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EDITORIAL

Norman Simmons Tor quite a few years has been a member of the Liverpool Jewish Club - not an outstanding player he will agree - but we must all agree not many of us are. Norman, however, and his firm Norman Simmons & Company, Tailors & Gents Outfitters of North John Street, this year sponsored our Liverpool Closed Championships which were held at the Kirkby Sports Centre.

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To all who supported our Presentation Dance thank you, I am sure we can make it better still, but a big thanks to everyone who supported us by selling tickets and attending - a complete cross section of our players from the top down, old friends, committee - a super show. To Dave Wilson, Dave Thomas, Jack Lambert and Fred O'Sullivan also Barker & Dobson's our thanks for Draw Prizes donated.

'Harry' Harrison, Clive Strettle, Ron Rumjahn (and ex champ Pinkie) Mark Thomas Alun Williams, will they all be missing next season??

DIVISION 1

After the end of this season, my last full season in the Liverpool League after some fifteen years, the picture appears much the same as last year. Wavertree Labour always looked a "cert" to walk off with the championship yet again, but this time Y.M.C.A. with John Marshall leading the way, nipped hard at their heels until close to the end. The two fought out a draw in one of the last matches of the season, with John Marshall beating Wayne Percival and Dave Roberts (although being pushed to 21-19 in the third set by Dave). Perhaps the secret of Labour's success is the consistency of their players and on this occasion they all won a singles each - Wayne beating Malcolm Pu, Dave Roberts and Mick Tierney beat Peter Turtle and Roy Smith beat Peter Lee.

One of the more exciting features was the arrival of Palmerston "A" from Division II, who finished seventh and but for some poor performances at the end could have finished higher. This is a team of young players, who could make an increasing impact on the league. However, doubts remain as Palmerston players are of ten here today and gone tomorrow - present first team excepted.

A depressing feature has been the continued decline of Trinity. Trinity "A" started out without any of last season's squad and scarcely fielded the same team on any two subsequent matches. John Higham and Tom Killip took some points when playing, notably when they both beat Graeme Black of English Electric. Paul Gittens came in towards the end of the season and showed promise in beating Dave Butterworth and Mike Moran of Bath Street, but it was a case of Trinity "A" being severely outclassed for most of the season. Trinity's first team also suffered woefully from constant changes and the inability of any of their players to turn out consistently. As always Eric Hardman and Ricky Brown held the team together, but they ended up not far from relegation.

English Electric carried on as they left off with perhaps only Clive Strettle of this young team able to compete with the top players. This was shown against Wavertree Labour as Electric lost 2-8 with Clive picking up the only points by beating Wayne Percival and Roy Smith. The Electric "A" old timers still proved with only six points difference, that there was not much difference between the two Electric teams. Against their first team and fielding two reserves they still managed to take four points with Brian Crolley beating George Cheng and Fred Pheysey cramping George and Graeme Black's style.

Rafters again proved there was not much difference between themselves and Palmerston with an end of season draw. John Fennah beat Brian Davey, but lost to Keith Williams. Trevor Manning beat Keith, but was thrashed by Graham Parr who also beat Alan Timewell. Graham thus finished the season in style and he could be one of the players to watch if he continues in this league. John

Fennah finished a good season by taking two off Wavertree Labour, beating Wayne Percival and Mick Tierney, but his colleagues could not give him much support. Roy Smith beat Greg Powell and Alan Timewell and Dave Roberts beat Greg and Trevor Manning. Once Palmerston lost Ron Brotherton having his best ever season, their challenge fizzled out, outlined by their 3-7 defeat to Wavertree Labour, with Keith Williams providing the only challenge in beating Wayne Percival and Dave Roberts.

Wavertree Labour "A" were without their North Wales players towards the end, but Ken Jackson came in to good effect beating Francis Lay of Y.M.C.A. "A" in a 6-4 win in which Phil Luxon and Mal McEvoy each won two against Alan Pickering and Harry Johnson and Mark Walmsley and Harry Johnson respectively.

Y.M.C.A. "A" kept to a mid table position. They brought in George Smith with some effect towards the end of the season. In a 6-4 defeat of Bath Street, George beat Alan Walton and then thrashed Dave Butterworth 21-16, 21-7. They had a good win over Palmerston "A" with Steve Farr beat Les Molyneux 19-21, 21-18, 22-20 and then Tom Charnock. Alan Pickering was also on form with wins over T.Weardon and Stan Mercer. Bath Street continued almost monotonously to finish just outside the relegation zone as they have been doing for some years. They drew with English Electric "A" for whom Rod McPherson beat Dave Butterworth and Bill Clayton.

Lastly the race to avoid relegation was won by Palmerston "B". Palmerston with that flexibility shown by many Palmerston teams in the past, strengthened their team towards the end of the season. This was noticeable against their "A" team when they draughted in Jack Evans who beat Les Molyneux and Arthur Hayes who beat Stan Mercer and T.Weardon to reverse a previous defeat. Graham Parr replied with wins over Jack and Jim McMillen. Ian Burrows also returned to play better than earlier in the season, beating Dave Butterworth and Phil Birchall to take them well clear of Beauclair with a 9-1 win over Bath Street. Thus Beauclair, always looking likely to return to the second division after two seasons in the first, say farewell. This coincides with my own departure as writer and player. I am moving to Llanfairtalhaiarn - a cottage called Tyddyn Bach. If you dare risk pronouncing such outlandish Welsh names to ask directions, look me up if you are in the neighbourhood.

"Harry"

DIVISION 2

DON CHALKLEY

Congratulations to Wavertree Labour "B" who completed the Double Cup and League. Their winning margin over Liverpool Jewish was much closer than I anticipated when Jewish lost the suspended Eddie Clein. The absence of Neil Roberts meant a closing of the gap. The consistency of Neil Roberts, Paul Brown, Paul Morgan and Ken Jackson gave them the title and a pretty hard time in Division 1 next season!? In the run in they had moments of concern - a 7-3 defeat by Jewish. Chris Coogan easily beat Neil Roberts when Bath Street "A" lost 3-7. Electric

Supply earned a creditable draw, Trevor Watts beating Keith Fitz and Paul and with Cameron beat Morgan & Ashley. Kevin Parker & Brian Thomas beat John Ashley when Electric managed 3 and another draw against Y.M.C.A. "B", Walmsley winning his three.

Liverpool Y.M.C.A. "B" only took two from Kirkby Ahmed Thabet beating Tommy Williams and Jimmy Clewett beat Mike Power. Electric Supply went to Kirkby and took four points without Trevor. Alan Cameron beating Williams & Power. D.Carney winning a singles and doubles with Owens. Kevin Parker beat A.Mercer 21-13; 21-11. Thomas and Craddock beat M.Power. Mike's car injury cost him and his side dearly - tough for both.

Colonsay with their full team of Mark Monaghan, Sue Alexander, Barbara Kirkman and Lyn fennah had their moments. Sue particularly had some very good wins and the girls did well when representing the city. I thought Mark lost to some players who were his inferior.

Congratulations to Liverpool Jewish on being runners up, although they had a hard fight against Colonsay, Sue beating Eddie Clein 10-10 and Julian Quirk. Barbara Kirkman beat Richard Stevenson. Jewish won 6-4. They beat close challengers Kirkby 7-3 Williams winning two for Kirkby. When they lost Eddie they brought in Roy Lussey and moved Julian to one, John and Richard taking the 2 and 3 spots. They beat Linacre 8-2, but only a 6-4 against Police. I beat Quirk and Stevenson, Tom Purcell beat Lussey and lost 23-21 in the third to Stevenson. I believe Eddie will be back after only a few games in the new season and I hope they can do well. Kirkby didn't have the consistency they promised initially. Police took 4 points off them. Crispen beat Williams and Mercer and the doubles with Chalkley. Bath Street "A" beat them 6-4 with doubles for Chris Coogan (Mercer and Challinor) and Alec (Evergreen) Gould (Williams) and Power.

