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EDITORIAL

Welcome to Richmond Table Tennis Club and Jack Taylor the man with all the worries, may they enjoy their stay with us. It is rather unusual to have only one newcomer. The number of multi-team club increases and the smaller ones disappear, which doesn't help the real spread of the table tennis gospel as the game should be played in every boys and church club, every school and in every nook and cranny where a table can be put up. A couple of years ago, I could have finished up by saying - and the game is so cheap to play. Unfortunately, one cannot say this any longer. A table of good quality is in the £200 plus class, rubbers £8-£10 each. A tournament was recently won with a £68 bat. A £2.30 registration fee for a seasons table tennis - a mere nothing to us old and indoctrinated stalwarts - unfortunately, we are not all built this way. Bootle Sports for instance pay an annual subscription plus, of course, league subscription plus a sports club nightly fee, plus balls, refreshments etc. and Bootle Sports Centre tried to add an hourly fee which Dave Wilson fought successfully against and these are youngsters who are the life blood of our game. Most of them want a simple game of table tennis - how simple and cheap is our game. Are the young ones put off by increasing costs: Our thanks go out to Associated Tyre Specialists who kindly sponsored our Closed Championships last year, as our Treasurer points out, we desperately need sponsors for the Liverpool Closed and the Merseyside Open - any offers or suggestions. We will be having an end of the season dance at the Courtaulds Club, Aintree. This will be a presentation dance to Divisional champions and their teams. So after years of suggestions, proposals and frustration, we are having a go. All we ask if your support is for a simple and cheap night out, bar prices normal or less, a night out with your friends and a get together of the table tennis fraternity. The ball is in YOUR court.

Late but very welcome starters are the Bootle Job Centre teams with Sylvia Graham taking charge - nice to have you with us, I hope you and your team enjoy your table tennis.

DIVISION 1.

HARRY

Most of the "outside" players of last season are now continuing. They have been joined by others notably Alan Williams from Rhyl playing for Wavertree Labour "A" and two groups of St. Helens players both from the young and the older groups playing for Palmerston "A" and "B". The league is thus stronger than before and teams such as Beauclair and Trinity "A" are finding this to their cost both struggling at the bottom with very few points.

I understand that Alan Williams' debut in this league has been delayed through illness and because of this I doubt whether Alan is giving off his best as yet. With Alan being ranked for Wavertree Labour's second team and Mark Thomas being dependent on him for transport, this has led to Mark Thomas playing for Labour "A". Mick Tierney moves up, but consequently Labour's first team is weaker and their second team stronger than last season. This may help other challengers to try and close the large gap which existed last season.

Labour showed their vulnerability against one of the good Palmerston sides promoted from Division II. This at the time was Palmerston "A", but I understand due to conflict of fixtures Palmerston "A" and "B" have reversed their fixtures. I would guess that Palmerston "B" now are the stronger team and it was this side which narrowly went down to Wavertree Labour 4-6. Les Molyneux is having an excellent season so far and beat Mick Tierney 20-22, 23-21, 24-22, and Roy Smith in three in this match. Graham Parr, a young man moving and hitting with some pace, is likely to have an interesting season and he also beat Mick for Palmerston's third singles. As Tom Charnock also lost narrowly 21-23, 21-18, 20-22 after being 20-18 ahead in the third to Wayne Percival only Dave Roberts looked comfortable on this occasion. The other Palmerston team starting off as Palmerston "B" and now Palmerston "A" look to be struggling a little, but they continue to pick up vital sets. They lost 3-7 to Labour "A" with Arthur Hayes beating Mal McEvoy and Paul Morgan and completing a good night by winning his doubles with Roy Bradbury. They went down by the same score to English Electric with Jim McMillan beating Phil Thomson and Graeme Black.

Phil has transferred back to English Electric in place of George Cheng in their first team and if Electric's young players can turn out and apply themselves consistently they may be able to challenge for the top positions this season. They do perhaps need to improve on results such as a 7-3 win against Bath Street. Mark Bayles showed his wayward spirit in this match beating Bath Street's only outstanding player Dave Butterworth and then going down to their reserve Clive Chislett. Bath Street also had a good result in drawing with Wavertree Labour "A". Labour on this occasion were without their North Wales players, but had two very good reserves with two players recently signed from Kirkby and Fire Service. The first of these Pete Brown lost to Bill Clayton and Alan Walton, but will undoubtedly improve on this in future; Ken Jackson beat Mike Moran and Alan Walton. Dave Butterworth saw Bath Street through with wins over Phil Luxon and Mal McEvoy.

Y.M.C.A. are still struggling to turn out their star players with no signs of John McNee turning out so far. They struggled against their "A" side to a 6-4 win with Steve Farr having a good night beating Peter Turtle and Harry Johnson. John Marshall started out playing on odd occasions for Y.M.C.A. "A" and he easily beat John Fennah and Gordon Exell of Rafters. Ted Mandaluff marked his return to this division for this match by beating Alan Timewell as Rafters scraped home 6-4. I understand that John has now transferred across to Y.H.C.A.'S first team and this should help them considerably if John can turn out regularly. Rafters had a better result 8-2 over English Electric "A" with Brian Crolley the only Electric player to play well with wins over Gordon Exell and Alan Timewell. Brian was still in form against Palmerston beating Keith Williams 24-22, 21-17. There was more support from his team mates as English Electric picked up three points with Alec Sill beating Alec Bryce 20-22, 21-10, 23-21 and Rod McPherson beating Ron Brotherton.

Trinity have Julian Quirk from Jewish in their first team pool and they beat Bath Street 6-4. Trinity "A" seem to have lost all their players, which perhaps indicates the unsettled nature of the Trinity teams which showed itself last season. Trinity "A" have not gained a point at the time of writing and Beauclair's few crumbs of comfort have been heightened by Ted Birch's outstanding win over Greg Powell of Rafters. Beauclair had their best result to date in this month, a 2-8 defeat.

DIVISION 2

DON CHALKLEY

I have tried to compile these notes without the benefit of the usual amount of cards.

To date Wavertree Labour "B", Kirkby and Jewish appear likely candidates for promotion to the 1st Division. Recent results include a draw between Wav. Labour "B" and Kirkby and a 6-4 win for the Labour Club over Jewish. This leaves Wav. Labour "B" and Kirkby unbeaten.

According to the "Echo", John Letch became the first to defeat Eddie Clein and to the best of my knowledge there are no players left with 100%. Well done John, you are getting a reputation as the player always likely to upset the form book.

The Labour Club have been strengthened by the signings of Paul Brown from Kirkby and Neil Roberts from Rafters. These two with Paul Morgan and Kenny Jackson make a formidable team.

