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Editorial

I hear that the big majority of our clubs voted for the World Championships levy, despite a few abstentions. I consider this a good thing for table tennis as a whole and the name of the game in the Liverpool area in particular; whatever the outcome our conscience is clear. It now remains to be seen what the results are at County and National level. Just for the record, we are now committed to 30p per player per season for a maximum of three seasons—could be only two—but don't forget we have to pay our way also, which may mean extra again on our subs to keep Don Cameron's books balanced.

Contrary to the views expressed by a fellow board member some time ago, I firmly believe we have done the right thing. I appreciate the fact that many of us are only interested in the weekly game and others in the night out, but at heart we are all players, however varying our interest, and as such we surely must be interested in the fact that our game is being played at the highest level and by the World's top players on our doorstep. I suppose it depends on the television and press coverage we receive how much good it does our game—it certainly can't do us any harm and as I have said, our conscience is clear.

By the time the magazine is published our 50th Anniversary Dinner-Dance will be just around the corner, so make sure of your tickets, let old friends and ex-players know about it. Many of us have shouted for a table tennis night out for a long time; it is now here and it is a "special" night out, so be there and let's have a night to remember.

At the Kirkby Sport Centre a seedling has been planted in the form of a coaching scheme (details are elsewhere). Let's hope the seedling grows as the potential of the coaching scheme and the Kirkby Sports Precinct are tremendous. Lack of tables appears to be the only draw-back.

The December magazine was spot on time. I make this statement well into January as I believe quite a few players have not yet received their copies of the "Digest". The January issue will be a shade late—but as there is no February issue I do not regard this as a tragedy. What I do regard as a tragedy is that Ian Walker (Trinity), Div. 5A, has failed to produce any notes for this issue.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It looked at one time as if this year's Closed League Championships would have to be cancelled due to large increases in running costs, despite the generous sponsorship of the prize money by Tavener Rutledge Ltd., sponsorship which they have increased this season to allow for inflation.

Cost of hire of New Heys School has been increased from last season by about 300%, and the hire cost of tables has increased by 50% on last year, and last year it was increased by 100%, so you will see that we had some very heavy financial commitments to face.

Fortunately, an acquaintance of mine who is an active table tennis player, has given me a personal cheque for £100, to be spent on making the closed a worthwhile event. This sponsor does not wish his name to be divulged, but I am sure you will all join me in expressing our appreciation to him for this very generous gesture.

The Merseyside Open was not so fortunate, and had to be cancelled, at the time of writing this article I have not, although a member of the Editorial board, had the pleasure of seeing the first copy of the "Digest", but I am told by those more fortunate than I that certain criticism of this decision is contained in this issue. Sponsorship is not easily obtained, though the committee had, a couple of years ago, a Sponsorship Committee under the chairmanship of our Treasurer, but this Sub-Committee indicated that it no longer wished to act, and no other member of the committee was able to accept nomination, therefore the matter was left that I would contact, either by letter or by personal visit, any company who was in any way interested, and all committee members were to follow this matter up and contact me. In fact no member of the committee except Don Davies made any contact with me on this matter before the date on which the committee decided to cancel the event, contacts made by Don Davies were followed up by me, as were other contacts made by committee members, after the cancellation of the event, but they all proved negative.

If any person or persons can obtain a small amount from a dozen or so firms, why don't they do so, or better still, why don't League members take part in the Lottery which is held each year, as pointed out before, one book sold per player would bring in £300; there would be no worry then about the Open.

I believe there is also some complaint about the League Dinner finishing at 11-45 p.m. This again was a matter left to the discretion of the Secretary, the simple truth which was reported to the full committee at their last meeting, being that the Huyton Suite closes at 11-45 p.m. on a Saturday night, those wishing to remain outside after it is closed, may, of course, do so.

May I at this stage bring to your notice a Premier Division County Match—Lancashire v Warwickshire—due to take place at Colonsay Club on March 13th, commencing at 6-30 p.m. Further details will follow, but please keep this date free and do your best to attend and support your County.

J. McKIM,
Hon. Gen. Secretary.

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LOCALS ABROAD

The men's team suffered a setback to their championship hopes, when they dropped a vital point when drawing 5-5 at Bolton. With John McNee on international duty in Yugoslavia, his clubmate, Keith Williams, made his first team debut. County No. 3, Nigel Hallows, was the home team's star man, winning his four sets, with John Marshall 2, Paul Tsang 2 and Keith 1, being the Liverpool successes.

One week later, with the return of John McNee, we gained an 8-2 victory at Chester. However, the home team put up a good fight, forcing eight sets to a third game. John McNee and John Marshall both gained hat-tricks, with a double from Paul Tsang.

The Ladies' title chances also took a jolt when Manchester visited Liverpool and left feeling very pleased with the two points gained from a narrow 6-4 victory. With Barbara Kirkman being unavailable, through illness, Colonsay's Julie Turner was called upon to make a most testing first team debut against a team that included English international and Senior No. 4, Susan Lisle, and 1975 Lancashire and Cheshire Singles Champion, Mary Leigh, always a difficult opponent to meet. Our girls played very well, with Brenda and Julie Black forcing Sue Lisle to a third game, and they also recorded a good doubles win over Lisle and Leigh.

With a maximum points haul of 10 from five fixtures, the Men's "A" team are now leaders of their division, recording wins over Mid-Lancs. 7-3, Wigan 8-2 and Hyndbury 10-0. The team of Keith Williams, Tony O'Connor and Clive Strettle, who is still unbeaten, seem set for promotion at the first attempt.

Our teams have not had the best of luck in both the zone placements, or the draw, in this year's cup competitions. The Junior Boys had to make the long trip to Leicester for a first round Carter Cup match against a team that had England No. 6 Junior, Chris Rogers at No. 1, only to go down by five sets to four. Our successes came from Clive Strettle and Tony O'Connor, both winning two.

Following a good 7-2 home win over Chesterfield, in the Bromfield Trophy, the junior girls' team of Julie Black, Marie Gaul and Paula Breithaupt, had to travel to Lincoln, and returned as disappointed 5-4 losers, with Julie Black gaining a maximum three wins and Paula one.

The men had slightly better luck in the Wilmott Cup when they dismissed Halifax by five sets to three, and must now travel to Leeds in round two. The ladies' team must also travel, when they, too, go to Leicester for a second round J. M. Rose Bowl tie, and meet a team that can boast England Senior No. 7, Anita Stevenson, and also the recent English Open Doubles finalist and Senior No. 5, Karen Rogers. One must agree that this is a most formidable task for Brenda Williams, Julie Black and Julie Turner, but good luck to all three.