Chris Coogan is still hard to beat with his skills and was ably assisted by Frank McCann, Fred Bainbridge, Alec Gould and Clive Chislett. Rafters "A" had for them a moderate season although Don Davies did well, Dave Ferguson still hard to beat with Ron Rumjahn and Duncan Sayle in support. I reiterate the remarks of Linacre boys in wishing Ron all the best when he moves, there are a lot of people on Merseyside with happy memories of playing Ron and watching him at the height of his fame. I was more than pleased to record a win over him before he left. I told him I would follow him to Yorkshire and keep on playing if necessary on crutches. Electric Supply from Trevor Watts, Pete Carney, Ernie Owens, Alan Cameron and Alan Biggs had a good finish although Brian Thomas (Eng. Elec.) took his sides only 2 against them beating Alan and Ernie. They had 8-2's also against Y.M. "B", Rafters "A" and Bath St. "B". Trinity "B" faded badly yet Mike Corcoran, Royden Bros. and Paul Gittens all had good wins. Bath St. "B" with John Letch, Alan Waddington and P.Mercer just managed to miss the cut. My own team Police "B" finished 6 points adrift. George Wright and Eric Ferguson played their hearts out, I'm not improving with

age and Dave Crispen missed a lot of games through injury. Iorn Purcell came in and had some good wins, one over Dave Ferguson comes to mind. Our crunch game was against Bath St. "A", but with 7 games going to 3 and sweating it out until midnight our only reward was a win for me over Fred.

Eng. Elec. "B" with Julie Prince, Alan Jones and Pete Hislop struggled all season they beat us 9-1. Alan, Julie and Pete had doubles in a 7-3 win against Linacre, 5-5 v. Trinity "B". The youngsters from Linacre beat Eng. Elec. "C" to leave the bottom spot at long last. They played any 4 from Harry Reeve, Jack and Alec Davidson, Frank Lacey, Ken Ainsworth. Norman Appleby and Ken Ainsworth all showed good manners and sociability despite defeats. A 7-3 win over Colonsay saw Jack beating Mark and Lyn and Harry beat Lyn and Cath Howard (another good looker). They also lost 8-2 to Colonsay, Dave Williams winning his games at 4! Eng. Elect. "C" have struggled from the start but that well mannered sportsman at No. 1 Kevin Parker has had some very good wins. Wally still retains his youth, they beat us fellow strugglers at Police 6-4, Ro Craddock playing well to beat Alan Wood and Eric Ferguson. 6-4 against Y.M. "B" Kevin beating Thabet and Tai.

This time Jack does need a new correspondent, good luck see you soon.

DIVISION 3A

MIKE GRIFFITHS

Congratulations to Cadwa and Vagabonds, our eventual champions and runners up. An excellent season of table tennis enjoyed by all. With 10 weeks scorecards there are plenty of matches to mention, so here goes.

Colonsay 8 Vagabonds 2 with Bobby Owen losing to Harry Nelson (2 straight) and Jeff Huntingdon (19 in the third). After being driven out of the fifth division by the might of Ken Armson's pen, John O'Sullivan appeared in this match and beat Ted Barnes and Doug Ridgeway. It was left to Tommy Johnstone to pick up his sides only points, beating Jeff and Brian Leeson.

Two very interesting matches between Cadwa and Y.M.C.A. The first well won by Y.M. 6-4 but Cadwa winning the second 7-3 (this I understand through the generosity of the YMCA captain in allowing 3 of the Cadwa team to arrive after 9.00pm without prior agreement. No need whatsoever for this Trevor, although to be fair you are not the only team guilty on this score). The matches themselves produced several reverse results. Paul Reed-Clayton beat Trevor Hughes 18 8 13 but lost the return in three. John Briggs had an excellent win over Ken Hartley 22/20, 16/21, 21/18 but was well beaten 19 £ 21 next time. Some great games between Ron Jones and Robin Brackley - First match Ron wins 18: 18: second match it's Robin 21/12, 19/21, 22/20.

Fourth and fifth were Bath Street and Argot, separated by a single point. The match between them ended appropriately 5-5, although both teams had a reserve out. Best wins of the night, Dave Cunningham over Dave Williams and the doubles win of Alan Spencer and Brian Cunningham over Hargreaves and Williams. Argot were narrowly beaten 6-4 by both Cadwa and Vagabonds. Against Vagabonds Bill

Hargreaves won the big clash against Bobby Owen 16/21, 21/19, 21/18, but against Cadwa he lost an even closer game to Robin Brackley 19/21, 25/23, 19/21. Another close game was Geoff Blackburn beating Rob Davies 19/21, 21/19, 21/19, but in the match against Vagabonds, Argot lost three sets at 19 in the third.

In the middle of the table we had Old Swan, Police, Cadwa "A" and Colonsay. Tom Purcell was top player for Police with 62%. Two fine wins for him over Trevor Hughes and Bill Hargreaves. Guy Garton, Colin Wilson and Ian Fletcher have all had consistent seasons for Cadwa "A". In the match against Police Colin beat Tom and Alan Wood.

Colonsay appear to me to be the team in the most false position. They appear to be our draw experts, but lack consistency. Draws against Argot and Bath Street were good results but they let themselves down by playing one short at Labour and losing 6-4.

In the tenth and eleventh positions came Liverpool Jewish and Maghull. Jewish had fine performances from Gerry Goldring 70% and Lewis Rosenbloom 66%. The conceding of 20 points to the Cadwa club however, did not help their league position. Maghull finished the season well, beating Cadwa "A" 7-3 (John Armstrong and Eric Taylor 2 singles each) and drawing with Colonsay (Alan Smethurst 2). They lost to Jewish however 7-3, Lewis beating Eric and John.

Wavertree Labour's poor form continued, but their better performances in the first half of the season gave them sufficient points to be safe from relegation. John Hoban could not seem to find his old form, although he did have a very good win over Ken Linforth. Steve Ryan managed a double over Dave Cunningham and J.Higginson of Bath Street.

Despite Trinity's lowly position they will be claiming one record. They used the same four players in every game, the only team in the league, I believe, to do so. Congratulations to Dave Southworth, Hal Clark, John Simms, and (can't mention the other one).

And finally we come to Brownmoor Park whose points have continued to be few and far between. Their best result was a 6-4 defeat by Jewish who had a reserve out, but Arthur Purcell did well to beat Warren Davies 21/17, 15/21, 21/16. And in an earlier match between the two sides, Ron Stevenson beat D.Dorman 2 straight.

And now a last batch of games which catch the eye. Pete Davies (Wav. Lab.) beat the Colonsay pair of Goodwin and Piper, both in three; Dave Southworth beat Alan Spencer 17 & 19; Mal Clark beat Kenny Foulkes 22/20, 13/21, 21/15; Dave Stokes (Cadwa "A") beat Doug Ridgeway 21/15, 21/23, 21/13; Len Dyson Police had a double of Pete McAdam and Ken Linforth, whilst his team mate Ron McMaster had a close win over Guy Garton 21/19, 18/21, 22/20.