Kirkby have managed to carry on the challenge after losing Paul and Mark Monaghan to Colonsay. It says a lot for the reserve of strength at Kirkby and with Norman Challenor, Alan Mercer, Mike Power and Tommy Williams playing well, they too are in serious contention for honours. Tommy Williams has really improved and the team does not look any weaker than last season.

I have not seen last year's 1st Division relegation team, Jewish but the first cards in show E.Clein, R.Stevenson, I.Wensley and John Henshaw have made an excellent start and will seriously challenge the other two teams.

The other "relegated" team from the 1st Division, Colonsay, appear to be the same team as played in the 2nd Division last year as the "A" team except for Mark Monaghan.

It is nice to see Linacre back with us again and I gather it is the sane bunch of "young" fellows who keep on showing it is possible to enjoy your game and be sociable too. Their first game was a good 6-4 win over Electric "C" with Harry Reeve winning 2, (21-19 in 3rd against Kevin Parker. Ken Ainsworth also won both his singles.

Of the other promoted teams, Trinity "B" have made a good start and will be on the fringe of the promotion race.

Electric "B" and "C" are somewhat of a mystery. We thrashed the "B" team 8-2 with Peter Hislop at No.1. The next week we crashed to the "C" team by the same score. This team was much stronger and had Peter at No.3!! I believe George Cheng is in fact playing for the "B" team and I expect this to improve the teams. The night we played the "C" team, a young player from either the 3rd or 4th Division played No.4 and won both very convincingly. He looked a very good player already and I apologise for not being able to name him but I will keep you informed.

YH "B" have two new names D.Tai and J.Yau and I suspect some good material. I note the No.1 to be M.Walmsley. Could this be Mark Walmsley late of Maghull? No sign of Ted Mandaluff in the cards I have received.

Bath St. "A" do not appear to have Chris Coogan available for the whole season and I believe have moved up Clive Chislett and brought in Fred Bainbridge with Alec Gould and Frank McCann. The "B" team is John Letch, Alan Waddington, P.Mercer and P.Ross.

Electric Supply remain as constant as last year and still fight to the last in a sporting manner. Peter Carney, Alan Cameron, Alan Biggs and Ernie Owen are the youngsters in question.

The Police team have lost Gareth Jones (retired) and Len Dyson to the 3rd division. It is nice to hear that Len is back to winning ways and he turned out for us against El.Electric "B" when Dave Crispin could not play. He won both his singles and his doubles match.

Eric Ferguson has made the transition from the 6th Division to the 2nd without any trouble with his new hips and new "Happy Chinese" bat! This awkward attacking pen holder has threatened us he will be even more of a force next year when his new hips have settled down.

George Wright has joined us and remains the same cheerful fellow who never gives up.

Dave Crispin has missed a few games at the start of the season but looks to be running into form with more match practice and he and I relieved Tommy Williams and Mike Power of their unbeaten doubles record when Dave ensured we sneaked home at the end.

Some good match results and games to date :-

YMCA "B" 5 - Kirkby 5 (J.Clewitt and A.Thabet beat A.Mercer. Thabet beat Tommy Williams in 2.)

J.Letch beat P.Gittins and M.Corcoran (Trinity "B")

Alan Guy (reserve against) beat Ken Jackson in 2.

Don Davies beat A. Mercer 21-19 in 3rd.

Tommy Williams beat Ronnie Rumjahn 21-11, 21-11. Make Power also beat Ronnie in 2.

N.Challinor beat Don Davies 22-20 in 3.

M.Monaghan lost to A.Mercer 21-15, 21-8 but beat Norman Challinor in 2.

A.Jones beat John Letch 21-19 in 3rd. beat N.Roberts in 2 and later A.Timewell.

Yours truly couldn't beat Mike Power when the poor fellow was suffering from a nasty cold losing 27-15 in 3. However Eric Ferguson took full advantage, beating him easily.

Please remember to number the games on the card to give an idea how fortunes sway. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

DIVISION 3A

KEN ARMSON.

No writer yet being available for this division you will have to make do with my miserable efforts. Sue Hughes apparently gave you up and emigrated to Eng. Elec. in 36.

Welcome to W'loo Pk. "A" and Wav. Lab. "D" joining us from the 4th division. Any thought they may have held of setting things on fire and shooting up to the 2nd division have been well dampened. Neither of them have any chance of promotion and W'Loo. may well find it struggle to even stay up.

Cclonsay "A" joining us from the 2nd division look too weak to have any chance of going back and their early results indicate they will have a struggle to stay in the top half having already been soundly beaten by Police "A" and Y.M. "C".

Vagabonds, on the other hand could well be in the running to do a 'Linacre' and yo yo back again, for this division, unlike 3B, is fairly wide open, all the strong teams having been placed in 3B. Vags early results have been good with a convincing 8-2 against probable challengers Argot and a good 6-4 against a full strength Y.M. "C" team. They crashed 7-3 to Cadwa and unaccountably stumbled to a draw against a weakened Jewish "B" team who were without Gerry Goldring.

Cadwa must be fancying their chances of at last gaining the promotion that has so narrow! eluded them the last few seasons. They have a sound settled team that appears to have been strengthened by the inclusion of Clive Roberts for Rob Davies. They stumbled slightly with a draw in their first match against a very strong Old Swan team, but their convincing 7-3 win against Vags. more than made up for such a minor setback.

Old Swan are something of an enigma, they must be considered as challengers after their draw with Cadwa and have the players available to get the results, but are already dropping sets as a result of team changes. They put the wind up Argot who switched their order, playing Bill Hargreaves at No.4. It paid some sort of dividend as they got a draw but they could have improved on this as Old Swan had a reserve at No.4 who would probably have lost two anyway. Perhaps they were expecting Old Swan to switch.

Harding have changed their name, playing quarters and most surprising of all their team. The familiar line-up has gone and they have brought in the Blackburn brothers. The team

is just as strong, perhaps stronger, and if they have studied the opposition they too may be entertaining thoughts of promotion. An 8-2 defeat by Vags will have brought home to them that it is not going to be easy.

Police "A" are yet another contender with five good wins, a steady, if not brilliant team, who are probably asking themselves if at last they are to make it. In the past they have shown a reluctance to go all out for promotion. Alan Wood tells me the team has settled down well and although not yet thinking in terms of promotion are confident of being in the top four. If the chances keep looking good they will be going for promotion.

Y.M. "C" must also be considered as contenders, particularly after finishing 4th last season. I see Ron Jones has rejoined them after a absence of several seasons and hope he is enjoying his return to L'pool T.T. They had a setback against Police when fielding a weakened team. If they want promotion they will have to use their strongest teams, particularly when playing other contenders.

