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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Wavertree Labour on a magnificent Cup and League double - also to Palmerston B and A in mopping up in Division 2 - they were first and second in the league and fought out the Runjahn Cup final together. To English Electric D who came from behind for a remarkable fighting finish to win 3A. Trinity B, Div. 3 B winners. To Kirkby B Div. 4A who pipped Wavertree by two points at the last hurdle and surprised themselves. Aigburth 4B by a point from Bootle with the Forrest Cup thrown in for good measure. Plesseys Div.5A. St. Francis Div. 5B - 22 wins from 22 games, an excellent first season, and Liverpool Y.M.C.A. D again by a point over Police in Div. 6.

To win these boys have to keep going to the bitter end, it was tough on Palmerston A, Bootle and Police F who lost by a point after similar great efforts.

World Singles Champion Seiji Ono (Japan) beat Guo Yuehua (China) 23. 17-18 retired injured. Womens Singles Gexinai (China) beat Li Song Sue (P.R.Korea) 10. 16. 19. Men's Doubles Anton Stipanovic and Dragutin Surbeck (Yugoslavia) Womens Doubles (Zhang Deying and Zhang Li (China) Swaythling Cup men Hungary - Corbillon Cup - Women China Mixed Liang Geliang and Gexinai. The Bohemians revival was short lived their T.T. room is to become a lounge! Please don't let the same thing happen to Palmerston!

DIVISION 1

HARRY

This last season has perhaps seen a turning point in that the number of players from outside Leagues has reached a peak. The most promising of these players, Mark Thomas has helped Wavertree Labour to an impressive points total (8.5 sets per match) and this is even more impressive in that this division is now more competitive than ever.

Palmeston finally showed their mettle in the top-of-the-table clash with Labour, only narrowly losing 4-6 with Keith Williams beating Mark Thomas but then losing to Wayne Percival. Palmerston saw off some of the closest rivals fairly comfortably a 7-3 win over English Electric was named by Ron Brotherton having a familiar hard luck story against Clive Shettle 21-23 in the 3rd set and against Graeme Black 22-24 in the 3rd. Poor Ron carried on this trend against YMCA losing to Peter Turtle 20-22 in the 3rd but finally came good against John McNee 19-21, 21-19, 21-19. Keith Williams also beat John in Palmeston's 7-3 win over YMCA.

YMCA finished what has been for me somewhat of a silly season with a very unsettled team. Against Wavertree Labour they turned out with 3 reserves and lost 2-8 with mat evergreen performer Harry Johnston snatching a win against Mick Tierney. Rafters have had a steady season and have always looked like finishing in third place. They could make little headway against Wavertree Labour, however, with Neil Roberts gaining the only singles win against Dave Roberts.

English Electric often fielded a weakened team without Mark Byles and George Cleng through exams. They did well to finish fifth, and much credit for this must go to the informing play of Graeme Black and of course Clive. Next in the table are Wavertree Labour "A" and English Electric "A". The closeness between them was demonstrated in a narrow 6-4 win for Electric close to the end of the season. Rod McPheson inspired Electric with wins over Mick Tierney and Mal McEvoy. Next come Trinity disappointingly well down the table. This lowly position for the first team of a club of Trinity's size is the direct result of Trinity's inability to turn out settled teams. Against Jewish with 3 reserves they could only scrape a draw and against Wavertree Labour they went one better with 4 reserves. An apparently good result of a draw against Palmerston was diminished by Palmerston turning out 2 reserves. A further match between more representative teams saw Palmerston through 7-3 with good individual performances from Alec Bryce beating Eric Hardman and Ricky Brown and Steve Williams replying with wins over Keith Williams and Brian Davey.

Y.M.C.A. 'A'. Bath, St. and Trinity 'A' have just stayed clear of relegation trouble all season. Y.M.C.A. 'A' had a good 6-4 win over Trinity with Steve Fair ending a promising first season with wins over Ricky Brown and N.Royden. They also did well to draw with Labour 'A' but were not able to make much headway over Phil Luxon who completed a good season with wins over Francis Lay and Alan Pickering. Trinity 'A' have suffered from putting weak teams out on many occasions but the match against Bath St. proved a hard fought contest with four singles finishing at 21-19 in the 3rd set. Dave Butterworth beat Mike Kean 17-21; 23-21; 21-19; then lost to Alan Chase 22-20; 15-21; 19-21. Bill Clayton then showed he could rival Dave for close finishes losing Mike Truman 19-21; In the 3rd, then beating Dave Newton 20-22; 22-20; 21-19.

Beauclairs revival after Christmas proved enough to keep them in the division despite falling off again in the last quarter. This included a 2-8 thrashing by Bath St. -

which leads me to the conclusion (How can I face my team mates after such a lack of generosity?) that Beauclair survive to fight off relegation for another season more by the failings of the two teams below them than by their own endeavours. Jewish struggled without a win all season and this struggle was often epitomised by the play of Ian Wesley who often promised much but failed to come through. Happily I am finished on a promising note with a good win over Neil Roberts of Rafters. Colonsay too are relegated - through not being able to field their strongest team on many occasions e. g., with 3 reserves against English Electric 'A ' they lost 2-8 with their 2 points coming from Alan Guy making a happy return to beat Alec Sill and Brian Colley. Better results included narrow 4-6 defeats by Y.M.C.A. and Rafters with Phil Thomson finishing on a high note by beating John Fennah and Gordon Exell men linking up with Sue Alexander for the doubles. Sue took the other point by beating Alan Timewell.

After recent controversy in this magazine I would like to state that I welcome the addition of so many 'outside' players to the league as this creates extra interests and wait expectantly in the hope that they continue next season.

DIVISION 2

DON CHALKLEY

A cracking year in the 2nd Division ended as I forecast last edition with the two Palmerston B & A teams first and second. Thus congratulations are due to Bob Hudson and his colleagues. There was sufficient strength in the club to ensure promotion to the premier division and I wish them success. It has been pleasing to see these youngsters from St. Helens do so well and it is a long time since we have seen so many promising youngsters proving to be consistent. We all knew the quality of the more experienced "A" team members and it is unfortunate for all to report that Palmerston Tennis club has told the table tennis section that the club wishes to extend the bar so they will have to find other quarters! What a time to receive such news but knowing Bob he will up and find somewhere else. I hope you manage to do so but to be honest I won't miss all those interruptions from the non table tennis players going through to the bar! Kirkby looked at one time to be in the running but only managed a 6/4 win and a draw against the two top teams. Their reserves strength was not as good.

For those who don't know the situation at the top with a week to go looked like this:- Palm. "A"- P22 -157 pts. Kirkby - P23 - 157 pts. Palm. "B"- P21 - 154 pts. Rafters "A " - P22 - 139 pts.

At the other end it was settled with a few matches to go except for one team. Police and Vags. were fighting it for survival. Police has to play Vags. at home having lost the previous encounter 6/4. Police had one remaining game after against Palm. "A" while it was Vags. last game. 6pts from the two games would be sufficient for the Police. On die last occasion those two hard working "Youngster" Bobby Owen and Ted Barnes had played 1 and 4 respectively. This time the positions were reversed and they frightened the living daylights out of us

by taking an early 3/1 lead, Ted beating Gareth Jones in 2, Bob beating Barry McLeod in 3 and Tommy Johnstone and Bobby beating Barry and me in 3. I worked hard to beat Bobby for the first time 26/24 in the 2nd. and Dave Crispin won both of his

and we won all the remaining games. Hard lines Vags. but you were good losers. We are likely to be struggling again because Gareth is packing up the game.

