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EDITORIAL

About half a dozen clubs have broken Cup Regulation 7 this season and have managed to get away with it owing to the technicalities of the word "games" for "Matches" - the rule was blatantly broken I quote a winning player to a losing player "I see you are in the semi-final as we played an ineligible player". In every case that I know the incident was in complete contravention of the spirit of the rule, all players brought in being pretty strong experienced players, I didn't know of a case where a poor little innocent beginner was brought in.

There is little the management can do before the A.G.M. to unravel their error and our lack of observation - I did point out that it wasn't a very good rule last year - I didn't realise how bad.

In the spirit of sport and table tennis the least the clubs concerned have done was to conform with the rule that they agreed to and voted for - and not what they voted against - **PLAY PLAYERS THAT ARE NOT REGULAR MEMBERS OF THEIR TEAMS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR PROSPECTS OF WINNING A TROPHY.**

It's a pity in a way that the error was exposed - if it had been left until the A.G.M. the offenders would have suffered.

My thoughts on trophies were a little belated and our Management Committee had already acted. Jeff Banks of Maghull provided excellent trophies at reasonable cost. And as a very nice gesture provided a "Liverpool League" as a donation to the league which will be impregnated on our medais.

At the time of writing, the Dance is very much in limbo, not only have we lost our dance venues, but we have lost ANOTHER good club venue.

The "Odd Bods" I referred to in the Liverpool v Business House Game (Committees) were a member of my club and myself and in no way included our V.I.P. Secretary who was present John McKim.

With only 5 matches left to play, a great climax has developed between Y.M.C.A. 150, Wav. Lab. 147 and Palmerston 143, the league will probably depend on the outcome of the matches between these teams. Y.M.C.A. had a good lead after the first half, but this has been reduced by champions Wav. Lab. whose late surge, led by Dave Roberts whose 37 wins from 40 is the best in the 1st Division. The consistent play of the Palmerston team has given them a chance of the league as well as the Cup, for they are now in the final with Rafterers. If Rafterers had fielded a regular team all season, I'm sure they would have been the team we were all chasing.

Eng. Elec. are having their best season for years, and against the leaders Y.M.C.A., made probably the best fight back of the season, coming from 0-5 down to draw 5-5. A great double by F.Lay (Y.M.C.A. 'A') over Malcolm Pu from Y.M.C.A. 'A', surely pushes his claims for a first team place next season.

The same can be said of Mai McEvoy (Wav. Lab. 'A') who beat T.Manning twice in two weeks, Trevor having only lost once up to this occasion, but Malcolm has a habit of losing to the lower players in the league, often giving too many start.

Rod Bevan (Wav. 'B') continues to improve and produced some good table tennis when he beat W.Percival the Wav. No.1. George Cheng's great double for (Elec. 'A' against Elec. 1st.) over R.McPherson and P.Thompson earned his team a good draw. Wav. Lab. gained ample revenge over Rafterers by winning 7-3 with Percival and Roberts both beating T.Manning. Like the top of the league the same situation has developed at the bottom, with Bath St., Palmerston 'A' and Trinity fighting it out to see who goes down.

M.Mahoney earned Palmerston 'A' a draw by winning both his singles in the vital relegation battle with Trinity. Jewish player R.Stevenson lost the first game 5-21 but won the next two 21-19; 21-19 to beat Y.M.C.A. No.1 M.Pu. Some other good results:- A.Thabet bt. P. Lee; M.Royden bt. A.Timewell; B.Wardle bt. M.Monahan; T.Barraclough & F.Pheysey; N.Jennings bt. P.Turtle; D.Butterworth bt. E.Hardman; P.Kinsey bt. P.Gittins; K.Jackson bt. B.Davey; P.Luxon bt. E.Clein and R.Smith; Mai Cray bt. B.Crolley; Fred Bainbridge bt. A.Jones and C.Chislett. A rare coincidence, Bath St. Captain F.Bainbridge and Wav. Lab. Captain Roy Smith who opposed each other recently in the Bath St. Wav. Lab. match were in the same class at school 22 years ago and both played for the school table tennis team.