The old firm are still together in Bath St. "C" and although they lost 7-3 to Police "A" we can expect them to cause a few upsets. They are always consistent and give little away. If you fancy yourselves as front runners you have to beat them convincingly. No easy task as some have already found out.

Success is going to go to the team with the drive and will to succeed. For me, that can only spell Cadwa ably led by the amiable Trevor Hughes. Who will go with them? I am tempted to say Police "A" a steady team who seem likely to play regularly and their wins to date have been convincing. Vags. will be there along with Y.M. "C" with Old Swan and Argot close behind.

Who is left to become relegation candidates? I expect this to be as close as the promotion struggle. To date W'loo Pk. "A" look likely to have struggle to get off the bottom and it is likely that Trin. "D" will be keeping them company. Mind you, if Trinity produce the kind of form that Mike Griffiths showed when he battered Pete Davies at the Labour Club they could surprise us all. Even Mike looked a little surprised at the brilliance of some of his shots. Could have been the beer at our club although it hasn't done much for my game. Most people agree that nothing short of retirement will improve my game. Mike has also had a good win in two straight against Peter McAdam.

So there it is, two groups top half Cadwa, Y.M. "C"; Police "A"; Vags; Old Swan; Argot and Bath St. "C". Bottom half Jewish "B"; Colonsay "A"; Wav. Lab. "D"; Maghull "A"; Trinity "D" and W'loo Pk. "A". Almost forgot them, Cadwa "A". I am almost tempted to say that will probably be the order to, but modesty in my forecasting ability prevents me. Having Cadwa "A" in the wrong place won't help.

You now have two options open to you after trying to make sense out of this drivel. You can either find a volunteer to take over responsibility for my forecasts or you can continue with me and my miserable efforts to prove I know something about T.T. when the reverse is the case. The decision is yours. Don't all write to the Editor at once claiming my job, we don't want him to have a nervous breakdown with the shock of having to select from so many willing volunteers.

Mike Griffiths has made a takeover bid for your job Ken - It's a good job they were all nice things you said about him.

Editor.

DIVISION 3B

SUE HUGHES.

A quick glance at the teams making up Division 3B, shows that there are four clubs, Maghull, Aigburth, Bootle and Waterloo Park, with their first teams in this division. Some indication of the strength of several individuals in the division.

Even at this early stage in the season, Maghull have emerged as the favourites for honours. After being relegated from the second division last season. Maghull have signed on three new players, who have added considerable strength to the team and should guarantee that Maghull's visit to the third division is only a short one. Any team, making the long trek north to play them and emerging with a few points can be pleased with the result. In their first game of the season, Messrs. Chase, Newton, Brownlee and Bulmer had a convincing 10-0 win over Wavertree Labour "C", though P. Birchall, playing at number one, took Alan Chase and Dave Newton to the deciding game in both his single matches. The only person to take a point from Maghull so far is Joan Monaghan, beating R. Bulmer 21-18, 21-18, in Trinity's 9-1 defeat.

When Aigburth and Bootle ran away with the promotion places in Division 48 last season, their divisional correspondent, a Jack Lambert prophetically wrote: "Two excellent teams, who will more than hold their own in Division 3." Wise words, as both teams have yet to lose a game and should finish near the top. Paul Hutchings, playing at number one for Bootle, who made his presence felt at last season's Closed, has continued his winning form. His most impressive victory to date being 21-16, 21-13 win over Bill Leeming (Beauclair "A"). Not many players will do that this season. Bill did gain a little revenge when he beat Bootle's number 2, Dave Wilson 21-17, 17-21, 21-17, for Beauclair's only point of the match. Aigburth, who have the unique distinction of being the most difficult club in the League to find, have also had a good start to the season. Electric Supply "A" did well to take five points off them in a recent match.

Electric Supply "A" are also up there with the leaders. Their present team of four from Wally Lewis, Les Evans, Bob Conley, Graham Quillan and Dennis Underhill, is very steady, and they all prove difficult opponents. Wally Lewis was the star man, when they met Jewish "A" recently. Playing at number one, he beat Roy Lussey 11-21, 21-15, 21-12, and Lee Soon 21-16, 21-17, then teamed up with Les Evans to win the doubles, making the final score 6-4 in favour of Electric Supply.

There is some friendly rivalry within the Jewish club, as they have two teams in this division. Not a lot separates the teams at present, with the "C" team just having the edge. Ann Carline beat Jeff Draper (Eng. Elect.) in a nail-biting 22-20, 24-22, then, partnered by Cathy Gore, took on Jeff and his father Stan, to win the doubles, giving Jewish their only points of the confrontation.

English Electric also have two teams in this division, my own team "E" and the "D" team, under the leadership of Gerry Richardson. I wouldn't try to compare the teams, but we are keenly waiting for the 'Derby' later in the season. Steve Collins (Eng.Elec."E") has already registered some fine wins in this, his first season in the third division. He emerged as the victor in a close 19-21, 22-20, 22-20 match against R.Lavin from Aigburth. The other Eng. Elec. team must have had a late finish when they played Wavertree Labour C", as seven sets went to the deciding game.

Colonsay "B" was unfortunate to come across two of the strongest teams in the division in the first two matches. Heather Stirrup and F.Rogers each won a singles when Colonsay lost 2-8 to Waterloo Park in the opening match of the season, but the following week, they went down 10-0 to Bootle, though Paul Hutching (Bootle) needed the three games to beat Heather.

Footnote: If anything noteworthy occurs in your match, mention it on the score card. That way you can guarantee your name appears in the notes.

DIVISION 4A

STAN CLARKE

Welcome to another season of table tennis, particularly to those teams who are new to the division. A particular welcome to Bootle Job Centre who entered the league after the commencement of the season, and have found themselves placed in this division to fill the vacancy left by the withdrawal of Trinity. They must be wondering what they have let themselves in for.

I said last season that I could not remember a tougher fourth division, at that time I did not expect to find that this year would be even tougher. There are at least four teams that would more than hold their own in higher divisions than 4A. The big four are Plessey, Vernon Sangster, Longreach and Courtaulds, and on top of these, Eng.Electric F and Electric Supply B are also quite useful.

After only four weeks of the season only a fool would attempt to forecast promotion and relegation places, so here goes. It seems to me that the divisional champions will come from either Plesseys or Vernon Sangster. If Plesseys were playing their strongest team every week I would have no hesitation in electing them as Champion now, however the absence of T.Owens in away games may prove their undoing, especially against their main rivals.

