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## EDITORIAL

A well thought out epistle in the last Digest came from the pen of Les French with many relevant and forthright points. Obviously the first half must receive more than my blessing as he backs up the points in my first Editorial.

But where do we start to say that players may represent the City and when they may not. Do we bar them from Hong Kong and Taiwan, ruling out Paul Tsang? Outside England John McNee, Mark Thomas, Mark Byles, Gregg Powell? Outside Merseyside Tony Clayton?, outside Liverpool? If we do, where do we start and finish. In my book a player who registers and opts for Liverpool is a Liverpool Player and the higher the standard of these players the better it is for all players particularly the young ones, and all these players have to do is play better than the best. Having said that perhaps on team selection there must be points of contention. Do you pick your strongest available team or do you pick your team that is available all the time even if it includes your 3 - 7 and 12 ranked players.

Although my last point brings in a personal note (club wise) I would make the point regardless and it does apply in some degree to many other players. A player who opted for Liverpool was born in Liverpool, schooled in Liverpool, has been a 101% clubman in Liverpool for about seven years and has fallen in line with every whim of the selectors and still you label him - Clive Strettle - an outsider. So if a player lives outside the City when or how does he become a Liverpool player according to your reckoning?

Thanks for your effort Les, it is nice to have someone else shooting off instead of me, particularly with so much thought going into your script.

How deplorable that a few of our leading players failed to enter our Closed Championships, I feel that they owe it to the organisers, the league, the younger players and the spectators to make this our outstanding competition and social event of the season, they failed us all miserably. A few had good reasons, the Welsh players for instance were committed to a Welsh tournament but for most of the others no excuse and black marks.

In Manchester we had Hankeys, Schofield, Darcy, Donlon, Bowen and England ranked number six John Hilton, the ladies were lead by England International Susan Lisle also Janet Deakin, Di Schofield, Marie Leigh - what a difference in attitudes.

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## DIVISION ONE

"HARRY"

Wavertree Labour's massive lead at the top of the table has crushed interest at that end except for runners up positions. Dave Roberts is now amply filling in Greg Powell's place so that most of the points lost are now from substitutes. Wayne Percival, who has so far only lost two at the time of writing, has missed a number of matches. Standing in for him Mick Tierney dropped the only singles point to Alec Sill of English Electric 'A', 18-21 in the third set. Keith Fitzimmons came in to complete 10-0 thrashing of Y. M. C. A. "A" and Phil Luxon lost the only point against Trinity A going down to Mike Keane who also just missed out against Roy Smith 21-23 in the third set.

Running for second place are Palmerston, Rafters and Y. M. C. A. and it now looks to be finishing in that order. Rafters have strengthened their team by cajoling Greg Powell from Wavertree Labour and they demonstrated this in beating Palmerston 7-3. Trevor Manning beat Ron Brotherton and Alec Bryce and linked with Greg to win their doubles. Gordon Exell lived dangerously beating Brian Davey in the third set then Alec Bryce 25-23 in the third. Keith Williams replied for Rafters beating John Fennah and Greg Powell comfortably. Rafters turned out a weaker team against Trinity in a match where Eric Hardman played hard to get by dropping to number three position where he beat Gordon Exell and Neil Roberts. John Fennah helped Rafters to a 6-4 win beating Steve Williams and Ricky Brown. Y. M. C. A. have been struggling to turn out their strongest team all season and subsequently have slipped badly against weaker opposition. This was illustrated by a 2-8 defeat at the hands of their A team. In this match Alan Pickering beat Peter Turtle and Francis Lay beat Malcolm Pu. Against Trinity, Y. M. C. A. struggled to a 6-4 win with Ricky Brown beating Peter Turtle and Francis Lay 21-19 in the third set. This was not Peter's night as he went down 22-24 in the third to Eric Hardman.

A bunch of teams next in the table include English Electric, Wavertree Labour A, English Electric A and Trinity. Mark Byles continues his fine first season in Liverpool beating Keith Fitzimmons and Mick Tierney of Labour A in a 6-4 win for Electric. Clive Strettle also took two singles wins over Keith and Phil Luxon. Electric's best result is a 6-4 win over Palmerston with Mark Byles beating Keith Williams and Brian Davey and Graeme Black beating Ron Brotherton 21-18 in the third set and Brian Davey also 21-18 in the third. Without Mark they struggled to draw with Trinity with Clive Strettle going down to Eric Hardman 21-19, 18-21, 22-24. Keith Fitzimmons, who must play in more leagues than anyone in the country, has taken over from Dave Roberts in the Labour A team. He beat Eric Hardman 22-20 in the third set, but lost to Steve Williams. Ricky Brown saw Trinity to a 6-4 win beating Malcolm McEvoy and Mick Tierney 23-21 in the third set. Labour A lost 4-6 to Y. M. C. A. with

Phil Luxon beating Malcolm Pu and Peter Lee 25-23 in the third set. English Electric A fought out a drawn match with Labour A thanks to Fred Pheysey beating Malcolm McEvoy and Mike Tiemey. Fred also easily beat Francis Lay and Steve Farr in a 7-3 win over Y. M. C. A. Harry Johnson seems to be turning out fairly regularly now for Y. M. C. A. "A" and he beat Rod McPherson, but went down narrowly 19-21 in the third to Alec Sill.

Just keeping out of relegation trouble are Trinity A and Bath Street. Trinity A lost 4-6 to Electric A with Alec Sill beating Alan Chase 21-19 in the third set and Mike Keane. Against Palmerston they turned out with only half a team and managed to snatch a point through Alan Chase beating Brian Davey. Alan led Trinity to a 7-3 win against Colonsay with a 19-21, 21-19, 21-18 win over Phil Thomson and to a draw against Y. M. C. A. A by beating Francis Lay and Steve Farr. Bath Street are still ably led by Dave Butterworth. Although losing 4-6 to Y. M. C. A. Dave beat Peter Turtle and George Smith. Against Rafter's he beat John Fennah and Gordon Exell with a further point from S. Chen beating Alan Timewell. Chen picked up the only singles win for Bath Street against Palmerston by beating Brian Davey and he led Bath Street to a 8-2 win over Colonsay by beating Phil Thomson 15-21, 21-19, 22-20.

Lastly we come to the three teams who are more involved in fighting off relegation. Beauclair, unlike Y. M. C. A. "A" of the promoted teams from Division II have continued with the same side and with a better show of resolution and adaption to the higher standard have achieved better results since Christmas e.g. 8-2 over Jewish and 7-3 against Trinity A. Their good teamwork support has shown in better doubles results illustrated against Trinity, where two doubles wins and singles from Ted Birch against Mike Trueman in expedite and myself against Ricky Brown saw Beauclair pick up four valuable points. Colonsay's problems in turning out a regular team has been aggravated by the loss of Dave Williams for a number of matches, through a bereavement. Against English Electric A with only three players Phil Thomson beat Mark Byles 16-21, 24-22, 21-18 but lost to Clive Strettle 19-21, 21-23. Against Jewish they drew in a match which avoided many issues with Jewish reversing their order. Sue Alexander avenged a previous defeat against Julian Quirk whilst John Henshaw had a good win over Phil Thomson. Against Palmerston Eddy Clein assumed a more correct position at number one to beat Brian Davey and Keith Williams and taking the doubles with Julian Quirk. However, a 2-8 defeat at the hands of Beauclair with a disgruntled Eddy Clein losing to Mick Allen and Frank Murphy in expedite has just about finished Jewish's chances of staying in the division.

