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Congratulations to the following teams who have dedicated themselves to top class performances throughout the past season: Div.1. Wavertree Labour; Div.2. Liverpool Y.M.C.A. 'B'. (Who comes down when we go up?) Div.3A Kirkby; Division 3B Liverpool Jewish 'A'; Div. 4A Harding; Div. 5A Waterloo Park 'A'; Div.5B Aigburth. Some terrific fights here (I quote without seeing the final tables) tough on the Royden Brothers of Trinity 'H' and new boys from Princess Park Meths. Div.4B Elec.Supply 'A'. Another terrific end to the season. A great Merseyside Open at Kirkby Sports Centre hailed by all for the excellent layout and standard of play, thanks to Barclays Bank Ltd., the co-operation of Kirkby Sports Centre and Brian Leeson and his team with special mentions for Bill Leeming, Ken Black and Ken Armson. The Editor had a ten minute spot on Radio Merseyside's Sports Report, we had the masterly final on B.B.C.2's Top Table between Surbek and Orłowski and at English Electric we had the truly magnificent Granada Area Final between Rhyl and Liverpool, this was a one off GREAT - ask anyone who was there!

Congratulations to Jim Tyrer B.E.M., (Merseyside Police) on his award from the Queen, for services to the youth of Knowsley which must include Table Tennis - I hope. Barclays Bank (L'Pool) 7; Barclays Bank (Manchester) 3; Kevin Parker (Eng.Elec.) and Bill Crafter (Raffers) were amongst the Liverpool team, so we have helped to repay the local Barclays management a little!

Our condolences go to Edna Moore one of our very charming lady players of a bygone era who recently lost her husband Frank, also a popular player and one time league fixture secretary, they both played for Oakhill and kept in touch with the league through Nabel Neary who delivers a copy of the Digest regularly.

I withdraw my remarks of 'put up or shut up' - there are many reasons why people may not put up, but very few reasons why they should shut up.

THE BARCLAYS BANK 1978 MERSEYSIDE TWO STAR OPEN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Barclays Bank 1978 Merseyside Tournament, held at Kirkby Sports Centre on Friday and Saturday 17 and 18 March, proved to be a great success. The top prize of £50 in the Men's Singles was won by Jimmy Walker. After four comfortable wins over B.Corney S.Mills, P.Lee, and Phil Bowen, all in two straight, Jimmy then found Alan Griffiths and Nigel Eckersley more difficult in the Q-Final and S-Final, needing three games each to secure his place in the final. Here he met, perhaps unexpectedly the in-form Kevin Beadsley who had earlier knocked out local player Keith Williams (an ex Liverpool Champion)

then Gerry Graham - Scotland No:6, Donald Parker, seeded No:1 on the Tournament, and next in the semi-final another seeded player Dougie Johnson. The final itself however, turned out to be an easy win for Jimmy who was never in any trouble and gained the title most convincingly. In the Men's Doubles, Alan Griffiths and Peter McQueen won through without dropping a game at any stage. Their defeated opponents were: S.Cowley/A.Kilburn; G.Reid/M.Owen; B.Carney/R.Frankland; N.Thomas/P.Beck; M.Smith/C.Sewell and finally D.Johnson/D.Johnson. The two Johnsons had to overcome J.Walker/M.Johns and N.Eckersley/A.Fletcher in the Q-F and S-F but the Final was a two straight win for the Wales/Cleveland pair. Melody Ludi had no problems in taking the Women's title. All her sets were two straight wins, including her Final win against Suzanne Hunt. Up to the Final, Suzanne had also achieved very convincing wins over her opponents. In the Doubles Melody teamed up with Lynn Fennah, a scratch pairing, to take the title from the locals, Barbara Kirkman and Suzanne Alexander. After Kevin Beadsley's exciting progress in the Men's Singles, he was naturally expected to take the Boy's title without any problems. He had already defeated five opponents without conceding a game. Nigel Thomas however, ranked number two in Wales, had other ideas. He hit Kevin out of sight in the first game, 9, and although the English number one made more of a fight of it in the second, victory went to the Welsh player in two straight. Karen Smart of Derby became the new Girl's Singles Champion with a three games win over Lynne Fennah, while Peter D'Arcy recorded another Veterans Final title after his two straight games defeat of Jack Evans. Many players and visiting officials commented to me on the excellence of the playing conditions and the facilities generally at this new venue, Kirkby Sports Centre and all were unanimous in recommending that the Centre be used again for future tournaments. Although it must be said that this Merseyside was an undoubted success, I must also say that this success could not have been achieved without the help of such a large team of assistants who volunteered their services. I would like here to record my personal thanks to everyone involved in the running of the event and a special thank you to our sponsor Barclays Bank, without whose help the Tournament would not have been possible in the first place.

Brian Leeson (Referee).

MEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER FINALS: K. Beadsley beat D.Parker 21/17; 16/21; 22/20. D.Johnson beat P.McQueen 21/13; 21/13. N. Eckersley beat M.Johns 21/13; 24/22. J.Walker beat A.Griffiths 21/10; 18/21; 21/17. SEMI-FINALS: K.Beadsley beat D.Johnson 21/12; 19/21; 21/15. J.Walker beat N.Eckersley 21/15; 15/21; 22/20. FINAL: J.Walker beat K.Beadsley 21/10; 21/12. MEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER FINALS: N.Eckersley/A.Fletcher beat D.Parker/P.Bowen 21/19; 21/17. D.Johnson beat B.Johnson beat J.Walker/M.Johns 21/16; 21/14. G.Sewell/M.Smith beat S.Mills/M.Kinsella 21/17; 16/21; 21/18. A.Griffiths/P.McQueen beat N.Thomas/P.Beck 21/11; 21/11. SEMI-FINALS: D.Johnson/B.Johnson beat N.Eckersley/A.Fletcher 15/21; 21/17; 21/15. A.Griffiths/P.McQueen beat C.Sewell/M.Smith 23/21; 22/20. FINAL: A.Griffiths/P.McQueen beat D.Johnson/B.Johnson 22/20; 21/14. WOMEN'S SINGLES-QUARTER FINALS: M.Ludi beat Mrs. P.French 21/15; 21/11. L.Fennah beat Mrs. S.Alexander 21/12; 21/18. J.Le Page beat J.Myers 24/22; 16/21; 21/17.. S.Hunt beat J.Carr 21/12; 21/9. SEMI-FINALS M.Ludi beat L.Fennah 21/11; 21/17. S.Hunt beat J.Le Page 21/12; 21/10. FINAL; M.Ludi beat S.Hunt 21/19; 21/11.

JUNIOR BOYS - SINGLES: K.Beadsley beat R.Freeley 21/1; 21/12; D.Gray beat P.Hoy 21/17; 21/16; N. Thomas beat R.Palfreeman 19/21; 21/13; 21/17; P.Rainford beat T.Hatton 15/21; 21/17; 21/8. SEMI-FINALS: K.Beadsley beat D.Gray 21/14; 21/13; N.Thomas beat P.Rainford 10/21; 21/12; 21/13. FINALS: N.Thomas beat K.Beadsley 21/9; 21/19; JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES: SEMI-FINALS: K.Smart beat M.Gray 2; 12; 21/11; L.Fennah beat B.Gray 2; 17; 21/10; FINAL: K.Smart beat L.Fennah 23/25; 21/15; 21/15:

VETERANS SINGLES - SEMI-FINALS: P.D'Arcy beat W.Harris 21/3; 21/9; J.Evans beat J.Stoodley 21/8; 21/18; FINAL: P.D'Arcy beat J.Evans 21/10; 21/11.