I must convey my thanks to Brian Leeson, Les French, Ted Rumjahn (who has taken three different teams already this season) and Alex Gould, who has now taken over the captaincy of the Ladies' team, for their invaluable assistance in transporting our players to various matches around the country. Anybody that feels that they can help in any way with transport, I would be grateful if they could contact me.

Forthcoming Home fixtures:—

Liverpool Men v Hyde, at Eng. Elec., Friday, March 26th.

Liverpool Men's "A" v Salford "A", at Wav. Labour, Friday, March 5th.

Liverpool Junior Boys v Bury, at Rafters, Saturday, February 14th.

John McNee won the men's doubles at the Meadowbank Open, Edinburgh. He also won the Under-21 Youth's singles at Lanarkshire Youth and Junior Open.

Pete D'Arcy, incidentally, lost the Vets. at Meadowbank to Kerr.

In the Cleveland Junior Open, Tony O'Connor (Colonsay) beat Ian

Reed in the semi's and Graham Sandley in the final, and also repeated this at the Humberside.

Brenda Williams (Colonsay) had a good doubles win with Donald Parker in the Lancs. v Essex match.

Clive Strettle and Jimmy Lynch (Eng. Elec.) reached the semi-finals of the Men's Singles in the Wigan Closed.

The excellent win by our girls over Chesterfield was marred by as disgusting a display of temperament and gamesmanship as I have seen from the senior Chesterfield girl—an atrocious example to her two junior and charming compatriots.

Late Results (Details later):—

Leicester 8, Ladies 1

Leeds 5, Men 1

Stockport 0, Junior Boys 10

Ladies 7, Stockport 3

DON DAVIES/J.A.L.

Cup Competitions

Important.—Will all club secretaries please make a note of the following amendments to Page 4 of this season's handbook, re cup competitions:—

1. CANCEL—All dates from March 2nd to 12th, inclusive.
2. REVISED DATE—

March

- 1—(Mon.) Hyde Cup semi-final replay (if required).
- 2—(Tues.) Hyde Cup semi-final replay (if required).
- 3—(Wed.) Rumjahn Cup semi-final replay (if required).
- 4—(Thurs.) Rumjahn Cup semi-final replay (if required).
- 8—(Mon.) Readman Cup semi-final.
- 9—(Tues.) Readman Cup semi-final.
- 15—(Mon.) Readman Cup semi-final replay (if required).
- 16—(Tues.) Readman Cup semi-final replay (if required).

3. The dates of all the finals are correct and will be played on these nights.

Please make sure you amend your books and **inform your teams** if they are fortunate enough to reach the final rounds. Make sure they turn up on the correct night.

KEN BLACK,

Cup Secretary.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

16 Snowhill Drive,
Highfield, Wigan.

10th December, 1975.

Dear Jack,

As you well know, many people have complained over the years about players turning up late for matches; this has been with full justification. But as a player who has been late on less than 10 occasions in 19 years of playing in the Liverpool League, I found there are two sides after my experience this evening.

Having a job that means I work unsocial hours, I arrived home at 7-25 p.m. and went to sit down to my evening meal at 7-35. At 7-40 Wally Sill phoned to ask if I would turn out for English Electric "A" Team at that club well-known for sticking to the rules, "Bath Street", in a First Division match. By 7-55 I was leaving my home in Wigan to play in a match approximately 20 miles away. To refresh your memory, Jack, Liverpool F.C. were playing in the E.U.F.A. Cup that night and there was some concern as fog was closing in on the ground and the game was in danger of being abandoned. Well, I was travelling down the East Lancs. Road listening to that game on my car radio, at a speed of approximately 15 miles per hour. The journey to Bath Street should have taken 30 minutes, it took 65.

By the time I arrived at Bath Street it was 9-00 p.m. and I was informed that Mr. Billy Clayton (First Team Capt.) had claimed my games at 8-40 p.m.

I appreciate that I was late and I am not making excuses, in fact I was almost amused that Mr. Clayton should apparently be so frightened of a player who plays as a regular number 4 in the 3rd division, that he felt it necessary to claim my games. I say apparently, because Mr. Clayton wasn't there by this time (although my two opponents were) because whilst he may be a stickler for players getting there at a reasonable time, he is not so fussy about staying till the end of the match in spite of the fact that he is the team captain.

Please, Mr. Clayton, don't give us an excuse for leaving early, I am not making excuses for being late.

Can I ask you one question, Jack, should I have bothered to turn up knowing I would be late, or should I have taken the easy way out and said "To hell with it, it is too late and Bath Street First Team will claim the games?" I should have known Bath Street's attitude by now.

ROWLAND CRADDOCK,

English Electric "C".

Excerpt from a lengthy 'I am all for the Dance' letter

65 Dudlow Lane,
Calderstones.

Dear Jack,

I know the Dinner-Dance is two months away, but caterers have to have numbers at least two weeks before an event. We at Liverpool Jewish have—to date—raised about 16 individuals and hope to raise more. If we can do it why can't other clubs?

In these days of inflation, £4.00 per head is extremely reasonable. Work out how much a night at the cinema, with a meal or drinks afterwards, or two nights a week drinking with the "boys" costs. I think you will find it can cost a lot more.

ANNA COHEN.

MERSEYSIDE COACHING

I had just finished my tea when the phone rang—"John O'Sullivan here. You have had a lot to say about lack of coaching in the area, well there is a meeting of any interested parties at the Kirkby Sports Centre, at 10-00 a.m. next Sunday morning. Can you make it?". "Yes, Sir John" said I.

The following Sunday, at twenty-five past ten—(a puncture greeting me on entering ye olde garage), I arrived at the Kirkby Sports Centre. Despite John's accusation of having a lot to say about the lack of coaching, I thought I had been rather kind to him, coaches in general, senior players and the league management considering how strongly I felt on this very important matter. Joyce Randall, John O'Sullivan, Mal Cray, Dave Williams, Norman Challinor, Alec Gould, Ted Jane, Norman Deakin and Jack Lambert were present. Ideas were put forward and suggestions made by John, which were discussed and thrashed out for the best part of four hours. A further meeting was called and brought immediate action. A committee consisting of John O'Sullivan (Chairman), Ron McEvoy (Vice-Chairman), Jack Lambert (Secretary), Dave Williams (Registrar) and also present were Joyce Randall, Norman Challinor, Ted Jane, Alec Gould, Norman Deakin, Mal Cray and Dave Wilson. Action stations were sounded and an opening date—Sunday, January 4th—was booked from 10 until 4 with a series of monthly sessions till May.

