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I once said - "Whatever it is we always have an excuse for a late magazine", you might say that is ridiculous, surely you can tie up all the loose ends mate - after all that is what you are paid for! We thought we had tied up all the loose ends and then a Journalists strike found the basis of our magazine - the score cards locked in a strike bound Journalistic type office. Before your correspondents receive the cards, league records, personal records results for the Echo (This is a valuable contribution normally for many people, even though we receive much less space than many minor sports) the selection committee often have a go at them. At last they are at your divisional script writer. From him (and one her) to me, after that I have a go - and they are then off to the printers - so there is the story of our life. I am sorry folks but there it is, you can have a hold-up anywhere down the line.

This is true - my next item was to be a plea for you all to get along to Kirkby Sports Centre and support your two major competitions - I have just been completely shattered to hear that the Merseyside Open is OFF. Was it off just like that - because we didn't get a sponsor? Were other avenues explored - The Merseyside Open - were other Merseyside Leagues consulted - Business Houses Southport, St. Helens, Warrington, Wirral, Chester, Runcom, Wigan etc.?.? Would it be too much for them to cough up sixty or seventy quid apiece? How much does it cost to hire the hall and tables? These are the main ingredients. If we have a thousand pound mens singles prize we could possibly have the Chinese here, but we can't, so what if we presented cups and medals would it be all that bad if Brian Johns (Chester) beat Alec Bryce (St. Helens) in the final? There could of course be snags - possibly the main one being it could become a glorified Liverpool Closed and would all the not so top players in other leagues support it?

I had to get that lot off my chest or I would have exploded - as I am still shattered and disappointed.

The Liverpool Closed will take place as planned at Kirkby Sports Centre on Sunday, March 18th, 1979.

DIVISION ONE

Predicting team positions has proved again to be similar to predicting the outcome of national elections. Results in the first few matches give a clear indication of what will be the performances over the season. Hence Wavertree Labour have pulled further clear of their challengers and even when their top players are not available, the reserve strength proves to be formidable. They crushed their two closest rivals Palmerston and Rafters 8-2. Palmerston's only singles win came from Les Molyneux who beat Greg Powell. Rafters wins came from Greg losing again to Alan Timewell and Roy Smith losing against Gordon Exell. Roy Smith's consistent flat hitting from defence has proved to be one of the cornerstones of Wavertree's success with Roy enjoying one of his best years so far in this his 20th season in Liverpool.

Palmerston, Rafters and Y. M. C. A. are left to fight for second place. The Y. M. C. A. Palmerston match ended predictably with most games going to form. John McNee won his usual two singles against Keith Williams and Alec Bryce. The tightest match proved to be Peter Turtles win against Ron Brotherton 21-19 in the third. Palmerston's best result is perhaps a 9-1 win against Wavertree Labour A with Keith Williams beating Dave Roberts and Mick Tierney. Y. M. C. A. perhaps have some weakness in doubles as their two doubles defeats against Rafters saw them go down 4-6.

English Electric and Trinity have slumped to mid-table positions. English Electric slipped badly against Wavertree Labour A losing 2-8, with Labour's Dave Roberts easily dispensing of Clive Strettle and Graeme Black. They have often struggled against lower teams as they showed in drawing with Bath Street. Mike Moran had his best match of the season beating Mark Byles and Graeme Black. For Trinity Eric Hardman's fast reflexes have earned him a good season so far, but consistent support from other players has perhaps been absent when the going has been tough. However, their top three players all won to see them through with a good 8-2 result against Y. M. C. A. "A" with G. Taylor losing to Alan Pickering and Steve Farr. With G. Taylor, also losing to Alan Chase and Mike Keane from their second team, one begins to doubt Trinity's ranking system. With Trinity "A" not being able to field a consistent team they have slipped towards the lower end of the league. Against Bath Street they drew with S. Chen having a good night for Bath Street, beating Alan Chase and Ian Trueman.

Wavertree Labour "A" have had perhaps their best ever season. They beat Rafters 7-3 with Mick Tierney beating Trevor Manning and Alan Timewell and Malcolm McEvoy beating Alan Timewell and Neil Roberts. Rafters also ran into trouble against English Electric "A". Singles wins by Alec Sill and Brian Crolley against Gordon Exell, and Rod McPherson beating John Fennah were complemented by Electric's two strong doubles combinations to earn a draw. In the cup English Electric "A" went one better winning after a replay. Gordon Exell returned to form beating Rod McPherson twice and Brian Crolley and Alec Sill in the two matches. The result finally hinged on Neil Roberts withdrawing half way through. Fred Pheysey's experience and awkward blocking style proved too difficult for John Fennah who lost to Fred on each occasion. Y. M. C. A. "A" with their enormous pool of players have had mixed fortunes. They lost only 4-6 to Wavertree Labour "A" with Mark Walmsley celebrating being home on leave, with wins over Phil Luxon and Paul Morgan.

At the time of writing Bath Street, although only winning once, are reasonably comfortably placed thanks to a number of draws. A hard fought match against Trinity with seven matches going to three sets, saw Dave Butterworth lose 18-21 in the third to Eric Hardman and then reserve this with a 21-17 final set against Ricky Brown. Nail-biter of the night proved to be Alan Walton's win over Alan Chase 23-21 in the third set. Colonsay are still in with a chance of staying in the division thanks to their talented young player Phil Tomson. Phil regularly takes points off the strongest teams. Perhaps his best night came with Colonsay taking two points from Wavertree Labour with Phil beating Wayne Percival taking Mark Thomas to three sets and then linking up with Dave Williams to beat Roy Smith and Wayne Percival. Despite having no wins to their credit Liverpool Jewish too are still in with a chance of avoiding relegation. They took three points off Y. M. C. A. thanks to Eddy Cein beating Peter Lee and Julian Quirk beating Peter Turtle. Their best result is perhaps a draw with English Electric "A" with John Henshaw playing well to beat Rod McPherson. Propping up the bottom of the league yet having won four out of fourteen matches are Beauclair who have beaten all their closest rivals. Beauclair have perhaps a stronger all round team than other relegation threatened teams, but have suffered more from heavy defeats at the hands of the strongest teams. Much may depend on the rapidly improving form of Ted Birch illustrated lately by him taking the only point off Wavertree Labour by beating Dave Roberts and also giving Wayne Percival a very hard fight. It seems probable that the two relegated teams will come from Beauclair, Colonsay or Jewish with Trinity "A" and Bath Street as possible outsiders, but at the half way stage I wouldn't like to bet on the two unlucky ones.

"Harry"

Stop Press: Greg Powell has dropped out of Wavertree Labour's team - replaced by Dave Roberts.

Mark Thomas has lost his 100% record to fellow Welsh Junior Mark Byles.

DIVISION 2

DON CHALKIEY

At this stage of the season it now looks likely that the candidates for promotion will be two from Palmerston "A" and "B" and Kirkby.