Referee: Brian Leeson.

Pete McQueen incidentally is doing a marvellous public relations job for table tennis at Butlins Holiday Camp, Filey. Sponsored by Halax who are providing balls, tables and excellent weekly prizes for winners. I believe it is Pete's personal touch that is a winner.

The News of the World tells me Jackie Wilson (Trinity) was a recent winner.

Well Mike lad, you did it again. For the second year running my tip for the top flopped and Harding really let me know what they thought of me, by thrashing Trinity 10-0 to clinch the title. All credit however to Messrs Hargreaves, Williams, Elson and Stenson for a great display of consistency. But what of Dutch's ? level for so much of the season, they let it slip in the last two months. Harding beat them 8-2 and they only managed six against Bath St. and Wavertree Labour. In the end there was a comfortable margin for Harding. The best feature of this season has been the number of close matches involving teams in the middle of the table. Trinity and Crawfords fought out a draw, with Ray Mooney's 21/15; 12/21; 22/20 win over Ken Jones the highlight of the night, although Joan Mounaghans three wins were equally important. Closest game of the night was Alan Leigh's win over me 21/19; 21/23; 22/20. More close stuff from Trinity with another draw against Liverpool Jewish, two wins for Warren Davies and Roger Bennion but Mike Corcoran doing likewise for Trinity, seven sets went to three.

Bohemians have done very well in their first season in the fourth. Ken Davies has been their outstanding player, a double over English Electric helped his side to a draw, while Alan Kiel beat Nick Ryan and Kevin Cullen of Vags 'A' as Bohs picked up four very useful points. Maghull unfortunately have not done as well, our 'Veteran' friends Pattinson, Gill and Gibson finding the going a bit tough, but young Steve McGarrity showed good form in beating John Sinn 21/11; 8/21; 21/17. Frank Pattinson had a good win over G. McAlle 7/21; 22/20; 21/19. The McAlle brothers of St. Hughs have done all the point winning for their team. Against Harding A. McAlle beat Mike Elson and G. beat Dave Williams, while against Dutch's G. beat Ken Dutch and A. had a win over my best mate (!!) George Files.

Plenty of fine individual performances, too many in fact to give everybody a mention, but some of the better ones are as follows: Roger Lowey beat Mal Green 13/21; 21/16; 21/18. R. Woodley (Bath St.) beat Phil Stenson; Wilf Gibson a double over Carole Flood and Brian Holden (Cadwa): B. Thomas (Eng. Elec.) over Alan Leigh 22/20; 21/17; Ray Mooney over A. McAlle 11/21; 21/11; 21/18. No averages this year I'm sorry but time has prevented me from calculating any. However, looking through the cards I've got. Bill Hargreaves appears to be our top player suffering one defeat in week three to Ken Jones of Crawfords. Lee Soon of Jewish was defeated twice by Dave Rooney (Vags) and Hargreaves, although he only played about half a season. Top doubles combination was Hargreaves and Williams who lost only twice to Julian Quirk and Bill Davies (Jewish) and to Mike Corcoran and yours truly. I wonder if Vagabonds 'C' have created some sort of record with their points total ?. Please remember that writing for the Digest is not a closed shop, if anybody would like a try just contact the Editor before the start of next season. Good luck to our promoted teams and probably see the rest of you next season.

Division 4BJack Lambert

Congratulations to the strong Electric Supply 'A' team of Evans, Underwood and the LEADING divisional set winners Lewis and Conley, the latter not missing a game - a good team performance holding off the late challenge of Colonsay 'C' who we also congratulate on winning the Hyde Cup thanks mainly to Guy (joint third top scorer) and O'Sullivan.

Kirkby 'B' did well to finish third without a regular number four Cragg R (our second top scorer) and an awkward cuss to play, ask O'Sullivan and a few more, was their top man but Holmes and Williams T. both had a very good season.

Top marks must go to our bottom teams Bohemians 'E' and Vagabonds 'B', Summersgill and Jones A. never missed a game for Bohs and with Boig and O'Mara the team only missed six games between them, the same applied to Ray, Moss, Waring and Gallagher of Vags. Jones and Gallagher were the teams top scorers. In their 22nd. match Bohs won their first game beating Trinity 'E' (P. Cittins 3) 6-4 - Summersgill winning 3.

Bath St. 'F' called on the most players - 13, Mercer was top man with Kevin Gibson, Hodgson and Georgeson in equal supporting roles. Cadwa 'C' with sixteen wins cant be bad Wilson just pipping Cowley F. for top place with great support from Stokes who only missed one game. Cadwa 'D' a good young side (O.K. Dadi) with Cowley J. top of the pops followed only closely by the Garton brothers Carl and Guy. Maghull 'C' another tight knit outfit only missing a handful of games between them, Sue Hughes was the teams best (is'nt she always) and Whittaker (at last I found a bit of form) and a young man for the future McGarrity D. in good support. Banks can play much better than this years form, a remarkable chap who does so well.

Police 'B' had a good season thanks mainly to Purcell (joint third scorer) who didn't miss a game with Rimmer and Christian showing good form. Wilde was regular fourth man. In the Police 'C' honours were shared by Sue Anderson, Spedding and Wilkinson hardly a pip between them. Congratulations to John Reynolds on his recent marriage - I note he lost two in the local Derby - I wonder if a good draw this - doubles for Purcell, Rimmer and sweet Sue. The youngish Trinity 'C' team baffled me, they seem to have such potential but it doesn't show on the match cards. Gittens P. had a good season but Finnigans and Gittens S. can win more games - think about it fellows, Gillian Harris is hitting hard - but I'm sorry Bill, too often. Eng. Elec. 'G' surprised themselves by holding unbeaten, the number two spot exactly half a season, with Pratt outstanding, with good support from Fyles and Betty Black (retiring at 221st). The top of the table battle between Elec. Supply and Colonsay finished as it should have done with heroes O'Sullivan, Lewis and Conley the latter reversing his cup defeats beating Guy 21/19; 19/21; 21/12 and Lynne Fennah 13 and 17, this was Lynne's third defeat - but a pleasant young lady like her should be playing higher with such great potential - and no tantrums. Another exciting draw between Bohs B (Callagher 3) and Vags 'B' (Winckle 2) there have been many good close games despite our two outstanding teams and very few walk-overs. Eng. Elec. 'G' always make it tough going Betty Black beat Finnigan 21/16; 17/21; 31/29. Pratt lost to Cragg R. 21/18; 19/21; 22/24. Against Bath St. 'F' (Karen Gibson 3) five games to three Fyles beats Bruford 27-25 in the third, most enjoyable games. Good performance by Police 'B' 6, (Christian and Purcell 2) at Kirkby 'A' 4. We cannot forget our lone win heroes such as Gittens P. beating Conley 21-19; 19-21; 21-11: Ray beat Georgeson 18 and 15: Gallagher beat Williams (Kirkby) 14 and 18. Quite a battle when Sue Hughes beat G. Garton 22-24; 21-15; 21-18: Clarke (Maghull) beat Sue Anderson 17 and 19: Baig beat Spedding 14-21; 21-14; 21-18: Berger beat Holmes 17-21; 21-19; 21-18: and one of the few wins against top man Conley was a lone one by Garton G. 21-18; 17-21; 21-19. (Sorreeee Bob). A good season.