Vernon Sangster on the other hand, have a distinct advantage, having players at least as strong, and in some cases stronger, playing down the order who can "step up" and strengthen their first team whenever they feel the opposition warrants it. However, if really pushed I must go for Plessey's to end up as Champions by a narrow margin, simply because of the greater experience of their squad. Of course Longreach may yet make me eat my words though I feel the lack of experience of their youngsters may be a telling factor against some of the older and wiser players in the divisions. I will be looking forward with interest for the results of the games between these three which will almost certainly decide the final positions at the top.

The other end of the division is not quite so easy to assess, there are a number of teams who would go down, Bootle J.C., Maghull C, Aigburth A, Rafters B, Vagabonds and Cadwa are all in the danger area. The big danger in forecasting relegation probables is that a team only needs to sign one stronger player, or catch an opposition team on an off-night, and they can shoot out of trouble in a couple of weeks. Vagabonds proved that last season, whether they can do so again remains to be seen.

I must say that looking at the respective strengths of division 4A and 4B, I think that there is a very good chance of the cup winners coming from this division. Although a clash between Vernon Sangster of 4A and V.S. 4B could be very interesting.

It is a little difficult to find many talking points after so few games, but one thing I have noticed already is that a number of teams do not fill in the record at the bottom of the card, it would help a great deal if team captains would fill in the details and assist in giving a much more accurate indication of just which teams are ahead and which are struggling. There have been a few games worth commenting on, in the match between Eng. Electric F and Aigburth A, eight sets went to three with the luckless Aigburth winning only two. The Eng. Electric lads seem to be built for stamina, against Maghull C, five sets went to three. Ken Black making all the difference by beating Stan Clarke 21-19; 21-13; 21-13, the Keith Whittaker 22-20; 19-21; 19-21, this despite pulling a muscle in his leg during his first game. Also worthy of note, Dave Massie, Cadwa, beat Steve Gittins V.S. 21-15; 21-15, for Cadwa's only point, Peter Brownlee, Maghull beat G.Finnis, Courtaulds 17-21; 21- ; 18-21. As Courtaulds beat Maghull 9-1, Jerry O'Keefe Rafters, beat Muriel Cox of Eng. Elect. 21-18; 17-21; 19-21 for Rafters only single victory as did F.Hughes Courtaulds against T.Mullaly.Longreach.

DIVISION 4B

LES FRENCH

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We have a big 'ogre' in 4B this season in the shape of my own team Vernon Sangster "A". Their only opposition would seem to be from Kirkby "A", Wav.Lab. "E" and Bath Street "D" However, an 8-2 win over Kirkby and 7-3 over Wav. Lab. seem to suggest that it will just be a race for second place between the other three. Vernon Sangster's team have Les & Paula French, supplemented by Brenda Williams, three times Womens Champion of Liverpool and No.3 Junior in England back in the early 70's. Up and coming Paul Beesley completes the side. With reserve cover in the shape of John Griffiths (ex-Trinity) Basil Townsend and Adam Bennion, they seem assured of top spot.

Kirkby "A" have Ritchie Craggs at No.1. There's no truth in the rumour that he's been practising with a Sputnik to try to get a T.T. ball into orbit. He's an awkward customer to play against as Brenda and I found when he won his sides only sets against us. Ritchie is well-supported by Alan Brown, captain Ian Lunt and his brother Brian Cragg.

Wav.Lab. "E" have a useful side led by veteran Ron McEvoy. Newcomer Billy Wardle plays at 1, with good support from young Paul Smith and Mike Ferrick. Bath St. "D" have used 9 players in their first three matches but have enough good players around to make a serious challenge. Ian Leason and Reg Edwards are a good basis for a useful side.

At the other end of the division it looks like Waterloo Pk "B" for the wooden spoon. With only 4 sets from 5 matches they seem doomed. It looks like a straight fight between Trinity "E" and Moor Park for the other spot.

The two Police teams should do well but won't challenge at the top whilst their strength is split. In their Derby game the "C" team won 6-4 against the "B" team thanks to double wins for No.1 Peter Kavanagh and R.Winckle, who also took his doubles with Sue Anderson. Sue also beat John Christian for the sixth set.

I believe that the "B" team have Alf Garnett playing for them, backing up the reliable Derek Rimmer and A.Ham. (No comments please, just put the surnames AND CHRISTIAN NAMES on the cards. Pun not intended John.)

Maghull "B" have an all-round team, but lacking a strong No.1 Mike Lamden, at No.4, could prove quite a handful with his spin serves. Reg Coxsey deserved his promotion to this team and has the best record to date.

Bath St. "F" have a nice blend of youth & experience. Eugene Berger, has made a great start. In the first week he beat Ken Davies 17-17 and L.Jackson to help B.S. "F" to a 7-3 win over Trinity "E", then he beat both Billy Wardle and Paul Smith in the singles and also took the doubles with John Higginson for his sides only sets against Wav.Lab."E".

Eng.Elec. "G" have a mid-table look about them and include my old mate Les Harper, who I'm looking forward to meeting again. We used to play together at Fairlawn. (Who can remember that name?)

It's nice to see that Action Committee have brought up promising youngsters Alan McDonald and Eddie Harrison into their first team. They should develop considerably during the season, so I expect the team to end up in a safe position.

Ron McEvoy decided that his young team weren't good enough to put up a good fight so he introduced 'reserves' Eddie Moran and Ted Gilmour, each with ten years or more first division experience. Vernon Sangster were without Brenda Williams but had an able deputy in John Griffiths. Labour's plan backfired when the out-of-practice Eddie Moran lost deuce in the third to John Griffiths, himself making a comeback after a two-year absence. Eddie won the first game 21-7 so its all credit to John. Eddie then lost 6-12 to yours truly to make it a night to forget. I also beat Ted Gilmour 14-19 so that V.S. took three out of the four sets played by the 'substitutes'. Paula, beat Billy Wardle and Paul Smith and John Griffiths also took his other singles, beating a dispirited Paul Smith by 4-6. John and I beat Billy and Paul for a 7-3 victory, with Labour's successes being Ted and Billy's singles wins over Paul Beesley and the other doubles. I'll bet Ken Armson wasn't too pleased.

Police "B" and Bath St. "D" fought out a draw, with Derek Rimmer (2) and A.Ham (2) starting for Police. R.Parkinson got 2 for Bath St. Bath St. "F" and E.E. "G" also drew with B.Thomas of E.E. "G" the only player to win two singles. John Wright and D.Thomas had a great tussle before Thomas won 20-22, 22-20, 22-20. Electric beat Cadwa "C" 6-4 with Les Harper getting 2 for Electric and J.Power 2 for Cadwa. Electric won both doubles to take the match.

Wat. Park are finding things tough but Barry Meyer fought well to beat Jim Staunton 22-20 in the 3rd and Carol Flood 19 in the 3rd for his sides only sets v Cadwa.