Palmerston "A" have played 5 players and J. McMillan has had a good season with 16 wins out of 20. Palmerston "B" have played 7 players and have G. Parr with 13/14. M. Mercer also 17/20.

N. Challoner has also had a consistent season with 16/18 and it was interesting to see him win his two games in the drawn game Palmerston "B" - v - Kirkby. For the record 3 Mercers played in this match and A. Mercer must have had mixed feeling to lose both, one to his son, M. Mercer who must be one of the most promising youngsters since Tony O'Connor.

Another player with a good record this year is Chris Coogan of Bath Street "A" with 17/20. He must have a dislike for the closed in area of Vagabonds as he lost two in one night to two good players. He lost 21/16, 23/21 to Ted Bames and 21/11, 21/11 to Bobby Owen!!

Other good results:- N. Challoner beat G. Parr 21/23, 24/22, 23/21. L. Molyneaux bt. N. Challoner 21/19 in 3rd.

T. Johnstone bt. J. Riding 21/19 in 3rd. D. Ferguson bt. C. Coogan 24/22, 21/17.
Paul Morgan bt. Neil Roberts 21/18, 22/20.

One of the worst games to watch and well umpired by Dave Crispin was N. Challoner beating me 21/19 in 3rd. at Kinkyby Every game was just short of expedite and Dave did well to remember the score! I am afraid that the candidates for relegation are Jewish "A", then any three of Vags, Police, Maghull, Bath Street "B" and Colonsay "A". However the latter two would have to be caught to be endangered. Police recently missed the chance to reduce the deficit with Bath St. "B" when the result ended in a draw. Crispin winning 2 for Police and Waddington 2 for Bath St. "B".

Our hopes at Police of avoiding the drop appear slim, with Crispin electing to get married during the Table Tennis season!! Good luck Dave and come back fast we need you.

We were hoping to encourage Barry McLeod to play several games for us but it appears that squash and badminton have take precedence over table tennis. He has only played once all season and helped us to a 5/5 draw with Bath St. "A". Barry was thrashed by Billy Clayton (what a player to meet first match!) Barry recovered to beat Alec Gould two straight in a cracking match.

It is apparent that a settled team is most desirous and Maghull have played 9 players, Police 10, and Jewish 8. However Vags with 5 players does not support the first suggestion.

However no team has a divine right to remain where they are and we have all seen the way teams have ups and downs. Don't forget to attend the "Closed" on 14.3.79. It was a smashing event last year and some cracking matches were seen.

DIVISION 3A

SUE HUGHES

As we have now reached the half-way point in the season there is a clearer indication of the contenders for the promotion/relegation places in the division. At the moment, there would appear to be four teams battling for the top two places. Old Swan and Linacre are trying to bounce back into the second division, but Y. M. C. A. 'C' and Cadwa have different ideas.

Harry Reeve (Linacre) has registered a series of good wins, taking two of Linacres 3 points in their 7-3 defeat by Cadwa. Linacre are a team strength in depth and constantly yo-yo between the second and third divisions.

Cadwa have had a few set-backs in recent weeks, dropping points to teams lower in the division, which has countered their excellent start to the season. However, their only defeat to date was suffered at the hands of Y. M. C. A. "C", another team challenging for honours, when they went down 6-4. Ken Roscoe (Y. M. C. A.) had convincing wins over Trevor Hughes and Rob Davies (Cadwa) and teamed up with Paul Reed Clayton to take the doubles. This closely-fought match, with 6 of the 10 games going to three sets, could have considerable bearing on the final position as the top teams are separated by so few points.

The other team up with the leaders is Old Swan, who have maintained a strong position in the division despite occasional difficulties in fielding their full team. Pete McAdam is their top player, adding the scalps of Harry Reeve (Linacre), Trevor Hughes (Cadwa) and Bill Hargreaves (Harding) to his already impressive collection.

English Electric "D" must rank as a good outside bet for promotion, following their recent 10-0 win over Dutchs they remain hot on the heels of the leaders. However, their match against Linacre resulted in a 7-3 defeat for the East Lancs team, despite good individual performances by Kevin Parker in beating Harry Reeve 21/14, 18/21, 21/12 and a nail-biting victory to Ro Craddock over Frank Lacey 20/22, 22/20, 25/23.

Dutchs and Harding, the two newly-promoted teams, appear to have secured their third division places as they seem likely to remain in the middle of the table. Both teams have had some good wins, but their recent confrontation went in Harding favour with a narrow 6-4 victory. Bill Hargreaves (Harding) took his customary two singles and teamed up with Dave Williams to beat Mal Green and George Files (Dutchs) in the doubles, and Phil Stenson also took his two singles for Harding in this match.

Further down the table there are a number of evenly-matched teams which has resulted in some very closely-fought games. Bath St. versus Trinity was one of the many matches where the points were equally shared. Mark Royden playing for Trinity is having a fine season and has underlined his good form with a convincing win over Alan Spencer (Bath St.) 21/16, 21/14.

Although my own team Maghull are in a somewhat unenviable position at the moment, there have been some good individual performances that deserve a mention. Andy Howarth at number one beat Ken Dutch 21/15, 21/10 and G. Hughes 21/5, 11/21, 21/14 and Alan Smethurst beat G. Hughes to give us 3 points in our 7-3 defeat. Eric Taylor was our star against Trinity, when he beat Steve Royden 21/11, 19/21, 21/19 and joined with Chris Roberts in the doubles to give us our only two points of the evening.

Cadwa "A" and Police "A" are another two teams occupying places in the middle of the table. When the teams met recently, the Police were the eventual victors with a 6-4 scoreline; Alan Wood took both his singles for the Police after close matches against Guy Garton and Ian Fletcher (Cadwa). Ian Fletcher has also recorded some good wins, his most impressive being the victories over Brian Cullen and Ro Craddock (English Electric) to account for Cadwa's only two points of that meeting.

Liverpool Jewish "B" have yet to finish on the winning side, despite draws against Dutchs and English Electric. L. Rosenbloom can usually be relied upon to win both his singles, but Jewish have been unable to field their strongest side for every match and have therefore lost their recent matches.

Note:- No doubt modesty forbids our charming and only lady correspondent (Equal rights and all that) Sue from recording her personal triumph when she beat one of her ex coaches and my mate (well he was) Wally Sill (Eng. Elec.)

Editor.

DIVISION 3B FOR KIRKBY

I am sorry folks but your correspondent has not let me have your notes for this edition. A bad show all correspondents are of course volunteers but if you are correspondents (however pressed) all you have to do is to complete your notes within ten days to a fortnight IF YOU CANNOT DO THIS please let me have your cards it's as simple as that. If the notes do not come in you let down badly your fellow divisional players and also you hold up the issuing of the Digest.

The situation at the top of the division is quite interesting with very strong teams Palmerston "C", Waterloo Park, Electric Supply "A" and Wavertree Labour "C" all just outside the promotion race, it is all the more credit to Trinity "B" and English Electric "B" in pulling away from the field. Trinity are firm favourites at the moment with a good 7-3 over their Electric rivals. They have also had a little good fortune when Palmerston "C" turned out two VERY strong reserves against the Electric side and the week after they played Trinity with two players ONLY. Trinity have the points but a much harder run in than Electric - very interesting!