DIVISION 2C.P. CHISLETT

Bootle and Maghull by consistently winning, have ensured for themselves 1st Division table tennis next season. They are now both more than 30 points clear with only a handful of games left. Bootle appear favourites for the premier position, having a two point lead and a game in hand.

Contending for third place there are 4 teams, Beauclair, Rafterers, Electric Supply and Colonsay with the likelihood that the positions will not be decided till after the last match.

In the league there have recently been some noteworthy team wins, none quite as spectacular perhaps as third from bottom Vagabonds 6-4 win over Colonsay. Bob

Owens and Ted Barnes both won their singles against Sue Alexander, Bob 19/21, 21/13, 23/21 and Ted 21/11, 21/6! Ted also beat Lynne Fennah as did Doug Ridgway 21/19 in the third (this was only Doug's second win of the season). Tommy Johnston made his contribution to the team win by defeating Barbara Kirkman 21/19 in the third. Well played Vags!

Other good team performances have been Trinity 'A' 6-4 win over Y.M.C.A. 'B' with Higham, Killip and Lawson taking all four singles from Thabet and Mandaluff. Two other interesting results both concerned Beauclair. Firstly, they beat Maghull 6-4 at Maghull, with Ted Birch and Harry Harrison both beating Dave Tagg in two straight games. Two weeks later, however, minus Harry Harrison, Beauclair played Rafters and lost 9-1, a match in which Beauclair did not record any singles wins.

Bath Street 'A' are a much improved side since Christmas, as a 5-5 draw with Rafters and 6-4 win over Electric Supply testify, (Good wins here for Wadding-ton and Leason over P.Carney).

Finally, a record of some interesting singles results. John Huntington beat John Rankin 24/22 in the third and so took away the last intact 100% record. J.Hodges of Y.M.C.A. 'C' beat Gordon Brownlee 16 and 12. Frank Murphy of Beauclair recorded a good win over John Huntington, winning 21/13 in the third, as did Duncan Sayle of Rafters, winning 21/16, 17/21, 21/15.

Sue Alexander gained her revenge over Dave Tagg with a 15/21, 21/16, 21/12 win. Robin Brackley of Cadwa deserves a special mention, his team are struggling to avoid relegation, yet he has consistently produced good personal results with wins, for example, over such players as A.Thabet of Y.M. and D.Tagg of Maghull. He has also, on at least three occasions, won the only set of the match for his side to prevent a white-wash. Of such spirited play are good matches made!

DIVISION 3A

N.d.P.better known Mrs. H.H.

Well, on paper, it certainly looks as if we are going to have a sprint finish between Eng. Elec. 'B' and Vernon Sangster, the two teams now needing to play for every point. Eng. Elec. are ahead by only a couple of points but Vernon Sangster has, at time of writing, a match in hand.

Excitement will be rife at the lower end too with at least five teams fighting for the honour of not finishing bottom - but there again - anything can happen!

A hard fought 25/23 win in the third by Alan Hall playing reserve for Wav. Lab. 'D' over Wally Sill, Eng. Elec. 'B'; to save them from a whitewash.

A good double by Peter Ross, Bath St. 'C' beating Julie Prince and Roy Craddock both in the third, to finalise a drawn match with Eng. Elec. 'B' (match 16).

With the exception of 2nd. doubles, the score card says Eng. Elec. 'B' literally hammered Maghull 'A' 10-0, two-straight. If games counted for points (instead of sets) what a boost it would have been!

End of Eng. Elec. 'B'. What?

The presence of John O'Sullivan in the team must have had a morale effect on Colonsay 'A' when they beat Courtaulds on their own table 6-4 even though Harry Nelson (at No.1) failed to record a win.