DIVISION 3A

Stan Clarke

Congratulations to Kirkby, Divisional Champions, after looking unbeatable almost all season Norman Challoners record of steering his team to three divisional championships in three years, must be something of a record, and I feel that they will be challenging for honours in Div.2. next season. If the champion position has been open and shut, the second promotion spot has been a cliff hanger to the very end. Four teams have been in contention Cadwa, Trinity 'D', Fire Services and, after a slow start Wavertree Labour 'B'. Trinity and Fire Service blew their chances in the last few weeks, and it was left to Cadwa and Wav. Lab. to fight it out. By coincidence both teams had to play Maghull 'A' in the final weeks, Cadwa had first crack winning 7-3, the following week Maghull visited Wav. Lab. and were defeated 10-0, which meant that after 26 games Cadwa and Wav. Lab. were tied on points, and a play off was required to decide who would be promoted. The match was played at English Electric and a large audience were treated to a pulsating finish to the season, when with the match poised at 4/4 Wav. Lab. 'B' secured the final two games to win the match and promotion to Div.2. So its congratulations to Wavertree and commiserations to Cadwa with the consolation that they should be amongst the leaders again next season. If the places at the top of the division were confused then the fight to avoid relegation was more clear cut. Bath St. 'D' and Rafters 'B' are the two unfortunate teams to drop into Div.4. Despite the fact that both teams appeared to be fighting back at one stage, they had both left their revival too late, and both finished some twenty points behind their nearest rivals Cadwa 'A'. Though with players of the calibre of Jerxy O'Keefe and Alan Nisted of Rafters and Brian Aldred and Cyril Smith of Bath Street, they may well fight their way back next season. Cadwa 'A' and Maghull 'A' managed to pull clear of the relegation zone in the final few weeks. In the case of Maghull largely due to the improvement shown by John Percival. Jewish 'B' re-ranked their team shortly after the New Year and finished with a quite respectable points total, although I doubt if many people would believe that the introduction of Roy Lussey and Julian Quirk in place of Anne Carlin and Cathy Gore did anything to improve the good looks of the team. This is my last chance to highlight the players who have saved their teams from a whitewash during the past few weeks. Simon Mo Y.M.C.A., v S. Collins Kirkby, 21/11; 21/15; Tony Cohen, Jewish v P. Callen Fire Service, 21/13; 21/19, Chris Roberts Cadwa 'A', v Joe Bird, Fire Service, 16/21; 21/18; 21/18. Ian Fletcher, Cadwa v Paul Brown, Kirkby, 22/20; 21/13; John Percival Maghull 'A' v George Kersopp, Fire Service, 19/21; 21/18; 21/18. Dave Wilson, Trinity v Paul Brown, Kirkby, 21/15; 13/21; 23/21. Cyril Smith, Bath St. v Pete Davies, Fire Service, 8/21; 21/13; 21/14. Rob Erackley, Cadwa 'A', v Tony Moon, Wav. Lab. 22/24; 21/14; 21/13:

Jean Reynolds, Rafter v Ian Fletcher Cadwa, 24/22; 6/21; 21/15. K.Davidson Bath St., v Anne Carlin, Jewish 21/19; 21/11; R. Peverall Eng. Elec. v K. Hartley Cadwa, 16/21; 21/15; 22/20. Andy Howarth, Maghull v Brian Cunningham Bath St., 4/21; 21/18; 21/16. Jerry O'Keefe, Rafter, pulled it off twice against Dennis Corkery, Y.M.C.A. and M. Corcoran Trinity D. Arthur Garnett, Police won both singles against Frank Brady and G.Gilliespie of Trinity. Frank Brady in turn won both his singles against Peter Hurworth and Malcolm McEvoy of Wavertree Labour. John Briggs of Y.M.C.A. beat Ken Foulkes and Dave Cunningham of Bath St. Alan Misted Rafter, beat the Cunningham brothers of Bath St. Brian Aldred beat Andy Howarth and Alan Spencer of Maghull. That man Cyril Smith was at it again beating Albie Parker, Eng. Elec. and E.Sutton, Kirkby, and finally George Wright and Ron McMasters Police, combined to make it a thoroughly miserable night for Ian Fletcher, Cadwa, in the singles and Alan Wood and Arthur Garnett rounded it off by beating Ian and Mike Power in the doubles. Finally, my apologies to anybody I have't mentioned during the year, I can only suggest you do as I did and volunteer to write the notes.

Stan Clarke.

DIVISION 5A

Jack Lambert

Congratulations to the strong Waterloo Park 'A' side on winning the championship and surmounting the first hurdle in their bid to retain their rightful sphere. Wilson was their top scorer, but it was a good team effort with Miller, Jones Di and Williams A. giving super support in that order. Any other season this would have been a walk-away championship but with teams of the high calibre of Longreach, Kirkby 'B' and Trinity 'H' it was a fight all the way. Trinity 'H' must be particularly proud (if disappointed) in their performance just one point spoiling the Royden brothers (G.K.Dad) championship hopes. Mark was the divisions top scorer closely followed by the divisions two and three Neil and Stan; Steve compiled the foursome who never missed a game - a secretary's dream team. Not far behind the leaders and only missing four matches between them were top man Travis O'Sullivan, P.Creaves and Woodburn of Barker & Dobson - a good season. Clinton and Davies A. were Beauclairs 'B' top players with Martin Neary (I've heard the name Neary before) doing well. They had a good 6-4 win over Barker and Dobson - two apiece for Neary and Davies; Again we have a team who only missed a handful of games between them - Bohemians 'A'. Hutchinson leading the way with Carrol, Quilliam and Johnson following. Carrois too gaining them a good draw at B.&D. (Travis 2). Our heroic wooden spoonists from Colonsay 'E' managed a win against Maghull (Hindley 2) thanks to doubles from Kilty and Crowe and a draw against Eng. Elec. 'H' (Margaret Collins 2) with a double from Harford who hardly missed a game. Kilty was top scorer. Harper Eng. Elec. 'H' top player had an excellent season followed by enthusiastic captain Thomas D. McGiverson and Birch (C not G) Electric Supply 'B' had some good wins over higher teams Harper and Hignett doubles against Johns 'A'. Blackburn C & G doubles against Beauclair 'B' and Blackburn G again against (dare I say it?) B & D's Hignett and Blackburn G. were top set winners, well supported by Conley R.F. Beasley and Bunnar both did well for Liverpool, Jewish 'E' with McKim just behind. A good season for these boys without a regular number 4. Holding the strong Longreach side to 4-6 was a good show and a 14/21; 21/16; 21/17 win by young Choi against the in form Mulally should have made him a regular No:4 at least! A very good season for Kirkby 'B' in the number 3 spot and cup finalists - can't be bad. Cragg B. one of our top players, Williams D. and Lunt were the in men. What can you say about a side that finishes fourth in their first season - below such strong opposition - great stuff fellahs. Longreach Mulally finished joint third player in the Division with Stan Royden. Mulally and Jackson never missed a game and Fairclough one, the top three set winners were in that order for the team. There is no doubt that this is a good little division, here we have Annette Jones, Cockroft and Hindley sharing top set wins and Jones L. with less than a handful of games missed for Maghull 'E'. Good for the coupon this team with draws against Wav. Lab. 'E' (Armon 2) Trinity C. (Jones T. 2) Eng. Elec. 'H' (Margaret Collins 2) Elec. Supply 'B' (Blackburn G. 2) and Annette a double, nice work. Leading man for Trinity 'C' was Tames - Jones T. and Dearing were even Steven followed by Borrows. Trebles from Tames gave them close wins over Behs. 'A' (Carrol 2) and Eng. Elec. (McGiverson 2). Those sprightly young girls Amy Bell and Monica O'Donnell missed very few games for the Wav. Lab. 'E'. Monica having another excellent season, with Amy and Millie Harris following. Betty McEvoy completed this pleasant foursome. An amy double against Trinity 'C' (Tames 2) gave them a 6-4 win and holding Kirkby 'B' to 4-6 was better - not another two for Amy surely - yes sir it certainly was!