The relegation scene is perm any two from Eng. Elec. "C", Bath St. "D" and Colonsay "C" with the latter almost certs, although battling on led by veteran Tremarco. I think Electric "C" are only here for the beer - but could escape, thanks to Parker's brilliant captancy, although they would be happier down below. The team above Beauclair "A" had a good win over Electric "E" and seem clear. Billy Holmes winning his games, a happy gang with brothers Harry, Billy Leeming and Tommy Lightburn who had a 24-22 win over old Waterloo Dock mate Andy Byme.

Guyers and Hislop put a spoke in their "B" team's promotion hopes by taking three points, without a regular Number 4, they are doing well.

As I look at a score book of this division (I have no cards) I am sure I would feel quite at home with so many of my old adversaries. Why aren't Jewish doing better with David and Tony battling away. Joan Monaghan, Trinity seems to be hitting the ball harder than ever. Tony Delamere and Bill Spence keep winning at Waterloo Park and I am sure hoping to get back on home ground soon. Jerry Richardson is proving a welcome asset at Eng. Elec. - a good captain. Bob Hudson keeps weaving all sorts of weird and let's be fair wonderful things at Palmerston. Mable Neary is keeping the Fire Service boys in order at Wavertree. Brian Leeson, Alan Guy are having a good season at Colonsay "B". See you at the Closed.

DIVISION 4A

STAN CLARKE

All of a sudden it seems, we are well into the second leg of the season and almost into the really decisive matches which will finally settle the promotion and relegation issues once and for all.

The situation at the top of the division seems to have developed into a two horse race between Kirkby "A" and Wavertree Labour "D". Kirkby "A" seem determined to prove my original forecast wrong, and have opened up a very useful lead over Wavertree Labour and Waterloo Park who are currently second and third. Kirkby and Labour are

currently the only undefeated teams in the division and the final champions position could well be decided by the outcome of their match at Wavertree next week.

Waterloo Park "A" would appear to have blown their chances of promotion, unless they can put together a run of maximum point wins. Their drop from the top place is due, not so much as having lost one match, but rather to not taking the opportunity of collecting maximum points from the lower clubs, for instance they managed only minimum 6/4 wins over both Cadwa "B" and Bohemians, and that really is not good enough to gain promotion.

Trinity "G" are currently in 4th. place and are showing the way to the ir, on ranking at least, superiors Trinity "F". English Electric "F" have dropped from 4th to 5th. place, and I think this is largely due to the absence of Stan Draper through illness, although in father's absence young Jeff Draper has been turning in some very useful performances to keep the family flag flying.

At the other end of the division four teams are still fighting out the relegation battle. Vagabonds "A" have pulled themselves off the bottom, leaving Cadwa "B" in 13th. place, a feat I would not have thought possible a few weeks ago, however, the inclusion of Mike Gallagher at No. 1 seems to have strengthened the whole team. I am a little at a loss to explain why Cadwa "B" and Jewish "D" are struggling so badly, both teams contain useful and experienced players and I can only put their position down to loss of individual form.

Maghull "C" are enjoying a slight improvement in form as their youngsters gain experience, having taken 7 points more from the three games since Christmas than in the corresponding fixtures at the beginning of the season.

The remaining four teams are safely positioned in mid table, with no aspiration towards promotion and no danger of relegation, though with perhaps a chance to influence the promotion battles of others.

Among the more surprising results of the season so far, two matches stand out, the first one was the derby game between Trinity "F" and "G" teams. The "G" team walloped the "F" team by 7 sets to 3. The "F" teams players reckon that John Simms' win over Norman Cutter was the highlight of the match and the score of 21/15; 16/21; 21/19 would seem to uphold their opinion.

The second surprise result was the 9/1 defeat of Liverpool Jewish "D" by Vagabonds "A", Cathy Gore and T. Bunner combined to beat Ken Ray and Eddie Moss in the doubles for the Jewish teams only point.

Individuals again excelled themselves to save their teams from the ignominy of a whitewash.

Ann Carline beat R. McEvoy 23/21; 23/21; to take a point for Jewish against Wav. Lab. "D", Paul McLoughlin Trinity "F" beat Ian Lunt, Kirkby's "B" 21/19; 21/17. Jerry O'Keefe, Rafters "B" beat Alan Hall, Wav. Lab. "D" 21/16; 17/21; 21/23; Eddie Moss, Vagabonds "A" beat Ken Miller, Waterloo Pk. "A" 21/19; 18/21; 21/19; John Dixon Trinity "G" beat Brian Cragg, Kirkby 21/16; 21/13 in the singles, these combined with

Norman Cutler to beat Tommy Williams and Ritchie Cragg in the doubles. Jeff Draper, English Electric "F" beat Ian Lunt, Kirkby 19/21; 21/16; 21/16; and Colin Pratt and Colin Fyles beat Tommy Williams/Ritchie Cragg 21/13; 13/21; 21/14 to score two points for Electric. Last but not least Dave Massie Cadwa beat Peter Brownlee, Maghull "C" 21/11; 18/21; 24/22 and Ian Staunton beat Sean Ross 19/21; 19/21; in the 8/2 defeat of Cadwa "B" by Maghull.

DIVISION 4B

JACK LAMBERT

Not many close ones this trip although I believe lots of cards haven't come through the jungle yet. Match of the month was Police "B" 6, Cadwa "C" 4, Miller had an excellent double for Cadwa beating Purcell and Rimmer in two straight. Purcell beat Smith R. 22/20; 15/21; 21/17; with consolation coming for Smith in a 21/13; 12/21; 21/6 over Christian. Ham had a nice double for Police 11 and 16 against Stokes and a 22/20; 16/21; 22/20 win over Holden. Rimmer and Christian beat Miller and Halden 13/21; 21/15; 22/20, some pretty close ones in the six for Police. Smith and Stokes beat Purcell and Ham 18 and 12: Not far behind was the Kirkby "A" game with Eng. Elec. "G" Collins and Grant were outstanding for Kirkby winning five of their sides six points. Grant having a humdinger with Thomas D. 21/18; 20/22; 21/18. Huntington was top man for Electric winning his three. Six games went to three in a superb match.

Roberts A. (Bath St.) losing 12/21; 30/28; 18/21 to Tsang (Bootle) share (game of the month) with Ham - Holden game.