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## DIVISION TWO

DON CHALKLEY

It appears that the Palmerston youngsters have the league sewn up with the challenge coming from Palmerston "A", Kirkby and Rafter's "A" for 2nd place.

Having regard to the talent and experience that the Palmerston clubs can call upon from far and wide, I expect both their clubs to be promoted. All reserves will be tapped for "crunch matches".

Norman Challoner has done a splendid job with his Kirkby team whether or not he wins promotion and he had the hard lines to lose Paul Brown with an injury when playing well.

What a change in climate from the heat of Kirkby to the Arctic conditions at Rafters. I must add that the usual nice reception from their team does of course make up for the climate in some way.

Relegation now seems certain for Jewish "A", Maghull, Police and Vagabonds. Bath St. "B" and Colonsay "A" are just out of reach.

Maghull have been well served by Gordon Brownlee winning 21/24 but with little support. Vags have had Ted Bames 16/30 and Bob Owens 19/30 with Tommy Johnstone and Doug Ridgeway having lean seasons.

Our Police team has seen little of Dave Crispin for several reasons. This has meant Gareth Jones and I moving up with less than our normal success. Unhappily Len Dyson has had a poor season but with his determination and good strength of character he will bounce back. Our reserves have not won much for us either although Tom Purcell won 2 against Jewish and the only one against Wavertree Labour "B" and could improve in a higher division than the 4th.

Alec Gould had a good pair of wins playing No. 1 against Kirkby. He beat M. Monaghan and N. Challoner. Barry McLeod, playing his first game of the season beat Alec Gould. This was an exciting, hard hitting game. Paul Morgan beat Ted Mandaluff. F. McCann beat N. Challoner. I beat John Letch two straight, 21/3 the second.

#### Best averages

G. Parr 25/26. Played at No. 1. Speaks for itself.

M. Mercer 23/26 There is some talent in these lads and some of the

P. Ashcroft 18/24 best prospects since the young days of Tony O'Connor.

S. Mercer 20/30

L. Molyneux 13/14. J. McMillan 28/32. I. Burrows 20/28 K. Roscoe 10/12

H. Johnstone 20/30. K. Jackson 25/34 (What a hard hitter) R. Rumjahn 21/30 (Like

Peter he refuses to age.) C. Coogan 30/36. A. Mercer 19/26. M. Monaghan 25/32.

N. Challoner 27/30.

Best wishes to all who will be playing in the premier division next year, those who remain and those who will be making the drop.

It looks very much like a new correspondent is needed for next year for the 2nd Division so if anyone is interested please write to Ken Armson as soon as possible or Jack Lambert.

But at least one more from you please Don - this is not Goodbye ! Editor.

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DIVISION 3A

SUE HUGHES

At the time of writing these notes the final promotion and relegation places remain

undecided, but just a few teams are in contention for honours or "the wooden spoon". The champion place is probably between Old Swan and Linacre, the latter having the edge at the moment.

Linacre, the team that constantly bobs between the second and third divisions, have great strength in depth, losing only a few games all season. Harry Reeve at number one has proved to be the division's top player, but Linacres strength is such that they could call upon equally proficient players on the rare occasion that Harry was unavailable. Messrs. Lacey, Ainsworth, Davidson and Davidson have notched up a series of good wins and together make a very worthy championship team.

The other team trying to make a speedy return to the second division is Old Swan Boys Club, who have been hot on the heels of Linacre all season and just as consistent. Pete McAdam and Pete Dobbs have both had an excellent season and Ken Linforth and Bill Richardson have continued improving all season.

Despite a whirlwind start to the season Cadwa have slipped away during the second half and it now appears unlikely that they will make second division status. So once more Trevor and Co. fall at the final hurdle. However, this must not detract from some good individual performances within the team. Robin Brackley has improved with every game, recently beating Wally Sill and Ro Craddock in Cadwa's 6-4 victory over English Electric.

English Electric have maintained good form through-out the season and Kevin, Wally, Ro and Brian have only missed a handful of games between them. In a recent meeting with Trinity, the East Lancs team emerged with a very commendable 10-0 victory, but their present form may have come too late to make an impact on the top places.

Liverpool Y. M. C. A. was another team that started the season with a flourish but have fallen back in recent weeks. Kenny Roscoe can usually be relied upon to win both his singles, with good wins over A. Wood and R. McMasters (Police) and G. Hughes and M. Green (Dutch's), though Mal Green went to 21/19 in the third before losing. Y. M. C. A.'s other young player, Jos Yau, shows great potential and will soon be a force to be reckoned with should his current rate of improvement be maintained.

The middle of the table is occupied by several teams of equal strength, with little to chose between Police 'A', Harding, Dutch's and Bath St. 'C'. The Police team always prove to be good opponents in victory or defeat; Merseyside Police Chamption, George Wright, has had a good season, winning both his games in the 5-5 draw with Harding, (must be that devastating back-hand ???). Alan Wood (Police) became one of the few players to beat Kevin Parker (English Electric), when he took the game 14/21, 21/16, 21/15.

Despite their excellent cup run, Bath St. 'C' have levelled out in the middle of the table, but an enjoyable and sporting match is always guaranteed against this team. Dave Cunningham had a nail-biting 20/22, 21/19, 19/21 victory over Ken Dutch. In the same match Alan Spencer and Ken Foulkes won all their games, again illustrating their good form; Brian Cunningham makes up the fourth member of the team and a quick check through the score cards would appear to show that none of the team have missed a match this season.

Newcomers to the division Harding and Dutch's have displayed their determination to retain their places with a series of good results. Dutch's are another very settled team and seldom have to call upon reserves. Mal Green was man-of-the-match in Dutch's game against Linacre, when he got Dutch's only two points beating Frank Lacey 21/19, 21/17 and A Davidson 21/10, 21/11.

Bill Hargreaves (Harding) has regularly taken both his singles and teamed up with Dave Williams to form a formidable partnership in the doubles. In a recent game against Maghull's Eric Taylor, Dave Williams and Eric had a rally of 143 shots duration (full marks to Mike Elson as the long-suffering umpire). This sounds like some sort of record, unless, of course, you know differently.

At the bottom end of the table, there are three teams battling to clear the "danger zone" : Liverpool Jewish waited a long time for their first win of the season, but now they have found new form as their recent 9-1 victory over Cadwa 'A' will testify. L. Rosenblöom beat A. Gamett and R. McMasters (Police) to take 2 of the 3 points in Jewish's 7-3 defeat by Police.

Cadwa 'A' are also struggling, but in a relegation battle with Liverpool Jewish they only managed to collect one point, thanks to Ian Fletcher, who beat Lee Soon 21/13, 20/22, 21/18.