The availability of rooms and space, dates and co-operation from the Kirkby officials could not have been bettered. The price of hiring the hall was cheap by comparison with other stadii, so everything was going for us. The age limit would be 17, but we would prefer younger players. A fee would have to be paid to cover the hire of the hall and balls. Sandwiches should be brought although the canteen would be open for snacks and drinks. Numbers would have to be limited, as the big crunch against us was, we only had six tables. From the number of approximately 100 John somehow whittled it down to 36, which, he said, was the maximum number of players we could take on six tables although there is room for three, possibly four times as many tables.

On the 4th the complete panel turned up less Joyce and Norman Deakin, who were on a course at Lilleshall. The Wirral contingent didn't arrive, leaving us with 30 players. The day went very well with one small snag which did not affect the overall coaching.

We have had no complaints about the play, and as a matter of fact we have had about 300 applicants to come along.

No doubt we will hit snags from now on as young people WANT to learn to play table tennis and we have only SIX TABLES. Who can come? Who can't come?—there will be problems.

The next session is Sunday, February 22nd. I know I shouldn't have said that. We want more tables so that more young players can come along. Have you any ideas?

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J.A.L.

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Divisional Notes

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts
L'pool YMCA ..	14	13	0	1	121
Rafters	14	11	3	0	94
Eng. Electric ..	14	10	3	1	93
Palmerston	14	9	4	1	84
Wav. Labour	15	8	2	2	74
Trinity	14	6	5	3	72
Eng. Elec. 'A' ..	14	5	6	3	67
Bath St. 'A'	13	4	7	2	56
Trinity 'A'	13	3	7	3	54
Rafters 'A'	15	2	12	1	50
Bath St.	12	2	7	3	47
Colonsay	13	4	9	0	45
Wav. Lab. 'A' ..	13	2	11	0	36

Many teams often wonder "in what order will so and so play". Opposing captains try to manoeuvre their players to gain maximum points, others just write their team down and hope for the best. Some of us agree with this system, some don't. For instance, our individual champion, John McNee, has often played against reserves thrown in at No. 1, who, more often than not, has come from a much lower division than the first. Teams should play in order of strength. O.K.! sometimes there are two or three players of equal ability in a team. But apart from the odd exception, our Management Committee have a fair idea in what order teams should play. The only way to solve this apparent problem amicably is to formulate a premier division of three-a-side teams. If this proved to be successful, it could be extended throughout the league. For those of you who are interested, below I have compiled a fair play league table. Teams get one point if I think they have played in order of merit. I must stress, however, that this is a purely personal opinion of any team's order of play.—Palmerston: Games Played 11, Points Awarded 10; Trinity: G.P. 9, P.A. 7; Rafters: G.P. 8, P.A. 5; Trinity "A": G.P. 9, P.A. 5; Wavertree Labour "A": G.P. 10, P.A. 5; Y.M.C.A.: G.P. 11, P.A. 5; Bath St. "A": G.P. 11, P.A. 5; Eng. Elec.: G.P. 10, P.A. 4; Rafters "A": G.P. 11, P.A. 4; Eng. Elec. "A": G.P. 10, P.A. 3; Colonsay: G.P. 11, P.A. 3; Wav. Labour: G.P. 11, P.A. 3; Bath St.: G.P. 10, P.A. 0. It is shown by this table that teams must be wary of Bath St., for, in my opinion, they have not played in order of merit once in 10 games. I hope this table gives

team captains a little bit of extra information about their opponents, creates a little extra interest, and may even persuade a few people to put pen to paper and air their views to the editor.

The Redman Cup produced a few shock results. Palmerston, who are doing well in the league at the moment, were knocked out in the first round by Wav. Labour "A". This was largely due to reserves playing in both teams, with Wavertree coming off the better. Second Division Eng. Elec. "B" went down 4-6 to Bath St. "A", winning three out of five deuce of the games played.

The holders, Y.M.C.A., started off their defence of the cup with a 10-0 win over Trinity "A". The interesting point here being that Paul Tsang beat both Bill Harris and John Griffiths 21-19 in the third. Trinity were finalists last year and fought impressively to stay in the competition after being drawn against Eng. Elec. However, Eng. Elec juggled their team about sufficiently to win 6-4. The key to the game was the doubles. Here at Trinity we are facing the same old problem in the doubles and it cost us dear—losing both, and our place in the second round. Rafters beat Wav. Labour 7-3 and Colonsay went out 2-8 to Eng. Elec. "A" despite a double singles win for "Kojak" John O'Sullivan.

How are things doing in the league? Well, apart from Y.M.C.A. continuing to make me eat my pre-season's forecast, Palmerston have emerged as possible runners-up. In between a run of wins, however, they had a disappointing defeat at the hands of Eng. Elec. "A", when Fred Pheysey and Rod McPherson, Electric's ever-presents, were responsible for five out of Electric's six sets. This was followed by a couple of 6-4 home wins over Rafters "A" and Bath St.

Their only opposition in the following match was Tony O'Connor, winning his two singles for Colonsay in the 2-8 defeat by Palmerston. Palmerston's next home match had no less than six reserves playing. Trinity had to field a whole team of reserves while Palmerston had two reserves playing. The result was a 7-3 win for

Palmerston. Their next win was probably their finest against Wav. Labour. The score was 9-1 to Palmerston. Though looking at the scores it looked quite a tough match. Dave Roberts was twice beaten in the third set by Percival and Bryce, but for him, the consolation was the doubles, winning 25-23 in the third and thus salvaging a solitary point for Wav. Lab.

Incredibly Y.M.C.A. are surging forward in their defence of the league. They are unbeaten and must feel quite confident of perhaps pulling off the league and cup double again. Their results are impressive, they are regularly winning 9-1 and 10-0. The only team to put a halt to them this season has been Eng. Elec. again because the team was juggled about by the captain. Electric won 5 out of the 8 singles and then lost both doubles. It was pointed out to me that in the last issue I credited Bill Harris with a win over Peter Lee; sorry Peter! it was John Griffith. Well done John. The next half of the season may produce a team to halt Y.M.'s dominance of this division.

Eng. Elec., apart from their 5-5 draw with Y.M., are not producing much promise. They have in their team the No. 5 ranked City player and the two players who have been described to me as the best defender and top-spin players in the league. A thing that disturbs me is that their best player seems to play most of his matches at 3 or 4. Surely, if he is ranked so highly in Liverpool he should justify his ranking by playing the best players in Liverpool. So far this season he has done nothing to justify his high ranking.