Trinity 'H' (Mark 2) 4 Waterloo Pk. 'A' (Wilson 2) 6 Wat. Park 4 Trinity 'H' 6 (Mark 2) Longreach 5 (Mulally 2) Trinity 'G' 5 - Three Roydens played: Kirkby 'B' 5 (Collins 2) Wat. Pk. 'A' 5 (Miller 2): Kirkby 'B' 6 Longreach 4 (Jackson 2). Johnson Bohs. 'A' beat Miller (W.P.) 26/24; 21/18: Airton Beauclair beat Jones D. (W.P.) 21/11; 4/21; 21/18, how about that. Hindley Maghull beat Steve Royden 14 and 17. Kilty (Colonsay) beat Jones T. (Tr.G) 22/20; 21/11: Travis beat Collins and Lunt and Harper did the same! So did Blackburn G. and make no mistake Collins had a very good season and Lunt a pretty good one. There were many more lone winners and many more good games, it has been a good season thanks to you. Figures and facts given less a few cards!?

DIVISION 5B.

Ken Armon

After a few frights and some nail biting Aigburth finally emerged as 5B champions. Only four points separated them at the finish from Princess Park and it was their greater experience that won them the title to go with the cup already won. The title was clinched in their penultimate match which was v Princes Park, and from which they emerged 7-3 winners. All credit to Princes Park for pushing them hard all the way and producing such a close finish. They did however, have the distinction of taking away in this match the 100% of Peter Wass, when C.Browne beat him 21/14 in the third. Ray Lavin lost his 100% in a cup match, so yet another of my forecasts crashes. Just isn't any justice. Both teams should do well in the 4th division next season and they could well be accompanied by Bootle, who finished a comfortable 4th. I fancied them all along Wat. 'C' who got into 4th place ahead of their B Team. Bootle suffered from a poor start and things really improved for them with the signing of H.Dears, his experience gave them a more stable team. Their most promising player is P.Hutchings, who was unbeaten in his last seven matches. A promising team all round who could well become another Kirkby. Promotion, if it comes, will not bother Peter and Barry Meyer, they have seen it all before and have plenty of experience to call on. If I have a criticism, it is that they sheltered G.Bushell at No:3 instead of pushing him up the order. A player with some promise who needed the harder sets to gain more experience. If you have a player like this you have got to give them the opportunity, not only to learn, but to prove they can make the grade. Wat. 'B' finished a comfortable 5th. They suffered from a lack of a regular 4th player. I don't suppose they will worry over much about missing promotion as they enjoy the game too much to worry about such minor things Colonsay 'D' managed to get into 5th place ahead of Trinity 'I' and Police 'D'. I still haven't worked out how they managed this as their results have been very in and out, although a week after being held to a draw by Action Comm. they did beat Wat. 'C' 6-4; which can't be bad. As Trinity 'I' continued to improve, Police 'D' continued to go down. With Trinity getting an extra lift from two 10/0 W/overs and Police hampered by constant team changes. In their first nine matches they used six players and were doing really well. From there it doubled to twelve, with a different combination every week. Hardly the basis for success, but something the Police have learned to live with. Action Comm. finished level with Lab. 'F' on 107 and I am sure they will be well satisfied with this. They have improved considerably and benefitted in the second half from the experience they had gained. I hope they have enjoyed being with us and will be back again next season aiming to do better. Wav. Lab. are well satisfied, having passed last season's total comfortably and not always having been able to field their strongest side. If we have a fault, it is a desire to be generous to the top teams and not show them up too much. Kirkby had a storming finish with much of the credit going to E.Sutton, and S. Grant. They brought E. Sutton in fairly late in the season and his arrival seemed to coincide with an improvement in form by S.Grant and between them they pushed Kirkby up the table. They could well be a team to watch next season. Jewish 'F', Maghull 'D' and Halewood battled it out to avoid bottom place in the eventual loser was Halewood. A team of contradictions, they started well, conceded two 10/0's and then fell into a rut taking less than 20 sets from 14 matches. P.Choi and A.Bennion take the credit for Jewish avoiding the wooden spoon with a regular haul of sets. Maghull were determined to prove me wrong and avoided bottom by 10 sets. They received a 10/0 walkover from Jewish and if this was not replayed then they have the Jewish to thank for their success. A clarification on my last notes. It was not Maghull 'D' who had the little upset with Bootle, it was their other team in 5A. The match being a cup match. Our worthy Editor was not referring to me in his editorial as my notes were the only ones in their correct position in the magazine. With a few results still to come in the top six in the averages are likely to be R.Lavin, and P.Wass (Aig.), P.Hutchings and H.Dears (Bootle) and L.Brew and S.Deckon (Princes Pk.) In 28 years with Wav. Lab. I have only once won a medal, and that was a losers. Recently my fellow clubmates made my day when they presented trophies to myself and Ron. McEvoy to mark their appreciation of our services to the club. A gesture which was very much appreciated by us both and made it all worthwhile. Just thought you might like to know. Have a good summer and keep Practising. I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