Sorry, but no more averages, I think the last 'DIGEST' may have reached some teams a little late. The outstanding players for me however have been Hartley, Owen and Hargreaves - any disagree? The annual award for the 'best night out'

this year goes jointly to Police, Maghull and Bath Street.

Finally, on behalf of the Trinity members can I thank Jack Lambert and the rest of the committee for the presentation dance which was a great success - thanks to Courtaulds as well.

It looks at the moment as if I will be departing back to the 4th division, so a new writer may be necessary. I hope you enjoyed the season as much as I did - have a good summer.

DIVISION 3B

SUE Hughes

Way back last September with the season just a few weeks old, it became apparent which teams would be battling it out for the promotion places while the rest of us had to contend with fighting for the other positions. Maghull, recently relegated but now strengthened, and Bootle, planning on continuing their uninterrupted climb through the divisions, were never really in danger of losing the two promotion spots. The only question was whether Maghull's experience would triumph over the young but talented squad under Dave Wilson's guidance at Bootle.

In the end Maghull took the title without losing a game. With several additions to the team that came down from the second division the combined strength of Alan Chase, Gordon Brownlee, Dave Newton and Dave Tagg proved to be too much for all challenges.

Though finishing as runners-up, Bootle has the consolation of winning the cup and the knowledge that their potential - in this division and in their pool of up and coming youngsters - is such that they will have no worries for the future.

In the last week in March, Bootle played host to Maghull, knowing that nothing short of a very convincing victory would be enough to steal victory in the home straight. However, Bootle could not find the form they had used in beating Maghull in the cup and Maghull gained their revenge with a 7-3 victory. Though Bootle gained a moral victory with Paul Hutchings again winning both his singles - to retain an incredible 100% - Bootle were first to offer Maghull their congratulations on winning the Division and our congratulations go to Maghull and Dave Wilson's "All Stars" on a fine season's table tennis.

At the other end of the Division things were not so clear cut. Liverpool Jewish "C" had resigned themselves to fourth division table-tennis long ago, as they could only muster 35 points all season. This low score does not truly reflect the good individual performances by some of the team, especially captain Ann Carline.

Colonsay "B" and Trinity "C" had to fight it out between them to see who would accompany Jewish on their trip to the fourth. Eventually it was decided that Trinity would take the place next to Jewish. On paper the steady consistent play of Joan Monaghan and Stan Royden, together with Steve Royden's hitting and Marty

Finnegan usually completing the quartet, looked to be sufficient to avoid the relegation places. But despite taking 5 points off English Electric "0" and 4 points off Beauclair and Waterloo Park, they were unable to field a settled team and paid the penalty.

Colonsay's team also varied from week to week, but as they were able to call on such experienced players as Alan Guy and John O'Sullivan they seldom fielded a weakened team. Heather Stirrup must have been pleased with her form throughout the season, culminating in taking the Liverpool Ladies Singles and Doubles Championship.

Heather's championship doubles partner was English Electric E's Yvonne Cox, who herself forms one third of a unique family trio. English Electric had three members of the Cox family, mum Muriel and daughters Yvonne and Denise, in their team, making two winning doubles combinations. Southport Ladies Doubles champion Muriel teamed with Liverpool's equivalent Yvonne to beat Jewish C's Ann Carline and Tom Bunner 13/21, 20/22. The previous week Denise partnered her mum to beat another Jewish C duo of Richard and John Finnegan.

Down at the East Lanc's club we had our own private battle going on with English Electric "D". With team pride (and a round of drinks) at stake, English Electric "E" faced English Electric "D" for a show-down. My team, English Electric "E" was the 6-4 winners, despite Jeff Draper taking both his singles, but had to concede to Colin Pratt and Colin Fyles when he teamed up with his dad Stan in the doubles. This game pointed the way for us to finish 7 points ahead of our friendly rivals.

Beauclair's meeting with Liverpool Jewish "A" has just become a cover for a personal battle between the team's number ones. In a confrontation earlier this season Jewish Roy Livesey beat Bill Leeming 23/21, 22/24, 21/19. Now, as the teams met again the stage was set for Bill's revenge. Victory went to Bill with an incredible scoreline of 24/22, 22/24, 21/19. Nail-biting stuff!

Still on the subject of Beauclair, we reckon that Division 3B can boast the unique distinction of fielding the team with the greatest combined ages - 226 years. We're open to challenges from other divisions for this honourable title.

P.S. Talking about championships, Sue won the Southport Ladies Singles.

(Editor)

DIVISION 4A

STAN CLARKE

Congratulations to Vernon Sangster, divisional champions. Runners-up are of course Plessey's, who have a 12 point lead over Courtaulds despite losing four matches over the season. I am sure that most of the teams in the divisions will be pleased to see these two promoted, in the hope that next season there will be a better balanced division, but beware, there is another V.S. team waiting to pounce next year and with the strength of their pool, who would say that they won't dominate the division again next season. I wish both promoted teams the best of luck next season in Division 3, though I feel that Vernon Sangster,

with a small alteration to their line up have a much better chance of reaching Division 2 than Plessey's.

Courtaulds and Longreach third and fourth respectively this season must fancy their chances of promotion next year, if they can retain the services of their present players, but there are rumours abroad that at least one player from these teams will be changing clubs in the near future.

Dutch's surprised me by finishing the season very well and forcing themselves into fifth position. If my information is correct, they are the only team to have played unchanged throughout the season. Once again there is a rumour that Dutch's may not be entering a team in the league next season, if so it will be a great pity for during their comparatively short stay in the league, they have gained a reputation for a friendly and sporting approach to the game. English Electric "F" finished sixth and are a team that will always hold it's own having a mixture of styles with Albie Parker and Ken Black defending every point as though their lives depended on it, and Ron Simister and Margaret Collins prepared to hit anything over net height.

Aigburth "A" finished the season very well, mainly because of the introduction of Brian Aldred and the remarkable improvement of Bob DeAsha . . Bob has taken me to task over my remarks about the walk-over conceded to Cadwa by Aigburth, and whilst it is true that I made my remarks without the full knowledge of the event, it is also true to say that like most writers I have to rely on the scorecards to find out what is happening.

The real irony of the event is that Aigburth succeeded in obtaining a replay against Cadwa, which they duly won 7/3, whereas my own team made exactly the same mistake as Aigburth but despite repeated attempts were unable to persuade Cadwa to rearrange the game, and almost as a direct result find themselves relegated.

Electric Supply had a disappointing season, having started well, their form slumped alarmingly during the second half of the season and they only just escaped the relegation zone.

Cadwa "B", Rafters "B" and Vagabonds "A" all managed to escape the drop to division 5 but it was a close run thing, if Cadwa hadn't received that walk-over from Maghull, things could have been very different. Rafters "B" have to thank Jerry O'Keefe and Alan Nisted for the bulk of their points, while Vagabonds have to thank Dave Rooney and Ken Ray for their consistent play over the season.

Maghull "C" and Bootle Job Centre are the two teams relegated. In my book, Maghull can count themselves unlucky, having won more games than the two teams above them and accumulating 79 points, which is usually enough to ensure safety. However, I have to declare a slight bias where Maghull is concerned.

Finally, I must mention Bootle Job Centre, bottom of the league all season. I have a lot of respect for players who turn up every week knowing that they

are almost certain to get a hiding and yet still manage to play in a cheerful and sportsman like manner, and I hope that they will find playing in Division 5 more rewarding.