A valiant fight to save his team from a whitewash by Rimmer (Police B) losing 20/22; 21/12; 19/21 to Wass (Aigburth) Wilkinson and Sue Anderson (Police C) beat Sutton and Holmes (Kirkby A) 17/21; 21/19; 21/18; Massie (Cadwa D) beat Thomas B. (Electric) 21/19; 17/21; 21/14. Gill (Maghull B) beat Storton (Cadwa C) 22/20; 21/17; Huntington (Elec. G) beat Davies (Aigburth) 21/12; 22/20; Higginson (Bath St. F) beat Tsang Bootle 17 and 13. Two good wins over the top teams and a nice break through the 10-0 barrier. However, Ferguson Police C went one better and beat Hutchings 16 and 9 and McLoughlin 19/21; 21/13; 21/17; his sides only two, the others also being their sides lone winners.

Old Swan A walkover Maghull "B", Bohemians "A" walk over Old Swan "A" all I can say again is three and OUT.

Trinity "E" found it tough going when Southworth P. didn't arrive against Police "C" brother J. tried to make up for his absence beating Malloy 21 and 20 and Baker 21/18; 15/21; 21/11, Haffenden was his sides only other winner only losing 19 in the third to Braben who won his three. In the Cadwa "C" and "D" local derby trebles from Smith and Miller proved too much for the "D" with Stanton and McDewitt winning their only games. Summersgill a treble and Winkle a double gave Bohemians "A" a nice 7/3 over Cadwa "D".

Needless to say our outstanding players come from Aigburth and Bootle our two star teams, all of their players are having a great season, however if you wish to become

top news you have to beat Lavin or Wass of Aigburth or Wilson of Bootle all of whom have 100% records - according to my limited statistics. It is fitting that Roy Lavin and Dave Wilson should lead the way as players, as it is thanks to their ambition and hard work that these two very successful clubs have been formed, one in an old table tennis stronghold and one in a very modern setting.

A good win I nearly missed was Maghull's 8/2 win over close rivals Bath St. "F" with Gibson and Banks doubles - Berger beat Whittaker 18 and 20, and Higginson beat Gill 21/18; 17/21; 22/20. I wonder what happened to Kirkby "A" - I know they are not playing so don't expect them at your club.

DIVISION 5

LES FRENCH

As expected, Plessey & Vernon Sangster are pulling away from the rest of the field, with only Longreach keeping anywhere near. The challenge of Electric Supply "B" and Courtaulds were snuffed out easily by the big two. Plessey beat ESB 10-0 and Courtaulds 8-2 with Vernon Sangster winning 8-2 & 9-1 against them. Longreach also exerted their authority with 8-2 wins over both of them. Courtaulds captain, Bob Edwards, took a set off the top two, beating Stan Harvey & Kevin Davies. Paul Adams was their only winner against Longreach, with singles wins over the promising Frankie Fogg & Richie Heatherington. Pete Jackson had an exciting evening, beating Bob Edwards 22-20 in the third and Les Higham 26-24 in the third. Edwards also lost 12, 21/23, to Tony Mulhally so I suppose Courtaulds were a bit unlucky. Bath St. "G" did well to take 4 sets off Courtaulds, with good singles wins for John Wright & Erika Williams and both doubles, including an exciting win for Wright and Nelson 27/25 in the third over Edwards & Cullen. The very sociable Barker & Dobson side lost 9/1 to Longreach, but not without a fight. Five games went to three, with Peter Greaves losing out twice in the singles, but having success in the doubles with Fred O'Sullivan, winning 22/20; 19/21; 21/18. Les Travis and Peter Woodburn nearly took their doubles, losing 20/22; 22/20 before capitulating 12/21. ESB were defused easily by Plessey, with only Geoff Blackburn offering real resistance, losing 22/20; 22/20 to Fred Price and a creditable 14, 21/23 to Trevor Owens. They nearly lost 10-0 to Vernon Sangster, too but were saved by the Blackburn Bros, who both beat reserve Paul Gittins, just, Geoff winning 20/22; 21/17; 22/20 and Charlie winning 22/20 18/21; 21/19. Bad luck, Paul.

At the bottom end of the division, Jewish "E" have fallen well behind, despite a useful 4 sets against Barker & Dobson. Young Lawrence Abramson did well to beat Pete Woodburn. Wav. Lab. "E" & Eng. Elec "H" are battling it out to a void next to bottom place. Wavertree's team varies so much that it's hard to comment on their chances. The match between them ended 5-5 with McGiveron, O'Donnell & Feerick the stars with two singles apiece. EEH saved the day by winning both doubles. WLE also drew with Maghull "E" with KEN ARMSON THE STAR! beat Reg Coxsey 16 in the third and Les Jones 8 & 13. Incredible! Seriously I'd like to put in print my regard for Ken due to his devotion to our game and his unswerving loyalty to the club he helped to create and make into the big name it is in local table-tennis these days. You don't have to be a great player to make real contributions to the game. Well done, Ken.

Alongside this great Arnson feat, all else seems insignificant. However R. Gordon also won two for Maghull, who played one short. Maghull had a good match with BohsB, with 6 sets going to three. Coxsey & Gordon both beat Johnson and then combined to beat Johnson & Hutchinson but Bohs won 7-3. Eng Elec H put up a good fight against Moor Park before going down 9-1, with 5 sets going to three. Andy Byrne was the lone winner, but Nigel Conquest came close, losing 18-21 26-24 19-21 to M. West-Jones. The Bath St G v Eng Elec H match ended up 7-3 for Bath St after a great struggle, with seven sets having deuce games or 19. Heroes for Bath St were Mike Nelson & Erika Williams, with two singles each and the doubles together. Les Travis was Barker & Dobson's only winner against Moor Park with a good win over D. Hudson.

With Plessey not entering, it has been left to Vernon Sangster and Courtaulds to carry our banner to the semi-finals of the Stamp Cup. Vernon Sangster play the 5B champions - elect St. Francis de Sales and Courtaulds take on Rafter's "C" from division 6. With a bit of luck it will be an all 5A final, with Vernon Sangster the strong favourites after their decisive league victory.

DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

Pride of place this issue must go to St. Francis, consistent as always I wrote them off as an ordinary team fortunate to be in a weak division. Now I have to once again eat my words after their magnificent display against V. Sangs. In the Stamp Cup semi-final. They lost after two drawn matches by the margin of four games. A fine display against a team who probably anticipated another easy victory and who were forced in the replay to resort to the now familiar tactic spreading to most clubs of bringing in a stronger player from a supposedly lower team. So much for ranking lists, as no doubt Old Swan are aware having had the same thing happen to them.

In both matches they won both doubles, which was no mean feat, and in the replay D. Tagg gained revenge with a two straight win over Les French in reply to his two straight defeat by the same player in the first match. A great all round team effort which deserved a better reward.

In the league we have now reached the crucial stage when mistakes can prove costly and difficult to retrieve as Wav. Lab. "F" are finding out to their cost. After defeating V. Sang "A" 7-3 the met Wat. Pk. "B" and Aigburth "A" and could only manage two draws. They followed this with a re-match against Maghull who had previously conceded a 10-0 walkover. Their generous gesture blew up in their face when their No. 1 failed to turn up and although a reserve was available precious sets were squandered. The price for remembering that we are here to play table tennis and not to claim w/overs could well be a costly one, so if you see a head rolling down Picton Road, take care, for it might well be mine. Ideals can be hard to live with!!