DIVISION 1

Eric Hardman

May I begin with an apology for the absence of the Division 1 notes in the last issue of the Digest. With that apology and a recent visit to my optician out of the way I will continue. The visit to the optician you may wonder? (To read the Digest, of course!) Congratulations to Wav. Lab. on their championship success. Their thanks should also be passed on to their second team, in the form of Thomas, Powell, Fennah and Luxon. Few teams can beat this combination. However I eagerly sought out the card Wav. Lab. v Wav. Lab. 'A'. Alas the 'A' team consisted of Luxon, Gilmour Birchall and McEvoy. A week later Powell, Fennah, Luxon and Birchall were turned out. Who against you may ask? none other than the then current league champions Y.M.C.A. May I also take this opportunity in congratulating young Mike Thomas and Greg Powell in their success at our championships. You may be seeded next year lads! With John McNee in London and John Marshall retired, or so rumour has it, Y.M.C.A. will now be looking to the up and coming young players for yet another Paul Tsang. At the other end of the division Y.M.C.A. 'A' and Palmerston 'A' are relegated. The major question for Y.M.C.A. will be, do they go down, or will they stay up, as their second team have been promoted. Going through the cards there appears to be only one team who can consistently turn out a side. That team being Wav. Lab., well done lads, you got your just deserts. It takes only 56 players to compete in a weeks fixtures. I have fixture cards in my possession in which I have counted no less than 145 different players who have turned out in the first division. Can anyone name them all? It would thus appear that the first division is incapable of playing four-a-side teams. Some of our top players are turning up for matches and winning game 3 etc., they then start to look further afield for mor or better competition. I personally feel 3 a-side may be an improvement, however, I am only one of 145. What do YOU think?. Rafters played Wav. Lab. 'A' back in November. Labour were without Thomas and Powell, and brought in two players from the THIRD division. One of these Ted Gilmour won his sides only victory when beating Geoff Maher in two straight games. Paul Morgan the other player lost both his. John Fennah uncharacteristically lost both his singles. Keith Williams beat him 1" in the third. Brian Divey lost the first game in deuce but beat John 21/18; 22/20. Against Palmerston 'A', Keith Williams beat each of his opponents 21/3. Not a very competitive game! The most improved player this season must be Phil Thompson, his list of victories is most impressive. On his list are John Fennah, Mark Thomas, Peter Turtle, Greg Powell, Ronnie Brotherton and Keith Williams. His most notable "double" of the season being in the cup semi-final. Mark Thomas went down 21/19; 21/19. and John Fennah went down 21/13; 21/10. Trinity 'A' have again escaped relegation by the "skin of their teeth". This is mainly thanks to the efforts of John Higham and Tom Killip. They recently had fine 6-4 wins over fellow strugglers Bath St., Y.M.C.A., and Liverpool Jewish. The highlight of the Trinity 'A' and Bath St. game was the double win for John Pritchard over Tom Killip and Dave Truman, John beat Dave 21/18; 19/21; 21/19. Although the scores are close. Dave has had some fine wins this season, e.g., Jimmy Cummings and George Smith. John also picked up a double against Y.M.C.A 'A'. His opponents this time being P.Clayton and Alan Pickering. These performances give John a good claim for a first team place next season, best of luck John. Finally still with Bath St. Alec Gould is still around. Phil Thompson lost his first game to Alec 21/18, however, he recovered to win 21/16; 21/18. This season only on five occasions did teams play short. The top offenders being the Wav. Lab. club, with Ted Gilmour at fault on the first occasion, the second time the card was left blank. The other offenders being Frank Brady, Y.M.C.A. John Hodges, Liverpool Jewish, and the Trinity Club.

DIVISION 2

"Harry"

With most of the teams in the league involved in promotion or relegation struggles and both promotion and relegation not being decided until virtually the last points of the season, Division 11 has seen its most exciting season for years. On an individual level, however, it does not look so good with the top averages, with one exception that of Southport's Mark Walmsley, all the top averages were dominated by veteran and near veteran players. Although veteran players such as Chris Coogan, Bobby Owens and Gordon Brownlee following Mark Walmsley in the top averages, obviously show great resilience in successfully adapting to the modern game, the lack of young players coming through the division suggest a state of stagnation. Following that note of despondency let me congratulate Y.M.C.A.'s three veteran players, Johnson, Mandaluff and Clewett together with Ken Roscoe who opened up a fifteen point lead at Christmas and held that lead throughout the second half to finish clear champions. In a vital match they held Beauclair to a draw thanks to Harry Johnstons two over Ted Birch and Mick Allen.

Jim Clewett, Ken Roscoe and Ted Mandaluff won a singles each, but their doubles play let them down with both pairs losing. Beauclair finally clinched the second place by only two points from Rafter's, the margin that separated the teams on each occasion they played. In the final league match between each other in March, Ted Birch's win over Dave Ferguson and Ron Rumjahn (21/19 in the third set) and two from myself over Bill Crafter and Don Davies saw Beauclair to a 6-4 win. What may have lost Rafter's promotion in the long term could have been their failure to turn out their four best players regularly. This was illustrated in a defeat by Bath St. 'A' (a team always on the edge of promotion). For Bath St. the ever reliable Chris Coogan with wins over Bill Crafter and Clive Roberts, and Alec Gould (having one of his best seasons) beating Don Davies and Clive Roberts, saw their teams through a 6-4 win. Maghull saw Gordon Brownlee have his best season for years and after recruiting Mark Walmsley from Southport they improved to third place. Mark lost only once to Nick (Gourlay) in his only appearance for Beauclair, and looks a good prospect. Unfortunately he will be leaving the area next season. Steve Farr also looked a much improved player. Another young player who started off well but fell away a little was Peter Coyle of Colonsay 'A'. Together with Sue Alexander, spearheading the team Colonsay looked to have a side capable of challenging for promotion. This was illustrated in their Rumjahn Cup semi-final against Rafter's first of all ending in a draw, but Colonsay went down 3-7 in the replay. Sue won all four singles in the two matches against Ron Rumjahn (twice) and Don Davies and Bill Crafter. Ron Rumjahn has proved too good for Peter. Again Colonsay's main problem, as many of their teams have shown in the past, is an inability to turn out regular teams. After a poor start Palmerston recruited Jim McMillan and his expertise helped to lift them to the middle of the table. Against Bath St. 'A' Palmerston cleverly dropped Jim to No: 4 and he beat Chris Coogan and Alec Gould, Bath Street's most consistent players who have been playing out of position for most matches. Bill Clayton replied with wins over Arthur Land and Jim Riding. Police had a disappointing season with Dave Crispin falling off from last seasons form. Typical of their erratic results was a 0-10 defeat in the Cup semi-final against Beauclair, followed by a draw against Beauclair in the last match of the season. This was partly tactics with Dave dropping down to No:4 but partly due to a much improved performance by Gareth Jones playing with "grass". At the foot of the table Colonsay 'B' and Old Swan languished for most of the season. Colonsay finally turned out a win against their fellow Wooden Spooners by the handsome margin 8-2 with Pete McAdam managing the only singles win for Old Swan against Mal Cray. The next four places were not decided until the final match of the season with English Electric 'B' and Linacre ending up in the other two relegation spots with heavy defeats of 1-9 against Rafter's and 1-9 against Colonsay 'A' respectively. Vagabonds form has deteriorated throughout the second half with only one 6-4 result against Old Swan being their only win since January. The consistency of the talented Bobby Owens finally saw them miss relegation by only one point. Finally one of the biggest success stories was provided by Bath St. 'B' who drew with champions Y.M.C.A. in their last match, to draw out of relegation for the first time. Whew! congratulations, particularly to Frank McCann who beat Jimmy Clewett and Ken Roscoe (21/19 in the third). Following Beauclairs promotion and return to the first division after some seven years out of it this will be my last notes - so if anyone fancies this job please contact Jack Lambert. Top averages on cards I have received:- Mark Walmsley (Maghull) - part season 95.0; Chris Coogan (Bath St. 'A') part season 82.0; Bob Owen (Vagabonds) 80.4; Gordon Brownlee (Maghull) 80.0; Jim McMillan (Palmerston) 79.4; Bill Crafter (Rafter's) 77.7; Harry Reeve (Linacre) 77.7; Ted Mandaluff (Y.M.C.A.) 76.1; Ted Birch (Beauclair) 75.8; Harry Johnston (Y.M.C.A.) 75.5. Denotes players regularly at 1 or 2.