We played Palm. "A" the following game and lost 10/0. Believe me Norman Challinor, we tried hard and did not finish until 11.45 p. m. Every game except two went to three. One ended 23/21 and 3 @ 21/19. What a lot of work for no result. For Palm. "B" Graham Parr at No. 1 won 40/42. Congratulations. S.Mercer 26/40, M.Mercer 27/28. P.Ashcroft 25/32, T.Waerdon 25/34, A.Hayes 13/14, T.Charnock 7/8. For the "A" team Les Molyneux 18/20, J.McMillian 35/44, I.Burrows 33/42, J. Riding 20/30, R.Hudson 12/22, R.Bradbury 16/18. While we are talking about Palmerston I note mat Kirkby beat the "B" team 6/4 early in the season. How about this result. Palm. "B" "2 Police 8! Am I biased! We were lucky to find them stretched at the end of the season and they lined up (1) A.Heyes, (2) B.Wearden, (3) S.Ashcroft, (4) Bob Hudson. The only games they won was A.Heyes bt. Len Dyson and Bob beat me,

To be serious again my congratulations to Kirkby run by Norman Challinor who kept up the challenge to the end. A newly promoted team, they did very well and who knows how they might have fared if they had not lost Paul Brown for a part of the season. A.Mercer 26/38, P.Brown 16/20, M.Monaghan 34/46, M.Power 24/40. That "sauna bath" of a room you play in must keep you all fit! Rafters "A" continued to show that it is possible to play good table tennis consistently and show exceptional hospitality and good manners. However what a cold hole you have found yourselves. I hope we play you away early in the autumn next season. Dave Ferguson 31/46, R.Rumjahn 32/48, Billy Crafter 22/38, Don Davies 31/52 were all consistent.

Wav. Labour "B" justified their promotion and P.Hurworth 21/40, P.Morgan 33/58, K.Jackson 42/56, and P.Birchall 21/50 performed well. YM "B" had Ted Mandaluff with 36/46, A.Thabet 20/48, J.Cleworth 20/30. H.Johnstone 20/30. Not to bad considering they lost Harry to the 1st Div. half way through the season. The reserves did not do much and I am at a loss why Ken Roscoe plays in the 3rd Div. when his figures look so good. Maybe YM were doing a little "pot hunting." El. Supply also justified their promotion with P.Carney, A.Biggs, A.Cameron and E.Owens also holding their own. For Bath St. "A" Chris Coogan again had a good season winning 43/50. A. Gould with 30/54 and W.Clayton 28/48 were consistent but John Pritchard had a poor season for him. For their "B" team all held their own, (F.McCann, A.Waddington and C.Chislett) except John Letch with 17/62 who lost more than normal.

Our Police team missed DaveCrispin for 11 matches and when he returned he did not lose many and helped us have a good "run in". Now he is married I hope we see more of him. Gareth Jones and I were only on 44% with us having to play out of position. Len Dyson had one of his worst seasons only managing 9 wins although it must be acknowledged that with his bad form we did play him out of position a lot. I was pleased to see him beat Alan Biggs in two at the end of the season and he looked like his old self.

For Vags. Bobby Owen and Ted Barnes won more than they lost but were not supported too well by Tommy Johnstone and Doug Ridgway. Doug only won 5

games and yet when saw him he played extremely well with no luck. They are a grand bunch of fellows and we wish them well. Poor Gordon Brown lee at Maghull 38/54 at No. 1 but sees his team relegated. I'm sorry to say that the loss of the two Walmsley brothers and Steve Parr proved too much for them. For Colonsay "A ' Lyn Fenna (No. 1), Barbara Kirkman, John O'Sullivan and D. Piper all lost far more games than they won. Alan Guy did well when he played and I think his consistency would have helped. Poor Jewish "A" relegated in their first season in the 2nd Div. The 'A " team knew they were on a hiding to nothing when they lost some of their stars before the season. Despite this they carried on in a sporting manner only managing draw. I think Peter Choi has improved already and could do well in the game.

Some games of note:-

G.Brownlee beat J.McMillian in 2. I.Shearer bt. J. McMillian in 2. Ted Barnes bt. A.Mercer in 2. R.Owen bt. M.Monaghan in 3. bt. M.Power in 3. A.Cameron bt. K. Jackson in 3. P.Carney repeated this in a good 5/5 draw. P.Choi bt. A.Gould in 2. G.Parr bt. D.Ferguson in 2. and Crafter in 3. B.McLeod bt. J.Clewitt in 2. E.Supply bt. Kirkby 9/1 on 20.3.79 Challoner beating A.Cameron In 2. K Jackson bt, T.Wearden in 3. A.Guy bt. W.Crafter and D.Sayle. A.Gould (1) bt. T.Mandaluff in 3. bt. J.Clewitt in 3. T.Barnes bt. D.Chalkley 26/24 in 3. Crispin bt. R.Owen in 2. T. Johns tone bt. A.Gould in 2 in a 8/2 victory for Vags. J. Yau(YM) bt. R.Bradbury in 3. T. Mandaluff bt. J.McMillian and J. Riding in 2 in a 5/5 game I.Burrows winning 2. C.Chislett and J. Letch lost to P.Choi. C.Goldring bt. F.McCann 8/21, 22/20, 21/4. A.Gould bt. E.Owens in 3. D.Cripsin bt. A.Heyes in 2. G.Jone; bt. R.Hudson in 3 but the latter reversed it in 2 next time. P.Morgan bt. D.Ferguson is 3 and D.Davies in 2. K.Jackson bt. W.Crafter in 2 again. E.Taylor bt. A.Thabet in 3. R.Owen bt. J.Riding in 2.

I would be pleased if you could number the order of games in matches to give some indication of how the fortunes sway.

DIVISION 3A

SUE HUGHES

It was not until the final games of the season that the promotions and relegation places were decided. Before then the promotion places could have gone to any two of the top four, while the teams fighting relegation had to rely upon the results of the others to find out if they would remain in the third division.

Congratulations go to the English Electric 'D', who finished die season with a burst down the home straight to win the division in fine style. At Christmas the team looked as if they would finish in a good position, but not at the top, so I have to apologise to Wally and Co. for ever doubting their ability. The regular team of Kevin Parker, Wally Sill, Brian Cullen and Ro Craddock maintained a consistent team performance throughout the season and it is difficult to single out an individual for special mention. However Kevin has lost only a handful of games this season and should have no difficulty playing in the higher divison.

Linacre continue their trend of moving between the second and third divi-

sion, as they return to the second, following only one season's absence. Although Harry Reeve was unable to play throughout the season, Linacre's strength is such that they can still field a formidable team. Frank Lacey had a tough battle with Wally Sill before emerging as the winner 21/19, 25/23. In the same match Harry Reeve turned the tables on Kevin Parker by beating him 21/19, 21/7 to compensate for his earlier defeat. Linacre were the victors on that occasion, winning 6-4, but 8 of the games were 21/19 or more.

Cadwa must consider themselves to be one of the unluckiest teams in the league. Last season a play-off match was required to decide the promotion place and this season they once again narrowly missed out on second division status. At the start of the season they looked certain to gain promotion, but they slipped back in the second half. In a recent game with Y.M.C.A. 'C' Cadwa lost 7-3, despite the absence of Kenny Roscoe for the Y.M.C.A. team. In that match Trevor Hughes beat Jos. Yau 21/15, 21/17, but went on to lose to J.Briggs, who also beat Robin Brackley 12/21, 21/16, 21/17.

Old Swan were another team in with a chance of making a speedy return to the second division, but they fell at the final hurdle. Ken Linforth has had some good results for Old Swan recently, he beat Ro Craddock 18/21, 23/21, 21/16 in a match against English Electric and in a match with Linacre he beat Frank Lacey 21/17, 21/15 and narrowly lost to A.Horwood 20/22, 19/21.