A defeat for Plessey's (at home) to Bath St. 'C' 7-3 which after a first drawn match, Bath St. played Johnny Cray who beat Trevor Owens two-straight as also did his dad, Mal. The only singles winner that night for Plessey's being Fred Price, winning both.

A nice (and needed) win for Wavertree Labour 'D', the last match of the first half of the season, 7-3 over Argot who were without their regular No.1, Billy Hargreaves, and had to 'sacrifice' Steven Ward, a pleasant but unafraid young player.

Mainstay, Gerry Goldring of L'pool Jewish 'B' won his two singles (over Geoff Blackburn & Mike Elson) and with Warren Davies the doubles, Warren also beat Geoff in their 4-6 defeat by Argot (match 16). Earlier in Match 7, Malcolm Green, also Lpl. Jewish, won his two singles against Alan Wood & A.Baker of Police 'A', resulting in a useful draw.

In a set for set match (18) sequence not being broken until the ninth, Eng. Elec. 'C' (yes - C) were then leading Courtauld's 5-4, leaving Bob Edwards to play a captain's game, which he did to beat K.Parker 22/20, 21/9 and a sure 5-5 result.

With Wav. Lab. 'D' losing 0-9, Les Molyneux determinedly beat A.Roberts, Bath St. 'C' 21/18, 21/18 to earn his team another point. Wav. Lab. took three hard earned sets off Vernon Sangster (match 16) which must have pleased them as every point counts for them as well.

Neil Gravener of C.A.D.W.A. 'A' scored a good win over Billy Hargreaves 21/19, 21/15 for their sole win (match 6) and Guy Garton being again their only winner over K.Parker 21/17, 21/10, (Eng. Elec. 'B') (14) and also managed to scrape a point off Lpl. Jewish 'B', Gravener/Stokes v Goldring/Davies 24/22 in the third (match 8).

Conundrum Time

Match week 16. (A popular week!)

Team No.8 v Team No.5.

No.1 of team 8 lost to No.2 of team 5. 20/22, 21/17, 19/21, but their No. 3 bt. same No.2, 21/8, 15/21, 21/17.

Team No. 8's No.2 lost 2 but their No.4 won 2.

Each of team 5 won 1.

Each team's 1st. doubles won, both in the 3rd, 21/19 E 24/22.

Both No.1's won 1 and lost 1.

The result was a draw - BUT WHO WERE THE TEAMS?

The promotion battle is being fought between 3 teams - Jewish 'A', Police and Vernon Sangster 'A', of this trio Jewish and Sangster appear the favourites, but the Police won't be giving in without a struggle. Police have been involved in some close matches, but they always end up on the winning side. In an 8-2 victory over Eng. Elec. *E' six of the games went to 3 sets, with only one going to Elect. The star of this performance was Electric's Nigel Conquest who beat Dave Crispin and Tommy Purcell. Nigel has recorded many good individual games and hasn't lost since Christmas.

Moving on to the other two leaders, Vernon Sangster team has been strengthened by a player who will be familiar to many experienced players. Val Franco has been a force to be reckoned with for many years, a victory against him can make you 'man of the match'. Such an honour went to Wav. Lab. 'E's Steve Roberts who beat Val 22/24; 21/9; 21/18; and also went to 3 with Bill Haras that night. Liverpool Jewish has continued to mark up victories despite having occasional difficulties fielding a full strength team, Roy Lussey will be thinking Wav. Lab. has put the Indian sign on him. One week his team played Wav. Lab. 'E' team and Roy lost to Jimmy Madigan 17/21; 14/21; in Jewish's 9-1 victory. Six days later it was a case of "deja vu" when Jewish met Wav. Lab. 'C', the score was 9-1 for Jewish and Jim Madigan beat Roy 21/13; 21/17.

While the top of the table tennis battle for promotion another fierce struggle is raging in the relegation zone, Wav. Lab. 'E' in a close encounter of the relegation kind with fellow strugglers Beauclair. With everything to fight for, eight of the games went to three before Wav. Lab. emerged as the 6-4 victors. Part of Wav. Lab. success can be attributed to Supersub Bill Stanley, who was telephoned at 7.30 p.m. to play and helped his team-mates record their second win of the season.