DIVISON 3B

Les French

Congratulations to Jewish 'A' and Electric Supply for gaining promotion in a most emphatic manner. Trinity's 'C' challenge never materialised as Frank Brady played against the above teams. The destination of the championship was in doubt to the very last match. Waterloo Park held the key, meeting both sides within a few days. Jewish played them first and were held to 6-4 due mainly to a great performance from Fred Bainbridge who beat Ian Wensley and Gerry Goldring. Electric Supply went into their match needing 10-0 for the title or 9-1 to share with Jewish. Like Jewish they managed only 6 sets, with Ernie Owens back to his old form, the only player to win two singles. Peter Ross had a good win over Alan Cameron and Tony Delamere became one of the few players to beat Peter Carnay this season. Gerry Richardson was one of them - a vital set for his club. So the title went to Jewish 'A' - just. The very experienced Old Swan side were duly relegated although they did manage one win 6-4 over Bath St. 'E' due mainly to their only success, Tony Halligan, who also managed a fine win over the promising Paul Ashcroft of Palmerston. Trinity 'C' were disappointing although they, with Brady could claim 7-3 wins over Jewish

and Supply. Against Jewish, Mike Kean and Brady won two each, with Tommy Lawson beating me for Trinity to take 5 singles and both doubles although we were without Paula. Electric Supply also beat us in the return match by 6-4, with Alan Cameron and Peter Carney winning two each and Alan Biggs scoring a good win over reserve Dave Money. Mike Kean was our most successful player, winning 46 and losing only 4 including two defeats by Gerry Goldring. Peter Carney was second with 41-5 and it must be said what fine sportsmen these two are in every sense of the word. Well done you two, you deserve it. I finished third with 47-7 closely followed by Alan Cameron 42-8, Ian Wensley 45-9, Alan Biggs 39-9 and Gerry Goldring 38-10. Mabel Neary a late arrival did well to score 17-3 playing at No:4 but she missed some of the tougher matches. Ken Davies had 17-1 but didn't play against us. Ernie Owens had a bad season by his standards, with 24-8, but was in better form after recovering from an injury. Evergreen Bill Leeming had 34-13, including a great win over Brenda Williams 21-7 in the third. My wife Paula (I had to make our doubles combination permanent somehow) ended with 31-15 despite a spell out of action with an injured wrist and was the only other player to exceed 70%. There are three candidates for the best individual performance of the season. Harry Holmes of Beauclair 'A' had a fine win over Tommy Lawson and in the same match, assisted by Billy Leeming, had a great doubles victory over Tommy and Stan Smith, only the second pair to achieve this all season. Second candidate is Dave Southworth of Trinity 'B' by beating Brenda Williams and the third is Mel Snyder for also beating Brends, Deuce, 21-9. Sorry Bren, but I know how well you can play, as demonstrated by beating Mike Kean 19 in the third with some fierce hitting and also Tommy Lawson for good measure. Wally Still added two more for a fine 7-3 win for E.E. 'C' over Trinity 'C'. Kevin Parker took Mike to three in this match and also had a good win over Alan Cameron 21/15; 21/8. There were very few successful doubles combinations this season. Paula and I ended up top with 20 wins and two defeats although Tommy and Stan had 19-2 with one match to go. Gerry Goldring and Ian Wensley had 19-3, edging out Alan Cameron and Alan Biggs who had 18-3. Lewis Rosenbloom had a good double when he extinguished the talents of Ray Gavin and John Ashley in Jewish 'C's 7-3 defeat by Wavertree Fire Service - oops. Lewis however, lost to Ted Jane 21/23; 24/26, who also beat Gerry Richardson 10, 12 to help Bath St. 'E' to a creditable draw. Jewish were saved from defeat by Mel Snyder who won his three. The players who have impressed me by showing improvement this season are Fred Bainbridge, Alan Cameron, Paul Ashcroft, Ian Wensley and Paula French. The only match I didn't enjoy was against Palmerston 'C' which was ruined by an acute attack of illegal-battis by the chairman of the anti-wood marketing board. He shall be nameless but they named a Bay in Canada after him. No reflection on the St. Helens boys who are a pleasure to play against and captain George Higham whose as nice a bloke as you'll meet anywhere. John Southworth (Trinity B) beat Ron Simister (Eng. Elec.) 26-24 in the third whereas Ron beat brother Dave 14 in the third. That'll cause a few arguments at home. Tim Wearden won the first game 30-28 against Mike Kean but was then demolished 13, 5. Trinity won 6-4.

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE TABLE
TENNIS LEAGUE ETC.,

Don Davies

Certainly the Men's 1st. team the Ladies and the junior boys teams had looked capable of winning their respective divisions, but runners up in the ladies division was all we could achieve. With county standard players in every team, one has to ask the question do our players get enough quality opposition to play against each week as their rivals in Farnworth, Manchester and Stockport do? However, it should also be said that too few of our players make the effort to play in the two and three star tournaments against the strongest players in England, and even in the nearby Lancashire tournaments such as the Lanc's Open, Lancs and Cheshire Closed, Lancashire Closed and others held in Manchester, Salford and Blackpool. A determined effort should be made to strengthen the City standard by perhaps introducing 3 a side for the first division thereby ensuring that the best players play the best. It would also help if regular training and coaching nights could be arranged. Although finding a suitable venue, coaches and officials would be difficult, but not impossible. The Men's team with only one match to play against neighbours St. Helens, look likely to finish in fourth place in the 1st. Division but must face the prospect of finding a replacement for John McNea next season which wont be easy. One aspect of the teams play must be to improve on our doubles, for our three doubles defeats have cost us three points and the league leadership, with an unbeaten record. The Ladies team of Sue Alexander, Julie Black and Barbara Kirkman finished the season with only one defeat as runners up to champions Stockport. Sue and Barbara played in every match and Julie missed only one, with Sue recording 21 singles wins and 3 defeats, Barbara 20-4 and Julie 13-8.

CUP FINALS

READMAN - Colonsay 6 - Wavertree Labour 4. Anna Cohen and John McKim . English Electric. Tony O'Connor beat Wayne Percival 24/26; 21/16; 21/16: Dave Williams lost to Dave Roberts 10 and 18: Nicky Cray beat Mike Tierney 21/19; 18/21; 21/17: Phil Thomson and Williams lost to Percival and Roy Smith 21/23; 21/13; 11/21: Cray and O'Connor beat Tierney and Roberts 14 and 13: Thomson lost to Percival 21/19; 14/21; 13/21: O'Connor beat Smith 17 and 6: Cray lost to Roberts 13/21; 21/15; 18/21: The score four all and the atmosphere knife edged. Thomson beats Tierney 21/19; 16/21; 21/13: Williams becomes the Colonsay hero beating Smith 20/22; 21/8; 21/14 the last game finishing on Expedite. A top class game with Arthur Upton presenting the cup.