The most disappointing team for me this season is Rafter's, my tip for the league. Well who would not tip them? Their team includes a Scottish international and two Lancs. County players, these being Marshall and Williams. These players are also ranked 1, 2 and 4 in the city. Their average of points per game is only 6.5. Many people feel that Brian Davey is not holding his own in the team, but he can be comforted by the fact that he is not ranked in the city like his team-mates, who are also losing quite regularly. Dave Roberts can now add his name to the growing list of players who have done the double over McNee and Marshall;

he beat McNee in three games and Marshall two straight.

It looks as if Wav. Labour "A" will go down. The only teams they are likely to catch are Rafter's "A" and Bath Street. Rafter's "A", promoted only last year, finished in a mid-table position, and they have been strengthened by the signing of Don Davies and Bill Crafter. So I expect them to start climbing steadily up the table. Rafter's best result of the season must be their 8-2 win over Eng. Elec. with Ferguson and Timewell starring, each winning two singles and a doubles with their respective partners.

A few words of warning to all in the New Year:—

If your cards are late—you will be fined.

If your players are late—their games will be claimed.

ERIC HARDMAN.

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts
L'pool Y.M. 'A' ..	14	13	1	0	110
Beauclair	14	10	4	0	92
Palmerston 'A' ..	13	10	3	0	89
Eng. Elec. 'B' ..	14	8	4	2	85
L'pool Jewish ..	13	10	3	0	83
Trinity 'B'	14	6	5	3	76
Police	15	5	5	5	73
Rafter's 'B'	15	6	7	2	69
Old Swan	11	8	3	0	67
Linacre	15	4	7	4	67
Bath St. 'B'	15	3	10	2	57
Colonsay 'B'	13	3	8	2	49
Colonsay 'A'	15	1	14	0	33
Waterloo Park ..	13	0	13	0	20

At the half-way stage the position at the top of this division is a little clearer but at the bottom the situation is closer than ever.

Rafter's "B" have now slipped badly from their middle position which I had predicted and are now heavily involved together with Linacre, Police, Bath St. "B" and Colonsay "B" in trying to avoid joining Colonsay "A" and Waterloo Park in relegation.

It is interesting to note that matches between these five clubs have been extremely close and an extraordinary number of drawn matches have resulted. The Police in particular have drawn all four matches. After drawing with Linacre and Colonsay "B" earlier in the season, they followed on with draws against Rafter's "B" in a match where Gareth Jones excelled in beating Bob Graves and

B. Jennings; and against Bath St. "B" where Barry McLeod showed once again that he is the main inspiration, beating Jack Letch and Alan Waddington easily. In this match Alec Gould also won both singles and if Bath St. are to keep their place they will undoubtedly owe much to Alec who, according to his average so far, looks out of place at No. 4. Bath St. drew with Linacre in a match where Alan Waddington won both singles, including a good win over Jack Davidson. They lost 3-7 to Colonsay "B" who on this occasion managed to have their big two, Harry Nelson and Barbara Kirkman in operation, contributing much to this score. Bob Graves won both his singles to inspire Rafter's to a 6-4 win over Bath St. Bob also fought hard against English Electric and must have felt frustrated in losing 21-19, 9-21, 22-24 to George Bradley and then even more narrowly 21-17, 19-21, 23-25 against Brian Crolley. This result of a 4-6 defeat, and similarly against Liverpool Jewish, going down 4-6 were both close but a 10-0 thrashing against the consistent Y.M.C.A. team has left them contending for a relegation position at Christmas.

Colonsay "B", too, are perilously placed at Christmas with 43 points from 11 matches. They would undoubtedly not be in this position if they could get their best players to turn up regularly. As it is the Colonsay club looks in chaos this season. After Colonsay "B" turned up with only three players and without their Nos. 1 and 2 against Palmerston, they received a 10-0 thrashing. Also with only three players against Linacre and with Jack Davidson in form beating Harry Nelson and Dave Piper, they lost 2-8. This certainly gave Palmerston and Linacre an advantage and seems unfair to other clubs struggling for points against a full-strength team. Let us hope that Colonsay "B" can turn out a full-strength team consistently for the second half. If not, they seem certain to be relegated.

Of this struggling group, Linacre are most comfortably placed at Christmas with 62 points, two points ahead of Police and seven and nine points ahead of Rafter's "B" and Bath St. "B". This is undoubtedly due largely to Jack Davidson's inspiration. It is interesting, if you get the chance, to

look through the Linacre archives going back many years. Amongst other things, they indicate matches against Beauclair nine years ago when both the Linacre and Beauclair teams were much the same as today and were playing in the first division. If my memory serves me correctly Jack is a much-improved player now. He certainly showed some sparkling hitting in beating Ted Birch, of Beauclair, easily. After my write-up of Frank Lacey in the last edition, Frank showed some degree of ingratitude against me in this match, calling me a "jammy dog" during the process of my narrow win against him. At least this was not as bad as I first thought, that I had been called a "dirty dog". Although well known for odd lapses into obscenity, I am relieved that I did not deserve that. Frank proved as awkward to play against as ever and looks like going on for ever.

Those teams now almost certain to be relegated, Waterloo Park and Colonsay "A", are not letting their lack of success daunt their enthusiasm or competitive spirit. At Waterloo Park Tony Delamere plays with much determination and has notable successes over John Henshaw, of Liverpool Jewish, Paul Taylor, of Bath St., and a double against Rafter's, beating Bob Graves and Peter Rumjahn. I can't understand why he plays himself at No. 3 in the team. Bill Spencer hit form against Beauclair overcoming the diverse styles of Birch and Allen. Colonsay "A" have pooled together a number of their younger players, the most regular being Peter Dunne, who did well to beat Barbara Kirkman in the local "derby" against their "B" team, and P. Coyle helping in the team's first win of the season against Waterloo Park, by beating Spencer and Ross. These young players, both using the modern style, are obviously losing matches through lack of experience, but if they persist I am sure they will soon be a notable force in the league. I note that John O'Sullivan is now playing irregularly, having a notable success in a close match against John Hodges in a match where the team did well to take four points from Liverpool Jewish.