Eng. Elec. "G" also drew with Maghull "B" with B.Thomas (2) and Les Harper (2) providing the spark for Electric and Reg. Coxsey (2) doing best for Maghull.

Action beat Moor Park 7-3 with Paul Wilson (2) and Eddie Harrison (2) starring. John Taylor and Alan McDonald won a singles each and combined to take the doubles for a good team performance.

Maghull "B" took three sets off Wav. Lab. with Coxsey beating Feerick and Lamden beating McEvoy. Gibson/Lamden beat Farquaharson and Ferrick for the third set.

Trinity "E" will rely heavily on Ken Davies if they are to avoid relegation. Ken has had mixed fortunes in the early matches. He lost to Higginson and Berger in the first week, then beat Christian and Ham of Police "B" to make amends. He followed this with a good win over Ron McEvoy but lost to Billy Wardle. (O.K. Billy?) Chris Reynolds had two narrow defeats in this match. Don't forget those Christian Names - See You.

DIVISION 5A

JACK LAMBERT

At last we have a real Division 5 instead of a crypto second or third division. It gives the young inexperienced players a chance to move into table tennis and enjoy it, and stand a chance of winning a few games, and picking up a few tricks for the not so young ones who are in it for the laughs or a drink or a night out. I hope all the young players of Wavertree Labour "F", Bootle "B", Bath St. "C", Maghull "F" and "G", English Electric "H" and the odd young players in the other teams have a good season and enjoy themselves, keep their tempers and leave the bad language in the gutter where it belongs, these are the unofficial rules that 95% of us obey.

It's nice to see Wavertree, Maghull and Bath St. falling in line with the English Electric youth policy, Bath St. have always had the youngsters but wouldn't let them 'in' and Maghulls flow has turned into a flood with a strong youth club behind it. With three out of five games at Maghull Eng. Elec. had begun to wonder which was their home table with another cup draw in the offing against another Maghull team. In their first of many Maghull Derby's the "E" team led by old favourites Annette (of the delectable cookies) and Les Jones look like being the strongest of the Maghull trio beating the "E" team 9-1 with Brian Taylor beating Tony Daley in a ding dong battle 18-21; 21-15; 21-15. The "E" were involved in our only draw to date with Bath St. "G". Jane and the Joneses finishing nearly equal, Ted beating them both in his singles and Les and Annette winning their other singles and their doubles against Ted and John Bolton 15-21; 21-11; 21-17. Despite the number of crunching wins, I stick by my original statement of being a good Division 5 as there will be lots of close ones as well as the following crunches - Richmond 8 - Electric Supply "B" 2. Lil Wynne beat Jack Taylor and Tony Hardy: Vernon Sangster "B" 9 Bootle "B" 1 (5 games to 3). S.Long beating Barry Moonsey 19-21; 23-21; 21-13. Bootle "A" - 9, Eng. Elec. "H" 1 (6 games to 3) Nigel Conquest beating J.Tsang 21-13; 11-21; 21-11. Wav. Labour "F" beat Maghull "F" 9-1, Steve Banks beat Betty McEvoy 8-21; 21-18; 23-21. Bootle "A" 9 Maghull "G" 1 F.Leece beat J.Wilson 21-16; 21-11. Steve McGarrity fought

hard to stop a whitewash for Maghull "G" against Police "E" losing 14-21; 21-15; 20-22 to Norman Morrissey. The Police side let me down losing 8-2 to Vernon Sangster who fielded a very strong side which included Basil Townsend who lost to Gregory 20-22 in the third.

I think if you have to go in for the popular pastime of finding champs, Vernon Sangster "B" must be well up the list with the Bennion "Brothers" and Basil available, they are a bit above our homely little division 5 set-up although not nearly as disastrous to us as their two predecessors. Barker & Dobsons took two points off them by sneaking two fairly comfortable doubles wins. B S D also slipped along to Bath St. and came away with 7 points the steady Ted Jane losing to hit or miss Les Travis 21-13; 16-21; 21-18.

We have the honour of having the only two new clubs in the league in our division Richmond, a pretty strong little side with plenty of experience who will be one of our top teams although Wav. Labour did well to win four points against them. Bootle Job Centre our other new team have very bravely thrown themselves in at the deep end and can only gain experience and improve. Good luck I hope you enjoy yourselves. Game of the month Jack Taylor (Richmond) beat A.Birch (Wav. Labour) 16-21; 23-21; 21-19.

DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

Welcome back to another season to all our teams new and old, which finds us with a much changed division. The battle for promotion last season was proved unnecessary for with several unexpected vacancies in the 4th we lost half our division to them". Due to drop-outs in our own division we are left with only four of last seasons teams. The new comers include teams from the 4th and 6th and new teams of existing clubs of unknown quantity. Plus the mysterious transfer of Colonsay "C" from 4B to 5B. Has John O'Sullivan, captain of this team had a hand in this? Perhaps he is seeking a 100% average. Spare no nets or edges to ensure that John's evil plans come to nought. Shame on you, John O'Sullivan.

With little to go on at this stage I am going to play safe and say only that V.Sang."C" should finish as champions. The team is fairly strong with plenty of good reserves and their results to date show they will take some stopping. Their worst result so far and one in which they let us all down was a draw against Rafters "C". How did they let us down? Rafters "C" were all women. The ignominy of it all, our probable best team held to a draw by mere women. Where will all this equal opportunity end. Never forget, a man is never beaten by a woman, he allows her to win out of politeness and deference to her being a woman.

Back to reality. It is too early to say who will be out in front with V.S. "C" but possibles include Rafters "C" and Courtaulds "A". Both teams have good useful experienced players, but I am inclined to the view that Rafters "C" could well keep out in front. Courtaulds "A" have blotted their record and possibly their chances by conceding a w/over to Longreach "A". This could be due to a mix-up over match nights or incorrect reading of the new fixture layout and so could be replayed. If it isn't they have given themselves quite a mountain to climb as ten sets take some pulling back.

I think I can quite safely say perm anyone from three to get the final order and I for one won't be surprised whichever way it eventually turns out.

At the bottom it looks likely to be between newcomers Moor Park "A" and Jewish "D" with possibly Vags "B" and Colonsay "C" in close support. Colonsay are an unknown quantity but with John O'Sullivan our coaching expert looking after them we can expect to see an improvement in their results later in the season.

Tucked in between should be Wav. Lab. "G" ably led by Bill Stanley, now promoted to captain and No.1 after achieving a place in the averages last season. We have had some good results against the weak teams but lost narrowly to Halewood 6-4 a result which we intend to reverse next time round. We are hampered by frequent team changes to give everyone a game and this is reflected in our results. That's our excuse. What's yours?