Despite the presence of Alan Guy at Number One, the Colonsay Team look prime candidates for the position at the foot of the table. The team has been further strengthened by the occasional appearance of Muriel Cox, but it seems to have come too late to save the team from the 4th. Division next season. Colonsay's best result to date was a 6-4 defeat by Bath St. 'D' with Messrs. Guy & O'Sullivan accounting for 3 of the 4 games.

Although Aigburth finished 3rd. last season, there seems to be little chance of their repeating this performance, which is indicative of the increased strength of the division. Elect. Supply 'A' recorded a good 7-3 win over Aigburth, which included Wally Lewis beating Peter Wass 21/18; 15/21; 22/20; Aigburth team has been strengthened by the occasional appearance of K.Bennett. However, in a recent match with Bath Street, the presence of Billy Clayton at No.1 brought 2 points for the Crosby club with wins over Ray 21/19; 21/19 and K.Bennett 21/19; 21/14 Other players who have saved their teams from a whitewash are Ted Jane (Bath St.) and L.Molyneux (Wav. Lab.) Steve Ryan (Wav. Lab.) and Tony Delamere (Brownmoor Park) Billy Holmes and John Ashley and Billy Wardle (Wav, Lab. 'C') Harry Reeve (Linacre) v Dave Crispin (Police) Doubles pair Tommy Williams and Ritchie Cragg (Eng. Elec. 'D') v Steve Parker and Dave Crispin (Police) and L.Molyneux (Wav. Lab. 'C') Frank Lacey (Linacre) and C.Fowler (Elec. Supply) v Les French (USTTC).

P.S. you've heard of floodlit cricket, well Linacre has introduced a variation of this -

candle-light table tennis. The rules of the game is thus - at a given moment in the game the lights fuse, at which point a little man bearing a candle who has been waiting outside for a signal and provides illumination till play can resume. I know 'cos I was there!

DIVISION 4A

LOCUM (E.C.)

Bootle 'A' have consolidated their lead and seem certain to take the championship. Keith Miller, Mark Tsang, Mal Dixon, George Wilson and Lawrence Kenwright or almost any other of the young Bootle 'B' team are capable of holding their own. The 'B' team is fathered by Dave Wilson with J. Tsang, M. Paterson and John Bilby proving themselves capable successors to this year's successful promotion hunters. The Bootle Sports Centre is an ideal headquarters and similar to Vernon Sangster their coaching is bringing on the youthful skills so necessary to speed their teams up the league structure to Division 1. I am sure they will make it. To the keen but by comparison carefree opponents it becomes tedious waiting between games for the coaching advice to be imparted into the youngsters but that is perhaps why we will still be here when this batch of youngsters have scurried on to higher things. I wonder is they will still be around in twenty or so years? Let us hope so. Vernon Sangster as I suggested were not happy with third place, they are now second and have beaten Bootle 'A' just to prove that they are really the best. Bath St. do not often field their full team, how was I to know? They have decided to win the cup instead of the league, a useful error in the cup rules has helped them to slip Billy Clayton into their full cup team. Barker & Dobson are the surprise finalists and many will wish the underdogs good luck. Come to think of it the cup rule error has not done them any harm either.

Division 4B did not do very well in the cup, great division of ours this. Courtaulds 'C' and Brownmoor Park 'A' are doing their best to prove me wrong in the relegation stakes, they are beginning to slip behind the rest but to my mind they are both too good to go down and if they do have the misfortune I am sure they will be right back the next season.