Results worthy of note. Courtaulds beat Vernon Sangster 6/4, heroes for Court-aulds Bob Edwards and N.Dellar both with double wins in singles.

Jack Power Cadwa, beat Nick Ryan Courtaulds 13/21, 21/18, 18/21. J.Staunton Cadwa, beat George Jibs Courtaulds 21/17, 21/17. Carol Flood Cadwa, Beat R.Forshaw Aigburth 20/22, 19/21. K.Francis Bootle J.C., beat Gillian Harris 21/18, 21/5. P.Byrne Bootle J.C., beat Dave Thomas Eng. Elec. "F", 21/17, 21/12. K.Francis Bootle J.C., beat Karen Gibson Bath St. "E", 15/21, 21/14, 17/21. Albie Parker Eng.Elect.»F", beat Neil Hawthorne Plesseys 15/21, 21/17, 21/12. Mal Green Dutch's, beat George Finnis Courtaulds 21/12, 21/15. George Hughes Dutch's, beat John Greene V.S. 21/18, 17/21, 19/21. Tom **Mullally** Long-reach, beat John Greene V.S. 21/16, 21/16. Tom Leigh Elec. Supply, beat Frank Fogg Longreach 21/17, 18/21, 16/21. All of these players taking the only point of the game to save a white-wash.

DIVISION 4B

LES FRENCH

Congratulations to Vernon Sangster "A" on a well deserved title. Well done Paula, Paul, John, Ian and their captain who has to be nameless to avoid receiving the 'French Award' from the 3A correspondent.

Chief interest centred on the battle for second place between Wav. Lab. "E" and Bath St. "D". Bath St. "D" strengthened by a re-ranking of Mal Cray, had a lot of ground to make up, but they responded magnificently to end up with 190 sets, just ONE short of Labours total. They must be regretting the fateful decision to play Mal's son, John, against bottom team Brownmoor Park "B". John was ineligible to play and his three sets had to be conceded later. A mistake and it cost them promotion, so it's well done to Ron McEvoy and his young side, Billy, Paul and Hike.

It looked like Wavertree had lost their chance when they dropped four sets to Action Comm. and Police "B". Against Action Comm., Ron and Paul took both singles but Billy lost to Paul Wilson and young Alan McDonald did well to beat Mike Feerick 24-22 in the third. The real excitement was in the doubles where Alan and John Taylor beat Billy and Paul 17-19, 23-21 and Paul and Eddie Harrison beat Ron and Mike 17, 19, 19. It could so easily have been 9-1 to Labour with a little less determination from the 'Action Men'.

Against Police "B" it was a bad night for Paul and Mike, losing both singles. Tony Ham beat both of them. John Christian beat Mike in the third after two deuce games, with Keith Wilkinson beating Paul 16, 10. Keith and Tony nearly forced a draw, going down 25-23 in the third to Ron and Mike.

The two matches between the contenders couldn't settle the argument with Bath St. winning the first encounter 6-4 and Wavertree reversing the scores shortly after. In the first match Mal Cray beat Billy Wardle and Paul Smith, with Alan

Leason also beating Billy but losing to Ron McEvoy. Ron played a captains part also beating Peter Ross, 19 in the third, with Mike Feerick saving the day with two excellent wins over Peter and Reg Edwards. Bath St. won both doubles to take the match.

In the return Billy made amends beating Mal 23-21, 17 and Alan 16, 17. Alan Leason beat Ron this time and Mike Feerick lost two, to Peter 19, 14 and reserve Tony Roberts 14, 18 - five reversed results - its a funny game. You've guessed it, this time Wavertree took both doubles to take the match 6-4.

Kirkby "A" ended up 13 sets adrift of Bath St. "D". They lost 7-3 to Bath St., with Mal Cray and Reg Edwards taking two each for Bath St. Wavertree played Kirkby in their final match, needing 6 for promotion. Richie Cragg beat Billy Wardle but fell to Ron McEvoy, who won two. Paul, Billy and Mike won a singles each and one of the doubles for a 6-4 win and promotion - just.

At the other end of the table Brownmoor Park "B" were duly relegated with only Peter Meyer providing any real resistance. They were joined by Cadwa "C" who collapsed after re-ranking, winning only one set from 11 matches and receiving a 10-0 walk-over from Bath St. "F". Clearly this team is much too weak for the division so Moor Park escaped lightly after conceding two walk-overs. They ended up 14 sets clear of Cadwa, including a 10-0 walk-over given by Cadwa, but they deserved to stay clear with an 8-2 win over Brownmoor Park with doubles for Geoff Bushell and Arthur Whitley. Geoff and Arthur won two again, as did Peter Williams for a great 7-3 win over Eng. Elec. "G".

They also put up a great fight against Kirkby, with five matches going to three. Geoff lost 19 in the third to Richie Cragg and 13 in the third to Alan Brown. Arthur Whitley and John Jones both lost 18 in the third to Ian Lunt, and Geoff and Peter Williams lost 22-20 in the third to the Cragg brothers. A 10-0 defeat was a scant reward for such a fine effort.

Moor Park also beat Maghull "B" 6-4 with Geoff and Peter taking five sets between them.

Maghull drew with Kirkby thanks to a great double for Jeff Banks over Richie 23-21, 19 and Ian Lunt 18, 12.

Police "C" took fifth place due mainly to the efforts of Pete Kavanagh and Richie Winckle. Peter's best win was over Ian Wensley.

Action Comm. had an exciting season, improving noticeably in the second half of the season.

Records (from cards received).

Fresh Clen (VSA) 51-1 98.1%, Paula French (hint, VSA) 26-2, 92.9%, Reg Edwards (BSD) 41-4 91.1%, Mal Cray (BSD) 27-3 90%. John Cowley (VSA) 32-4 88.9%, Ian Wensley (VSA) 16-2 88.9%, Brian Thomas (EEG) 32-4 88.9%, Richie Cragg (Kirkby) 48-10 82.8%, Billy Wardle (WLE) 39-9 81.3%, Ron McEvoy (WLE) 41-10 80.4%, Richie Winckle (Pol. "C") 48-12 80%, Peter Kavanagh (Pol. "C") 37-11 77.1%, Paul Beesley (VSA) 32-10 76.2%, Alan Brown (Kirkby "A") 44-14 75.9%, Mike Feerick (WLE) 35-15 70%, Paul Smith (WLE) 36-17 67.9%, Reg Coxsey (Mag. "B") 23-12

65.7%, Eugene Berger (BSF) 32-18 64%, Tony Ham (Pol. "B") 20-12 62.5%, Mike Lamden (Hag. "B") 29-18 61.7%, Brian Cragg (Kirkby) 27-18 60%, Peter Ross (BSD) 22-15 59.5%, Alan Leason (BSD) 29-21 58%.

Other players who made valuable contributions to their teams, Peter Mayer 21-27, Geoff Bushell 22-18, Jeff Banks 25-23, John Moore (Police) 27-21, Sue Anderson 22-26, Ian Lunt 30-26, Les Harper 28-26, Ken Davies 21-23, John Taylor 23-21, Eddie Harrison 22-22, Paul Wilson 23-25, Alan McDonald 21-25, Derek Rimmer 18-20, Keith Wilkinson 16-12.

A special match between two of our keen players, Erika Williams and Kwame Obodai, with only a few sets won between them all season. Kwame won the exciting match 21-19, 19-21, 24-22.