Although this is my first as Div. 3A correspondent, it could also be my last, as my own team, Maghull, are in a rather unenviable position at the moment. Chris Roberts and Andy Howarth have been forced to miss a few games recently through illness and injury, but we wish them a speedy return. In the meantime, Eric Taylor and Alan Sumthurst have both won some good games. Eric was inspired in beating Pete McAdam (Old Swan) 24/22, 22/20 and Alan registered a close win over Trevor Hughes (Cadwa) 18/21, 21/15, 21/23.

Finally, congratulations and commiserations to the eventual victors and vanquished and I hope the next season proves to be as enjoyable as this.

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### DIVISION 3B

TONY MOON

With only half a dozen games before the end of the season it now seems certain that English Electric 'B' and Trinity 'B' will be promoted. My tip for the eventual league winners early in the season was Electric 'B' but I think that Trinity 'B' may now just pip them for the title. Unfortunately (because of a dispute) I have not received any cards this year so my prediction may be proven wrong.

Palmerston 'C' could have pushed the two top teams for honours this year if they had achieved some sort of consistency in their matches, as must be confirmed in their 7-3 win over Electric 'B'.

T. Weardon and R. Hudson both won their singles and T. Weardon completed his hat-trick by winning his doubles with J. Le Page. T. Weardon beat A. Jones 21/12; 21/17 and J. Black 21/9; 21/17, R. Hudson beat A. Jones 19/21; 21/18; 21/4 and B. Williams 21/14; 15/21; 21/14, J. Le Page beat J. Black 21/16; 14/21; 21/13, C. Higham beat

A. Hewitt 21/18; 19/21; 25/23. Brenda Williams and A. Hewitt picked up a singles each and Brenda won her doubles with Julie Black.

Colonsay 'C' have strengthened their side with the inclusion of Mal Cray and Alan Guy, but all credit must be given to the four young lads in the side who have turned up week after week regardless of results against them.

My own club along with Electric Supply 'A' and Palmerston 'C' are still fighting it out for the third spot. Wavertree Labour gained revenge over Electric Supply recently with an 8-2 win (the last game was not played because of the untimely intervention of a club steward.) The score does not however, reflect what a close fought game this was as the following scores would confirm : - A. Moon beat D. Underhill 14/21, 21/12; 26/24, M. Neary beat D. Underhill 19/21; 21/18; 21/14, A. Moon and J. Collister (100% doubles partnership) beat L. Evans and W. Lewis 17/21; 21/18; 21/16, J. Ashley and M. Neary beat R. Conley and D. Underhill 13/21; 21/14; 22/30, R. Conley beat A. Moon 16/21; 21/17; 21/11. Although not being able to give up to date results because of the shortage of cards, here are some notable wins :- H. Holmes beat J. Higham 18/21; 21/18; 22/20, C. Gibson beat B. Williams 21/19; 22/24; 21/13, M. Gibson beat B. Williams 18/21; 21/14; 21/13, M. Corcoran beat J. Higham 21/13; 18/21; 21/16, B. Holmes beat H. Black 21/17; 14/21; 23/21, M. Neary beat J. Higham 20/22; 21/18; 21/17. I am sorry if I mentioned your name a lot in those results John, but I believe most of them occurred during your "bad patch".

If you want a good night of entertainment these days go to a match involving Jewish 'C' D. Cohen is the joker in a team of players who enjoy themselves whether they win or lose (there is a lesson for a few of us there, and I include myself).

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#### DIVISION 4A

STAN CLARKE

I don't know if it is a sign of approaching old age, but it seems to me that this season is passing more quickly than any other I can remember, and suddenly there are only five weeks left to the end of the season. Five weeks which will be the most decisive of the season for some teams, those involved in the promotion and relegation battles.

I am now firmly convinced that Kirkby 'B' will be divisional champions, which with my record for tipping is probably akin to the kiss of death, but as the team that has been on top right from the start, I feel they deserve the title, and I am sure they will more than hold their own in the Third Division. I must admit that I have a great deal of respect for the whole Kirkby Club, their record since first entering the league some years ago is fantastic and will bear comparison with anybody, and all concerned are to be congratulated.

Waterloo Park 'A' are in second place at the time of writing, but have only a two point lead over Wavertree Labour 'D' who have 2 games in hand, which when played will, I am sure, put Labour firmly in second place and into the Third Division as I can't see Waterloo pulling back sufficient points in their last five games. It would appear that Waterloo's chances of promotion disappeared with some rather unusual results, having dropped four sets in each of their games against Trinity 'F', Rafters 'B', Bath St. 'E'

and Jewish 'D', then lost their home game against Kirkby 'B' 3/7. However, Waterloo do have a chance to finish the season in a blaze of glory by beating Aigburth in the final of the "Forrest Cup" and in the process proving, as we all know, that 4A is a far superior division than 4B.

Trinity 'F' will have the satisfaction of proving that they are a superior team to their rivals in the 'G' team, though I think they will have to settle for fifth place in the division, as I feel that English Electric 'F' will finish in fourth place, then Bath St. , Rafter's, Trinity 'F' and Bohemians following closely behind.

I wish I could be as certain of the relegation places, as my own team is firmly rooted amongst the bottom four. In my last notes I said that Cadwa were in grave danger and that Vagabonds appeared to be pulling themselves clear of relegation, only to find that after seventeen games their respective positions have reversed yet again, and it's not over yet. Vagabonds appear to have an easier "run in" than the three teams above them. Cadwa and Maghull both have to play Kirkby and Waterloo Park, but the final decision on relegation could well depend on the last week of the season when Cadwa entertain Maghull, and Jewish are home to Vagabonds, so I think I will keep my mouth shut and hope for the best.

As expected, the top of the table battle between Wavertree Labour and Kirkby ended in a draw, but only just, Alan Hall beating Brian Cragg 21/17, 20/22, 22/20.

Finally, as is my usual practise, the spotlight falls on those worthies who have saved their teams from a whitewash, Tom Banner Jewish beat Ritchie Cragg Kirkby 21/16, 8/2, 21/15, Jerry O'Keefe Rafter's, beat Brian Cragg 21/10, 21/19, Rafter's presented Kirkby with three free points in this game by playing short. Ann Carline Jewish beat Ritchie Saunders Trinity 'G' 8/21, 21/19, 21/17. Carol Flood Cadwa, beat Pete Davies Wavertree Labour 10/21, 21/19, 21/16, Stan Clarke Maghull beat Ian Lunt Kirkby 21/17, 17/21, 21/15, Fred Biggs Cadwa beat Brian Cragg Kirkby 21/19, 21/18 and Derek Evans and M. Hutchinson Bohemians beat Loretta Hardman and Karen Gibson Bath Street 21/9, 21/23, 21/17. Dave Rooney and Ken Ray Vagabonds each took a single against Ron McEvoy and John Hobson Wavertree Labour. Chris Reynolds Bohemians beat Ted McGiveron Eng. Elec. , and Derek Evans and Ritchie Winkles beat Jeff Huntington and the luckless Ted in the doubles. Ken Ray and Gordon Ridge-way Vags 'A' beat Steve McGanity and Sean Rees Maghull to gain two points in this bottom of the table clash. Ann Carline Jewish won both points for Jewish against Trinity 'F' beating Mal Clarke and John Simm. Trinity 'G' gifted three points to Waterloo Park, but John Dixon beat Dave Jones in the singles, John Homby and Brian Traynor beat Dave Jones and Ken Miller in the doubles.