Halewood should be keeping company with Wav. Lab. although they showed up well against Maghull "D" taking four sets. Alan Chapman had a fine double against Alan Rycroft and R.Cockroft and David Quane completed a poor night for Alan winning 23-21 in the third. If they can produce results like this more frequently they could get themselves a good final placing. Aigburth "B" will probably also be in this company.

The group behind the top three should be Longreach "A"; Police "D" and Maghull "D" with Courtaulds "B" somewhere around. Longreach and Maghull drew in their clash and this really sums all four up. Too good for the lower teams, fairly equal when in opposition to each other, but not strong enough to really trouble the front runners. We will know more about the set-up later on as at present the results available are insufficient to judge placings by and results seen fairly predictable.

Of the results to hand so far John O'Sullivan has been the winner of all Colonsay's sets with one exception and that was against Police "O" when D.Riley broke his duck beating C.Tickell 21-12 in the third. I hope this will be the first of many victories for him and that his team mates will soon be following his example. A few days later Dave Fisher who had to wait until almost the end of last season to record his first victory when playing with Vags. got started early this time and celebrated his transfer to Jewish with a win in their second match. His victim was John Wallace, Wav.Lab. in two straight.

A word now about my final notes for last season, these ended abruptly due to the final paragraph being omitted by the printers. This was unfortunate in so far as following my comment re. Dave Fisher's first win I went on to refer to his record as an ever present. I then listed the players who had a 100% record in this field and the list contained only five names. My apologies to Dave, if my notes gave the impression that I was being jocular or unkind in any way for the reverse was intended. I have always favoured reliability more than ability. Better to have four players who are always there but never win, than four who always win but are rarely there.

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

Action Committee - now Div. 4B for Colonsay "C" Bath St. "F" team Division 4B.

Bootle Sports "B" Team Div. 5A for Wat. Park "B" M/N Fri.

Bootle J.C. - rear of the Job Centre, Stanley Road, opposite the New Strand. Hon.Sec.

Sylvia Graham, 30 Leicester Road, Bootle, L20 9BR. 933 6127. Div. 4A. Position 14 for

Trinity "F". Tues. "A" Team Div. 5A position 10 for L'pool Jewish Thurs.

Cadwa "D" Team 4B OUT "B" Team and Plessey's have changed over fixtures.

Colonsay - "D" Team 5B OUT - "C" Team now 5B.

Courtaulds - "B" Team Oiv. 5B for Colonsay "0" M/N Friday.

Eng. Elec. - "C" Team, Div. 2 M/N NOW Thursday, "D" Team, Div.3B M/N Now Tuesday.

Elec. Supply - "C" Team for Moor Park M/N Wednesday.

Harding Comm. Centre have a new name ARGOT and play at Harthill B.C., 15 Wellington Rd.

L'pool Jewish - "D" Team. Div. 5B M/N Wednesday, "A" Team Div. 3B M/N Monday, "E" Team, Div. 5A OUT.

L'pool Y.M.C.A. - 1st and "A" Teams Div. 1 M/N Tuesday, "B" Div.2 and "C" Div. 3A Thursday.

Maghull "G" Team Div. 5A for Liverpool Y.M. "D" M/N Monday.

Merseyside Police - "E" Team now play at Prescot Road, "F" Team 5B out.

Moor Park - Now Div. 4B "A" Team Div. 5B for Cadwa "D" M/N Tuesday.

Palmerston - Now play at Mossley Hill British Legion, Rose Lane and the A" & B teams have changed over fixtures. So if you are down to play the "A" you will be playing the "B".

Plesseys & Cadwa "B" have changed over fixtures in Div. 4A, so the same applies if you are down to play Plesseys it will be Cadwa "B".

Rafters - play at Croxteth Park, off Croxteth Hall Lane, turn into the opening marked NO CARS and bear left until you come to Ye Olde Stately Home. (Do not be fooled by the No Admittance notice, this means what it says) it's the No Cars you want!!! - "C" Team, Div. 5B M/N Thursday.

St. Francis De Salle - OUT.

Trinity "E" Team M/N Monday, "F" Team Out.

Waterloo Park - 1st. Team 3B Wednesday; "A" Team 3A Thursday, "B" Team now 4B for St. Francis Tuesday, "C" Team 5A Out.

W'Tree Labour - "G" Team for Waterloo Park "B", Div. 5B Friday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greenmead, Lynnhurst,
Hants.

Dear Jack,

Thank you for the copies of the 'Digest'. I enclose £2.00 cheque as a small donation and

also an old signed photograph of Victor Barna which someone/some club might like to frame and hang on the wall? The name Szabados and Bellak were spelt correctly, but I very much doubt if those three musketeers ever played at the Stadium: They certainly didn't fill it. The top stars at the Stadium, were from memory, Johnny Leach and Richard Bergmann. I played with Bellak in the Final of the Open Merseyside (V.Barna & Szabados) in a large hall in Renshaw Street. I also played in the Semi-final of the English Open (with a German named Entholt) against B & Sz when this event was held on the 4th floor of Lewis's, Liverpool. I think Barna and Szabados also played on another occasion at the Picton Hall. I also think that Bellak at most, made two visits to Liverpool, neither to the Stadium!

Congratulations to your Divisional contributors who appear to handle a rather difficult task very well. Initially the league consisted of teams of 5 players, each of whom played the opposing 5 one game, i.e. a total of 25 single games were played and if I can find it, I will enclose a cutting illustrating this. The first change was to teams of 5 also, but numbers 1 and 2 played each other, the home 3 played the away 3 and 4, the home number 4 played the away 4 and 5, and the home 5 played the away 5 and 3. There were lots of arguments about the ranking order of the 5 players!!!

The present system has the affect of creating extra teams, so that for 20 players you now need 5 teams instead of 4.

Has the League every considered the idea of playing matches on the basis of an equal number of players playing for one team simultaneously. Home and Away, at the same time, same night? It's done in at least one other sport. In other words you would have teams of 8 players. The only clubs who might be embarrassed would be those few (Plessey, Lina-cre, Harding, Dutch, Moor Park and Halewood?) who presently only enter 1 team of 4 players. You could anticipate a number of telephone calls from one venue to another to find out how the other half are getting on!!

I note you still have problems re teams dropping out and/or not completing their fixtures. I seem to recall that at one time we had a system of an extra deposit per club - not per team - which was forfeited if the club's team did not complete, unfortunately, this system involved a lot of Admin, work.

Wishing the League continued success.

Yours sincerely,

DON FOULIS.

A plea from the Treasurer -

Do you realise that at present prices it will cost the league £200 to put on the closed tournament and £600 to put on the Open. That is why we have not had any open recently and that without in help from sponsors last year (Associated Tyre Services) who donated £150 we would not have been able to hold the closed, so we are looking for sponsors again. I would ask for anyone who has any contacts or who thinks they can help to let me know and I will follow up.