Bath Street 'C' end the season in a comfortable middle-of-the-table position, but have had some good individual results in the final few games. Alan Spencer and Ken Foulkes both did the double in a draw with Liverpool Jewish 'B'. Alan beat Lewis Rosenbloom 21/9, 21/16, and Roy Lussey 21/14, 21/16, while Kenny beat Roy 21/4, 20/22, 21/14 and Dave Cohen 21/17, 13/21, 21/14. Dave Cunningham had a nail-biting victory (28, /26, 24/22) over Alan Wood (Police), and Bath St. went on to win the match 7-3. Brian Cunningham makes up the fourth member of the team and between them they have seldom missed a game this season.

Liverpool Jewish have been the surprise team of the division, after a post-Christmas reorganisation they came from bottom of the table to finish in a respectable position and must surely be a force to be reckoned with next season. They beat Linacre 6-4 with R.Stevenson beating Harry Reeve 19/21, 21/15, 21/18 and J.Davidson 21/18, 21/23, 23/21 and Lee Soon beating J.Davidson 21/10, 21/15 and A.Davidson 21/19, 21/14. The Jewish duo then teamed up to take the doubles as well.

Harding found no difficulty in playing in the third division and have had some good results throughout the season. Bill Hargreaves, playing at number one has beaten some of the top playings and recently beat P.Dobbs (Old Swan) 21/15, 21/17 and then lost to Pete McAdam 21/16, 12/21, 16/21 in the same match.

My own team Maghull narrowly escaped dropping a division, thanks to some favourable results in the final few games of the season, Chris Roberts beat Steve and Stan Royden in a 5-5 draw with Trinity, then partnered Eric Taylor to beat Stan and Steve in the doubles.

As circumstances dictate, there is only one relegation place this season and it is Dutch's who will leave the third division after only one season. However, it is unlikely that they will stay down for long.

DIVISION 3 B

JACK LAMBERT

What started off as quite a battle between the top six clubs eventually turned into a straight fight between Trinity 'B' and English Electric 'B', on Trinity's table Electric won 6-4 and on Electric's table Trinity won 7-3, which gave Trinity the edge and our congratulations go to those Trinity stalwarts Killip, Higham, Lawson and Downing as our champions and team of the year - it is nice to see players who are loyal to their club getting something out of the game. Electric pulled out all the stops but couldn't make an impression on Trinity's lead despite the tenacity of Julie Black and the excellent lead and captaincy given by Jones A. They were well backed up by Brenda Williams and Hewett who, unfortunately, had to miss a few games when the heat was on.

Palmerston 'C' after winning the Hyde Cup finished a comfortable third thanks mainly to Janet Le Page and Hudson. A little disappointed in the Wavertree Lab. 'C' boys Moon, Ashley, Bird and company - they suffered a bit from reserveitis.

This division seems to be full of the boys who stick together thick and thin, or is it games and beer, whatever it is the happy little bands prevail. I have mentioned Trinity, Beauclair 'A' must come near the top with Harry and Billy Holmes, Leeming (Shades of Linnets) and Lightburn - he improves with age - how about Bainbridge, Spencer, Delamere and Ross, I played against this team about four or five years ago (also against Spencer 55 years ago and Delamere 35!?) The English Electric 'C' trio Black, Simister and Parker, I am surprised to see Margaret Collins associating with three boozy number fours - but it's good to see her back in the game. The next lot may change their club but the players differ very little Evans, Lewis and Conley Electric Supply ?

Despite the loss of players, Cadwa put up a brave fight to retain their promotion challenge, Brackley and Davies R showed improved form and Hartley and Hughes come into the old stalwart category and win regularly. English Electric 'E' improved as the season went on despite-9 against Wavertree, winning 6-4 against Electric Supply (and a 5-5 here) and Waterloo Park. Guyers and Hislop hit harder as the season went on and Richardson had a nice steady 55% and 100% as captain.

David and Tony Cohen firm members of the stalwarts association gave the Jewish 'C' side a better position than most of their club teams, its tough on any club when they lose some of their top players as everyone below has a tough passage.

There was no battle for the wooden spoon, Colonsay 'C' were favourites from the start, but every credit goes to Crowe, Rogers, Tremarco and Walsh for battling on against the odds. The number two relegation spot was quite different between Bath St 'D' and English Electric. 'C', maybe team spirit pulled the regular Electric Four through, as against Bath Street's mixed grill teams Electric beat Bath Street 7-3 in the run in plus good draws against Beauclair and Waterloo Park, Parker 6 out of 6 and Black 4 from 4.

Trinity 'C' must have felt very young in this division of mature players (Yes, including you Dad). Between father and son Gibson, the latter improving all the time and Corcoran - a good season and Joan Monaghan (I wish you'd stop hitting them so hard Joan - the team stuck together and did well as did Colonsay B, I have seen young Guy play brilliantly in all divisions, add Goodwin and Brookfield to the stalwarts association, plus Young gives you a fair little side.

Sorry I have no details for you, but I have no cards.

DIVISION 4A

STAN CLARKE

Congratulations to Kirkby 'B', finally confirmed as champions, and Wavertree Labour "D" who are runners up. Over the last six weeks or so Kirkby seemed determined to make a mess of my predictions, throwing away points with gay abandon. So much so, that in the last week of the season Wavertree Labour required a 6/4 win to finish champions, but luckily for Kirkby the game was against Waterloo Park A. who beat the Labour team, who had Ron McEvoy playing in place of Fraser Farquharson, leaving Kirkby champions by just two points.

Waterloo Park "A" finished, as expected, in third place, despite having won more games than either of the top two they finished fifteen points behind Wavertree. The reason for their failure to pressurise the top two was mainly due to the number of silly points conceded in the first half of the season. The introduction of S. Wellman in place of Ken Miller strengthened the team during the second half, but by that time the damage was done.

English Electric "F" spoiled my predictions, after lying in fourth spot all season, they finally allowed themselves to be pipped by Trinity "G" by just one point.

At the bottom of the division Jewish "D" are relegated. A great shame this, as they are one of the few teams in the league with a bit of glamour, in the shape of Anne Carlina and Cathy Gore. Immediately above Jewish, Cadwa "B" and Maghull "C" can breathe a sigh of relief. Vagabonds "A" completed a splendid fight back from what was a disastrous start to the season., to finish fourth from bottom. In the last week of the season Jewish "D" vs Vagabonds fought out a draw, with Cathy Gore the heroine for Jewish with two singles and a double, and Dave Rooney responded for Vagabonds with two singles.

In the Cadwa "B" vs Maghull "C" clash. Jack Power won both singles and Stan Clarke replied with wins over Carol Flood and Dave Massie then combined with Steve McGanity in the doubles, helping Maghull to a 6/4 victory.

Bath St. "E" seem to have "blown up" in the last eight weeks of the season, winning only two matches and losing six, four of these to teams they had a realistic chance of beating.

Bohemians must consider themselves lucky to appear in the final tables, as they conceded two walkovers at Rafter's and Kirkby, and Trinity F failed to appear against Wavertree Labour. That makes four walkovers in the division this season and, though I'm sure the Treasurer, Don Cameron, will be glad of the cash from the fines, it is really

not good enough and the clubs and players concerned should be examining their consciences, or at least their handbooks.

I hear mat Bohemians may have problems with playing accommodation next season and I hope they manage to sort it out, as, walkovers apart, they are a friendly and enthusiastic bunch of lads.

Waterloo Park took the trouble of including the individual averages on their final score card - many thanks! Just one problem, Ken Armson informs me that they are incorrect - sorry.

Finally, another list of players who have covered themselves in glory - Jack Power, Cadwa, beat R. Saunders, Trinity A 21/18 21/10, Chris Reynolds, Bohemians, beat the same opponent 21/19 21/15, Stan Clarke, Maghull, beat Ron McEvoy Way. Lab. 15/21, 21/18 11/21, these three scoring the only points for their teams in 9/1 defeats.