I'm afraid that's all I have space for in this edition, but I'll be back to bore you again in the next Digest.

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DIVISION 4B

JACK LAMBERT

Crash goes Dave Wilson's 100% - losing to La vin and Aldred in the clash of the giants. With Ray's 100% going to Hutchings, we now only have Wass who hasn't played as



many as the rest with a 100% record. Aldred 27/28 Lavin 24/25 Wass 20/20 Hutchings 27/28 Wilson 24/26 these are our top boys in our very successful teams. A couple of other very good performances Purcell 25/30 Rimmer 23/30 Brian Thomas 20/28.

The 5-5 draw between Aigburth and Bootle must have been expected, apart from the the above results McLoughlin shared with Aldred and Hutchings the match honours having two convincing wins over Davies and Mao. Trinity 'E' 4 v Kirkby 'A' 6, if it counted could be game of the month with eight games going to three and seven decided on deuce in the third Collins and Saunders having doubles, as it didn't count I must give it to the Aigburth - Bootle game.

Trinity 'E' (Sumner 3) turned on the heat to beat the successful Cadwa 'C' side 6-4 - Holden 2 for Cadwa. I can't keep this Trinity guys out of the news along they go to Cadwa 'D' with J & D. Southworth only, and it finishes up Cadwa 'D' 5 Southworth United 5.

A good predictable 5-5 between Police 'C' (Wilkinson 3) and Old Swan 'A' Cherry and Severs winning a singles and doubles, let's hope the Old Swan boys have overcome their crisis. In the Police derby game the 'C' team did well to hold the stronger 'B' side to 4-6 with a good singles and a doubles from my old rivals Sue Anderson and Wilkinson. Purcell and Ham had doubles for the 'B'.

A double from Winkle gave Bohemians 'A' probably the best result of the session a draw at Cadwa 'C' (Stanton 3) - for the draw Wilson and Summersgill really fought to a 26-28 in the third. Quilliam for Bo-hs. had a good double against Trinitih 'E' but J. Southworth pulled out the stops for a 6-4 win.

Trebles from Huntington and Thomas 'B' gave English Electric 'G' a 7-3 over Maghull 'B' but Banks only lost 20-22 in the third to Huntington, Gibson had a corker with Harper winning 21-19: 20-22: 21-19. Les doing it the hard way then beat Gill 22-20 in the third. Gill also lost to Thomas 'D' 18 in the third - tough going.

Good wins for Bath St 'F' (Berger and Higginson 2) against Cadwa 'C' 7-3 and Trinity 'E' 8-2 (Woodley and Roberts 2) and then they failed to arrive at Cadwa 'D' giving them a 10-0 walk over!

Amongst the lone cowboys for their teams - J. Southworth beat B. Thomas 21-16: 18. 21: 21-18: Gibson (Maghull) beat Burton (Bootle) 21-19: 21-10: Banks (Maghull) beat Christian (Police 'B') 17 and 19: Wilkinson (Old Swan 'A') beat McGiveron (Electric 'G') 21-17: 14-21: 21-18: Higginson (Bath St. 'F') beat Mao (Aigburth) 17 and 19. There were quite a few close matches this time around so it is difficult to pick a game of the month, some have been quoted others are Christian lost to Winkle 16-21: 21-18: 23-25: Rimmer beat McDevitt (Cadwa 'D') 21-16: 20-22: 23-21: Southworth J beat Miller (Bootle) 18-21: 21-18: 24-22.

Our representatives Aigburth did us proud in the final of the Forrest Cup being Waterloo Park in an exciting game 6-4, nice work.

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As Plessey, Vemon Sangster and Longreach have swept aside all opposition for promotion, the only real interest left is the fight to avoid the second relegation spot. Jewish 'E', with 19 sets from 16 games are way behind and it seems a fight between Wav. Lab. 'E' and Eng. Elec. 'H' to avoid the other place, with Bath St. 'G', Maghull 'E' and Barker & Dobson on the fringe. Elec. 'H' gave their chances a shot in the arm by beating Wav. Lab 'E' 6-4, with Andy Byrne and Nigel Conquest each getting two for Electric, and Amy Bell two for Wav. Lab. 'E'. A gritty performance by Nigel, beating W. Stanley -17, 22-20, 22-20 and Monica O'Donnell 22-20, -16, 21-15. In the Elec. v Maghull 'E' match, Nigel lost 21-23, 25-27 to Reg Coxsey but his side managed a draw, thanks to another double from Andy and one each from Jack Lambert and Paul Cleary, who beat R. Gordon 29-27, 15. Reg Coxsey won his two for Maghull. Bath St. 'G' beat Elec. 6-4 with Ted Jane and Andy Armstrong winning two each and John Wright taking one and the doubles with Andy. Bath St. 'G' beat Jewish 'E' 9-1 with Raymond Polak saving the whitewash. Wav. Lab. 'E's chances were reduced by an 8-2 defeat by Barker & Dobson. Only Monica O'Donnell managed a singles win. Peter Greaves did well to beat Milly Harris and Monica in this match. Barker & Dobson beat Bath St. 'G' 7-3 (Greaves 2). A good win for Mike Nelson over Fred O'Sullivan 16 in the third and a great performance by Any Armstrong to beat Les Travis 19 in the third.

Maghull 'E' gave their chances a boost with a great draw against Courtaulds. Reg Coxsey won two and his doubles, with Les Jones beating Les Higham, and R. Gordon beating Gibson. Vemon Sangster turned out their 'B' team from division 6 against Maghull and won 10-0 convincingly, with only Les Jones going close against the Bennions, Roger and Adam. This result shows the strength of division 6, with Vemon Sangster 'B' currently third. Jewish 'E' did well to get three sets off Boh's 'B' and it could easily have been a draw. John McKim losing 22-24 in the third to A. Jones, and Stuart Polak 19 in the third to Jones. Stuart made amends by beating C. Johnson 22-20 in the third and John beat the promising C. Quilliam 15 in the third. John had a great win over Peter Overend of Plessey 22-20 in the third for Jewish's only set. Bath St. 'G' had a great 6-4 win over Moor Park with John Wright, Ted Jane & Andy Armstrong each taking two singles. The score could easily have been reversed with Wright scraping home 22-20, 26-24 against J. Jones and Andy winning 23-21 in the third against Mark West Jones.

In mid-table Boh's 'B' did well to take 3 sets off Longreach. Lots of high scores in this match, including two narrow wins by Frankie Fogg. He beat V. Carroll 12, 20-22, 21-19 and C. Quilliam, who is proving hard to beat, 17, 24-22. Richie Heathrington had a strange night. After beating Hutchinson 19 in the first, he lost 21-3 and then 22-20 in the third. Then, against C. Quilliam, he lost 21-9, recovered to win 21-19 in the second but lost 18 in the third.