The two Electrics are both middle of the table clubs, English Electric with Albert Parker, Ken Black, Ron Simister and Margaret Collins with the help of many able deputies are old timers in 4A, Electric Supply have a new No.1 this season in Tom Lynch who has added considerable strength and seems to have brought the best out of Arthur Harrison who after a couple of years not fully fit is really enjoying a new lease of life and playing better than ever. There is a homely atmosphere at both these clubs neither can go up, neither are likely to go down, maybe that is why they are both free and easy. Vagabonds appear to have had a bad season with the accommodation, their table tennis room has been rebuilt but during the process moans and groans have come from all quarters and now that they are in possession all apparently is still not well, so much so that their home game against Vernon Sangster was abandoned incomplete. The second half of the match to be played later with the same teams. Ken Ray, Nike Gallagher, Dave Rooney and Eddie Moss can be excused if their performance falls a little short of last season and no doubt they will be glad to see the back of this term. Next season they promise to be back to normal.

Looking around the teams it is surprising to see the difference in the colour of

footwear, not the basic original colour but the colour now visible, it has been suggested that you write in to vote for the player with the dirtiest shoes, a block of whitener (or is it a tube?) will go to the player with the largest number of votes.

DIVISION 4B

MIKE GRIFFITHS

This division continues to be exciting and entertaining to play in. The promotion places now seem to be decided, but Y.M.C.A. and Vernon Sangster are still fighting it out for the winners spot. Even so, their matches are not the usual procession of 10-0's which often occurs with the leading teams in a division. Courtaulds 'B' took 2 off Y.M.C.A. thanks to Chan and Geddes and then followed that with 4 off Vernon Sangster. Sangster also found Jewish and Tony Cohen in particular in fine form, and had to settle for a draw. Tony beat Pete Davies and Barry Mounsley and took his doubles with John Finnegan. An excellent win for Tom Bunner over Pete Davies 21/16, 17/21, 21/19, and Lee Soon won Jewish's fifth game. Ritchie Hetherington won all his games for V.S.

For Y.M.C.A., John Briggs continues to have an excellent season. In fact amongst the latest batch of scorecards to arrive, John is unbeaten, and I imagine is top of the averages with Hetherington second. If you want a mention in the last 'Digest' you know who to beat! Y.M.C.A. arrived at Maghull to find the experienced Andy Howarth facing them, and he duly obliged his team with 3 wins in a 6-4 defeat.

My own team Trinity continue to be a watch for most teams but keep failing to win any match convincingly. They had an excellent draw against Jewish and beat English Electric and Courtaulds 'B' 6-4. Against Electric that amiable hulk John Simm produced his finest table tennis for years to beat Les Harper and Ted McGiveron both two straight, and then against Courtaulds beat K.Chan after losing the first 21/7, Police 'C' have proved to be the most consistent of their clubs 3 teams, and deserve their fourth place. Al Baker is having a fine season at number one, well supported by Sue Anderson. They completed a double over the 'B' team with another 7-3 win in a match where 7 sets went to three. Peter Kavanagh beat Al Baker 19/21, 21/16, 21/18; John Moore for the 'C' team beat John Christian 19/21, 21/18, 22/20 and Sue Anderson beat Tony Ham 21/14, 20/22, 21/18. The 'B' team have slipped badly but they did get 4 useful points against Vernon Sangster. The 'D' team continue to struggle at the bottom of the division picking up only a thrashing by improving Action Committee.

A super result for Action Committee was their 8-2 win over English Electric, Alan McDonald and Eddie Harrison winning both their singles. Rob Peverall won his sides two. Eddie also did well against Trinity beating Mal Clark and John Simm in a 5-5 draw. Rafter's have signed Janet Le Page from Palmerston and this has greatly strengthened their team as evidenced by their 7-3 win over Trinity where Janet beat Dave Southworth and myself. With the enthusiasm of the other girls Rafter's should move up the table now.

English Electric had to rely on Rob Peverall again for their only points against Bath Street. He beat Ron Georgeson and Ian Wright, Ron Georgeson had a close win over Les Harper 16/21, 21/10, 22/20.