DIVISION 5A

JACK LAMBERT

Hail! Vernon Sangster worthy champions, a great performance by Roger Bennion who I reckon as our top man of the year, with Adam not far behind and no doubt destined for future honours. John Griffiths and Basil Townsend who added experience and skill were the other outstanding members of the team, Bootle "A" fought all the way but had to take an honourable second place in both our competitions, with their top man Mark Tsang, George Wilson and Mal Dixon were close on his heels, John Tsang and Jackie Wilson shared the fourth place - rarely letting the side down.

Bootle "B" and Bootle Job Centre "A" both late comers must be well pleased with their season, a typical result for Job Centre was the turning of a 9-1 defeat at Eng. Elec. to a 6-4 win at home. Sylvia Graham leads the Job Centre Stalwarts who with husband Dave have made a tremendous impression on our scene with their support at cup finals and our dance. Harry Blackburn hardly missed a game and was just behind Sylvia with wins, Sylvia and Dave not missing a game. Bootle "B", a young team, caused their secretary very few problems and turned a 0-10 against Police to a 7-3 win. Mark Paterson was top set winner closely followed by Jeremy Tsang and Laurence Kenwright with Peter & David slotting in quite often.

That was a pretty cool draw against Richmond, Laurence winning his three. Joe Bird and Terry Hardy with doubles for Richmond who as expected with their wealth of experience were our third best side with Tim McCoy, Terry Hardy and Dave Batty carrying the honours in that order with only a touch between them.

Wavertree Labour had Arthur Birch as top man but Dean Ashley didn't miss a game and had a good season. An excellent doubles record this team. Nigel Conquest was top man for English Electric "H" and third best set winner in the division with good backing from Chris Birch and Dave Foulis, although having a few good results their final position was a little disappointing.

Annette Jones and Dave Lamden were tops for Maghull "A", but Les Jones had a fair season and didn't miss a game. For the "F" team, no praise is high enough only a handful of wins with Bri?n Taylor leading, but only a handful of games

missed between them, to Debbie Clark, Steve Banks and Neil Burton, Brian top marks as these and players like Annette and Les are a secretaries dream, as I have so often said before, they are there every week, rain or shine, win or lose.

Lil Wynn with plenty of good wins to her credit came top of the girls at Electric Supply, with Millie Harris and Monica O'Donnell in the supporting rolls with Marie, Joyce (a couple of good doubles from both girls) and Amy filling the number four place. Ted Jane who shared our number three spot in the division was top scorer and guiding star for his other two stalwarts Tony Kendall and John Boulton.

Barker & Dobson were a tight group, only two reserves all season. Les Travis only just pipped Fred O'Sullivan this time both having an excellent season, but they were well backed up by Peter Greaves - Peter Woodburn who were only a touch behind all contributing to a best ever for B & D. Al Baker had an excellent season for Merseyside Police "E", he nearly fought a lone furrow, but John Gregory gave him moral support, the other places being shared by about 11 players. It was Wavertree Labour who called on the most players about 15 and our top players ACCORDING TO CARDS RECEIVED were Roger Bennion, Adam Bennion (Vernon Sangster) and joint third Ted Jane (Bath St.) and Nigel Conquest (Eng. Elec.)

Tony Dolan (Wav.) beat Les Jones (Maghull) 24-22; 19-21; 24-22, quite a game. Brian Taylor (Maghull) beat Jeremy Tsang (Bootle) 23-21; 19-21; 21-11, a good win and doubles from Tony Kendall against Richmond and Mark Paterson against B S D beating Les and Fred, superb stuff. The older we get, the shorter the seasons seem to be and our problems remain the same.

See you next season I hope.

DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

After a hectic finish with three matches in nine days Corts. "A" emerged as champions with V.Sangs. "C" and Corts. "B" in 2nd and 3rd place. Corts "A" lost the first to V.Sang "C" 7-3 but put the issue beyond doubt by thrashing their "B" team 10/0. No room for sentiment there. This left V.Sang. needing a 10-0 win in the final match against Corts. "A"; to take the championship. A draw was the eventual outcome of their clash and perhaps it was a fitting conclusion to the season. ,

Whatever the happenings of the season it has to be accepted that the main reason for the success of all three teams has been the consistency of their regular players. The most outstanding being Dave Croot, John Tilley, Jim Geddes and Frank Watt for Courtaulds and Mike Delahunty, Mark Reed and Peter Davies for V.Sangster. Of the reserves they have used, the outstanding player for me has been Les Higham. He dropped only one set for the "A" team, and that was against Mike Delahunty in the final match 23/25 in the third. No-one could call Les a secret weapon, but he is a hard man to beat and in his approach to the game

he is a credit to his club. The trend today is win at all costs and show no respect towards your opponent, but players like Les are a reminder that there are still some players who have not forgotten that sportsmanship is more important than gamesmanship.

Congratulations to both teams and commiserations to Courts. "B" who almost fulfilled their promise to get that promotion spot. They may still go up if any vacancies occur in the 4th division.

Rafters "C" finished a comfortable 4th and I don't really think they can complain about that. Whilst they had the beatings of the rest of us they were not good enough to challenge the supremacy of the leaders. They faltered at times and could only manage a draw with Police. They beat us 7-3 but Sue Smith talked us out of two more. Sue has been very impressed with my notes and was even talking of buying me a present. As women are not noted for their generosity this was something of an honour. We can all look forward to beating them again next season. One area they did excel in was turn out, for with two ever presents and only four reserves required they were joint top with Maghull "D".

Police continued their winning ways and clinched 5th place very easily. Their final run in with two draws against Rafters and W.Lab. "G" and a 6-4 win against Maghull "D" augur well for next season. Police teams are generally successful when fielding a regular team and this one was no exception with Frank Greaney and Ken McLaren ever presents and George Wilde not far behind.

Maghull "D" failed to live up to my forecast and surrendered 5th place very easily to Police and a little more effort from Lab. "G" would have pushed them down another place. At times they flattered only to deceive. Like Rafters they only needed four reserves but with Alan Rycroft having a not so good season and the other players lacking the necessary consistency they had to be satisfied with 6th place.

Wav. "G" meandered into 7th place and although not setting the division on fire we enjoyed our games. Our consistency in sets came mostly from Bill Stanley and Les Molyneux. I myself had a disappointing season, some would say a normal one, managing only ten matches and either won both sets or lost both. I started at No.1 and finished at No.4. Life can be very cruel to us veterans.

The bottom positions were wrecked by the expulsion of three teams. One is bad enough, three is a disaster. Colonsay finished six points behind us and John O'Sullivan is probably satisfied with the progress of his proteges. They finished in grand style with an 8-2 win against Aig. "B". D.Riley finished with six sets from his last eight and P.Manning four from eight. John maintained his 100%. Vags. finished with 71 pts. and enjoyed the season without ever being a threat to anyone. Ian Honaghan, Alan Tyrer and G.Langshaw were regular set winners in spite of their lowly position. Ian played at No.1 and managed a very creditable 50%. Only one point separated Halewood and Aig. "B". For Aigburth the sets and consistency came from Peter Knight and A.DeAsha, both

started badly but more than doubled their sets haul in the 2nd half. Their team mates found the going very difficult. What can be said about Halewood? Each season they have a little flourish which seems to promise better things and then they revert to normal. I always get the impression that they look upon it purely as a pastime in which they have little interest and I am always surprised each season to find they are still with us. Perhaps next season they will really get down to it and perhaps shock us all.