RUMJAHN - Beauclair 6 - Rafter's 'A' 4. Jack McCaig- Palmerston. Mick Allen lost to Ron Rumjahn 23/25; 22/20; 18/21: Ted Birch beat Bill Crafter 16 and 11: Frank Murphy beat Don Davies 20/22; 21/13; 21/9: Harry Harrison beat Crafter 18/21; 18/21; 21/12: Murphy lost to Dave Ferguson 14/21; 21/17 9/21: Harrison lost to Rumjahn 20 and 18: Allan beat Davies 21/18; 19/21; 22/20: Birch beat Ferguson 21/18; 18/21; 21/17: Birch and Allan beat Davies and Rumjahn 23/21; 19/21; 21/11: 'Young' Birch lasting well to clinch the match. Murphy and Harrison lost to Ferguson and Crafter 21/15; 14/21; 11/21: The end of a truly triumphant season for the dedicated Beauclair team. And a second we just missed it story for the team that never gave up - Rafter's 'A'. Is a 1.35.a.m. finish a record?. Ted Rumjahn presented the cup introduced by Ray Hebson.

LYDE - Kirkby Sports 7 - Wavertree Labour 'B' 3. Bath St. - Alec Gould. Mark Monaghan beat Paul Morgan 20 and 10: Alan Mercer beat John Collister 9 and 10: Paul Brown lost to Peter Hurworth 18 and 18: Norman Challoner lost to Collister 21/15; 18/21; 18/21: Monaghan beat Mal McEvoy 24 and 15: Mercer lost to Hurworth 21/14; 13/21; 17/21: Challoner beat Morgan 22/20; 19/21; 21/12: Brown beat McEvoy 21/12; 12/12; 21/21: Mercer and Challoner clinched the game for Kirkby beating Hurworth and McEvoy 10 and 15: Brown and Monaghan beat Collister and Morgan 21/19; 19/21; 21/15: and Kirkby had won their first trophy. All three finals to date had produced magnificent table tennis. Arthur Upton presented the cup.

FORREST - Colonsay 8 - Electric Supply 2. Liverpool Jewish - Ken Armon. Denis Brookfield lost to Les Evans 22/20; 11/21; 15/21; John O'Sullivan beat Dennis Underhill 9 and 17. Lynne Fennah beat Bob Conley 16 and 15; John O'Sullivan beat Wally Lewis 21/12; 16/21; 21/13: Alan Guy and Brookfield beat Lewis and Evans 21/15; 17/21; 21/17: Lynne and O'Sullivan beat Underhill and Conley 11 and 22, Brookfield lost to Lewis 13*31; 21/16; 9/21: Guy beat Conley 12 and 19 to win the cup in Captains style for Colonsay: Lynne beat Underhill 21/18; 16/21; 21/10: Guy beat Evans 5 and 16. Two very strong competent fourth division sides with temperament playing a big part as a 5 all draw a week later proved. Jack Lambert presented the cup.

STAMP Kirkby 'B' 2 - Aigburth 8 - English Electric - Ken Black. Ray Lavin and Colin Flanagan beat Ian Lunt and Dave Williams 7 and 8 Peter Wass and Bob De Asha beat Steve Collins and Brian Cragg 22/20; 17/21; 21/17: Lavin beat Cragg 11 and 7; Wass beat Collins 21/14; 14/21; 21/14: Flanagan beat Williams 21/14; 16/21; 21/16: Flanagan beat Lunt 4 and 17 and Aigburth with six sets had won the Stamp Cup! De Asha lost to Cragg 13 and 17, Wass beat Lunt 12 and 10, Lavin beat Collins 21/14; 19/21; 21/12: Williams beat De Asha 16 and 15. A good first time cup win for the strong Aigburth team, nice to see 'old' faces back amongst us. Top marks to 'never say die Collins'. Ken Black presented the cup.

J.A.L.

Arthur Upton and Ray Hebson both recently celebrated 20 years as chairman and Vice Chairman Arthur in hospital and Rey resigning from the committee .

Another arduous season of work and frustration by Eddie Cameron with scores, cards and league tables.

Behind the scenes with no table tennis background to set the adrenalin going two ladies who work very hard for us and deserve our thanks - Wynne Cameron and Minna Lambert.

Vernon Sangster Sports Complex the first of the Sports centres to feature table tennis will have a league side next season under the expert guidance of Les French and Bill Harris.

The promotion play-off Wav.Lab. 'B' v Cadwa, 4-4 and then 6-4 another terrific game, the teams: Pete Hurworth - Mal McEvoy, Paul Morgan, John Ashley - Mike Power, Trevor Hughes Ian Fletcher and Ken Hartley - neither team deserved to lose and all deserve a mention in this top class tense contest.

The Junior team have experienced mixed fortunes this season for at one time they looked set to take the title when they gained an away point against champions for the past two seasons Barrow. Our hopes however, took a nose dive when we lost to Manchester 7-3 and then to Bury 10-0 (without O'Connor), but with O'Connor, George Cheng, Graeme Black and Peter Coyle all juniors. Next season, we should challenge strongly for the title, however, one vital fact remains, this team ostensibly the most important one the Liverpool League runs has not had a permanent team captain since season 1973/4. If one is not found during the close season, this talented trio of youngsters will not play in the Lancashire and Cheshire League next season!. The Men's 'A' team have ended the season with five points from seven matches are now in danger of relegation after locking certain to retain their second division stakes. Having beaten league leaders Manchester 6-4 away and shared points with second place Blackpool, defeats by Nelson 7-3 and Salford 9-1 both away, have put a different light on things at the foot of the 2nd. division table. In the Grande K.O. tournament wins over Chester, Wrexham and on Good Friday defeated Anglesey by 9 sets to 0, to reach the group final. Having spoken at length about matches and players, I would like to mention some of the people behind the scenes, without whom these matches would not take place. Team captains Brian Leeson and Alec Gould and stand-in captains John Donnelly (YMCA), Rob Davies (CADWA), Len Roberts (RAFTERS) and Eddie Strettle who all took teams to away matches I would like to thank most sincerely. Also to Ken Armson and Peter Lee for the use of their clubrooms and especially to Jack Lambert for his help and understanding in providing the English Electric club on eight occasions this season. Finally, to the selectors, Ken Armson, Brian Leeson and Ken Jones who do a thankless job, and to all those players who regularly play for Liverpool giving full co-operation and maximum effort to their City.

The bad news first in the final of the Granada T.V.Trophy, we lost 6-1 to Manchester. The match was fully televised and was given an hours showing on Sunday, did the T.V. Producers have to ignore one of our players and ONLY show Manchester receiving their awards - I suggest that whoever edited the film has a look at ALL other sporting finals on T.V. The bad news - in the run-in games not once could we field our strongest team. Against Rhyl in the area final at Eng. Elec. Tony O'Connor was obviously not fit and lost the first game to Mark Thomas - Clive Strettle and Keith Williams won two apiece and at four all set Tony up for the kill against Gregg Powell, he lost the first and won the next two and the match, and what a match it was. Against Preston we had John McNea who won his three but no Tony, we won 5-4 to put us in the final with two good wins by Keith. Our sincere thanks to Paul Doherty and Granada Television for their excellent tournament, trophy and personal awards.