At the top of the table it is a little clearer with some of the early runners losing ground. Most notable in this category is Trinity

"B", the only team to beat Y.M.C.A. so far. They have not won against any of the other promotion contenders, losing 4-6 to Palmerston, 4-6 to Liverpool Jewish and 2-8 to Beauclair. Their most disastrous result was a 3-7 defeat by Linacre, with Harry Reeve winning both singles including a win over John Higham by 15-21, 21-16, 24-22. English Electric and Liverpool Jewish are similarly placed at Christmas and have some ground to make up on the leaders. When these teams played each other English Electric won 6-4 with perhaps the most crucial match being George Bradley's win over John Hodges. Against Y.M.C.A. "A" the ever-reliable Brian Crolley had a superb match, beating Ted Mandaluff and Harry Johnson in straight games, and going on with Alan Jones to be the only doubles combination to beat the tricky Y.M. combination of Mandaluff and Fagan. However, with George Bradley in poor form, they lost 4-6. The shock result of the season—a defeat 2-8 to the Police—has set them with some ground to catch up on the leaders. All the Police team did well on this occasion with Gareth Jones in particular excelling himself to beat George Bradley. Now that Les French appears to have settled in the 3rd Division, Liverpool Jewish have lost ground.

Old Swan remain a mystery, as they have postponed four matches, including vital clashes with English Electric and Trinity. They have been at a disadvantage throughout November and December without Dave Crispin and as a result suffered a 9-1 defeat at the hands of Y.M.C.A. However, generally the team has done very well in his absence, recording 9-1 wins over the Police and Rafter's "B". Dave returned for his first match in the New Year against a very determined Beauclair and could not prevent them going down 3-7. This reversal of the first score of the season was mainly due to much improved playing by Frank Murphy and myself, both winning two singles each. Particularly impressive was Frank's defeat of Dave in a fascinating match which swung first one way and then another. John Linforth strikes me as a much improved player, beating Mick Allen, taking Ted Birch very close and linking up well with Dave Crispin to win the doubles.

Note also he was the only player to win against Y.M.C.A., beating Jim Clewett.

In second and third positions at Christmas, with only four points between them, are Beauclair and Palmerston, and I feel that these teams will be fighting it out throughout the season for promotion. Beauclair were hanging on to second place until they came unstuck in the heat at Bath St., a venue where they invariably never do well. If Alec Gould could lay on some steam, the hut could double up as a sauna bath. The Bath St. players all played well, particularly Paul Taylor, beating Ted Birch and Mick Allen, to help in a 6-4 win for Bath St. Palmerston have benefitted from a strange decision at the Y.M.C.A. to drop Ian Burrows in place of Harry Johnson, who has come out of retirement. Ian immediately transferred to Palmerston and their recent results show how much he has strengthened their team. In one of the key matches of the season against Y.M.C.A., Ian no doubt derived some satisfaction from beating Harry Johnson, but could not prevent Palmerston going down 4-6. Roy Bradbury had a good match, beating Neil Fagan and Harry Johnson. Perhaps with the consistent Arthur Hayes in the team they might do better in the return match.

Emerging at Christmas now as clear favourites for the top place is Liverpool Y.M.C.A. "A". Undoubtedly much of their dominance is due to Ted Mandaluff, who I expect to top the Division averages. What surprises me is that Ted continues to play himself at varying positions in the team from one to three. He is supported by Neil Fagan, Harry Johnson and Jim Clewett, who also do not lose many.

Their first doubles combination with Ted's varying chop and Neil Fagan's effective loop, provides problems which few doubles combinations can counter. Mick Allen and Ted Birch went down narrowly 25-23, 15-21, 20-22 and this Beauclair combination of chop and loop has been successful this season, being one of the few doubles teams to beat the strong Crolley/Jones combination of English Electric. I feel that doubles is a much neglected art and teams ignore it at their peril. Teams who have

perhaps slipped through weak combinations are Trinity "B" and Bath St. "B".

In the first round of the Rumjahn Cup a keenly-fought contest was fought between Y.M.C.A. and English Electric. George Bradley put his team in with a chance with wins over Neil Fagan and Ian Burrows, as well as a doubles win with Bill Ellard but could not prevent them going down 4-6, a score repeated later in the league. With Old Swan without Dave Crispin, Bath St. "B" forced a draw but Dave came back to help win the replay. Trinity "B" were involved in a close round with Police, Don Chalkley doing well to beat Tom Killip and Dave Newton. In another close contest with eight matches going to three sets, Linacre beat Rafter's 6-4. These winners join Liverpool Jewish beating Colonsay "A", Palmerston "A" beating Colonsay "B" and Beauclair and Waterloo Park with byes, in the next round.

"HARRY".

DIVISION 3A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Palmerston 'B'	15	13	0	2	126
Maghull	15	13	0	2	116
Elec. Supply	15	13	0	2	107
Police 'A'	16	8	5	3	88
Bath St. 'C'	15	10	3	2	83
L'pool Y.M. 'C'	15	7	6	2	77
Beauclair 'A'	15	7	7	1	75
Eng. Elec. 'D'	15	4	9	2	65
Bath St. 'D'	13	4	7	2	59
Trinity 'D'	14	5	8	1	52
Wav. Lab. 'C'	15	4	8	3	51
Crawford's	16	1	13	2	51
Cadwa 'A'	14	2	12	0	46
Vagabonds 'A'	15	1	14	0	44

First I must apologise for the inaccurate comments I made in the last notes. When I wrote them I only had about three cards from each team to go on, and the published league table was, of course, more up to date and made me a liar. Also in the last mag. one of my fellow penmen described this division as 3A rubbish. I don't intend to mount a counter-attack, as I consider it my job to merely comment on the division I play in—and to leave all the side spinners to the Editor.

A clear pattern is now developing in the table with Palmerston establishing their place at the top, and Maghull and Elec. Supply in

contention for the remaining promotion spot. The next six teams are bunched fairly close together, enjoying the best of the season without a lot to fight for. Of the last four teams, Vagabonds are in the most vulnerable position, and it's still anybody's guess to say who joins them.

With experienced players like Stan Harvey, Eddie Cameron and A. Harrison to call on, as well as K. Jones and A. Leigh, Crawford's must surely do better in the second half. Their best result so far is a fighting draw against Eng. Elec., but turning up at Cadwa a man short helped them go down 8-2 in what may well be a relegation decider at the end.

Wavertree Labour's big problem is getting all their best players together on the night, and if Mr. Walkover plays in their team a few more times they'll be in real trouble. Brian Jessop, as captain and the only ever-present, has helped his side to draw with Crawford's and Trinity, and beat Cadwa 6-4, but their results in other matches are pulling them back.