Wat. Pk. "B" have also had weak moments and came a cropper against Maghull "D" losing 6-4. This all helps Aigburth "A" who have now emerged as the most likely contenders for that precious 3rd place. They proved this with a 7-3 victory over Wat. Pk. "B" away. They have shown themselves to be more consistent than their rivals and this is what will count most.

The table will probably read St. Francis, V. Sang. "A"; Aigburth "A"; Wat. Pk. "B"; Wav. Lab. "F" and Maghull "D" with the rest trailing a long behind.

In spite of their defeat by Wav. Lab. "F"; V. Sang. "A" have no problems. They cannot overtake St. Francis having lost to them twice, and are themselves in no danger of being overtaken. This is mainly due to the fact that none of the other contenders are strong enough to pose any threat, and are far too busy cutting each others throats.

It is interesting to note that Paul Gittins who is a regular member of this team is the player dropped by V. Sangs. in the cup replay against St. Francis. One could well ask why a player ranked in the 2nd team is dropped for a player ranked in the 4th team but capable of winning two of the five sets won by the 1st team. One could well ask if the real V. Sangs 1st team player would please stand up? Or is win at all costs even for players of repute playing in lower divisions now becoming the accepted thing. I wonder what the late Bill Stamp would have made of this?

Down at the bottom nothing has changed much and it still looks like Colonsay "D"; Vags. "B" or Halewood for relegation. This, incidentally, will be the first time we have had any relegation from the 5th divs. and as we have a full division two teams will go down, always assuming there will be a 6th div. left for them to go into.

For Vags. the best performances have come from Dave Rooney, and for Colonsay it is Mike Harford. Twice he has won a lone set to avoid another 10-0 defeat and against Wat. Pk. "C" he was the only player to tum up and only narrowly lost in the 3rd. in one of his sets. W'loo Pks. team arrangements were rather confusing and this could account for the walkovers their teams have received. For Halewood P. Bretherton seems to be their best sets winners.

The Police continue to encounter fluctuating fortunes accompanied by team changes. Ken McClaren, Jim Conroy and Frank Greaney figure prominently all sharing in the sets won. Their best performance was against Wat. Pk. "B" when they won 6-4 helped by a treble for G. Wilde.

DIVISION 6

LES FRENCH

Police "F" and Y. M. C. A. "D" continue to dominate this division. Neither could gain the upper hand when they played each other. Y. M. C. A. established a 4-0 lead only for Police to fight back and gain a draw. Hero was captain Eric Ferguson with wins over David Ng and Billy Wardle. Surprise was the double defeat of Peter Kavanagh by Ng. and Dominic Tai, who also beat Albert Baker for a great double. Police saved the day by winning both doubles. As expected Vernon Sangster "B" have gradually overhauled Courtaulds "A" and should finish third. Basil Townsend was their mainstay when they beat Y. M. C. A. 6-4, YM's only defeat to date. Vernon Sangster "B" lost by the same score to Police "F" with Peter Kavanagh in great form although he was severely tested by Dave Aimson, who lost 27/25 in the third. The return match ended in a draw, with V. S. leading 5-4 and Basil to play Eric Ferguson. Eric saved the day for Police to avenge an earlier defeat by Basil and preserve his sides unbeaten

record. Roger Bennion was Vernon Sangster's mainstay with two singles wins and the doubles with Basil. Young Adam Bennion had an extremely good win over Albert Baker. Their first match will probably be the hardest contested match all season, with NINE sets going to three and the other having a deuce game. Beat that. Courtaulds "A" suffered a set-back when hammered 8-2 by Police "F" with only John Tilley winning a singles, beating Steve Streets. The only serious opposition came from Frank Watt (he should play for the Police with a name like that) who lost 22-20 in the third to Steve and from Mike Hughes, who lost 22-24 20-22 to Eric Ferguson. Police "E" must think its Christmas with Longreach "A" presenting them with a 10-0 walkover as did Courtaulds "A" earlier on. These scores against promotion contenders have given Police "E" a higher position than they might have expected and have seriously reduced the other sides chances, as, of course, they deserve for failing to turn up. Longreach "A" have a useful side, looked after by Robert Fairclough, who's a useful player. Graham Leatherbarrow has a good record and should go far but there seems a lack of real commitment from some of the other team members. Pat Harrison is a useful player who showed her talents when holding Dominic Tai to 19 in the third in Longreach's 7-3 defeat by YM "D". Graham Leatherbarrow & Tony Windle both beat George Lee and combined to beat Lee & Wardle in the doubles. Longreach were lucky to get Maghull to agree to replay a match after conceding another walkover. They won 7-3, with stiff resistance from Crompton (2) and Leece (1). They lost 7-3 to Vernon Sangster "B", Townsend 2, Roger Bennion 2, and then fell 6-4 to Vernon Sangster "C" for whom Peter Davies and Chris Ford both won two singles. These results virtually put them out of the race for honours. Police "E" have a useful side, even without those walkovers, Albert Baker had a good double against Rafter's "C", including a good win over Jean Reynolds, who gained revenge by beating Steve Redrobe 16, 3. Steve made amends by beating Pauline Lawrenson 13 in the third. Its a funny game. Tich John Harris won two for Police.

Bootle "A" have a good side but were unlucky to find Kavanagh (2) and Streets (1) in the Police "E" team, going down 6-4. John Moore also won two for Police. Mal Dixon was Bootle's star with two singles, including a good 21/19; 17/21; 23/21 win over fast-improving Steve Streets. Bootle also lost 6-4 to Vernon Sangster "B", with Adam Bennion starring for VSB with singles wins over Mal Dixon (22-20 in the third) and Jackie Wilson (19 in the third) George Wilson got two for Bootle with Dave Burton recording a great win over Basil Townsend. Adam also saved the day for VSB when they turned out a weakened side against Rafter's "C" and lost 6-4, earlier in the season. Adam showed his talent to overcome the slow but consistent Janet Davies and then the quick hitting of Sue Smith.

Vernon Sangster "C", at their strongest, are as good as anyone in this division, with rising star Peter Davies an adequate replacement for Basil Townsend. They beat Police "E" 6-4, even though they included Eric Ferguson & Marie Lupton, with double wins for Peter and the rapidly improving John Greene, who looks to be a first division player of the future. Mike Delahunty won a singles and the doubles with John for a good team effort. VSC lost 7-3 to Police "F", but had a weaker team out. John and the likeable Barry Mounsey, who must be the greatest 'character' in the division, both had good wins over John Gregory.

Rafters "C" had a good match with Longreach "A", before going down 7-3. NINE of the games went to duce or 19. Graham Leatherbarrow beat Sue Smith 25/23; 22/20 and Pauline Lawrenson 21/14; 24/22 for good measure. Eileen Mansell put in a rare appearance for Rafters and had two good wins over Bob Fairclough and Pat Harrison, whom she beat 19 in the third.