Mike Griffiths, Trinity F, beat Colin Pratt, Eng. Elec F. 23/25 21/19 21/18 in a superb exhibition of attacking play, and Mal Clark beat Ted McGiveron 21/19 21/14. Tom Bummer and A. Sprince, Jewish, both beat Cadwa player Fred Biggs, one double (Fred will not thank me for mentioning.) C. Roberts, Rafters, beat Fraser Farquharson Way. Lab. 18/21, 21/18, 21/11, and Jerry O'Keefe beat Pete Davies 21/18, 14/21, 21/16 in the same match.. J.Staunton, Cadwa, beat Ian Lunt, Kirkby, 21/14, 21/16, and Jack Power beat A.Brown 14/21, 21/16, 22/20. Peter Brownlee, Maghull, beat Brian Cragg, Kirkby 21/12, 19/21, 21/18, all of these in matches ending in 8/2 defeats.

My apologies to those players whose results have deserved mention and not made it. My congratulations to Tommy Williams, Ritchie Cragg, Brian Cragg, and Ian Hunt, the Kirkby team, who claim I only mention mem when they lose.

May you all enjoy the summer and return refreshed to continue the battle next season.

DIVISION 4B

JACK LAMBERT

What a terrific battle our top two fought to the bitter end with Aigburth winning by one point and again completing a brilliant Cup and League double with Brian Aldred and Ray Lavin leading the way and Peter Moss and George Mao not far behind. It was tough on Bootle coming so close in the League, but perhaps they found some consolation in their 6-4 defeat of Aigburth with McLoughlin having an excellent win over the Divisions joint second top sets winner Aldred 18 & 18 with top sets man Paul Hutchings and joint number two Dave Wilson winning the remaining five sets. Paul after his excellent performances at the Closed could be young player of the season and deserves higher table tennis than Division 3 (Sorry Dave). Two excellent teams who will more than told their own in Dlvsn 3.

On the dark side of the season Kirkby 'A' were suspended by their Club committee for being more than a little naughty and after struggling for most of the season Old Swan 'A' cracked and failed to raise a team for the latter games and were expelled.

Police 'B' and Cadwa 'C' both had good seasons although the gap between them and our top two was considerable. A nice tight little team these Police kids with Purcell in the top spot and winning most sets with Rimmer, Christian and Ham following and missing less than a handful of games between them. Cadwa seemed to call on a squad of at least six players with Holden top man. Staunton and Christian won valuable doubles for their sides when the teams met, Purcell failed to stop a 6-4 win for Police.

Berger had his usual good steady season for Bath St. 'F' well supported by Higginson and Roberts, the latter having two good wins in his side's 7-3 win at Bohemians 'A' (Winckle 2); Winckle was top man for Bohemians followed by Summersgill and O'Mara - sorry to see you go boys. Despite fighting relegation all season Cadwa 'D' top scorers McDevitt and Staunton did well and Martin only missing one game must be ten out of ten for these boys.

Another steady outfit who must be well satisfied with their season was English Electric 'G' Brian Thomas at number one won most sets with Harper having many good wins in his supporting roll and together with keen as mustard Captain Dave Thomas who never missed a game, Huntingdon also did well until he appeared to crack at the end of the season.

Gibson & Whittaker did well for Maghull 'B' with Gill and Banks making a good squad. They had quite a battle with Bohemians with a treble for Banks and a singles and doublet for Quilliam and Summersgill.

About fifteen players made up the Police 'C' contingent with Wilkinson the leading scorer and Sweet Sue Anderson carrying the brunt of the games, but despite their many changes they had some good, if narrow wins, a 6-4 at English Electric (Thomas 2 and Harper 2) was good value, Streets winning his three. Another one of Don Cameron's friends eighteen players called Trinity 'E' with Southworth J. the only regular and top scorer, next was Moore who plodded on tenaciously, an exciting 5-5 draw with Cadwa 'D', (McDevitt 2) Haffenden winning his three.

Bohemians 'A' 6 (Quilliam and Hutchinson 2) Cadwa 'D' 4 (Staunton 3) seven games went to three, the many lone rangers include S. McGanity (Maghull 'B') beat Moore (Police 'C') 11 and 18. Staunton beat Banks 25 - 23, 20-22, 21- 17, they don't come much closer. S.McGanity (Maghull) beat Knight (Aigburth) 18 & 18. Wilson (Cadwa 'C") beat Mao (Aigburth) 16-21, 21-17, 21-12. Summersgill beat Jackie Wilson (Bootle) 24-22, 18-21, 21-11. Griffiths (Trinity 'C') beat Malley (Police 'C') 21-10, 14-21, 21-19. Bob Martin took his powder and was the hero for Cadwa 'D' winning a singles and doubles in his sides 2-8 defeat against the 'C' team.

We have had better seasons - two teams out and one to go, and two out of our class -but we keep plodding on and I hope enjoying ourselves.

DIVISION 5A

LES FRENCH

Congratulations to Plessey, who well deserve the championship due to their remarkable consistency all season and Vernon Sangster, Excluding their two matches with Vernon Sangster, Plessey dropped only 7 sets in 22 matches. Trevor Owens was a tower of strength at No.1 (Won 28 - Lost 0 - 100% well backed up by the likeable Fred Price (37-3-92), Captain Stan Harvey (29-3-91), Us Griffin (32-4-89), Neil Hawthorne (22-2-92) and Peter Overend (20-2-91). A great team effort, with everyone playing their part.

Vernon Sangster, had the consolation of being the only undefeated side and could rightly claim to be the strongest side if not the most consistent. After a 5-5 draw in the first match against Plessey they swept into a 7-1 lead in the return. It was a good night for the French family, as Paula & I both won our singles and avenged our only doubles defeat in the league by Fred & Les, winning 15, 16 this time. It was a bad night for Fred, who'd only lost one set all season until then and that was to yours truly in the first match. Paula beat him 18, 14 and I followed up with a 14, 19 win. Paula repeated her earlier win over Les Griffin, 15, 16 and I beat Neil Hawthorne 13, 15. Bill Harris weighed in with a 14,11 win over Neil and an easy 15, 12 doubles win with Paul Gittins over Trevor & Neil. It was left for Trevor Owens to salvage a bit of pride for Plessey by beating Paul 5, 9 and then repeating his earlier win over Bill Harris in another great match by 18, -18, 18. Les Griffin won Plessey's only other set with a 18, 14, 18 win over Paul.

Longreach proved themselves to be far away the best of the other contenders and will get promotion due to vacancies in higher divisions. They ended with 188 sets.

For Vernon Sangster, well led by their tall, handsome captain, Les French (it's great to be able to write what you want!) who had 100% in the league but lost one in the cup semi-final replay to Dave Tagg. Les ended with a 55-1-98 % record. Bill Harris, their No. 1, with the impenetrable defence, was much too good for everybody except Trevor and ended with 45-2-96. Paula French showed much attacking flair to end up with 45-9-83. Due to shift work, Kevin Davies missed a lot of matches, so when it became obvious that Plessey couldn't be caught, the opportunity was taken to blood some younger players. Kevin ended with 18-5-78.

For Longreach, Tony Mulhally was the most successful with 35-7-83. He was well-supported by Pete Jackson (3840-79) Frankie Fogg (38-12-76), and Richie Heatherington (33-13-72), the side being virtually unchanged all season. Well done, lads.

The genial Bob Edwards was Courtauld's greatest success (37-14-73) with good support from Paul Adams (22-10-69), Dave Moore (16-12-57) and Les Higham (19-21-48).

Completing the 'upper crust' of the division were Electric Supply B who were best served by Geoff Blackburn (18-4-82) and Alan Leigh (29-11-73), with good support from Eddie Cameron (21-15-58) and Arthur Harrison (17-11-61).