Barker & Dobson did well to hold Elec. Supply 'B' to a draw. Les Travis had a great win over Charlie Blackburn 24-22, 21-13. Fred O'Sullivan beat Eddie Cameron 16, 22-20 and Peter Greaves beat R. Conley. Barkers took both doubles for a fine result.

Geoff Blackburn won two for Elec. Supply 'B'.

I can now give you a few averages (from the cards I've received to date). (Min. sets 20). Trevor Owens is still undefeated, winning 20, losing 0. Les French 43-1, Bill Harris 40-1, Fred Price 27-1, Les Griffin 23-3, Stan Harvey 19-3, Paula French 36-8, Tony Mulhally 29-7, Pete Jackson 26-8, Bob Edwards 24-7, Geoff Blackburn 18-4, Alan Leigh 21-6, Kevin Davies 18-5, Frankie Fogg 26-10, Richie Heatherington 23-11, Paul Adams 13-7, Eddie Cameron 15-8.

Our two teams, Vernon Sangster & Courtaulds did make it to the Stamp Cup final, after a struggle. V.S. defeated 5B champions-elect St. Francis deSales on games after two draws, whilst Courtaulds saw off Rafter's C from div. 6. Rafter's C are about 7th in div. 6, further underlining the strength of that division. Vernon Sangster went on to win the final 9-1, the same score as the league encounter.

In addition to averages, it is often interesting to find out which players have won most sets for their teams, i.e. turning out and winning regularly. Fred Price has won most for Plessey, myself for Vernon Sangster, Tony Mulhally for Longreach, Bob Edwards for Courtaulds, Alan Leigh for E. S. B., C. Quilliam for BohsB, Williams & Hudson for Moor Park, Travis & O'Sullivan for Barker & Dobson, Byrne for E. E. H. Monica O'Donnell for W. L. E. Ted Jane for B.S. G. Reg Coxsey for Maghull and finally John McKim for Jewish.

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#### DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

As we have known all season St. Francis and V. Sangs, 'A' have got this division sewn up, but the few sets they have lost to the clubs battling it out for 3rd place could well decide who gets there, so close are they running each other.

At the time of writing Way. Lab. 'F' are in 3rd place with 118; with Wat. Pk. 'C' and Aigburth 'A' on 113 all from 19 played. Obviously this will have changed when you read these notes, it may well even be settled.

Nevertheless these three teams are all aware of the situation and striving for those extra sets and finding that the going is not always as easy as it looks. The position is made more difficult as none of them appears able to turn out a regular settled team. This has cost sets all round.

Wat. Pk. 'C' and Aigburth 'A' suffered a setback when they faced Police 'D' with Wat. Pk. being soundly beaten 8-2 and Aigburth only managing a draw. George Wilde (Police) winning all six of his sets. Aigburth also dropped 4 sets to Wat. Pk. 'B' intent on helping their fellow clubmates.

Way. Lab. 'F' also had their setbacks, only managing a draw with Action Comm. and a draw with Wat. Pk. 'B'; but doing better against Police with a 7-3 win. Against Wat. Pk. 'B' the Meyer brothers again caused them problems winning a singles each and then combining in the doubles to take a third. Their doubles record is one of the best in this division.

All three teams have an interesting run in with Wav. Lab. being on their two blank weeks then finishing with Wat. Pk. 'C' and Maghull 'D'. Wat. Pk. 'C' have a hard finish which I think will put them right out of the running, with fixtures against St. Francis, Maghull 'D': Wav. Lab. 'F' and V. Sangs. 'A'. A formidable list and if they get enough sets from that lot they will be well worthy of the 3rd place. To compensate for this hard run-in they have received 10/0 w/overs from Police 'D' and Halewood with Colonsay 'D' only turning up with two players. Even their own 'B' team played short against them. Aigburth 'A' have to face Action Comm. and Police 'D', but also have Colonsay 'D' and Halewood to look forward to and are the best placed of the three for a strong finish.

What of Action Comm? At present in 7th place and a thorn in the side of all three named contenders they are in deep trouble with the Management Committee, having again been reported for playing a player who had previously played for them under another name. I understand the Management Committee accepted their explanation of the first incident and took into account the very worthwhile task being performed by Action Committee in providing recreation facilities for these youngsters. This latest incident, which is the third, puts this offence in a different light. Can we afford to accept a club who seem intent on breaking the rules whenever it suits them. It also raises the query as to how many other occasions have they played players under an assumed name. One thing appears certain, if they are expelled and I, personally, can see no other alternative, it could affect the promotion issue as they have had varying results against the three teams involved. We shall also lose some very promising players and a fairly strong team.

Maghull 'D' and Police 'D' will take the next two places, both being good teams but lacking that little extra to get in front. Maghulls' problem is weakness in the tail. Harry McGanity and Alan Rycroft are winning regularly with some good support from R. Cockcroft at No. 3. but the No. 4. spot is very weak.

Police have shared their sets with Frank Greaney, George Wilde and Jim Conroy performing well, but the best performances have come from Ken McLaren. They too have had a hand in deciding who will finish 3rd.

At the bottom Vags. 'B' have no chance to avoid being the very bottom team in the league, but in Dave Rooney they have one of the best players in the division. Since his regular appearance at the halfway stage he has taken sets, frequently two, from all the top teams and crowned this with a singles win against St. Francis beating J. Armstrong, 17 in the 3rd. He may not have had winning support from his team mates, but he has had regular support. I would sooner have a player who turns up every week and never wins, than one who wins regularly, but plays only when it suits him. They have blotted their record only once by conceding a 10/0 w/over to Wat. Pk. 'B'. This raises an interesting point. Does the fact that the two Wat. Pk. teams have both collected two 10/0 w/overs have any connection with their late change in venues and match nights or is it because no-one likes travelling to Trinity? As Trinity is nearer than Wat. Pk. I am inclined to the view that it is the change in venue and matchnights which is the cause as their 'A' in div. 4A have also received a 10/0 w/over, and this from a very reliable team from Rafters.

Colonsay 'D' and Halewood have stretched the gap with Vags, with Halewood being the better of the two teams. Their clash left things undecided as Colonsay were one short, but still managed to win four of the seven sets played. We will have to wait until the final match to see who will come out best in terms of a result against each other.

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## DIVISION 6.

## LES FRENCH

YMCA 'D' and Police 'F' are having a private battle for the championship. I fancy YM might win it now that Denis Corkery has taken over from George Lee. Had this move been made earlier, I think that YM would have had a clear lead by now. Police 'F' depend so much on the great form of Peter Kavanagh and Eric Ferguson. What a great season Eric's having for someone with artificial hip joints.