At the lower end of the table Barker & Dobson "A" will be wooden spoonists but are pleasant, friendly opponents. They managed a draw with Maghull "F" with two singles wins for J. Jones and one each for John Brannigan and Marlow. Crompton & Leece won two each for Maghull and took the doubles. BDA lost 10-0 to Longreach, but five sets went to three, with Brannigan losing only 19 in the third to Windle.

Aighurth "B" should finish next to bottom. They took a creditable three sets from Police "F", with R Knight getting wins over Lyons & Ironside. He seems their best player and was the only one to put up a fight against Vernon Sangster "C" before losing 16/21; 28/26; 17/21 to the promising Mark Reed.

The Young Action "A" side had a great 7-3 victory over Maghull "F". E. Harrison won two singles, including a victory over Leece and was well-supported by T. Dixon who also won 2. E. Harrison won their only set against Rafters "C" with a great win over Jean Reynolds, who is never easy to beat. For Wav. Lab. "G", Dolan & Feerick seem to be picking up sets regularly. Feerick had a good double against VSC, beating Steve Jones 23/21; 26/24 and Marty Finnigan 17, 8. Chris Ford had a good double over Dolan and that great star of division 5A, Ken Armson.

In closing I'd like to say that I think it's a pity that the league didn't create THREE FIFTH DIVISIONS instead of a sixth. The standard of play of the top EIGHT teams is better than a large proportion of those in 5A & 5B and, after all, the fifth & sixth divisions were chosen arbitrarily, in effect. It is soul-destroying to think that the talent in the leading sides in this division will have earned FIFTH division table-tennis next season for all their hard work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

There are two topics that I'd like to raise with the league authorities.

1. Composition of our representative teams.
2. Vacancies in divisions other than the lowest one.

1. Speaking as a coach of ten years experience and most of that with junior players. I am very concerned at the present trends in team selection for the Liverpool sides in the Lancashire & Cheshire League.

As anyone involved with young players knows, the first aim of all youngsters who take their table-tennis seriously is to try to obtain a place in the Liverpool Junior side. This is one of the chief motivations for a lot of hard work and dedication. Of course, there are others, but with travelling expenses being what they are, it isn't possible, except for a few, to travel to too many tournaments.

What do we find at present? TWO out of THREE players in the Junior team are from outside the city, leaving our young hopefuls, who attended the trials and just missed out, on the sidelines with only an outside chance of achieving their ambitions. One of the players also plays for our senior teams, too, further reducing the chances of our local players. I have nothing against the individuals involved, who are extremely good players, but I think we are selling our own players short. Do we really want RHYL to win the Lancashire & Cheshire League? The Mens "A" team is in the same position, with two out of three outsiders in it. To give an individual case, what about the position of Phil Thompson of Colonsay, last season, Phil worked very hard indeed on his game, which developed so much that he was a match for anyone in the league, including wins over our imported stars. He played for the Mens "A" team against Barrow, winning all three sets, whereas Clive Strettle of Wigan only managed two, as did Peter Lee. For the next match Phil is dropped in favour of a Rhyll player. I know the disappointment this was for Phil after he had earned his place and I think it is wrong. Furthermore the players involved are young enough to keep our own youngsters out of representative games for some years to come. In my opinion it is too big a price to pay for an extra bit of success. GIVE OUR OWN YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE.

My other grouch is about the empty places in the lower divisions of the league. There is one vacancy in 3A, one in 4A, one in 4B, one in 5A, two in 5B and a FULL SIXTH division. Rule 22 states that the committee have the power, when a vacancy exists, to promote a team into a high division. Everybody knows that the Plessey & Vernon Sangster sides in division 5A are out of their class. Its no fun for powerful teams entering the league to thrash inexperienced players every week. This will happen until they reach the correct division and their presence lower down just spoils everyone's enjoyment. The argument is put forward that it might upset other teams if one or two are allowed to leapfrog a couple of divisions. After due regard to the playing strengths of such teams IT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST TO PROMOTE THEM IF IN THE COMMITTEE'S OPINION THEY MERIT A PLACE HIGHER UP. If there are other teams of comparable standard, let the committee make a decision as to which team or teams are the most deserving case. I'm sure that all clubs would be willing to stand by their decisions. I know that with new clubs it is hard to assess

their strength, but if this is known, particularly if registrations are produced, they should be considered for a higher division IF THERE IS A VACANCY.

What I'd like to see is an amendment to Rule 22 to the effect that the Committee SHOULD fill up vacancies in divisions. I know that it can be difficult with keying in fixtures, but it is preferable for a club secretary to reorganise their match nights etc. to try to avoid these empty places. While we are at it, lets put an end to the practice of teams dropping out AT THE LEAGUE MEETING. This is a perennial headache for Eddie & John, who do a great job, and it is totally unnecessary. There is no reason why clubs should not inform the league at least a week before the handbook meeting. If so, their own organisation needs looking into.

IMPOSE HEFTY FINES ON CLUBS WHO DROP OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE. Their lack of courtesy to the rest of us is what causes vacancies in divisions. Would the Committee care to consider what league rules would need to be amended to bring about changes such as this?

Given the removal of last minute drop-outs it would give the committee a chance to assess whether or not any teams qualify to fill any vacancies which have occurred. I'm convinced that if Rule 22 was used in this way, as a policy, that it would improve our league set-up. What do you think?

Finally, one or two other points for your consideration. I'm not happy at the creation of a SIXTH division, which further retards the progress of new teams. This year, I have seen nearly all the teams in 5A, 5B & div. 6 and it is tough luck on many of the div. 6 sides to win their division for the glittering prize of promotion to the fifth division. Eight of the div. 6 teams have a chance of promotion and most of these are considerably better teams than the bottom half-dozen in each of the fifth divisions. It would have been better to create another fifth division, of equal status, although I appreciate that it might have needed a change in league rules. Could it be changed for future years?

My last point concerns promotion and relegation. The league rules state clearly that the bottom two teams (except div. 2) will be relegated. I can think of occasions in the past when, if a team drops out, creating a vacancy, only ONE team has been relegated, treating the absent team as relegation candidates. In my view this is wrong and two teams should ALWAYS be relegated. After all, the purpose of promotion & relegation is to make it possible for teams to reach the correct standard of play. In only very rare cases would we find that the next to bottom side of a third or fourth division is as good as the top few of the next division lower down. The bottom two teams were all relegated last season but this has not always been the case. e.g. Three seasons ago, in 4A, Bath St. "G" finished 12th out of 13 (1 vacancy) and retained their 4th division status. Police "C", who finished bottom, ended up in 4B. Explain that one. The following season, Bath St. "G" finished 13th again and WERE relegated this time. Obviously they were more suited to the lower division and should have been relegated first time, not to mention that a better team would have taken their 4th division place.

Could we make it obligatory for TWO teams ALWAYS to be relegated. It seems to me that the rules already state this and yet it isn't always done. Anyone care to comment?