Longreach proved their right to third place with a resounding 10-0 win over Courtauld's. Frankie Fogg beat Bob Edwards 18, -20, 18 and Tony Mulhally went one better, winning 16, 19. Longreach did blot their copybook once, when they were lucky to get away with a draw against E. S. B. who had only three players. Alan Leigh beat Pete Jackson deuce in the third and Richie Heatherington for good measure. Arthur Harrison beat Frankie Fogg 17,19 and reserve Lewis and joined Alan to take the doubles, E.S.B. were made to fight hard to beat Moor Park 6-4, with Alan & Arthur winning five sets again. Eddie Cameron won the deciding set.

As expected, L' pool Jewish finished as wooden spoonists, a long way behind the rest. They were best served by John McKim (8. 24-25) and lively newcomer Mike Lewis. Eng. Elec H had a great battle with Wav. Lab.E to avoid the next-to-bottom place, but ended just a few sets short. They held Moor Park to 4-6 (Williams 2, Hudson 2), with Nigel Conquest winning one and losing deuce in the third in the other. Dave

Foulis also won a singles and took the doubles with Nigel. Jack Lambert won the other set. Against Maghull E, Jack & Nigel both beat Annette Jones and Andy Byrne had a good win over Reg Coxsey (20-26-43). Nigel & Dave won the doubles again for another 4-6 scoreline. Les Jones & R. Gordon both won 2 for Maghull.

Wavertree Lab went one better by beating Maghull 6-4, with the assistance of Ron McEvoy, who won 15 and lost 1 in divisions 5A & 6. (What was that you were saying about mis-ranked players playing in important matches, Ken?) Ron & Ken Armson both won 2, with Betty McEvoy beating Les Jones but losing to Annette(one up to the girls). Annette also won her other set over W. Stanley and teamed up with husband Les to take the doubles. Les lost his other singles, too, to Ken Armson, so I reckon that he'd have to make the supper that night. W.L.E. lost 6-4 to the promising young Bath St G side, saving the crunch by winning both doubles. Andy Armstrong & Mike Nelson won 2 each, with John Wright beating Monica O'Donnell deuce in the 3rd. Erica Williams beat Betty McEvoy, but lost deuce in the 3rd to Les Molyneux. Under the watchful eye of Ted Jane, this side has developed considerably during the season, producing a whole string of 6-4, 5-5 results. They held Moor Park to 4-6 with a fine performance from Andy Armstrong to beat P. Williams & Arthur Whitley. Add to this a find draw with the experienced E.S. B. side (Nelson 2) and a great win 6-4 over Bohs B with Ted Jane 2 & John Wright 2 taking the honours.

Bohs B and Barker & Dobson fought out a draw, with Travis 2 and Mark Hutchinson 2, starring. Bohs also drew with Moor Park (Grahame Quilliam 2, Dave Hudson 2) and beat Maghull 6-4, with Andy Jones, Vinny Carroll & Mark Hutchinson all winning 2 each.

Graham Quilliam did well to beat Pete Jackson for their only set against Longreach, although Mark lost only 15-21, 22-20, 22-24 to Frankie Fogg.

A few good individual performances: Pete Woodbum beat Paul Adams in Barkers 8-2 defeat by Courtaulds. Les Jones beat Les Higham for Maghull's only set v Court-aulds. Williams / West-Jones beat Jackson / Mulhally for Moor Park's only set v Long-reach. Ken Armson beat Les Travis 17-21, 21-8, 21-5. Any big win by Ken is certainly news! Fred O'Sullivan lost 22-20 in the third to Bob Edwards.

A few personal recollections I remember the three matches with the sporting, friendly Courtaulds side. The sporting matches with Plessey and the cheerful spirit of the young Bath St G side, not forgetting little Chiz, the hospitality of the Barker & Dobson team, the exemplary attitude and good nature of Andy Byrne, an example to everybody of how to get on with other people and create a pleasant atmosphere, despite his difficulties, I'm sure that I'm speaking for everybody when I say that we're proud to have known you, Andy. Long may you carry on gracing our league.

DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

St. Francis and V.Sangs 'A' promoted and worthily too. St. Francis showed their ability and made me eat my words in two matches they can look back on with pride. Two draws in the cup semi against the might of V. Sangster only to lose by four games. All four doubles won, which was no mean feat as it included a doubles double over Les & Paula French, and a singles win by Dave Tagg which deprived Les French of

his 100%. No weaknesses in this team which is shown in their sets against of a mere 20.

V. Sangs 'A' well deserved their 2nd place losing only three matches, twice to St. Francis and once to Wav. Lab. 'F'. Paul and Steve Gittins were the only two regular players with frequent assistance from Dave Shields. The lack of a regular foursome was probably due more to having too many players to give a game to, than not enough.

Wav. 'F' and Aigburth 'A' had to battle right to the final match to see who would get into 3rd place. Victory went to Wav. Lab. 'F' who hung on to the narrow lead they had gained five matches from the end. A result well earned by the regular trio of Arthur Birch, Paul Smith and Bill Stanley, who were assisted by Ron McEvoy when Ray Gavin dropped out at a crucial time.

Aigburth 'A' may be feeling disappointed, but they need not be for they gave Wav. Lab. a hard fight. In their last five matches the regular team of D. Knight, I. Miller, R. DeAsha and R. Forshaw hardly put a foot wrong and showed that if they are still in this division next season they will be up with the leaders.

Rule amendments will be put forward at this years' A. G. M. to alter the present system which gives no benefit to teams who strive for promotion, but protects those who need put no effort into avoiding relegation. It will need a two thirds majority to get it through, which will be no easy task. Too many clubs may lean to the view that having the right to stay up is better than having the right to go up.

Wat. Park 'C' finished above their own 'B' team but they really lost their way when they lost the services of Steve Wellman, at that time unbeaten in eight matches, to their 'A' team. From that point they lacked the strength to get among the leaders. In spite of the efforts of A. Purcell and R. Stevenson, 5th place was all they could manage.

Action appear to have survived the invisible wrath of the M.C. If this is so, then playing under an assumed name would no longer appear to be illegal, so we had best scrap the latter part of M. R. 6.

Having said that, I must say that I am pleased they will be with us next season as we never like to lose a club, especially one doing such a fine job in providing recreational facilities for youngsters. I only hope that in the future they teach them to 'play the game' as well as how to play it.

Performance wise Action have continued to improve although they rely heavily on P. Wilson and J. Taylor at 1 & 2. P. Wilson has a very impressive record having lost twice in a match on only two occasions. He had a good night against V. Sangs 'A' winning his two singles and his doubles. J. Taylor completed a poor night for Basil Townsend by also beating him, but this time in two straight. Although they lost 6-4 this was a fine result for Action and I wont be surprised to see them in a much higher position next season.

Police 'D' had a fair season and called on less players than most of the Police teams. They had a fairly regular foursome in F. Greaney, K. McLaren, J. Conroy and G. Wilde, with all four getting a good haul of sets and Ken McLaren being their best sets winner. Their position reflects pretty fairly the teams ability.

For Maghull 'D' Harry McGanity and Alan Rycroft must be disappointed with their teams position for both have had a good season, but weakness at No. 4 and to a lesser extent No. 3. deprived them of the higher position their efforts deserved. If the team can be strengthened they could well be in the running for promotion next season.

W'llo Pk. 'B' who did so well last season, now find themselves 4th from bottom with virtually the same team. What did go wrong? Well, Peter Meyer had only a fair season, as did Geoff Bushell, in comparison with last season. Barry Meyer on the other hand had a disastrous season. I have heard that this is Barry's last season with us as he is moving home and also that Peter has decided to call it a day. I can only wish Barry well in his move down South and hope that Peter will have second thoughts on his decision.