These two are being hotly pursued by the fast-improving Vernon Sangster 'B' side, who, under the able captaincy of Roger Bennion, have opened up a clear gap in third place, but have no real chance of catching the other two. Courtaulds 'A' seem to have 4th place sewn up, but what a scrap after that. With gaps in higher divisions, it seems that seven teams go up. The remaining three places are being hotly contested by five teams, so two will be unlucky. If I have to stick my neck out, I'll predict that Vernon Sangster 'C' will finish 5th, followed by Longreach 'A', Police 'E', Bootle A & Rafter's 'C'. I think that Rafter's will miss out because, although they have a well-balanced side, they lack a strong number 1. Bootle, on the other hand, lack a bit of experience at 3 & 4, although Mal Dixon seems to be doing better recently. In addition Bootle have lost their No.1. Dave Burton, who has been replaced by Mark Tsang.

The Vernon Sangster 'C' team has been settled recently and produced good 6-4 wins over Police 'E' & Longreach 'A' and held Courtaulds 'A' to a draw. They followed these with a 10-0 win over Maghull, a feat achieved by only YM & Courtaulds, previously. V.S.C.'s progress has coincided with the rapid development of John Greene & the skills of newcomer Peter Davies. Chris Ford has settled down nicely and has been winning consistently and with Mark Reed producing some sparkling form recently, its easy to see why they're doing so well. Longreach A, after showing some early promise, have slipped a little, losing 7-3 to VSB, 6-4 to VSC and in a disastrous fortnight, lost 9-1 to Police F & 10.0 to YMCA. They still look good enough for 6th place.

Police E are totally unpredictable due to the unsettled nature of their team. I think that they are in a false position, aided by the numerous appearances of Eric Ferguson and to a lesser extent, Peter Kavanagh. With these two the team is formidable, but without them it is considerably weaker. I still expect them to keep ahead of Bootle & Rafter's.

Courtaulds 'A' forced a draw with YMCA due to two great individual performances from John Tilley & Albert Rivers. John scored what is probably the best pair of wins to date, when he beat both David Ng and Billy Wardle, who are both in great form. Albert also won his two singles, beating Dominic Tai & George Lee. Frank Watt also beat Lee, but YM saved the day by winning both doubles. Courtaulds also drew with

Longreach A, with Tilley again starring, with wins over Fairclough and Windle. The promising Graham Leatherbarrow was the star for Longreach with a good double over Rivers and Watt. Courtaulds came unstuck against Rafter's C, who beat them 7-3. Jean Reynolds & Pauline Lawrenson both beat Tilley, who must have been overawed by all the feminine charm. Jean won by an amazing 7,10 scoreline but John had the narrowest of defeats by Pauline, who won 15-21, 23-21, 23-21. Jean also beat the tenacious Jim Geddes 20-22, 21-16, 21-19. Jim made amends by beating Janet Davies 4, 19. Then Janet replied, beating Nick Ryan 18, 15. Pauline also won two, adding Frank Watt to her list of 'scalps.' Not to be outdone, Sue Smith also beat Watt, and Ryan, for a great team performance from Rafter's. Courtaulds won both doubles to save a rout. Rafter's had a good tussle with Bootle before going down 6-4. This time it was Janet Davies' turn to star, with wins over George Wilson 22-24, 21-18, 21-19 and Jackie Wilson 13, 7. Pauline beat Mal Dixon 15, 22-20 but Dave Burton was in great form for Bootle, beating Jean & Pauline.

Sue Smith took the honours against the "big two", with wins over John Gregory of Police F & Denis Corkery of YM, for Rafter's only sets in these matches. Jean Reynolds had bad luck against YM, losing 17 in the 3rd to Ng and 18 in the 3rd to Wardle.

In Bootle's 7-3 defeat by Police F, Dave Burton had the distinction of being one of the few people to beat Eric Ferguson, after narrowly surviving in the second game. Scores were 11-21, 23-21, 21-11. George Wilson beat Steve Streets & Mal Dixon had a good win over John Gregory. Mark Tsang did well for Bootle against YMCA, beating Ng 21-15, 24-22 and then losing 22-24 in the third to Billy Wardle. Then, partnered by Jackie Wilson, took the doubles against Wardle & Tsai.

Vernon Sangster 'B' go from strength to strength, mainly due to the improvement of Roger and Adam Bennion. Adam, who is only 11, is now getting more power into his game to add to his consistency, and is now a much better match player. Basil Townsend, as reliable as ever, is a pillar of strength, and with Dave Aimson able to rise to the occasion, this team is well worth their third place. Basil & Roger starred in the 7-3 defeat of Longreach and then it was Adam & Basil's turn against Bootle, inspiring a great 8-2 win. Adam & Basil did it again against Rafter's C in a most entertaining match. Pauline Lawrenson & Sue Smith both beat Peter Davies and Janet Davies did well to beat Roger. The most entertaining set was between Adam & Janet, with plenty of long rallies, some excellent retrieving by Janet, reminding me of play as a junior (a couple of years ago!!). Adam eventually won narrowly in the third, with the lead continually changing hands. Great stuff to watch.

Police E, without F team assistance, were trounced 10-0 by YMCA and then held to 6-4 by Maghull F, so they seem to be slipping.

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#### DO YOU REMEMBER ?

Dave Cohen making the interval toast on a wintry night?

The continuous interruptions from Eric Caird on the front row at the A. G. M. 's, the meetings went on to one or two o'clock in the morning - well they seemed to anyway!?

Travelling over the water to Hoylake Y. M. C. A. , Ministry of Supply (West Kirby), Rock Ferry, St. Annes, etc. , and getting there by 7. 30 by boat, bus and train?

Nan Lamb swinging and swearing at Lofters?

The noise of those infernal model racing cars - not to mention the grunts and groans of the wrestlers which disturbed your concentration at the English Electric canteen?

Also at the English Electric canteen the excellent North Regional Tournaments organised by J. E. N. of the Bootle Times better known as Jack Neill of Nelta, L. M. S. Recs, Anfield and Lofters?

The T. T. tournament played in Bootle and organised by Billie Stamp in aid of the Red Cross?

Jack McGaigs shorts?

Arthur Upton and John McKim playing for Bootle Civil Defence.

If you remember you are older than me.

I play my game in DIV. 3A  
We play it tight - the old style way  
My team is doing very well,  
We're there for quite a shortish spell,  
Me and my                      claim no fame,  
But boy do we enjoy our game.

GUESS WHO?

Any more memories? As I like this little lot

EDITOR

First prize in the guessing game - a night out at Rafters new club room!

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K. Harrison, 89 Wood Lane,  
Hawarden. Clwyd.

Dear Jack,

Other than the usual abuse from my team mates at Beauclair I have received no comments about my 1st division notes. I would appreciate some comments from players; as to whether these notes can be improved in any way. For example I am conscious of not giving a particularly good write up to Messrs. Davey, Bryce and Brotherton of Palmerston since my comments generally have been about their defeats. The players may consider that since Palmerston are in 2nd place this is unfair. My personal assessment is that these players are capable of better results but they may disagree and I would welcome comments through the editor.

"Harry"

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Dear Editor,

A dispirited captain of Old Swan recently wrote to the committee following their quarter final cup exit at the hands of Palmerston 'C'. They earned a creditable draw at Palmerston against a slightly strengthened Palmerston 'C'. The regular 'C' team is Hudson, Wearden, Le Page and Higham, the first quarter final team included Heyes for Higham. It must have been a shock to Palmerston who then introduced Evans, Wedden, Chamock and

Bradbury to win the replay 10-0. The semi final team was Heyes, Bradbury, Wearden and Hudson, the final team was Heyes, Ashcroft, Wearden and Hudson.