Our Chairman Arthur Upton has been a patient for the past few weeks in Walton Hospital. We are pleased to say he is now out and recovering slowly but nicely! The man in the background at all our meetings, who is present, doing a quiet efficient job at all our championships, whose legal advice is invaluable to our committee on all occasions, whose advice on all knotty problems (excluding Table Edges and Net Cards) is always appreciated is retiring purely through pressure of business from our committee - the name of course is RAY HERSON. Thank you Ray for over 20 years dedicated service. An occasion that warrants a better testimonial than that.

Congratulations to Paula Breithaupt and Les French of the Liverpool Jewish who were recently married.

I think we all appreciated the effort by Granada T.V. in promoting the area television tournament. Did they have to rub a little of the shine off it by allowing the already strong favourites Manchester to dictate the terms of the final, only a couple of days notice of the final to suit them, a change of ball to suit them and they brought their OWN table!

Are we about to change our name to the Merseyside and North Wales League! ?.

Let's hope Tony O'Connor is fully recovered for next season, he has been unwell since the Rhyl game.....When a division is a team short our policy is to relegate one and promote two - don't you think we should relegate two (as the other team is invariably struggling and not good enough) and promote three, as the third from the top team is invariably fighting like hell and is good enough to be promoted.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Wavertree Labour	26	25	1	-	215
L'Pool YMCA	26	20	4	2	186
Colonsay	26	13	11	2	148
Palmerston	26	14	9	3	148
English Electric	26	15	7	4	146
Rafters	26	13	9	4	145
Trinity	26	12	11	3	133
English Elec. 'A'	26	10	14	2	122
Wavertree Lab. 'A'	26	11	11	4	117
Bath Street	26	8	14	4	114
L'Pool Jewish	26	8	14	4	107
Trinity 'A'	26	7	14	5	103
Palmerston 'A'	26	4	19	3	83
L'Pool YMCA 'C'	26	2	24	-	54

DIVISION 3A

Kirkby	26	25	1	-	208
Cadwa	26	20	3	3	179
Wavertree Lab. 'B'	26	19	5	2	179
Fire Service	26	17	8	1	168
Trinity 'D'	26	18	8	-	160
L'Pool YMCA 'C'	26	14	11	1	134
Bath St. 'C'	26	12	11	3	130
English Elec. 'D'	26	13	11	2	122
Police 'A'	26	8	14	4	116
Liverpool Jewish 'B'	26	8	14	4	108
Maghull 'A'	26	4	16	6	96
Cadwa 'A'	26	4	17	5	89
Rafters 'B'	26	1	25	-	67
Bath St. 'D'	26	2	21	3	64

Wav. Lab. 6 Cadwa 4 in Play Off.

DIVISION 4A

Harding	26	24	2	-	218
Smith's	26	24	1	1	204
Crawfords	26	18	5	3	181
Wavertree Lab. 'D'	26	15	7	4	167
L'Pool Jewish 'D'	26	17	6	3	165
Vagabonds 'A'	26	15	9	2	159
Trinity 'F'	26	13	8	5	135
Cadwa 'B'	26	10	14	2	114
English Elec. 'F'	26	10	15	1	111
Bohemians	26	8	14	4	110
St. Hughes	26	4	21	1	88
Maghull 'C'	26	5	20	1	81
Bath St. 'G'	26	5	20	1	75
Vagabonds 'C'	26	-	26	-	12

DIVISION 5A

Waterloo Park 'A'	26	24	1	1	221
Trinity 'H'	26	24	1	1	220
Kirkby 'B'	26	21	4	1	188
Lenxreach	26	19	4	3	186
Barker & Dobson	26	9	12	5	128
L'Pool Jewish 'E'	26	9	13	4	128
Beauchair 'B'	26	12	13	1	117
Trinity 'G'	26	10	13	3	112
Bohemians 'A'	26	7	14	5	111
English Elec. 'H'	26	7	15	4	102
Wavertree Lab. 'E'	26	8	15	3	100
Maghull 'E'	26	4	15	7	96
Electric Supply 'B'	26	7	18	1	82
Colonsay 'E'	26	1	24	1	29

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	PTS
L'Pool YMCA 'B'	26	22	2	3	192
Beauchair	26	20	1	5	177
Rafters 'A'	26	19	4	3	173
Maghull	26	18	5	3	163
Bath St. 'A'	26	15	7	4	155
Palmerston 'B'	26	13	11	2	147
Colonsay 'A'	26	14	10	2	142
Police	26	11	9	6	140
Bath St. 'B'	26	6	15	5	108
Vagabonds	26	6	16	4	106
Linacre	26	7	16	3	105
English Elec. 'B'	26	7	16	3	105
Old Swan	26	-	24	2	55
Colonsay 'B'	26	1	24	1	52

DIVISION 3B

L'Pool Jewish 'A'	24	21	2	1	205
Electric Supply	24	22	1	1	200
Trinity 'C'	24	20	4	-	170
English Elec. 'C'	24	16	8	-	147
Waterloo Park	24	15	11	-	137
Wavertree Lab. 'C'	24	13	9	2	130
Palmerston 'C'	24	13	9	2	126
Beauchair 'A'	24	8	15	3	112
L'Pool Jewish 'C'	24	9	14	1	105
Trinity 'B'	24	7	16	1	86
English Elec. 'E'	24	3	20	1	54
Bath St. 'E'	24	3	20	1	50
Old Swan 'A'	24	1	22	1	40

DIVISION 4B

Electric Supply 'A'	24	22	1	1	206
Colonsay 'C'	24	19	2	3	178
Kirkby 'A'	24	18	6	-	165
Cadwa 'C'	24	16	8	2	157
Police 'B'	24	16	8	2	145
Police 'C'	24	11	9	4	128
English Elec. 'G'	24	13	8	3	121
Bath St. 'F'	24	9	11	4	110
Cadwa 'D'	24	6	15	7	97
Maghull 'B'	24	4	16	4	82
Trinity 'E'	24	4	19	1	73
Bohemians 'B'	24	1	19	4	56
Vagabonds 'B'	24	-	21	3	48

DIVISION 5B

Aigburth	26	24	-	2	212
Princes Park	26	23	1	-	206
Bootle	26	18	5	3	181
Waterloo Park 'C'	26	16	8	2	160
Waterloo Park 'B'	26	15	10	1	144
Colonsay 'D'	26	14	10	2	136
Trinity 'I'	26	11	15	2	122
Police 'D'	26	10	15	3	123
Action Comm.	26	8	14	4	107
Wavertree Lab. 'F'	26	8	17	1	107
Kirkby 'C'	26	10	14	2	105
L'Pool Jewish 'F'	26	4	21	1	82
Maghull 'D'	26	4	22	-	72
Halewood	26	4	19	3	63