No relegation problems in this division as we only have twelve teams. A pity this, for I am sure Colonsay and Vags 'B' would have found the going much easier in the 6th div. Getting battered every week tends to sour things no matter how much you enjoy playing. For that reason Monday 26th February must have been quite a day for Don Fisher for after 21 weeks of play he won his 1st, and as it turned out his only set of the season. Unwitting victim for this celebration was P. Flynn (Colonsay), who went under 8 & 18.

DIVISION 6

LES FRENCH

What a finish. Y.M 'D' win their last match against Aigburth 10-0 to end up with 206 sets and await the Police F result. Police have 199 before playing Courtaulds 'A', whom they defeated 8-2 earlier in the season. So 7 sets are needed to tie the championship, 8 to win it outright. Courtaulds make a tactical order change, with Albert Rivers and John Tilley at 2,4, presumably to avoid player of the year Eric Ferguson, in devastating form. John, after four struggles beats both Steve Streets and Albert Baker. Al Rivers also beats Steve, 19 in the third, so Police need the rest of the sets to tie the championship. Eric and Peter Kavanagh duly win their singles and Albert Baker beats Jim Geddes. It's all on the doubles. Jim Geddes and Frank Watt take on Peter Kavanagh and Albert Baker. Peter and Albert win the first, lose the second and the third game reaches 20-20. The points go 21 all, 22 all, 23 all - tension mounting all the time. Then tragedy (for Police but not for Y. M.) Jim and Frank take the next two points and Y. M. are champions by just one set. Police must consider themselves unlucky when you consider the Courtaulds team changes and the fact that they crunched Y.M. 7-3 in the return fixture. Ironically, it was an outstanding performance by Steve Streets which gave them the chance to win it, with wins of 14, 12 over Billy Wardle and 17 in the third over David Ng (a great match with David.) When you consider that David Ng beat Peter Kavanagh and Billy Wardle beat Albert Baker for Y.M.'s only singles, you can see the merit of Steve's performance. So it's hard luck to Eric and the lads and congratulations to David, Billy, Dominic and congenial captain Denis Corkery.

Vernon Sangster 'B' took third place. They beat rivals Courtaulds 'A' by 8-2 with Roger Bennion beating John Tilley 18 in the third and Frank Watt by the amazing score of two in the third. Roger's son, Adam, went from strength to strength, losing only a few sets in the second half of the season, and against Courtaulds beat Jim Geddes 17, 9 with many long rallies. No mean performance this if you know about Jim's defence. Adam also beat Frank Watt's Barna, deuce in the third. Dave Aimson rose to the occasion to beat Albert Rivers 19-21, 22-20, 22-20 but then lost 19-21 20-22 to Jim, further underlining Adam's efforts. The dependable Basil Townsend beat Albert and John in straight sets for a great team display.

Another factor vital in the championship battle was Basil Townsend's absence on business when V. S. B played Y. M. After beating Y. M. 6-4 in the first meeting, Police must have been shocked by Y.M. * 8-2 win, with Roger and Adams wins over Denis Corkery their only sets.

Courtaulds 'A' just managed to hold off a later challenge by V. S. 'C'. Bootle 'A' also had a great run near the end, beating Police 'E' 10-0, Rafters 'C' 9-1 and Long-reach 'A' 7-3 before playing V.S. 'C' in the last match. A 7-3 win for Bootle would have brought them level but it was not to be. In fact V. S. 'C' won 7-3, due mainly to great performances from John Green and Chris Ford. John beat George Wilson 22-20, 25-27, 21-15 and Mark Tsang in two straight, whilst Chris beat Mal Dixon 7, 13 and Jackie Wilson 13, 16. John also partnered Mike Delahunty to win a doubles over the Wilsons. Mike beat Mai and Mark Reed beat Jackie for a great team effort.

It's been a great season, with interest right up to the last matches. Loads of 7-3, 6-4, 5-5 results, much good play and a friendly spirit made a mockery of this SIXTH division label.

I've been very impressed.

Thanks to you all.

Lancashire and Cheshire League; 1978/79 Don Davies

With all league matches completed none of our four teams has won their respective division. It has been a most disappointing season and not helped by the worst winter and travelling conditions for 16 years. Added to this, was that on 17 occasions out of 37 the team selected did not turn out! However, unlike other leagues we have fulfilled all of our fixtures even though the reserves had to be found at short notice.

The mens team finished in third place a position we have occupied on many occasions but never have we finished as champions. When it comes to the big matches such as Manchester and this season Preston we just can't seem to raise our game and pull off an unexpected victory that is necessary to capture championships and cups!

The mens first team ended the season on a dismal note when they lost to local rivals St. Helens, 6 sets to 4. Although we were without John McNee and Mark Thomas, Brian Johns was unavailable for St. Helens his replacement being 18 years old Graham Parr. The Palmerston 'B' No. 1 who has been the major force in his teams promotion to the first division couldnt have asked for a better start when he beat John Marshall in the opening set. Graham who is a pupil of Arthur Heyes followed up with wins over Keith Williams and Greg Powell to secure a fine hat trick. With such a sound temperament and said all round game I'm sure he will prove to be a fine first division player.

Wayne Percival also won his three sets, Dave Roberts being a three times loser. John and Keith beat Wayne and Dave in the doubles for only our second doubles win of the season

The match against Macclesfield was not played as our opponents could not raise a team.

The Ladies team as usual finished in the top half in fact only Stockport and Manchester took both points from us, and we had to settle for third place. The title

went to Stockport who tied with Manchester on 15 points but took the championship by virtue of a better sets average.

The mens 'A' team were expected to gain promotion to the second division but suffered a couple of shock defeats, and seven points from a possible fourteen was all we could muster. Perhaps, next season with a more settled team they can achieve promotion!

This was our junior teams worst season for many years finishing only one point ahead of relegated Hyde. Apart from two easy 10-0 wins over Hyde and Macclesfield the only point we collected was against Manchester when Mark Byles scored a hat-trick and Graeme Black added two. Our only success came when we were able to turn out Thomas and Byles and they were responsible for us reaching the zone final of the Carter Cup giving invaluable big match experience to them and more so to Graeme Black!

Norman Cook Memorial Trophy - 1st. Rd. beat Hyndburn 5-4 (H)
2nd.Rd. lost to Blackpool 4-5 (H)

National Leagues Championship

Wilmott Cup - 1st. Rd. Manchester (H) lost 4-5
J. M. Rose Bowl - 1st. Rd. Stockport (A) lost 3-5
Carter Cup (Junior Boys) - 1st Rd. Hull (4) won 5-3
2nd Rd. Salford (A) won 5-2 3rd
Rd. Shrewsbury (a) won 5-2
Zone Final Bradford (A) lost 4-5

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir

Many members of the league will be aware that during the current season Waterloo Park have been playing at Trinity whilst rebuilding of their own premises was taking place. They will be in these premises for the start of next season, and if any other club, established or new, is in need of the use of the facilities at our club, would they please contact me at the above number, without delay.

Yours,

John Hankin,

Sec. Trinity T. T.C.

Dear Sir

As one of the players involved in 5A, Division play, may I comment on the letter from Les French in the last issue. I don't think anyone would dispute Les's point that some of the new teams in the 5th and 6th Divisions are better than teams which have been playing in the fifth Division for years, BUT the situation is different this year to what it has been in the past i. e. that there are enough teams to fill a 6th Division. This may not

happen again. A 6th Division has been proposed in the past and has collapsed because of lack of teams (teams usually being moved up to fill vacancies occurring in the 5th Division) If this had been done this year as Mr. French proposes 6 teams would have departed from Division 6 leaving 8 teams only, hardly a small Division, surely it is better for 5 divisions to be short of 1 or 2 and have a few blank weeks than for 8 teams to attempt to play a league .