LES FRENCH

Secretary, Vernon Sangster T. T. C.

P.S. Why should Liverpool Youngsters have to compete with boys from Rhyl and Wrexham for a place in the Liverpool Junior team?

19th February, 1979

Dear Jack,

With reference to Tony Moon's comments on my captaincy in his DIV 3B report, December issue, I would respectively point out that we always play within the rules of Liverpool League T. T. and my own club committee - neither of whom state that a specific order of play must be maintained each week. The record cards will show that my team consists of four players of equal ability - four No. 4's in fact! - so obviously I must vary the playing positions so no one player has to carry the burden of the No. 1 position each week.

If we were a well balanced group - like the strong ex Fire Service team you have - instead of the weak but happy band of plod-away table tennis loving No. 4's then I wouldn't have any position problems either - what would you do Tony if the position was reversed?

As you requested Tony, Albert Parker now speaks, he says "You look after your team and I'll Captain mine thank you." Best wishes for your future reporting.

A. Parker.

English Electric "C".

TABLE EDGES

Tony O'Connor (Colonsay) is ranked number one Lancs. Junior and he isn't playing!?

In Cheshire John McNee is ranked 4, Pete D'Arcy 5 and Gordon Excell 15.

Soham T. T. C. (Cambridge) this years English Club Champions. The only team to win the Championship apart from Ormesby of Middlesboro. Ormesby had a team of brilliantly home produced champions - including Jarvis, Neale, Ransome, Walker and others as many of us well know. Soham have a hotch potch mixed grill team of Douglas (Warwick), Day (Cambridge) Barden (Middlesex) hard luck Ormesby. To Soham - no comment - yes there is - rubbish.

Pete D'Arcy is now a consellor on the E. T. T. A. Executive Committee.

Ironic that in the Junior County Match Lancs. 4, Clwyd 6, Clwyd six games were won by the two Marks - Byles and Thomas of Eng. Elec. and Wavertree Labour.

The smallest ever entry for the National Club Championship shows our champions Wavertree Labour paired with E. C. R. C. Ellesmere Port League.

Wayne Percival (Wav. Lab.) is on top form at the moment and very hard to beat, no doubt the inspiration comes from his wife Pam who has presented him with a lovely baby girl - Haley. Congratulations to you all from us all.

With Helen Davies and Haley Percival we are now waiting with baited breath to see if the third member of our 1990 girls team comes from the Trinity area. He would be a hard man who would make a prediction!

Did you see the Chinese boys on T. V. ? They certainly did our game a power of good, their superb displays were on everyones lips. Fitness and practice are what we all should aim for - perhaps ten hours a day is a little more than we can manage - but ten hours a week plus the eye and the heart.

A highly recommended book on the coaching side of the game is "Table Tennis Now" written by Barry Howard and Phil Burwell at £4.25 for 160 table tennis packed pages.

Two stalwarts of our scene have played only a handful of games - one last season - the other this season - Peter Rumjahn (Rafters) and George Smith (Y. M. C. A.) both are missed very much - both top class players and superb administrators. This is not a farewell message, but just to let you know that you have been missed - so come back all is forgiven!

On the ladies side Betty Black (Eng. Elec.) retired - her "Shade to high" and "Were you ready" always raised a laugh, her ready wit and excellent play is missed very much.

Another of our ladies who's games become less frequent is Eileen Mansell of Rafters, one of our all time great lady players and a character in her own right. Characters like these four who have been dedicated to table tennis for so long are hard to replace.

To Chen of Bath St. who will be returning to his Taiwan very soon, we say good luck and a safe journey, it has been nice having you with us on the Liverpool table tennis scene, I am sure your team will miss you very much.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE NOTES

Don Davies

Men's 1st. v Salford Home

This match was Mark Thomas' league debut and with three singles successes to his credit on his own club's table he could be pleased with himself, as could John McNee, three wins, with one from Keith Williams against Ron Wetherby, gave us our first league points of the season.

John and Ron Wetherby beat Keith and John in the doubles, Ross McFarlane and Wetherby picked up one win each making the final score - Liverpool 7 Salford 3.

Ladies v St. Helens Home

Once again we were forced to use a last minute replacement when Sue Alexander was ill. However, just as in the Manchester match Brenda Williams stepped in and duly obliged with three singles successes and the doubles with Barbara Kirkman, who weighed in with three and Julie two, the match ended 9-1 to our girls.

Ladies v Preston Away

Sue Alexander returned to register her usual three wins as did Barbara and two from Julie to give us an 8-2 victory, the doubles set going to Preston.

Carter Cup 2nd. Round v Salford Away

The home team used the Weatherby brothers John, Keith and Ian but all three bowed to Mark Thomas with Mark Byles and Graeme scoring one each we averaged our league defeat when winning by 5 sets to 2. In round 3 Stan Clarke and the boys travelled to Shrewsbury where the Shropshire County Junior team turned out. Mark Thomas recorded his ninth consecutive singles win when his three wins and two from Mark Byles gave us a final place against either Manchester or Bradford.

In the L & C League a Mark Byles hat trick and a couple from Graeme gave us a point in a drawn game at Manchester for the home match with Hyde Byles, Chang and Pu scored an easy 10.0 victory but then going down 6-4 at Preston with Black in for Byles scoring a superb victory over England ranked 13 Paul Rainford.

Men's A vs. Burnley A

Phil Thomson was selected but unfortunately dropped out due to a college activity. Y. M. C. A. junior Malcolm Pu was introduced for his senior city debut. However, although Malcolm failed to register a victory Clive Strettle and Greg Powell scored hat tricks and teamed up to take the doubles the final score being 7-3. The Home match with Mid Lancs consisted of six Liverpool league registered players as our visitors are all with the Trinity club. Steve Williams was the Mid Lancs hero when he beat Greg Powell, Mark Byles and the off form Clive Strettle who failed to score a victory for the first time ever in the A Team. Powell and Byles beat Eric Hardman and John Baron but with the match score at 4-5 Eric beat Clive to secure the points with a fine 6-4 win and a good chance of promotion.

ENGLAND 5 v WEST GERMANY 4

It is not very often we country hicks in the provinces have a chance of seeing a competitive International Match but here was our chance and pleasingly many of us took the opportunity of seeing it in the ideal setting of the Preston Guild Hall - superlative would be a better word, as the arena could not have been bettered. Over 1400 saw the game which was a credit to the organizers.

Nicky Jarvis came into the first game with Hugging very nicely, only losing 23 - 21, that was it for Nicky, he lost the next 15 and then might just as well have gone home. Des Douglas hammered Leiss 10 and 13. Jill Hammersley had a tough one against Kirsten Kruger winning 22 - 20; 17 - 21; 21 - 17. Douglas and Jarvis lost to Leiss and Stellway 11 and 19; Douglas and Linda Howard beat Stellweg and Hirschmuller 9 - 21; 21 - 18; 21 - 15. Pint sized Hirschmuller took the eye hitting the ball like a man. Jarvis lost to Leiss 19 and 9 - oh dear - never mind - no comment!