What happened to the league regulars of Le Page and Higham? - Palmerston are buying extra medals for them. - They could not play if the cup was to be won.

A few weeks ago Heyes had played 4 matches for the 'B' team and one for the 'C'. Chamock 2 for the 'B' none for the 'C'. Evans one for the first team one for the 'A' none for the 'C'. Bradbury 3 for the 'A' 3 for the 'B' and none for the 'C'.

Palmerston have not broken any rules but the committee have asked me to put the facts to the league members via the Digest. The committee do not like what they see, they doubt if you do. They wonder what Janet Le Page will think of her medal and if the cup will tarnish on the Palmerston shelf.

The committee are half expecting Palmerston to enter a 'D' team next year so that their circus can mop up the 5th and 6th Division to sport the Stamp Cup on their side-board.

#### E. CAMERON AND A DISGUSTED COMMITTEE.

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#### CUP FINALS

J. A. L.

STAMP CUP:- Courtaulds 1 ..... Vernon Sangster 9

Unfortunately the game didn't live up to the truly great name on the cup, how could it with Vernon Sangster getting off to a 6-0 flier? The opening game with Les Higham losing to Bill Harris 10 & 10 was much better than the score suggests with good rallies hitting from these two basically defensive players. Courtaulds called on big Bob Edwards with Paula French, Bob losing to Paula's hard hitting 22-20; 14-21; 16 21; Dave Moore lost to Les French 14 & 15. Paul Adams and Higham lost to Harris and Paul Gittins 15 & 17. Adams and Paula had a tough one - Paula winning 18 & 20. On came Edwards and Moore to save the day against Les & Paula but it was not to be, they lost 15 & 7 and Vernon Sangster had won the cup with the score 6-0, Higham broke the duck beating Gittens 16 & 11. Bob Edwards then took on the other half of the French partnership losing 18 & 17 to Les. More lost to Gittens 15 & 11 and Adams lost to Harris 14 & 14. A game played in the best spirit and a fair crowd started at 7.15 p. m. and finished 10.15 p. m. just nice for a pint and a chat.

Played at English Electric ..... Official Jack Lambert.

FORREST CUP:- Aigburth 6 ..... Waterloo Park 'A' 4.

A crowd of well over 30 would have created a great atmosphere for this tense match, in a normal club room but it lost a lot of its impetus in the open spaces of the Police Club. The match opened with a great all round game of table tennis when Ray Lavin lost to Alan Williams 21-16; 20-22; 19-21. Another corker followed Peter Wass losing to Steve Wellman 16-21; 21; 18; 16-21, Brian Aldred beat Dave Jones 9 & 11. Along came Williams with two cliff hanging sets against Geoff Mao 16-21; 21 17



pulling away in the third for a 14 win and a 3-1 lead for Waterloo, Wass and Mao beat Wellman and Jones 10 & 17. Wass beat Norman Cooke 7 & 13, Lavin and Aldred beat Cooke & Williams 15 & 17. In what appeared to be the crunch game for Waterloo Lavin beat Wellman 15 & 12. With the apparently out of form Cooke and Jones to come, the game appeared to be over, but Jones soon showed us that all was not lost demonstrating fine form to beat Mao 19 & 17, 5-4 and Cooke had to pull out all the stops to beat Aldred for the draw, first game to Brian 18, a fighter to the end Norman wins the second 18. In the last game the lack of locks on Brian's head gave him the edge on Normans grey ones with a 15 win. A great game with two great fight backs.

Official Stan Clarke.

Williams and Mao are one game all and fighting for the breakthrough in the third - the door opens slowly but surely - "Hey la ders a cup final on 'ere" says Pedro McWass (I can't reveal his true identity) and in walks the league secretary John McKim - Oh dear says Pedro this means the dungeons for me and back to pimple rubber! The ball goes plonk right into the middle of a glass of Bacardi and Coke, Les French serves one of his super spin serves - Bob Edwards returns it into the ceiling and gulps - quick as a flash - "The balls drunk."

HYDE CUP:- Palmerston 'C' 6 ..... Liverpool Y. M. C. A. 'C' 4.

Stan Ashcroft lost to the beautifully angled hitting of John Briggs 16 & 16. My goodness what a game between Arthur Heyes and Kenny Roscoe 22-20; 16-21; 18-21, a treat from both players and game to Kenny. Tim Weardon beats Joseph Yau 10 and 12. Bob Hudson had lost his match quite often during the three sets but came back fighting to beat Briggs in what turned out to be a vital game 21 19; 11-21; 21-19. Roscoe beat Ashcroft 18 & 15 Heyes beat Paul Reed-Clayton 8 & 12, Heyes and Weardon beat Roscoe & Yau 13 & 9. Kenny for some obscure reason seemed intent on giving this game away!?! Hudson beat Yau 21-18; 27-25 to play the captains part to clinch the cup 6-3, all credit to Yau for a tremendous fight. Ashcroft & Hudson lost to Reed Clayton and Briggs 18-21; 20-22. Non playing captain was John Donnelly and Mrs. Briggs the spectator. With so many strong teams around both teams did well in getting to the final of this our best looking cup.

Officials were Eddie Cameron and Jack Lambert who presented the cup, with John McKim in attendance at the Electric Supply Club.

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TABLE EDGES

How many marks do you think we should give Ken Armson for getting through his statistics on a mountain of score cards in about ten days to enable us to have a go at getting this Digest out before the season ends. At least 10 out of 10.

The A. G. M. will be held at the Police Club on Tuesday May 29th (I'll be on holiday - so I am afraid you can't have a go at me!?)

ALL NOMINATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND PROPOSED RULE ALTERATIONS MUST be in the secretaries hands by 1st May.

For the past couple of seasons I wondered who was the brain behind that excellent young club Longreach - I have recently had the pleasure of meeting Norman Lewis

who does so much to help the boys - but the boys also help themselves with - practise, practise and more practise - no advanced coaching here - nor anywhere for that matter for bright young prospects like these fellows.

On the same theme - coaching, Anna Cohen (L'pool Jewish) informs me that they have quite a few promising youngsters and she is looking for an expenses paid coach.

Once young players are over the hump of learning the basics there is very little scope for our good young players outside the big clubs to improve, and even their success is pretty limited.

A must for all local Juniors the Cheshire 1 Star Junior Championships to be held at Birkenhead, 22nd April.

Edith Jane who's husband Ted plays for (Bath St.) has drawn Albert Hall in the E. T. T. A. Lincoln draw, lets hope for a 1-2 or 3 for her horse to increase her already won five, Congratulations. While we are on the subject thanks to Edith, Ted and all who bought tickets for the draw - from Hon. Treas. Don Cameron.

Stan Draper (English Electric) is now doing reasonably well after a second operation - get better soon Stan is our sincere wish.

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Our number one correspondent Harry Harrison expected someone to say something about his divisional notes - O.K. Harry I will, BRILLIANT, I can only give you 10 out of 10.

