 'B'	20	17	3	0	157
L'pool Jew. 'C'	20	12	7	1	121
Police 'F'	20	13	7	0	121
Maghull 'C'	20	7	11	2	84
Crawfords 'A'	20	5	11	4	75
L'pool Jew. 'E'	20	6	14	0	67
Trinity 'H'	20	5	13	2	61
Barker & D. 'A'	20	1	19	0	41
Trinity 'I'	20	2	17	1	32

Despite their late arrival on our scene, the strong Fire Brigade team finished the season decisive champions and cup winners with little to choose between their top three, Bird, Sherburn and Davies (100%) in that order and plus or minus a few cards, our 3, 4 and 5 set winners in our division, with Gavin not far behind, a fine performance.

Liverpool Jewish 'B' fought all the way in the cup and league, held the champs (Sherburn and Davies two each) to 4-6, thanks to a Tony Cohen double, but it was the divisions 1 and 2 set winners who were the backbone — Overend and C. Blackburn, well supported by old friends (off the table), Davies (Bill) and Controy.

Despite the loss of a couple of their young stars Panto had a good season with McCoy and Hayes (Alf) leading the way, with Taylor showing a bit of his old-time form, Hayes (Ray) finishing the season well. Trinity 'I' deserve a pat on the back for persevering—thanks mainly to the consistency and never-say-die attitude of Tobin and Byrom. In the 'H' team Sanders never missed a game and shared honours with top men Millon and Walker, and close behind Stevenson. Barker & Dobson 'A' found the going tough and are looking for a coach; Brown and Woodburn, followed by Tasker, kept the flag flying. They had a 4-6 relegation battle with Trinity 'I' (Cutler 2), new man Armitage winning his two.

The Maghull 'C' team of top man Gill, Wood, Gibson and Adams only missed a couple of games between them that must give them 10 out of 10. Gill won his two in the draw with Crawfords—top man Thatcher winning his two, and he was well supported throughout the

season by Williamson and Brown.

Liverpool Jewish 'C' called on our record of 12 players. Top man was Green, who received solid support from Rudnick and Anna Cohen. For the 'E' team, my favourite umpire, Liz Faragher, was top girl (you let me down at the closed, Liz) with Debbie Driver and Margaret Newton her two mainstays. Spedding was the lead man for the Police 'F' side who had about six regulars with Tulip and McCormack coming out top, and a special mention for young Jim Tyrer for his enthusiasm for the games (all these young blokes are the same!). The B. & D. boys gave you a 4-6 fright; you were saved by a Spedding treble. I hope you all enjoyed the season.

JACK LAMBERT.

Division 5B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Palmerston 'C' ..	20	17	2	1	161
Police 'E'	20	15	2	3	141
L'pool Jew. 'D' ..	20	13	4	3	127
Stanley House 'A'	20	12	6	2	115
Fazakerley Hosp...	20	12	7	1	110
Eng. Elec. 'H' ..	20	9	9	2	109
Trinity 'F'	20	9	11	0	108
Trinity 'G'	20	5	13	2	69
Fazakerley 'A' ..	20	5	14	1	63
St. Katherine's ...	20	2	17	1	51
Colonsay 'E'	20	2	16	2	46

For the second season we finish with Palmerston and Stanley House in the running for the championship, this time Palmerston 'C' pulling away from Police 'E' and Stanley House to win the title quite comfortably. Marie Lupton was top of the team's hit parade and number 2 in the division; Lil Wynne, not far behind, had a fine season, as did No. 3, Roberts—with no regular 4 this was a fine performance. In their top of the table clash with Police 'E', Heague battled for his 100% 25-27, 21-13, 26-24 against Inge, and 20-22, 21-18, 21-18 against his old team-mate, Marie Lupton, Davies K. winning his two of Palmerston's six.

The Police 'E' team had a good season with Heague leading the sets but losing his 100% to Chujor, of St. Katherine's; Reynolds was second man with sets and captain, Lawson, giving good support. As the season lengthened, so the girls in the Liverpool Jewish 'D' team improved. Paula Breighaupt, with

a very impressive season, led the way, Ann Carline was her regular and consistent support, followed by Cathy Gore. They had another battle royal with their English Electric 'D' rivals, Parker K. again playing the crunch game, this time beating Paula 19-21, 23-21, 22-20 to earn a five-all draw, seven games going to three. The young Electric team must be pleased with their performance, Parker, Carron and Cheng finishing almost equal top, and Sue Hughes a shade behind.

Swann and Smith P. and R. kept the Colonsay 'E' flag flying. They did well to get a draw against Stanley House 'A' and a 7-3 win at St. Katherine's. New boys, Brew, the division's top man, and Williams C., had fine seasons for the Stanley team, but old friend Daiken was on the ball again. Dawson was Fazakerley Hospital's leading man; he and Ireland never missed a game, and Sumner, his runner-up, only missed one—nice work. Waring in the 'A' team, carried on the good work, playing in all the matches and leading the sets won, with Male, only missing one, giving great support.

St. Katherine's had a tough first season but Cohen, James and Forrest deserve top marks for battling on and how about the division's No. 3 man, Chujor—a great performance. Trinity 'F' called on 12 players with Hulm pipping Annette Cross for top place, who never missed a game, Hatfield and Haffenden sharing most of the remaining sets. They had a good 6-4 win at Stanley House, Brew and Daiken beating Hulm and Haffenden 22-20, 24-26, 21-19. Griffiths and Ross, of Trinity 'G', were 100% men, with Griffiths just beating Walker for top place, and Owens finishing off a superb team effort, only missing a couple of games. Congratulations to Colonsay 'E' and St. Katherine's for fighting it out to the bitter end despite so many reverses. We can't all win but we can enjoy our evening out and table tennis.

JACK LAMBERT.



TABLE EDGES

Congratulations to Mabs Francis (Palmerston) and Billy Neary (Wav. Lab.) who were recently married. Mabel does a great job for this column but we are not renaming it—This is your life, Mabs Francis.

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary a dinner-dance has been suggested.

Another excellent venue has appeared on the scene at the H.Q. of M'side Police, Prescott Road, but ghosts and memories of Westminster Road, Bootle Town Hall, Anfield Road and St. Anne's Institute will linger on for many moons.

My apologies to Kay Rumjahn who WAS present at the Rumjahn Cup Final. And talking of Rumjahns, how about Janet? By the time this magazine is published there are strong whispers that her name will be Janet Davies, wife of city team captain Dan. What a pity. Janet and I were going to form a supporters' club for the city team—Janet the secretary, and me the crowd.

Brian Leeson (Colonsay) was successful at the E.T.T.A. International Umpires' Examination. Congratulations to Barry Meyer (A.P.H. Linnets) whose wife has presented him with a bouncing baby.

So the wheel is now completing the circle—before the major advent of the car most players played as near to home as possible—with the car they travelled far and wide, now petrol prices bring them nearer home again, three instances from two of our top teams.

Rumour has it that the top class facilities at the Kirkby Sports Complex are available for an established club to use!?

Successful end of the season social functions at Bath Street, English Electric and Liverpool Jewish—any more?

Details are hard to come by of the charity non-stop marathon run by Paul Tsang, Pete Lee, James Brown and Shah Alam, but there is no doubt that the amount ran into hundreds of pounds—what can you say about such a magnificent effort.

I believe a new Division Championship Cup is on the way and we are to have a Div. 2 Championship Cup—a step in the right direction—and did I hear Rene Sturgeon's name mentioned!

J.A.L.

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