With a 10-0 walkover conceded to Maghull and two matches postponed, Cadwa are running into fixture problems—funny how the teams who need the points the most are usually the ones who are the most generous with them, yet when Cadwa turn up they put in quite respectable performances, for Rob Davies, Ken Guy, Keith Williams and Chris Roberts only losing 6-4's to the Police and Y.M., is a good effort.

After a run of predictable scores Trinity "D" had an inspired night when they beat the Y.M. 7-3, Alan Hall had a good win in the third over Ahmed Thabet, Ray Wainwright won his two, and Alan Johnson and Stan Smith won one each to go with both the doubles.

Bath St. "D" and Eng. Elec. "D" are holding the middle of the table and when the teams met, the result was an honourable draw. What a fine prospect Graeme Black is. When you meet this young man make the most of it, for it is obvious he will be playing first division before long—especially as Eng. Elec. is a club where youth is no barrier to promotion.

In the Bath St. side Eugene Berger is causing problems for his

opponents, bringing back memories of Richard Bergman, for he is making players recall how they used to play the choppers 10 years or so back.

Father Christmas came early to Crosby when Beauclair turned up to play Bath St. without Bill Leeming and Harold Willcock. Bath St. had all the luck as well as the results and came out with a shock 10-0 win.

After a flying (or should I say Sweeney?) start to the season, the Police "A" have slipped back a bit, having lost to the three leaders, drawn with Bath St. "C" and surprisingly went down 8-2 to Beauclair. I must mention George Wright again. He had a great night at Palmerston where he beat Phil Luxon and Alan Maquire, and added a doubles with Alan Wood for his team's only points.

Liverpool Y.M. "C" are another team using a lot of reserves, losing 7-3 to Trinity one week and beating Wavertree Labour 10-0 the next. Apart from Emperor Roscoe, watch out for Ahmed Thabet, a player with a lot of natural ability, who is building up an impressive average with wins over players like Bill Leeming, Stan Smith and Stan Harvey. Bath St. "C" have pulled themselves up to fourth place by being the most consistent team in the division. Requiring no reserves, all four players are giving 100% in effort as well as attendance, and the beer at half-time makes a very acceptable substitute for tea. Brian Cunningham may not be the best No. 4 in the division but he's certainly the most determined.

In the dizzy heights near the top, Maghull and Elec. Supply are producing almost carbon copy results against the same opponents. The teams drew when they met, and Maghull have the honour of being the only team to hold Palmerston to a draw. This was Ian Blore's night with a triple win over Bob Hudson, Phil Luxon and the Luxon Bros. in the doubles. Gordon Brownlee can put a notch in his bat for beating Paul Morgan 20-22, 24-22, 21-18. Maghull were also the side who had a gift of 10 points from Cadwa, this one walk-over possibly deciding both the promotion and relegation issues.

Our division has its fair share of teams in the quarter-finals of the Hyde Cup, and with Maghull

to play Police "A", and Elec. Supply meeting Palmerston "B", we are certain to have two teams in the semis. Fun and games at Kirkby Stadium recently. Yours truly had the job of grading 30-odd Juniors into six groups according to playing ability. On completion Chief Coach whispered: "You've put the County 1 and 2 in the bottom group"! Ever seen a six-foot coach walk under a table without stooping?

TED JANE.

DIVISION 4A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Fire Service	15	12	2	1	115
Maghull 'A'	14	12	0	2	109
L'pool Jewish 'B'	14	11	1	2	99
Polytechnic	15	10	5	0	97
Rafters 'D'	13	8	2	3	85
Police 'C'	14	5	6	3	66
Eng. Elec. 'F'	15	5	8	2	64
Bedford House	13	4	8	1	57
Cadwa 'B'	13	5	6	2	56
Police 'E'	13	4	9	0	42
L'pool Jewish 'C'	11	1	8	2	37
Barker & Dobson	12	0	12	0	19
Orrell 'B'	10	0	10	0	12

After only two seasons in the heady heights of the third division, any illusion that 4A would provide a nice, easy season has soon been shattered. In welcoming all the newcomers, myself back in the position of scribe, and everybody to the new season, it is nice to report the division is as strong and highly competitive as ever. We have lost Stanley House and Linnets, Orrell "B" having, however, stepped in to take over the latter's fixtures. This was thanks to Barry and Peter Meyer signing for Orrell, after A.P.H. failed to raise a full side. Barry must be particularly sad after his brave attempt to maintain a name that will always remain historical in the annals of the league.

Maghull's hard-fought draw at the Fire Service must be the most significant result of the season so far, as surely both teams will be involved with the championship struggle to the finish. Dave Watson stepped in as reserve, being defeated in straight sets by Ernie Owens and Ray Gavin. He did contribute to Maghull, winning both doubles however, but Eric Taylor was their real hero, defeating Sherburn 20-22, 21-19, 19-21, and Gavin. For Fire Brigade, J. Bird did sterling work, defeating Howarth and Smethurst 21 and 14 respectively

in the third. I am going to stick my neck out and say the Fire Service's strength in depth and their glamorous supporters' club, will tip the scales their way. I can hear the cries of outrage now from the Cohens, Dorman and Richardson, otherwise known as Jewish "B" at this statement as they have already recorded two 10-0 wins over Police "F" and Barker & Dobson. All four mentioned players are very experienced and must fancy their chances if they can field their strongest side.

Somewhere along the line the Editor tells me that the above was unfortunately omitted from the last Mag., which was an oversight somewhere down the line. Personally, I think it was in favour of the "French" version of "War and Peace". I thought you may be interested in my predictions, because the position is still very much the same. Although teams like Rafter's "D" are making life very hard for the leading group with results like 5-5 versus Jewish "B" and a great 7-3 victory over Fire Brigade, Jerry O'Keefe winning both his singles on each occasion.

Peter Overend put in a great performance to beat the in-form pair of Electric "F" (i.e., Colin Pratt and Jack Lambert) but even so, his team could only manage a draw. Cadwa "B's" clash at Police "F" was notable because it is rare for a middle of the table game to have all 10 sets finish two straight. Cadwa won 6-4, the three Powers and K. Guy all won one singles each and J. Tulip replied with a double for Police. Orrell "B" had picked up some useful points in their desperate struggle to avoid the "Wooden Spoon" against Police "F", only just going down 6-4. Both they and Barker & Dobson are finding it very difficult to win sets, especially against the top group. Fire Service confirmed my confidence in their championship chances, winning at Jewish "B" 8-2 (Sherburn and Joe Bird, two each). Dave Cohen's team must have been quite despondent about this result on their own table, and to top it off they lost both doubles.