Now to draw tickets - all secretaries have received tickets from me - make sure you get your quota to sell or ask me direct. If every member sells 4 books for a total of £1.00 we would make £300, which would more than solve the closed tournament problem. It would be worth the effort if we could achieve this - please try.

DON CAMERON HON.
TREASURER

NEWSHAM PARK

Dear Jack,

It's not easy to check last years teams and honours with last season's final league tables missing from the handbook. Let's have them back again next year and do away with those seemingly endless rules. (Give the club secretaries a copy of those. Most players never read them anyway.) I'm sure that the vast majority of players would prefer to have the tournament details and league tables and other interesting information such as lists of our league champions and tournament champions over the years.

If you'll excuse another grouse. I'd like to comment on one of the big topics under discussion at the last A.G.H. Last Season, most of the teams in the lower divisions were fed up with lack of interest in the promotion races due to the presence of powerful teams making their way up the league. In my view and that of every other person I've spoken to who was present at the meeting, the clear meaning of the discussion was that the league committee should take every possible step to ensure that these teams go up to a division in keeping with their strength, subject of course to a vacancy arising. Our league secretary, on a technical point, which he seems particularly good at discovering, decided to promote the third placed team in 4A, Waterloo Pk. A, rather than Plessey or Vernon, Sangster, who are both known to be much stronger. Stop playing with words, John, and accept the spirit of the club's recommendations rather than treating the rules like legal documents. You'll be respected far more.

LES FRENCH.

25 Regent Road,
Liverpool. L23 5AL.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if you can find space to publish the following offering in the next edition of the 'Digest'.

"Owed (Ode) to a Frenchman."

He plays for VERNON SANGSTER, French
Les is his name, And throughout all
last season He didn't lose a game.

He also writes Divisional notes, His
style is there to see, He's humble
and self effacing And never writes
about HE.

Well, perhaps a little now and then But
he never goes too far. Modesty forbids
him, He's just a humble SUPERSTAR.

Many misunderstand him,
Of that he's quite aware,
But I don't misunderstand him,
That's why I've written this - so there !

P.S. No offence intended - only the names have been al-
tered to protect the innocent.

Regards. Auntie

Loop.

CUP DATES 1979/80

January 7th W/Commencing - 3rd Round Hyde Forrest & Stamp Cups. 2nd Round Readman & Rumjahn Cups.

Semi-Finals Stamp Cup W/Commencing Monday 28th January Replays Monday 4th February.
Final on Wednesday 27th February, if necessary Wednesday 5th March.

Semi-Finals Forrest Cup W/Commencing Monday 4th February, Replays Monday 11th February.
Final on Tuesday 4th March. Replay on Tuesday 11th March.

Semi-Finals Hyde Cup W/Commencing Monday 11th February, Replays Monday 18th February.
Final on Thursday 13th March, Replay on Thursday 20th March.

Semi-Finals Rumjahn Cup W/Commencing Monday 18th February, Replays Monday 25th February.
Final on Wednesday 19th March, Replay on Wednesday 26th March.

Semi-Finals Readman Cup W/Commencing Monday 25th February, Replays Monday 3rd March.
Final on Tuesday 25th March, Replay on Tuesday 1st April.

John Hankin. 521 1483.

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

For the sixth successive year the Men's First Team opened the season against Farnworth but although we led by 5 sets to 2 we were unable to clinch the vital sixth set for victory. John Marshall beat Clive Heap and Barry Elliott, Wayne Percival beat Elliot and Keith Williams beat Heap. Marshall and Williams beat Cowley and Heap in the doubles.

The same three players were beaten by Manchester who were without England Number 2 John Hilton losing 8-2. Phil Bowen and Mark Hankey each won three sets the other two going Tony Boasman's way with wins over Marshall and Percival. Keith Williams' first ever meeting with Boasman was our only singles win and the Williams-Marshall duo beat Boasman and Bowen in the doubles.

MEN'S "A" TEAM

With only one match played, that being a 6-4 defeat at home to Barrow, it is too early to say if promotion can be gained this season. Clive Strettle, Peter Lee and Phil Thomson looked to have the beating of the Cumbrian side but their number 1 Diccon Gray was in fine form winning all his singles.

LADIES' TEAM

Colonsay's England Number 6 Junior Lynne Fennah has opted to play for Liverpool this season but this welcome addition to our ranks was offset by the loss of Sue Alexander who is not playing whilst she is attending College.

However, Lynne, Barbara Kirkman and Julie Prince (nee Black) beat Southport 8-2 but faltered in the next match when they drew with Blackpool. Blackpool, with only one win over L'pool in the last ten years, looked likely to collect two points when they led 5-2 but our girls pulled out all the stops, Julie beating Alwyn Burrough, Barbara overcoming Irene Farrar (after saving three match points) and Lynne, in the final set, beat Kathy Wright thus gaining a well earned point.

JUNIOR TEAM

In the opening match an experimental team was fielded as Graeme Black, George Cheng and Malcolm Pu are now too old. In the match at Salford, Vernon Sangster's John Green (16 years), Adam Bennion (12) and Wavertree Labour's Billy Wardle (15) found the going tough losing 10-0. The Junior Trials resulted in Paul Gittins in first place with Wardle second and David Ng in third place. This trio played Rochdale and scored a fine 8-2 win.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

In the National Competitions the Men's First play at home to Bury on November 23rd in the Wilmott Cup whilst the Ladies entertain Lytham on the same night in the J.M.Rose Bowl. The Juniors travelled to York with Stan Clarke and suffered a crushing defeat 6-0. The team of Paul Gittins, Billy Wardle and David Ng were no match for the opposition two of whom were Yorkshire County players. Perhaps things might have been different had our two County players, Mark Thomas and Mark Byles, been available.

TABLE EDGES

Next year is Liverpool's Centenary Year - Table Tennis has been approached through its VARIOUS channels to do SOMETHING. Is this our moment of truth? Are our various committees going to get together and support a super Merseyside Open or some other super show - this would be a LIVERPOOL show so it would be us and dare I say it the Business House League and not the various other Merseyside Leagues as I have previously suggested.

Did you hear of the most amazing upset in Football for many a decade - Grimsby 2 Everton 1 - NO. Lille 3 Liverpool 1 - NO, Southport Schoolboys 3 Liverpool Schoolboys 2 in the English Schools Trophy, an amazing result. Dave Williams out Formby way is producing a very good line in youngsters for the Southport league - as we do not seem to be able to do this very well lets hope they don't come along and hammer us one of these days, as the football boys did.