Referring to his suggestion of 3 equal fifth divisions, it is mathematically impossible to promote equal numbers from them into 2 4th divisions without demoting 3 teams from each 4th division. Do we instead rely on 2 teams dropping out of the 4th divisions each year or have a committee set up to decide which 5th division is the stronger and should have two members promoted while the other 5th divisions only have one promoted. All methods equally unfair I think. Surely it is much fairer to let the good teams fight their way through, if they stay together as a team it will only take them one more year to reach their objective and think of the extra experience gained on the way!!

There is however one slightly sad aspect to the present situation. The fifth Division used to be a very sociable division, most of us playing not for promotion at all costs but rather for a night out and a chat over tea and biscuits and a pint afterwards. This attitude seems to have disappeared with some of the new teams in our division.

Perhaps we could satisfy everyone by having a strictly social division from which there was no promotion - a "Veterans Division" perhaps?

Yours

Annett Jones

(Maghull Community Association 'E')

P. S. With regard to the other point raised, it might just do our Liverpool juniors good and encourage them to raise their own standards even higher to prevent Welsh juniors from taking their places in Liverpool teams. As a teacher I have always found that competition spurs children on to higher standards.

Dear Sir,

Les French puts up a good case for allocation of teams to Divisions according to their strength. At the general meeting I will outline the difficulties and will be asking a few questions for guidance.

I believe Les is wrong in some other comments, for many years we have relegated the 13th and 14th teams only and I submit there is merit in this. Vacancies have been filled by promotion of the top two or more according to the team records. We do get anomalies in as much as we find "C " teams lower than "D " teams for instance. Where this happens we change the labels but only after finalising promotion and relegation to the rules stated. If we find at a handbook meeting that clubs drop out and we have a waiting list with no vacancies in the bottom divisions then we try to manipulate the fixtures to absorb as many 'waiters' as possible. Our policy may appear wrong, but it is consistent.

Yours

Eddie Cameron

Hon. Fixtures Secretary.

Yes! we Remember -

Going to West Kirby, Ministry of supply - on the wrong night!

Their secretary said 'Let yourself in for a knock, the key is over the door lintel'

Jimmy Green sitting us down for an interval goodies at Linnets.

Jack Lambert playing for English Electric first team,

Reg Hetherington playing in the Sunday School League for Wellington Avenue.

Barna, Bellak, Szabados at the Liverpool Stadium for a full house,

(at least Barna is spelt properly)

Cyril Smith playing for Bibby's in the North Region.

Could your other contributor to this series come from Linacre?

Congratulations U R the WINNER

The Accounts Dept' Jack,

A few end of season notes from the Treasurer.

Also thanks for the "Do You Remember"- this brought back a lot of memories. I thought of a few more.

Playing the Police at Old Swan with a rifle range practice going on and then playing the Police at Westminster Road and the fire alarms going off.

Playing for Victoria Park in Sandown Lane Church Hall (The original D.Y.R. correspondent remembered going up the back stairs and through the metal and scrap room to an excellent table tennis room at the TOP FLOOR IN HIGH STREET) and making a high' return over the pipes in African Oil Mills.

The Open Finals at the Philharmonic meeting Victor Barna at the Stadium.

The ETTA draw resulted in a profit of £70. 65 to the League. I would like to thank those clubs who contributed to this, although this may be thought a good result I would point out that it represents the sale of 549 books at 25p per book. Consider that we have 666 registered players you can see that it averages less than 1 book per player. If every player sold 4 books each the result would mean holding our sub-scriptions and finding finance for other activities in the league. Perhaps next year we can do better and those clubs which did not participate this year might reconsider their policy next year.

The Closed tournament resulted in a small loss of £24 and this in spite of the generous £150 given by our sponsor - The Associated Tyre Service.

The season has not been good from the financial side and we shall certainly have to pay a good bit more for our table tennis next season. Finally, I would welcome any ideas anyone has for making money or could anyone find a sponsor to enable us to hold our open tournament.

DON CAMERON

HON. TREASURER.

I reckon we could run a nice little presentation Dance at Electric Supply (or the like) and make a few bob and have a good night out.

CUP FINALS

Rumjahn Cup

PALMERSTON B 4 PALMERSTON A 6

J.A.L.

As Tuesday night is a no-go night for me, I unfortunately had to miss what appears to have been the plum of the finals, have a look at the scores and sequence and see what you think.

Paul Ashcroft lost to Tom Charnock 6 & 19 (0-1); Graham Parr lost to Ian Burrows 24-22; 18-21; 18-21 (0-2); Steve Mercer beat Les Molyneux 21-16; 14-21; 22-30 (1-2); Michael Mercer lost to Charnock 19 & 9 (1-3), Steve beat J McMillan 15 & 15 (2-3); Michael Ashcroft lost to Molyneux and Charnock 20-22; 21-19; 16-2 (2-4); Parr and Steve beat Burrows and McMillan 13-21; 21-17; 23-21; (3-4 just); Ashcroft lost to McMillan 15-21; 21-11; 12-21 (3-5); Parr beat Molyneux, 18 and 19 (4-5) Michael loses to Burrows 21-17; 11-21; 14-21. The rules were rightly bent a little and the game was played AT Palmerston with Brian Leeson the official in charge.

READMAN CUP

WAVERTREE LABOUR 9 LIVERPOOL Y. M. C. A. 1.

The first call by Y. M. was what most neutrals would call the plum game of the season - with the playing champ v the non playing champ - Wayne Percival beating John Marshall 22-20; 10-21; 21-12. Mark Thomas beat George Smith 9 and 10: Dave Roberts beat Marshall 19-21; 18-21; 21-19: Roy Smith beat Malcolm Pu 21-12; 17-21, 21-17.

Roberts beat Pete Turtle 9 and 16: Percival and Thomas beat Marshall and Pu 14 and 9! and the cup was won 6-0 as simple as that! Roberts and Roy beat Turtle and George 12 and 18. Percival beat Pu 18 and 15 and then the piece de resistance and the saving grace for Y.M, when Roy lost to George 14 and 14, a superb game to finish on.

All you can say is a little disappointing - because lets face it Y.M. - Wavertree were a little nervous - with Mark at four! The unique and saving grace was the excellent battle (don't let the two 14's fool you) between Roy and George.

Played at Bath St. with a pretty good crowd Alec Gould in charge and Arthur Upton presented the Cups and Medals.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 1979 - RESULTS

MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals :

K. Williams/B. Davey	beat	M. Mercer/P. Ashcroft	15/21	21/14	21/17
T. Manning/A. Timewell	beat	J. Quirk/M. Delahunty	21/11	21/19	
R. Brotherton/J. Evans	beat	F. Fleysy/C. Strelie	16/21	21/16	21/18
W. Percival/E. Hardman	beat	N. Roberts/G. Exell	21/16	21/19	

Semi-Finals :

K. Williams/B. Davey	beat	T. Manning/A. Timewell	21/7	23/21	
W. Percival/E. Hardman	beat	R. Brotherton/J. Evans	20/22	21/14	23/21

FINAL :

W. Percival/E. Hardman	beat	K. Williams/B. Davey	21/17	21/18	
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WOMEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals : Miss L. Fennah beat Mrs. M. Neary

21/15 21/9

Mrs. P. French beat Miss J. Le Page

21/12 21/16

FINAL : Miss L. Fennah beat Mrs. P. French

19/21 21/11 21/8

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals :

Miss L. Fennah/Mrs. P. French beat Miss J. Monaghan/Mrs. I. Clarke

21/11 21/14

Miss C. Gore/Miss A. Carline beat Mrs. M. Neary/Mrs. M. Cox

24/22 21/14

FINAL :