The list of ever present is very short with only four clubs involved. The 100% are D.Riley and P.Manning (Col.), A.Rycroft (Maghull), F.Greaney and K.McLaren (Police) and J.Davies and S.Smith (Rafters).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

21, Armscot Close

Having read the letter from Eric Hardman several times I am still not sure whether it was intended to be serious or humorous, or just a load of rubbish written by a part time player!

To talk about clubs fiddling and then indirectly implying that splitting your strength is not, borders on the ridiculous.

If we 'fiddled' then we didn't make a very good job of it as a glance at the positions of several of our teams shows. To the best of my knowledge, which is a bit more extensive than Eric's, neither did the other clubs he sweepingly mentioned. They may have judiciously ranked the odd player which is perfectly legal, but again their league positions don't show this.

To make sweeping statements not backed up by the facts is extremely foolish. It is also evident that Eric has not attended any league A.G.M.'s of recent years else he would have been aware that such meetings have regularly rejected amendments to Rule 15. The meaning of the words 'to fiddle' in this league is merely doing what your opponents would prefer you not to do as it cancels out what they have done.

The Management Committee recognise that clubs frequently rank for geographical transport or friendship reasons and not for gain. Plus the fact that the ranking of players is based on the clubs assessments, not Eric Hardman's.

I have a sneaking feeling that Eric is really the P.R.O. for L.F. disguised as a Trinity player.

On the subject of 'Open' tournaments Eric's knowledge is again questionable. He implies that as he enters 'Opens' it follows he knows all about them. Does he? Rules in respect of 'Opens' are laid down by the ETTA. If you don't abide by them you cannot run an 'Open'. Our rules are exactly the same as others i.e. if a prelim round is necessary it takes place on the previous day on a geographical basis. The only exemptions being seeded players.

No Friday night took place this time as our Referee took advantage of a smaller than usual entry to accommodate our players on the Saturday. No credit from

Eric for this only the implied hint that he may have been responsible for this decision. The level of the entry fee is due to high running costs and must be the same for each entrant in any one event.

On the question of sponsorship we again obtained sponsorship for the 'Closed' as we have done before and a lot of people have worked extremely hard to obtain such sponsorship. If Eric is unaware of this he must be blind and deaf as it has been publicly displayed and verbally referred to at sponsored 'Closed' tournaments. It must be obvious to most people, Eric excepted, that you cannot expect the same level of sponsorship for a 'Closed' as for an 'Open' as the publicity is more localised. Nevertheless, we are grateful to our sponsors and always publicly acknowledge this. Where was Eric when this has been done?

On the subject of the 'Closed' I would say that I question whether the players in this league deserve one. Play was frequently delayed this year because players failed to stay and umpire having lost. Appeals for assistance mostly fell on deaf ears. The few who did respond did not number any top players amongst them. Although they are always the first to loudly call for an umpire they are always last to help and frequently try to duck out when they lose.

At a later stage a request was made for assistance in clearing part of the playing area, but again very little assistance was forthcoming. We don't do the job for glory or money, but because we want to do something positive for our league and its members. Those who are quick to criticise would do better to give a hand when asked. When I hear players criticising the 'Closed' I reflect on the 35 out of a period of 55 hours that myself and others spent working at Kirkby on their behalf and the fact that after our voluble critics had departed, some with the sponsored prize they know nothing about, we were still working.

Criticise if you must, that is your right, but at least do the M.C. the favour of being constructive and not destructive. Next year try putting your help where your mouths are and help things to run more smoothly by co-operating and giving a much needed hand.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Armson

44 Wavertree Green

Dear Editor,

FIXTURE SECRETARIES NOTE

The following cards are still outstanding as at 21.4.80. Secretaries are requested to post these immediately (We know the scores).

Maghull "A" v Brownmoor Pk. "A" - Colonsay v Eng. Elec. "B" Cour-
taulds v Bath Street "C" - Colonsay "B" v Wavertree Lab. "C".
Kirkby "A" v Cadwa "C"

Fixture Secretary

Dear Jack,

Recent correspondence seems to suggest that Vernon Sangster has some way been 'fiddling' its teams. This is complete nonsense .. There is no need for a club to justify its rankings but an explanation of our thinking might help some people who don't know our set up to understand our motives. First of all we had, at the start of the season, only Bill Harris, Basil Townsend, Brenda Williams, Paula and myself as seasoned campaigners. The remainder of our club are essentially young players, many in only their second season, all of whom are working hard to develop their games. As a coach of some 15 years experience, I forecast that by the start of next season we would have about a dozen players of at least third division standard. It was essential for our club to provide two third division teams, with the alternative of holding back, or losing some of our promising young players. We did lose one, Paul Gittins, No.1 Junior, as he was offered a second division place at Trinity and accepted it, much to our disappointment.

We believe that if we split our strength a little we could achieve promotion for our first and "A" teams. In addition, seeing as we hadn't been given a place in the third division (Eddie, your comment in issue two was irrelevant and I'm surprised you made it. Our players would have been ranked differently had we been in the third division) we decided that to allay transport costs (we take our players to all away matches) Bill and I should play in different teams. Naturally, Paula played with me and also Brenda Williams indicated that she would like to play with us too. John Greene had developed so rapidly that we believed he should be in the first team, and with Chris Ford also developing rapidly we gave him his chance too. Steve Gittins and Paul Beesley made up the teams. The first team players records have completely vindicated our belief in them, (e.g. wins-losses in league matches, Greene 88%, Ford 74%, Gittins 70%.) The league rules allow a player to play up to four extra matches for a higher team (max. thirty per season). I played on six occasions, including games against Maghull "C" (relegated) and Longreach who they beat 9-1 without me and only 8-2 when I played (so you can draw your own conclusions). I did play against Plessey and also against Courtaulds, whose team formations were hard to understand. I played 24 out of 26 of my own teams league games so you can hardly call that 'fiddling'. A few weeks after the start of the season John Griffiths, an old pal of Basil Townsend at St.Edwards, joined us. John hadn't played for a few seasons and he was happy to be in the "B" team with Basil and the Bennions. This team would do well in the third division too as they demonstrated with a 100% record in 5A, and playing as our "A" team (due to cup tied players in that team) soundly thrashed Kirkby "A" 7-1 in the cup semi-final. This team played virtually unchanged throughout the season except when Basil was injured for about six weeks after falling down stairs.,

Our "C" team played with a pool of five young players and were undefeated in league games, ending up as runners-up to Courtaulds "A" (or should we call them Rankin 1AB). If you'll excuse the pun, "Was there correct 'rankin' in that club"?

The club's overall league record for the season was P 104 W 100 LI D 3
F 905 A 135.

If anyone believes that the above performance is due to fiddling rather than a great deal of effort, dedication and a keen interest in furthering the progress of our sport both for the club and the city, they are sadly mistaken.

Our youngsters want to reach the top and are prepared to work hard to achieve this. If we succeed, we'll do so by developing young players and not by importing ready-made stars - such is our attitude.

In my view we are doing our bit to further the game and our motives are good.

Yours in sport,

LES FRENCH

Dear Jack,

58 Beechburn Road

In response to the criticism by Messrs. Clarke and De Asha regarding the claiming of a match by CADWA.

There now follows one of the many sagas endured, I'm sure, by most Secretaries during the course of a season.

1. Back in September I realised that on several occasions three of our teams were due to play at home and as most people know, we can only accommodate two matches at CADWA. To rectify this problem, letters and S.A.E.'s were forwarded to the teams involved offering alternative dates and these were accepted. Mr. Clarke was given over three months notice and Mr. Lavin (Aigburth Secretary) over a month's notice. I think people should know that secretaries do not send correspondence out just to fill in time, there IS a reason as I'm sure Eddie Cameron will tell you.