C. Blackburn (Jewish "C") beat A. Smethurst (Maghull) 21-16, 16-21, 20-22; Peter Meyer (Orrell) beat Pete Roberts (Bedford) 13-21, 22-24; Les Travis (Barker & D.) beat J. Reynolds 10-21, 21-17.

20-22; Colin Fyles (Electric "F") beat Dick Watson (Maghull) 16-21, 21-13, 21-3; and Alex Anderson (Poly) 22-20, 22-24, 21-13. On each occasion, these results all prevented a 10-0 scoreline. My own best performance of the season was to beat Maghull's Eric Taylor, but in fairness to him, I must mention he had a bad fall in a previous game and was badly shaken. Even so, he took me to 22-20 in the third, and I'm not relishing the return, even though I believe they have a new table.

I see there is a revival of interest at Rafter's from the ladies in the form of Eileen Mansell, Pauline Lawrenson and Jean Reynolds. It is good to see stalwarts from the ladies' divisions still going strong, and all liable to make us men sit up and take notice, by playing excellent table tennis.

KEN BRADY.

DIVISION 4B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Orrell	14	12	1	1	108
Palmerston 'C'	14	14	0	0	108
Maghull 'B'	14	7	6	1	87
Rafter's 'E'	14	9	4	1	83
Eng. Elec. 'G'	13	8	4	1	82
St. Hugh's	12	8	2	2	80
Trinity 'E'	13	6	6	1	66
Cadwa 'C'	13	4	8	1	56
L'pool Jewish 'D'	14	3	11	0	56
Police 'E'	13	4	8	1	55
Police 'D'	14	4	9	1	50
Fazak. Hosp.	13	2	11	0	22
Colonsay 'D'	11	0	11	0	7

As the league table shows, the battle for division champions is being waged between Orrell and Palmerston "C", both teams playing well and picking up points, but both dropping unexpected games, Orrell being held to a draw by Trinity "E", Palmerston winning by the smallest margin over Rafter's "E", Maghull "B" and St. Hugh's, although I understand Palmerston did win their match against Orrell, with a team strengthened for the night by the inclusion of K. Davies.

The third spot seems to be wide open with only six points separating four teams, English Electric "G", St. Hugh's, Rafter's "E" and Maghull "B", but my money is on St. Hugh's, who would appear to have the strongest line-up with the brothers McAlle and P. Begley, all of whom are difficult to beat. Eng. Electric "G" and Rafter's "E" both play young teams with a single

father figure to help them along and this policy is paying off for them.

The next four places are taken by Trinity "E", Cadwa "C" and Police "E" and "D". I would think that all of these clubs must feel a little depressed at finding themselves in the bottom half of the division, as they all have good players at their disposal, but seem to lack a little consistency when under pressure. Kevin Cullen, back after a long illness, is playing well for Trinity, but not having much luck, e.g., losing to Clarke, of Maghull 23-21, 13-21, 21-23 (sorry about those nets, Kevin). In that match six games went to three, but Trinity finished up losing 10-0—that must be bad luck. For Cadwa, Carol Flood, D. Massie and Fred Biggs are producing the occasional win but are not having the impact I thought they might. The problem for the Police teams is easy to see, for you only have to look at the number of players they have used to see that the teams are different every week almost. I should think that if they were able to field the same four each week their results would improve.

That leaves only the three bottom teams to mention, Jewish "D", Fazakerley Hospital and Colonsay "D". There is not a lot I can say about these teams, except that Fazakerley have not helped their cause by conceding two walk-overs, but I understand they are having trouble finding players. Jewish and Colonsay, despite their being beaten, are fulfilling their fixtures, and the experience they are gaining can only stand their young players in good stead for the future—provided they don't become too despondent. Eric Young, of Jewish, is doing a good job of helping his young players and as a result has some good wins to his credit, notably over Tony Luxon, Alun Williams, Carol Flood and Stan Clarke (twice). There have been a number of personal successes saving whitewashes, E. Young, Jewish 16-21, 21-16, 21-12 over Tony Luxon; I. Spedding, Police "E" v English Electric "G"; R. Dawson, Fazakerley v E. McCormack, Police "D"; Sue Hughes, Maghull v Ken Miller Orrell Julian Quirk, Jewish, beating both Jock Catterson and Jim Conway, Police; Cathy Gore, Jewish v Jeff Banks, Maghull, and D. Southwark and P.

McLoughlin, Trinity, winning four singles in the draw with Orrell.

There have also been some very close games, P. Challoner, Colonsay, losing to Ken Miller 25-23, 16-21, 21-19; Lil Wynne beating J. Prescott 22-24, 23-21, 21-19; J. Reynolds losing to Pete Wilson 19-21, 21-19, 15-21; Reynolds and Conroy beating G. McAlle and P. Begley 19-21, 22-20, 20-22.

I must say how pleased I am to see so many young players in the division. It must be the highest number of young players in one division I have seen since I started playing in 19....? Of the many, the ones that have taken my eye the most are G. Maher and C. Roberts, of Rafter's, Cathy Gore and Anne Carling, of Jewish, Connor, Parker, Cheng and Carron, of English Electric, and Steve Farr, of Maghull, not all winners every week, but players that I feel have the ability, if given the necessary encouragement.

In conclusion, may I wish you all a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year, and may you achieve all the "nets" and "edges" you desire, except when you play me, of course!

STAN CLARKE.

DIVISION 5A

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Kirkby	16	15	1	0	123
Trinity 'J'	14	12	1	1	110
Vagabonds 'B' ..	15	10	2	3	94
Trinity 'F'	14	9	3	2	82
Maghull 'C'	13	6	4	3	78
Trinity 'T'	14	6	7	1	75
Orrell 'A'	13	6	5	2	71
Bath St. 'G'	10	7	2	1	63
Trinity 'H'	14	4	8	2	58
Bohemians	15	3	9	3	56
Trinity 'G'	14	3	11	0	44
Crawford's 'A' ..	14	2	10	2	42
Faz. Hosp. 'A' ..	10	1	9	0	19
St. Katherine's ..	10	0	10	0	15

Unfortunately, there has not been any notes submitted for this division.