Miss L. Fennah/Mrs. P. French beat Miss Gore/Miss Carline

21/12 20/24

RESTRICTED SINGLES

Quarter Finals : J. Yau beat Miss J. Le Page

21/14 21/7

R. C. Stevenson beat K. Parker

21/19 9/21 21/13

A. Guy beat M. Corcoran

21/11 21/16

P. Hutchings beat D. Tagg

21/18 21/18

Semi-Finals : J. Yau beat R. C. Stevenson

21/15 21/18

P. Hutchings beat A. Guy

21/12 21/15

FINAL : P. Hutchings beat J. Yau

21/19 21/19

JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES

FINAL : Miss L. Fennah beat Miss H. Stirrup

21/11 21/19

JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES

Semi-Finals : P. Hutchings beat P. Ashcroft

16/21 21/16 21/11

M. Fu beat G. Cheng

19/21 21/18 21/13

FINAL : M. Fu beat P. Hutchings

8/21 21/11 21/10

VETERANS SINGLES

Semi-Finals : J. Evans beat B. Crelley

21/17 16/21 21/17

G. Exell beat A. R. Mercer

13/21 21/14 21/12

FINAL : J. Evans beat G. Exell

18/21 24/22 21/12

There you have the facts and figures as provided by Brian Leeson the hard working tournament secretary who together with Lieutenants Ken Armson and Ken Black kept the tournament ticking over brilliantly apart from a period about two o'clock when quite a few games were 'lost', but to keep going from 08.30 until I better not say it-is some accomplishment. The same applies to the many assistants with particular mention for Anna Cohen who seemed to be everywhere and Wynne and Don Cameron for their efforts with the draw.

The layout - perfection, the bar excellent - Cafe fairly good - the snag and only complaint the time factor - too long a day and too long a wait for a game at times -the latter a hard one to answer - you think of one. The former well maybe Dave Roberts has a partial answer to this - how about playing the restricted off first, none of these players would be required for the late finals. I would add to this suggestion by saying and then infiltrate the numerically lesser tournaments as you wish, building up to the mens doubles and singles last when you know that probably eight or ten of these are going to be there to the bitter end. Basically the Restricted could come early and go early. The Open singles and doubles could at least come much later.

J.A.L.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Wav. Labour	26	26	-	-	220
Palmerston	26	19	5	2	189
Rafters	26	21	4	1	178
L'pool YMCA	26	16	8	2	158
Eng. Electric	26	14	8	4	142
Wav. Lab. 'A'	26	14	9	3	137
Eng. Elec. 'A'	26	12	9	5	133
Trinity	26	11	10	5	128
L'pool YMCA A	26	9	13	4	109
Bath St.	26	4	15	7	106
Trinity 'A'	26	4	17	5	94
Beauchair	26	6	18	2	84
Colonsay	26	2	22	2	75
L'pool Jewish	26	-	20	6	67

DIVISION 3A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Eng. Elec 'D'	24	18	4	2	160
Linacre	24	17	6	1	155
Cadwa	24	16	4	4	153
L'pool YM 'C'	24	17	6	1	148
Old Swan	24	15	7	2	141
Bath St. 'C'	24	12	7	5	121
L'pool Jsh. 'B'	24	8	12	4	115
Police 'A'	24	9	11	4	112
Harding	24	6	13	5	109
Trinity 'D'	24	7	15	2	92
Cadwa 'A'	24	4	16	4	88
Maghull 'A'	24	2	18	4	84
Dutch's	24	4	16	4	82

DIVISION 4A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Kirkby 'B'	24	20	1	3	187
Wav. Lab. 'D'	24	19	2	3	185
Waterloo Pk. 'A'	24	22	1	1	170
Trinity 'G'	24	14	8	2	145
Eng. Elec. 'F'	24	15	7	1	144
Rafters 'B'	24	12	7	5	123
Bath St. 'E'	24	7	13	4	112
Trinity 'F'	24	9	13	2	107
Bohemians	24	6	13	5	89
Vagabonds 'A'	24	4	17	3	79
Maghull 'C'	24	4	18	2	76
Cadwa 'B'	24	2	18	4	73
L'pool Jsh. 'D'	24	2	19	3	70

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Palm. 'B'	26	22	2	2	188
Palm. 'A'	26	23	2	1	187
Kirkby	26	21	4	1	174
Rafters 'A'	26	18	8	-	155
Wav. Lab. 'B'	26	15	8	3	145
L'pool YM 'B'	26	13	10	3	137
Elec. Supply	26	10	11	5	136
Bath St. 'A'	26	12	13	1	126
Bath St. 'B'	26	8	15	3	120
Police	26	6	16	4	108
Vagabonds	26	7	15	4	105
Colonsay 'A'	26	5	17	4	100
Maghull	26	4	19	3	97
L'pool Jsh. 'A'	26	-	24	2	42

DIVISION 3B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Trinity 'B'	26	24	1	1	211
Eng. Elec. 'B'	26	23	3	-	201
Palm. 'C'	26	19	5	2	173
Wav. Lab. 'C'	26	17	6	3	162
Elec. Supply 'A'	26	16	7	7	149
W'loo Park	26	11	10	5	139
Colonsay 'B'	26	11	12	3	130
Eng. Elec. 'E'	26	11	12	3	127
Trinity 'C'	26	7	13	6	125
Beauchair 'A'	26	6	15	5	107
L'pool Jsh. 'C'	26	5	16	5	94
Eng. Elec. 'C'	26	3	17	6	85
Bath St. 'D'	26	6	17	3	81
Colonsay 'C'	26	-	25	1	36

DIVISION 4B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Aigburth	22	19	1	2	197
Bootle	22	21	-	1	196
Police 'B'	22	15	5	2	132
Cadwa 'C'	22	10	11	1	112
Eng. Elec. 'G'	22	11	9	2	111
Bath St. 'F'	22	10	11	1	105
Police 'C'	22	10	11	1	105
Maghull 'B'	22	7	12	3	93
Trinity 'E'	22	4	15	3	70
Bohs. 'A'	22	3	17	2	69
Kirkby 'A'	22	8	13	1	67
Cadwa 'D'	22	3	16	3	63

DIVISION 5A

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Plessey	24	22	1	1	221
Vernon Sang.	24	23	-	1	215
Longreach	24	19	4	1	188
Courtaulds	24	16	6	2	146
Elec. Supply 'B'	24	13	6	5	140
Bohs, 'B'	24	9	11	4	104
Moor Park	24	9	13	2	104
B & D	24	9	12	3	90
Bath St. 'G'	24	9	14	1	90
Maghull 'E'	24	5	16	3	88
Wav. Lab. 'E'	24	4	17	3	76
Eng. Elec. 'H'	24	3	18	3	71
L'pool Jsh. 'E'	24	-	23	1	27

DIVISION 5B

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
St. Francis	22	22	-	-	200
Vernon Sang. 'A'	22	19	3	-	171
Wav. Lab. 'F'	22	14	4	4	142
Aigburth 'A'	22	15	4	3	136
W'loo Pk. 'C'	22	11	11	-	125
Action Comm.	22	11	10	1	113
Police 'D'	22	10	9	3	111
Maghull 'D'	22	8	11	3	107
W'loo Pk. 'B'	22	7	13	2	102
Halewood	22	3	18	1	48
Colonsay 'D'	22	3	18	1	42
Vagg. 'B'	22	-	22	-	23

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
L'pool YMCA 'D'	26	21	2	3	206
Police 'F'	26	23	-	3	205
Vernon Sang. 'B'	26	19	4	3	181
Courtaulds 'A'	26	15	7	4	168
Vernon Sang. 'C'	26	16	7	3	160
Bootle 'A'	26	15	11	-	158
Longreach 'A'	26	13	10	3	144
Rafters 'C'	26	14	12	-	142
Police 'E'	26	12	10	4	130
Action Comm. 'A'	26	7	16	3	91
Wav. Lab. 'G'	26	2	21	3	76
Maghull 'F'	26	3	21	2	70
Aigburth 'B'	26	4	21	1	55
B & D 'A'	26	1	23	2	28