Four all and then one of the all time great games of table tennis between Douglas and Hugging - Hugging basically defensive, but hitting at every opportunity. The game going to Douglas 16 - 21; 21 - 16; 25 - 23. The crowd rising to the occasion with chants, cheers and fist like football signals - a terrific and most exciting Finale.

JACK LAMBERT.

Waverley Labour	20	20	-	-	171
Palmerston	18	13	4	1	128
Rafters	18	14	3	1	116
L'pool YMCA	19	11	6	2	113
Wav. Labour 'A'	21	11	8	2	106
English Electric	19	10	6	3	103
Eng. Electric 'A'	20	10	6	4	101
Trinity	17	7	8	2	84
L'pool YMCA 'A'	20	7	11	2	82
Trinity 'A'	20	4	11	5	79
Beauclair	19	6	12	1	68
Bath St.	18	1	12	5	65
Colonsay	19	2	16	1	62
L'pool Jewish	18	-	13	5	54
<u>DIVISION 3A</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Linacre	17	14	3	-	119
Eng. Electric 'D'	18	13	4	1	116
Old Swan	18	13	3	2	114
L'pool YM 'C'	18	12	5	1	108
Cadwa	17	12	3	2	107
Police 'A'	17	6	8	3	80
Harding	17	4	9	4	77
Bath St. 'C'	15	6	6	3	68
Maghull 'A'	19	2	14	3	67
L'pool Jewish 'B'	16	2	11	3	64
Trinity 'D'	16	6	9	1	63
Dutch's	17	3	10	4	63
Cadwa 'A'	15	2	10	3	54
<u>DIVISION 4A</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Kirkby 'B'	18	15	-	3	141
W'loo Park 'A'	18	16	1	1	126
Wav. Labour 'D'	16	12	1	3	124
Trinity 'G'	18	10	6	2	104
Eng. Electric 'F'	17	12	4	1	103
Rafters 'B'	18	10	4	4	92
Bath St. 'E'	19	6	9	4	92
Trinity 'F'	18	7	9	2	87
Bohemians	19	5	10	4	75
Maghull 'C'	17	3	12	2	60
L'pool Jewish 'D'	18	1	15	2	53
Cadwa 'B'	17	2	13	2	51
Vagabonds 'A'	17	2	15	-	42

Palmerston 'B'	17	15	-	2	127
Palmerston 'A'	16	15	1	-	113
L'Pool Y M 'B'	20	11	7	2	112
Kirkby	15	13	1	1	106
Rafters 'A'	16	12	4	-	106
Elec. Supply	20	7	9	4	103
Bath St. 'A'	19	8	10	1	92
Bath St. 'B'	19	5	11	3	87
Colonsay 'A'	20	6	10	4	85
Vagabonds	19	5	10	4	80
Wav. Labour 'B'	14	8	5	1	75
Maghull	18	2	14	2	62
Police	15	2	10	3	56
L'pool Jewish 'A'	19	-	18	1	28
<u>DIVISION 3B</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Trinity 'B'	19	18	1	-	154
Eng. Elec. 'B'	19	17	2	-	148
Palmerston 'C'	18	13	4	1	118
W'loo Park	19	10	7	2	111
Elec. Supply 'A'	16	13	2	1	106
Wav. Labour 'C'	17	10	5	2	101
Colonsay 'B'	20	7	10	3	93
Trinity 'C'	19	6	9	4	92
Eng. Electric 'E'	18	8	8	2	89
L'pool Jewish 'C'	19	5	10	4	77
Beauclair 'A'	20	4	14	2	77
Eng. Electric 'C'	20	2	14	4	63
Bath St. 'D'	19	4	13	2	52
Colonsay 'C'	19	-	18	1	29
<u>DIVISION 4B</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Aigburth	17	15	-	2	158
Bootle	17	16	-	1	152
Cadwa 'C'	19	10	8	1	108
Police 'B'	15	11	2	2	105
Eng. Elec. 'C'	16	10	4	2	92
Bath St. 'F'	18	7	10	1	77
Trinity 'E'	17	5	10	2	67
Kirkby 'A'	24	8	15	1	67
Maghull 'B'	15	5	8	2	66
Police 'C'	16	4	11	1	62
Old Swan 'A'	18	4	13	1	54
Bohemians 'A'	14	4	9	1	51
Cadwa 'D'	17	3	13	1	51

NOTE: - Kirkby 'A' have been suspended for the remainder of the Season
All their outstanding matches were awarded to their opponents 10 - 0.

DIVISION 5A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Plessey	17	16	-	1	158
Vernon Sangster	17	16	-	1	150
Longreach	17	13	4	-	125
Elec. Supply 'B'	17	10	4	3	106
Courtaulds	15	10	3	2	94
Bohs. 'B'	17	7	7	3	81
Moor Park	17	6	10	1	68
Maghull 'E'	17	3	11	3	62
Barker & Dobson	16	6	8	2	61
Eng. Elec. 'H'	19	3	13	3	59
Wav. Lab. 'E'	17	3	12	2	56
Bath St. 'G'	15	5	10	--	49
L'pool Jewish 'E'	17	-	16	1	18

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Police 'F'	19	16	-	3	152
L'pool YM 'D'	18	15	1	2	143
V. Sangster 'B'	19	14	2	3	136
Police 'E'	19	12	5	2	113
Bootle 'A'	18	10	8	-	102
Longreach 'A'	18	9	6	3	101
V. Sangster 'C'	18	9	6	3	100
Rafters 'C'	18	9	9	-	99
Courtaulds 'A'	15	7	4	4	96
Wav. Lab. 'G'	19	1	15	3	56
Maghull 'F'	19	2	16	1	52
Aigburth 'B'	18	4	14	-	44
Action Comm. 'A'	15	4	11	-	42
Barker & Dobson 'A'	19	1	16	2	24

DIVISION 5B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
St. Francis	17	17	-	-	153
V. Sangster 'A'	16	13	3	-	125
W'loo Park 'C'	17	10	7	-	110
Wav. Labour 'F'	17	9	4	4	100
Maghull 'D'	18	8	7	3	96
Aigburth 'A'	15	9	3	3	84
Action Comm.	15	8	6	1	76
W'loo Park 'B'	16	6	9	1	76
Police 'D'	15	6	6	3	74
Halewood	16	2	13	1	39
Colonsay 'D'	15	1	14	-	22
Vagabonds 'B'	17	-	17	-	15

FIXTURE SECRETARY'S NOTES

There are 30 Fixtures outstanding. from the first half of the season these must be played by April 6th.

We have now completed week 20 but either cards have not been posted or many more matches are outstanding. All matches must be played by April 13th.

You must write and fix dates now and you should all advise the fixture secretary the dates agreed.

Failure to comply will result in the home team giving 0-10 walk-overs, being fined one pound per match and may even cost you your league/division status.