DIVISION 5B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Fire Service 'A' ..	13	13	0	0	117
Bath St. 'F'	14	12	1	1	117
Vagabonds 'C' ..	14	9	2	3	95
Wav. Lab. 'D' ..	14	8	4	2	80
Wav. Lab. 'E' ..	12	7	2	3	79
Kirkby 'A'	14	7	7	0	66
Nat. Giro.	11	7	2	2	66
L'pool Jewish 'E'	13	2	8	3	55
Bohemians 'C' ..	12	4	8	0	44
Woolton 'A'	13	3	9	1	38
Trinity 'K'	11	1	9	1	28
Bohemians 'A' ..	13	1	12	0	25
Cadwa 'D'	12	1	11	0	20

NOTE.—Bohemians 'D' record expunged. The club having given three walk-overs lose one team.

Events in this division are following the predicted pattern with Fire Service 'A' firmly entrenched as leaders and eventual champions. They showed their strength when they disposed of their only possible rivals, Bath St. 'F' with a convincing 8-2 win. Only Ken Nelson was successful for Bath St. in the singles, beating John Watson 19 and 18. Only one set went to three games when Ken and Ron George-son won their doubles. Only Wav. Labour. 'E' have taken more than two sets from them when losing 6-4. No doubt Fire Service will be looking to dispose of them in the return as convincingly as they have disposed of any other rivals. They seem to have an abundance of reserves who have all shown themselves capable of winning as regularly as the rest of the team.

Bath St. 'F' have also drawn well clear to establish themselves as eventual runners-up. Apart from a 6-4 win against Jewish 'E' early in the season and a draw against Wav. Lab. 'E', their results have all been convincing and include eight 10-0's. Like Fire Service, they seem to have plenty of good reserves to call on.

The other probable contenders have failed to come up to expectations, mainly due to weakness in the "tail" and lack of good reserves. Giro are one who have suffered due to this. I hear they have now lost the services of Tim McCoy, leaving B. Hanson to shoulder the burden of the main sets winner. Against Bohemians 'A' they won the top four singles only to lose the bottom four and only success in the doubles got them home 6-4.

Jewish 'E' made a good start but calls on players for higher teams, followed by a reshuffle, cost them their best players. They did manage a draw against Vagabonds 'C' and exposed Vagabonds' own weaknesses. David Skulnick added to his good record with a fine two straight win over Dave Davies 22 and 19. A good win this, as Dave is not the easiest of players to beat, as many of us have found out.

Vagabonds 'C' and Wav. Lab. 'E' could have been challenging Bath St. 'F' for second place, but lack the all-round strength and good reserve strength needed to make a successful challenge. Their meeting ended in a draw with Dave Davies winning his three and ending the unbeaten run of Jeff Pownall in the process.

Wav. Lab. 'D' have temporarily lost the service of Amy Bell, who fell down some stairs at Christmas, cracking a couple of ribs in the process. It was my "painful" duty, as secretary, to fine her for injuring herself without the secretary's permission. We all wish her a speedy recovery, especially our treasurer, who is anxious to swell our funds. As this is equality year, we had to make the fine £2. Being a male chauvinist pig I was against this as I will never accept that women can be equal to us. I favoured £5.

Kirkby 'A' have justified my remarks in the last issue and look likely to finish in the top half of the table. They brought in Muriel Cox for the first time this season when playing Wav. Lab. 'D' and she duly obliged them by winning her two singles. I suppose you could call that move fighting fire with fire. Nevertheless, Wav. Lab. 'D' won 6-4 and providing I provide them with reasonable reserves they will still be in with a chance of overhauling the "E" team. Paul Brown was Kirkby's lone winner against Fire Service beating W. Livingstone 21-23, 21-18, 19-21, and losing as narrowly to J. Watson 12-21, 22-20, 22-20.

At the bottom of the division enthusiasm continues unabated. With the promotion issue already settled and relegation non-existent, a certain amount of indifference would be expected, but this is not the case in this division. When playing Cadwa "D" I mentioned the

probability of their finishing bottom but they assured me there was no chance of this happening. They were confident of improved results in the second half of the season and felt sure they would not even finish next to bottom. I can only wish them well and will be watching their future progress with interest, for several of the teams in the bottom half also have the same enthusiasm.

Woolton "A" are still with us, although they have already conceded one 10-0 walk-over. They are doing quite well with four wins and a draw to their credit. Their previous appearances in the league have ended in expulsion or withdrawal due to conceding too many walk-overs; this season they are hopeful of completing their fixtures.

Trevor Jones (Trinity "K") has now found some support with the introduction of Frank Tames and as a result they have now started picking up match wins with victories over Bohemians "A" and "D". If this improvement continues we can expect them to reverse some of their first half results—watch out Cadwall!

Bohemians "D" remain firmly anchored on the bottom with only Frank Elvers picking up the sets. He had a good win against Giro when he beat Tim McCoy 21-23

in the third. Bohemians' ranking seems to be adrift somewhere, as the "C" team is doing much better than their "A". They have also used only four players whereas the "A" have used 12.

Our two representatives in the "Stamp" Cup have both drawn strong Trinity teams in the quarter-finals but I am confident they will not let us down. If they are successful and the next draw favours us we could well have an all 5B Final.

KEN ARMSON

(Note Phone No.: 486 3073).

Will clubs please note.—Matches due to be played in weeks 1 to 13 before Xmas must be played by 2nd April. Failure to play will result in the away team being awarded a walk-over 10-0.

It should be noted that Rule 20 expels a team from a club giving three walk-overs.

How about the Mag. trying to find the player with the longest consecutive playing career and the youngest player with a full season played—or the longest-serving secretary. Perhaps some small prize could be given at the dance?

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DIVISION 3B

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Cadwa	15	9	1	5	97
L'pool Y.M. 'B' ..	15	10	1	4	96
Eng. Elec. 'C' ..	15	9	2	4	93
Bath St. 'E'	16	7	5	4	89
Vagabonds	14	8	2	4	79
Old Swan 'A'	15	5	7	3	74
L'pool Jewish 'A' ..	14	6	5	3	73
Eng. Elec. 'E' ..	15	6	6	3	72
Rafters 'C'	13	5	5	3	70
Trinity 'C'	13	4	5	4	65
Woolton	14	3	8	3	61
Police 'B'	15	3	11	1	53
Colonsay 'C'	15	4	9	2	52
Wav. Lab. 'B'	15	1	13	1	46

Unfortunately, notes for Div. 3B arrived too late for publication.

Don't forget

the Dance

Look how eagerly the players and officials all advance—they are off to Huyton Centre—won't you come and join the dance?

Tickets are available from John McKim, 52 Paignton Road, Liverpool, L16 4PW, for the Dinner-Dance at the Huyton Suite, to celebrate our 50th Anniversary—price £4—cheques payable to the Liverpool T.T. League with a S.A.E.

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