2. The CADWA "B" match against Aigburth "A" (Div. 4A) (which Mr. Lavin had forgotten to let his team know about initially, this is fair enough, we are not all infallible and he admitted it was his fault, which I'm sure we all should when we are in the wrong). I assured him I would try to fit him in, which we did finally on Friday 11 April 1980, and not as Mr. Clarke reported in Digest No.2 "gifting a walkover" and Mr. De Asha in Digest 3 "that we have claimed the points rather than played the game".

3. Regarding the CADWA "B" v Maghull "C" match, rearranged for Monday, February 25, 1980, which they failed to turn up for on the Monday and amazingly turned up on the Friday on which night our "C" team were due to play Moor Park (who failed to arrive yet again) so opportunism took place and Maghull "C" played CADWA "C" in a "friendly" and won 10-0, anyway both sides had a game of table tennis that night.

Mr. Clarke contacts me about trying to play the game and apologises for not realising the content of the letter and reply, which he had signed, by which

time the team involved had quite a few games to play and also rearranged games. There seemed no possibility of fitting them in, although I told Mr. Clarke I would let him know if we could do so. I could just about organise the Monday, well after the season was supposed to have finished, on 14 April. CADWA "B" v Plessey's (Div. 4A) and CADWA "C" v Kirkby "A" (Div. 4B) - (this game should have been played at Kirkby) but Mr. Lunt informed me that he could not acquire their facilities so, rather than claim the match, I realised that I could fit them in on the same night, Monday, 14 April, 1980.

4. On learning from Mr. Clarke that his team in Div.4A might be expunged as they had failed to turn up on three occasions (I wonder why?) I immediately contacted Mr. Eddie Cameron about the chance of CADWA "B" v Maghull "C" on Friday, 18 April 1980, to which he replied that it was too late.

I can only emphasise the point made by Mr. De Asha, it is very easy and narrow-minded to be critical without being fully aware of all the facts.

Yours sincerely, On behalf
of CADWA T.T. Club

Trevor C. Hughes

Dear Jack,

In reply to your question in Digest No.3 "Do we need or do we read our Magazine?" I think the majority of us do read and do need the Digest, but the problem I think is the time factor of distribution. It is obvious the league has to economise and postal charges being what they are, I appreciate the problem of cost but surely, to provide a more efficient service, distribution should be much more streamlined, also News is not 'News' if it reaches the readers too late. I think if you provide a well-written, creative, well edited and sometimes, nostalgic, Digest as we have, it should be more enthusiastically allocated and not - well, so-and-so will see so-and-so who will pass them on to so-and-so then we'll all know when the cup final is or when the dance is.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor C. Hughes (CADWA T.T. Club)

34 Mirfield

Street Dear Editor,

Compilers of Official Handbook

If you are going to mention 'The Service' in the next Handbook, cannot the Service Rule be printed in full or not at all? - as the present 'Summary' misses out vital aspects.

According to the English Table Tennis Association's Handbook
-Laws of Table Tennis

7 A good Service

7.1 Service shall begin with the ball resting on the palm of the free hand, which shall be stationary, open and flat, with the fingers together and the thumb free.

7.2 The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall at all times be above the level of the playing surface.

7.3 The server shall then project the ball upwards, by hand only and without imparting spin, so that it rises from the palm of the hand within 45 degrees of the vertical.

7.4 As the ball is then descending from the height of its trajectory, the server shall strike it so that it touches first his own court and then, passing directly over the net or around or under the projection of the net and its supports outside the table, touches the receiver's court.

7.4.1 In doubles, the points of contact of the ball with the playing surface shall be the server's right half-court or centre line and then the receiver's right half-court or centre line.

7.4.2 If, in attempting to serve, a player fails to strike the ball while it is in play, he shall lose a point.

7.5 At the moment of impact of the racket on the ball in service, the ball shall be behind the end line of the server's court or an imaginary extension thereof.

7.6 It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire can see that he complies with the requirement of a good service.

7.6.1 If the umpire, because his view is obstructed by the server or his partner or for any other reason, has an element of doubt about the correctness of a player's service he may, on the first occasion in a match, interrupt play and warn the players of the appropriate requirement without awarding a point; on any subsequent occasion in the match on which the player's service is of doubtful correctness he shall not be given the benefit of any doubt but shall lose a point.

7.6.2 Where, however, there is a clear failure to comply with the requirements for a good service no warning should be given and a point should be awarded against the server.

7.7 Exceptionally, strict observance of the prescribed method of service may be waived where the umpire is notified, before play begins, that compliance is prevented by physical disability.

To most players, please note 7.1 - To some players, look up that word 'descending' in 7.4.

And while we're at it -8

A good return

8.1 The ball, having been served or returned in play, shall be struck so that it passes directly over the net or around or under the projection of the net and its support outside the table and touches the opponent's court, except that:

8.1.1 If the ball, having been served or returned in play, returns with its own impetus over the net it may be struck so that it touches directly the opponent's court;

8.1.2 If the ball, in passing over or around the net, touches the net or its supports, it shall be considered to have passed directly.

AND for those that still don't know, a volleyed net serve IS a LET.

Yours in Sport,

M. NEARY - Wavertree Labour T.T.C.

CUP FINALS HYDE CUP -

BOOTLE S.C. 8 - AIGBURTH 2

Rarely is a crunch game the FIRST one to be played, but I felt that this one was just that. Two seasoned players and captains, both having done so much for their respective clubs. Dave Wilson beat Ray Lavin 18-21; 21-19; 21-16; Paul Hutchings beat Geoff Mao 15 £ 15.

John McLoughlin beat Peter Wass 12 £ 19; Keith Miller beat Lavin 18-21; 21-12; 21-11; McLoughlin beat Brian Aldred 17 £ 13. A fight for survival saw Miller £ McLoughlin beat Lavin & Aldred 21-11; 16-21; 21-19: and at 6-0 the results speak for themselves. I felt that the Aigburth heads surprisingly went down after the first game defeat. Wilson £ Hutchings beat Mao & Wass 13 £ 19. Hutchings beat Wass 17 £ 14. Wilson lost to Mao 21-10; 14-21; 20-22 (8-1) Miller lost to Aldred 15 £ 15. A fair crowd from Bootle, with Aigburth's lone spectator as usual (Mrs. Aldred) at the excellent Courtaulds Club. With hard working Stan Clarke in charge (all officials don't work as hard as you Stan). Cup and Medals presented by Jack Lambert.

RUMJAHN CUP -

WAVERTREE LABOUR "B" 7 - COLONSAY 3

Paul Morgan lost the opening game to Sue Alexander 17 £ 15. Neil Roberts beat a battling Barbara Kirkman 15 £ 22; Morgan beat Lyn Fennah 21-13; 20-22; 21-14; Paul Brown lost to Barbara 19-21; 21-19; 11-21: 3-2 the score an interesting situation if not exciting. Kenny Jackson beat Mark Monaghan 18 £ 13; Roberts £ Morgan beat Barbara £ Lynn 17 £ 23; Jackson £ Brown beat Monaghan £ Sue 14 £ 16. Roberts beat Monaghan 15 £ 16; Wavertree had won the cup. Brown beat Lyn 12 £ 16. The TENTH game £ Jackson lost to Sue 17 £ 15. Why was she called on so late!?

Rarely have I seen such a sporting game!?! - Both sides were so keen to let the other one win!! (By giving so much away). With so many very good players on view this was to say the least a disappointing game.