Spare a thought for St. Frances De Salle - semi-final of the Stamp Cup 5 - 5 replay 5 - 5 and lost by two games. Yes I know the same thing happened to Palmerston against Liverpool Y. M. C. A. but these were seasoned players, it is St. Frances first season.

Commonwealth Games are being held at the magnificent Meadowbank Sports Complex, Edinburgh 12 - 18 April.

How can it be in the magazine if you don't let me know? My address and phone number are on the front of the Digest. This is your Magazine and if you wish it YOUR voice.

I always thought the service rule was simple - you throw the ball up from the palm of your flat hand (allowing up as 45° either way from vertical) and you hit the ball on the way down. There are at least six of us in our league who obey the rule - no wonder when Table Tennis News has a closely printed full page article on the rule.

As Harry quoted in the last Magazine, Roy Smith (Wavertree Labour) celebrates 20 years in the game - man and boy - and only missed one game and that was re-arranged.

I appreciate the fact that Roger Lowey was a member of the Liverpool Jewish Club, but we all knew him as a Vagabonds player over the years.

<u>DIVISION 1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Wav. Labour	22	22	-	-	189
Palmerston	21	16	4	1	156
Rafters	22	18	3	1	150
L'pool YM	21	13	6	2	128
Wav. Labour "A"	23	13	8	2	121
Eng. Electric	22	12	7	3	119
Eng. Electric 'A'	23	10	8	5	113
Trinity	21	9	9	3	101
L'pool YM 'A'	23	8	12	3	96
Bath St.	23	2	14	7	88
Trinith 'A'	24	4	15	5	86
Beauclair	23	7	15	1	83
Colonsay	22	2	18	2	70
L'pool Jewish	22	-	17	5	60

<u>DIVISION 3A</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Eng. Elec. D.	22	16	4	2	145
Cadwa 'D'	21	15	3	3	137
Old Swan	21	15	4	2	132
Linacre	20	15	5	-	131
L'pool YM 'C'	21	14	6	1	127
Police 'A'	21	7	10	4	97
Bath St. 'C'	20	9	7	4	94
Harding	20	5	10	5	92
L'pool Jewish 'B'	20	5	12	3	87
Maghull 'A'	22	2	17	3	77
Cadwa 'A'	21	3	14	4	76
Dutch's	21	4	13	4	76
Trinity 'D'	18	6	11	1	69

<u>DIVISION 4A</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Wav. Labour 'D'	20	16	1	3	156
Kirkby 'B'	20	16	1	3	153
Waterloo Pk. 'A'	20	18	1	1	142
Trinity G	21	13	6	2	132
Eng. Electric 'F'	21	15	5	1	129
Rafters 'B'	21	12	4	5	110
Bath St. E.	21	7	10	4	105
Trinity 'F'	21	7	12	2	94
Bohemians	21	5	11	5	81
Maghull 'C'	22	3	17	2	66
Cadwa 'B'	21	2	15	4	65
Vagabonds A'	21	3	16	2	63
L'pool Jewish 'D'	21	2	17	2	60

<u>DIVISION 2</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Palmerston 'B'	20	18	-	2	152
Palmerston 'A'	19	18	1	-	136
Elec. Supply	24	10	9	5	129
Rafters 'A'	20	14	6	-	126
Kirkby	19	15	3	1	125
L'pool YM 'B'	22	12	8	2	121
Wav. Labour B	21	12	6	3	120
Bath St. 'A'	22	10	11	1	108
Bath St. 'B'	21	5	13	3	91
Colonsay 'A'	22	5	13	4	88
Vagabonds	21	5	12	4	84
Police	20	3	13	4	78
Maghull	21	3	15	3	76
L'pool Jewish A	23	-	21	2	38

<u>DIVISION 3B</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Trinity 'B'	22	21	1	-	181
Eng. Electric 'B'	23	21	2	-	180
Palmerston 'C'	21	16	4	1	140
Wav. Labour 'C'	22	13	6	3	134
Elec. Supply 'A'	20	14	5	1	119
Colonsay 'B'	24	10	11	3	119
Waterloo Pk	21	10	8	3	117
Trinity 'C'	24	7	12	5	117
Eng. Electric E	21	8	11	2	99
Beauclair 'A'	22	5	14	3	88
L'pool Jewish C	22	5	12	5	85
Eng. Electric C	23	3	16	4	73
Bath St. 'D'	23	5	15	3	69
Colonsay 'C'	22	-	21	1	31

<u>DIVISION 4B</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Bootle	20	19	-	1	177
Aigburth	19	16	1	2	172
Police 'B'	19	13	4	2	120
Cadwa 'C'	20	10	9	1	108
Eng. Electric 'G'	19	11	6	2	107
Bath St. 'F'	21	10	10	1	102
Police 'C'	20	8	11	1	91
Maghull 'B'	20	6	12	2	82
Trinity 'E'	19	5	11	3	72
Bohemians 'A'	18	5	12	1	68
Kirkby 'A'	24	8	15	1	67
Cadwa 'D'	20	3	15	2	58
Old Swan 'A'	19	4	14	1	57

<u>DIVISION 5A</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Plessey	20	19	-	1	188
Vernon Sang.	19	17	-	1	170
Longreach	19	15	4	-	144
Courtaulds	19	14	3	2	129
Elec. Supply 'B'	19	12	4	3	123
Bohemians 'B'	21	8	9	4	94
Moor Park	21	8	11	2	85
Maghull 'E'	21	5	13	3	78
Barker & Dobson	19	7	10	2	71
Eng. Elec. 'H'	23	3	17	3	67
Wav. Lab. 'E'	19	3	14	2	62
Bath St. 'G'	18	6	12	-	59
L'pool Jewish 'E'	22	-	21	1	27

<u>DIVISION 6</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
L'pool Y. M. 'D'	22	19	1	2	180
Police 'F'	22	19	-	3	175
Vern. Sang. 'B'	22	17	2	3	160
Bootle 'A'	22	13	9	-	132
Longreach 'A'	24	11	10	3	127
Rafters 'C'	23	12	11	-	124
Police 'E'	21	12	6	3	121
Vernon Sang. 'C'	20	11	6	3	120
Courtaulds 'A'	17	8	5	4	105
Wav. Lab. 'G'	22	2	17	3	67
Maghull 'F'	22	2	19	1	54
Action Comm. 'A'	18	4	13	1	52
Aigburth 'B'	22	4	18	-	49
Barker & Dobson 'A'	21	1	18	2	24

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St. Francis	19	19	-	-	171
Vernon Sang. 'A'	19	16	3	-	149
Wav. Lab. 'F'	19	11	4	4	118
Aigburth 'A'	19	12	4	3	113
Waterloo Pk. 'C'	19	10	9	-	113
Maghull 'D'	19	8	8	3	100
Action Comm.	18	10	7	1	96
Police 'D'	18	8	7	3	90
W'loo pk. 'B'	20	6	12	2	89
Halewood	18	2	15	1	39
Colonsay 'D'	18	2	15	1	33
Vagabonds 'B'	20	-	20	-	19