If I said to you Jack Pattison - Moya Jones - Moya Pattison - Ken Jones would there be any significance in those names to you? I will elaborate in the next issue.

You have a couple of talking points - the dance at Courtaulds, sponsors for our championships. Now an item closer home for you individually - your handbook - what are your thoughts? The facts are that as far as the treasurer Don Cameron is concerned it is saving the league well over £100, a fair item. There can be little complaint about the fixture list, a little more complicated but nothing really difficult. I found the lack of facts and figures a little disconcerting, to be quite frank I would always have liked to have seen more acknowledgement of past championships rather than no recording at all. I will record all Winners in the Digest (Space permitting) do you think this covers the records - space v cash being taken into consideration OF COURSE.

DIVISION 1					DIVISION 2 ,						
	P	W	L	D	Pts.		P	W	L	D	Pts.
Wavertree Labour	8	8	-	-	74	Wav. Lab. "B"	8	7	-	1	64
L'Pool Y.M.	8	8	-	-	66	L'Pool Jewish	7	6	1	-	50
Rafters	7	6	-	1	49	Kirkby	6	4	-	2	43
Eng. Electric	8	5	3	-	48	L'Pool YM "B"	7	4	1	2	42
Palmerston "A"	6	5	1	-	43	Trinity "B"	8	3	4	1	38
Wav. Labour "A"	7	4	2	1	41	Colonsay	7	3	4	-	37
Palmerston	5	5	-	-	40	Bath St. "A"	7	4	3	-	36
L'Pool Y.M. "A"	8	1	5	2	34	Bath St. "B"	8	3	4	1	33
Eng. Elec. "A"	7	2	4	1	32	Rafters "A"	6	4	2	-	32
Trinity	8	2	6	-	30	Elec. Supply	8	2	6	-	28
Bath St.	7	-	5	2	18	Eng. Elec. "C"	7	2	5	-	27
Palmerston "B"	6	-	6	-	11	Eng. Elec. "B"	8	1	6	1	26
Beauclair	7	-	6	1	8	Police	7	1	5	1	24
Trinity "A"	8	-	8	-	6	Linacre	6	1	4	1	20
DIVISION 3A					DIVISION 3B						
	P	W	L	D	Pts.		P	W	L	D	Pts.
Old Swan	8	5	1	2	50	Bootle	7	7	-	-	61
L'Pool Y.M. "C"	7	5	2	-	46	Palmerston "C"	6	6	-	-	49
Police "A"	8	5	3	-	46	Maghull	5	5	-	-	44
Cadwa "A"	/	4	2	1	45	Waterloo Pk.	7	5	2	-	40
Cadwa	6	5	-	1	44	Aigburth	6	4	1	1	37
Vagabonds	7	4	2	1	44	Eng. Elec. "E"	7	3	3	1	35
Argot	8	3	1	4	43	Eng. Elec. "D"	7	3	4	-	34
Bath St. "C"	7	3	3	1	40	Wav. Labour "C"	6	4	2	-	32
Colonsay "A"	7	3	3	1	37	Elec. Supply "A"	7	3	3	1	30
L'Pool Jewish "B"	7	2	3	2	34	L'Pool Jew. "A"	6	1	5	-	23
Maghull "A"	7	2	5	-	31	Beauclair "A"	7	1	5	1	19
Wav. Labour "D"	7	2	4	1	25	Colonsay "B"	7	1	6	-	16
Trinity "D"	7	-	7	-	12	L'Pool Jew. "C"	5	-	5	-	11
Waterloo Pk. "A"	7	-	7	-	3	Trinity "C"	7	-	7	-	11

DIVISION 4A					DIVISION 4B						
P	W	L	D	Pts.	P	W	L	D	Pts.		
Vernon Sangster	8	8	-	-	71	Vernon Sang. "A"	?	7	-	-	61
Plessey	7	6	1	-	61	Kirkby "A"	1	5	1	1	50
Courtaulds	8	6	2	-	54	Bath St."D"	1	5	-	2	48
Elec. Supply "B"	8	5	3	-	47	Police "B"	8	3	3	2	44
Longreach	6	4	2	-	39	Bath St. "F"	8	3	4	1	39
Eng.Elec. "F"	1	4	3	-	38	Maghull "B"	7	2	3	2	34
Cadwa "B"	8	4	3	1	38	Police "C"	6	4	2	-	33
Dutch	7	5	2	-	36	Wav. Lab. "E"	5	4	1	-	31
Bath St. "E"	6	3	3	-	32	Eng. Elec. "G"	6	2	2	2	31
Rafters "B"	8	1	5	2	25	Action Comm.	6	3	3	-	25
Vagabonds "A"	8	1	6	1	25	Cadwa "C"	7	1	5	1	25
Aigburth "A"	8	1	7	-	21	Moor Park	7	1	6	-	17
Maghull "C"	8	1	7	-	20	Trinity "E"	6	1	5	-	15
Bootle J.C.	5	-	5	-	3	W'loo Pk."B"	5	-	5	-	8
DIVISION 5A					DIVISION 5B						
P	W	L	D	Pts.	P	W	L	D	Pts.		
Vernon Sang. "B"	7	7	-	-	59	Rafters "C"	8	6	1	1	60
Richmond	7	6	1	-	53	Longreach "A"	7	5	-	2	47
Bootle "A"	6	5	1	-	48	Maghull "D"	7	5	1	1	46
Police "E"	6	4	2	-	41	Vernon Sang."C"	6	4	-	1	44
Barker & Dobson	7	5	2	-	41	Police "D"	8	4	4	1	42
Wav. Labour "F"	7	3	3	1	39	Courtaulds "B"	5	4	-	1	40
Eng. Elec. "H"	6	4	2	-	36	Wav. Lab. "G"	6	4	2	-	37
Bootle "B"	6	3	3	-	29	Courtaulds "A"	5	4	1	-	35
Maghull "E"	7	2	4	1	28	Halewood	7	2	5	-	24
Bath St. "G"	7	1	4	2	22	Aigburth "B"	7	1	5	1	19
Elec. Supply "C"	5	1	3	1	16	Vags. "B"	6	1	5	-	18
Maghull "G"	6	1	4	1	16	Colonsay "C"	6	-	6	-	16
Bootle J.C. "A"	4	-	4	-	6	Moor Park "A"	5	1	4	1	11
Maghull "F" ¹¹	7	-	7	-	6	L'Pool Jew."D"	7	-	7	-	11

FIXTURE SECRETARIES NOTE :-

We regret the League Tables do not represent the results of all fixtures as printed. 48 matches have not been played or cards have not been posted. Revised dates for all outstanding fixtures should be agreed and advised to the Fixture Secretary before Xmas.