The Rumjahn clan was there in force excepting Grandma and Grand-daughter. Ted, Doris £ Peter, Pinkie £ Ron, Janet £ Don. Mr. Arthur Upton introduced Ron who presented the cup and medals. Alan Woods of Police looked after us at the Police Club. With management members McKim, Gould £ Armson present, the VIP's were in force.

A good call by captain Clive Strettle only just came off Mick Tierney and Ray Smith losing to Clive and Phil Thomson 18-21; 21-13; 18-21: A similar game and tight result with Wayne Percival and Dave Roberts beating George Cheng and Graeme Black 22-24; 21-17; 21-17: Tierney beat Thomson 16 & 20: Percival beat Cheng 13 & 21. Tierney lost to Strettle 19 & 16. This was turning into quite a battle with each side really fighting for every point. Percival beat Strettle 19 & 19. Roberts beat Black 21-18; 16-21; 21-19: Smith beat Cheng 14 & 19 (George was 19-10 up with a battle for every point). Roberts beat Thomson 19 & 12 and Smith beat Black in an exhilarating game typical of the match 21-19; 14-21; 21-19.

Don Davies, the official in charge, introduced Mr. Arthur Upton who presented the cup also commented on the excellence of the match - really reminiscent of the great games of the past. Played at the Liverpool Y.M.C.A. with thanks to
George Smith.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

44 Wavertree Green

Dear Editor,

Letters written to the Editor signed Eddie Cameron are the Views of players. Notes signed Fixture Secretary are on behalf of the Committee.

Eddie Cameron

BROWNMoor PARK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Dear Sir,

Please note that as from 18th February 1980 Waterloo Park will be known as Brownmoor Park.

Please amend Handbooks etc., accordingly. K.

Miller,

Hon. Sec.

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<u>DIVISION 1</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts.	<u>DIVISION 3B</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Wav. Labour	26	23	1	2	210	Maghull	26	26	-	-	231
L'pool Y.M.	26	23	1	2	199	Bootle	26	24	2	-	223
Palmerston	26	18	5	3	174	Aigburth	26	16	6	4	171
Rafters	25	16	4	5	162	Palmerston "C"	26	15	8	3	155
Eng. Elec.	26	14	8	4	152	Wav. Lab. "C"	26	16	8	2	143
Eng. Elec. "A"	26	12	11	3	146	Elec. Supply "A"	26	12	10	4	133
Palmerston "A"	26	12	11	3	138	Brownmoor Pk.	26	11	10	5	126
Wav. Lab. "A"	26	12	10	4	131	Eng. Elec. "E"	26	13	11	2	126
L'pool YM "A"	26	9	12	5	129	Eng. Elec. "D"	26	8	13	5	119
Trinity	26	7	17	2	105	L'pool Jew. "A"	26	10	16	-	103
Bath St.	26	3	16	7	87	Beauchair "A"	26	8	15	3	101
Palmerston "B"	25	5	18	2	81	Colonsay "B"	26	4	19	3	82
Beauchair	26	3	21	2	61	Trinity "C"	26	3	22	1	72
Trinity "A"	26	2	24	-	35	L'pool Jew. "C"	26	-	26	-	35
<u>DIVISION 2</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts.	<u>DIVISION 4A</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Wav. Lab. "B"	26	26	1	4	197	Vernon Sangster	26	25	1	-	222
L'pool Jewish	26	22	2	2	182	Plessey	26	22	4	-	212
Kirkby	26	19	5	2	164	Courtaulds	26	24	2	-	201
Colonsay	26	16	9	1	149	Longreach	26	19	5	2	178
Bath St. "A"	26	15	9	2	141	Dutch's	26	14	11	1	137
Rafters "A"	26	14	10	2	132	Eng. Elec. "F"	26	11	11	4	135
Elec. Supply	26	9	16	1	125	Aigburth "A"	26	13	12	1	129
L'pool YM "B"	26	7	14	5	117	Bath St. "E"	26	11	15	-	123
Trinity "B"	26	9	12	5	116	Elec. Supply "B"	26	11	13	2	119
Bath St. "B"	26	7	15	4	110	Cadwa "B"	26	6	17	3	89
Police	26	7	16	3	104	Rafters "B"	26	4	16	6	89
Eng. Elec. "B"	26	6	17	3	100	Vagabonds "A"	26	4	19	3	82
Linacre	26	6	17	3	93	Maghull "C"	26	5	19	2	79
Eng. Elec. "C"	26	5	20	1	90	Bootle J.C.	26	1	25	-	25
<u>DIVISION 3A</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts.	<u>DIVISION 4B</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Cadwa	26	23	2	1	193	Vernon Sang. "A"	26	26	-	-	229
Vagabonds	26	19	4	3	181	Wav. Lab. "E"	26	23	3	-	191
L'Pool YM "C"	26	20	4	2	172	Bath St. "D"	26	20	3	3	190
Bath St. "C"	26	14	7	5	155	Kirkby "A"	26	18	6	2	111
Argot	26	13	5	8	154	Police "C"	26	15	9	2	150
Old Swan	26	14	9	3	146	Maghull "B"	2	12	10	4	135
Cadwa "A"	26	12	12	2	143	Police "B"	2	10	13	3	120
Police "A"	26	14	10	2	143	Bath St. "F"	2	9	14	3	117
Colonsay "A"	26	8	11	7	131	Eng. Elec. "G"	2	7	14	5	116
L'pool Jew. "B"	26	9	14	3	118	Action Comm.	2	10	13	3	108
Maghull "A"	26	7	15	4	116	Trinity "E"	26	6	19	1	89
Wav. Lab. "D"	26	6	18	2	86	Moor Park	2	6	19	1	78
Trinity "D"	26	2	24	-	64	Cadwa "C"	26	4	21	1	64
Brownmoor Pk.	26	-	26	-	18	Brownmoor Pk. B	2	2	24	-	55

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<u>DIVISION 5A</u>					<u>DIVISION 5B</u>						
	P	W	L	D	Pts.		P	W	L	D	Pts.
Vernon Sang. "B"	24	24	-		215	Courtaulds "A"	20	18	1	1	172
Bootle "A"	24	22	2	-	197	Vernon Sang "C"	20	16	-	4	163
Richmond	24	18	4	2	172	Courtaulds "B"	20	16	2	2	142
Barker & Dobson	24	16	7	1	148	Rafters "C"	20	13	5	2	132
Police "E"	24	12	9	3	128	Police "0"	20	9	8	3	100
Bootle "B"	24	10	11	3	118	Maghull "D"	20	8	11	1	83
Wav. Lab. "F"	24	9	13	2	114	Wav. Lab. "G"	20	6	11	3	80
Eng. Elec. "H"	24	11	10	3	113	Colonsay "C"	20	3	15	2	74
Bath St. "G"	24	7	12	5	104	Vags. "B"	20	6	13	1	71
Elec. Supply C	24	5	16	3	80	Aigburth "B"	20	1	17	2	42
Bootle JC "A"	24	4	18	2	70	Halewood	20	3	16	1	41
Maghull "E"	24	4	19	1	70						
Maghull "F"	24	1	22	1	31						

DIVISION 5A

Maghull "G" Record **Expunged**

DIVISION 5B

Longreach "A" Record. Expunged

Moor Park "A" " "

L'pool Jew. "D" " "

NOTE: *A dispute between Rafters & Palmerston is to be settled by the committee before the first division can be finalised*