More wins worthy of mention:- John Finnegan beat J.Tsang (YMCA); Sue Smith beat

Keith Wilkinson two straight. Brian Taylor (Maghull) beat Dennis Corkery 21/15, 10/21, 21/18; Wilf Gibson (Maghull) beat J.Staunton (V.S.) 21/23, 21/14, 21/19; Pauline Lawrenson (Rafters) beat Sue Anderson; Mal Clark beat Frank Watt.
Please let me know your teams averages on the last scorecard.

DIVISION 5A

The Maghull 'C' team look like surviving the firm challenge of the youthful Bath Street and led by 'teenager' Ted Jane. In the first match Maghull really stamped their authority on their claim for the championship with an 8-2 win. Fate drew them together in the Cup when Kendal & Coy. really shook Stan Clarke's boys with a 7-3 victory and followed it up with a 7-3 league win - moral superiority maybe, but Andy Howarth 6 Coy. still look like champions to me.

A Maghull side, the 'F' are also involved at the other end of the table with Trinity 'E' and Carnegie. The three teams have had some rare old battles, Maghull being involved in two of the best - a draw against Carnegie, Dave Lamden and Mike Haygarth brilliantly winning all 5 games. Gary Baker was in form for Carnegie winning his two singles and the doubles with brother Billy who also won a singles. In the Trinity 'E' game it was Debbie Clarke's turn for a double including a 21-19: 23-21 battle with Ian Hughson. Ray Parry won his usual three for Trinity - the doubles with Ian - Andrew Wilson winning the fourth game. As I have said before these teams have no relegation worries - so bash on and enjoy yourselves.

With five wins in six games English Electric 'H' have shown much better second half of the season form thanks to the improved play of Chris Birch and Alan Thompson, Chris had an outstanding win against Alan against Dave Graham. Any Bell will have different thoughts on Chris. After three hard fought games Chris won on a net and an edge at 25-23 in the third! Oh jolly hockey sticks said Amy or something like that!!!!??

Other good wins include Pete Ellison beat Leece 18 and 19 for Carnegie and against Maghull 'G'. Tom Bunner for Jewish 'D' had a corker with John Bolton winning his sides only game 17-21: 21-17: 22-20. Tommy Mullin had two good wins for Maghull 'F' beating Pete Barton and Monica O'Donnell. How about this one for cheek, and of course brilliance Keith Whittaker beat Andy Howarth •28 26: 14-21: 23-21. It was those long games you see Andy!

A sporting gesture by the Trinity 'E' boys who could have had a 10-0 walk over Bootle Job Centre 'A' but offered a replay and lost 0-10! But the Job Centre team might consider themselves to be a bit unlucky losing 10-0 to Maghull 'C' with five games to three and Andy Howarth beating Dave Burton 18 and 20. The Jewish 'D' team clinched their 6-4 win against Warwick Bolam by winning both doubles and gave Ken Dutch and Elton Hillman 100% with a good double for Colin Owen, but the Jewish boys crashed 8-2 to the Electric Supply girls with Marie Lupton and Lil Wynne on top form, mind you, you always get a good game off Marie and Lil.

Les Crawford and Jim Gordon led the attack with a couple of wins in Bootle Job Centre's 6-4 win over Jewish 'D' (Tom Bunner 3). Keith Whittaker and Frank Leece won all their games in Maghull 'E' 7-3 win over Warwick Bolam with two fine wins from Philip Wilkinson. Ray Parry must have felt a little disappointed when his side lost 10-0 and he lost to Ted Jane 19-21: 28-26: 18-21 and to Tony Kendall 23-21: 12-21: 19-21.

Andrew Wilson (Trinity 'B') beat Neil Burslem (Maghull 'G' 24-22: 18-21: 21-17). Dave Burton who won his sides three against Bath Street (the doubles with Sylvia) has dislocated his shoulder. I hope he gets well soon (Just after our match!) g

DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

Missing key players which have sometimes affected results look like making a mess of my forecast of placings. Jewish 'E' who have the players available to canter home easy winners have rarely put out their strongest team. Geoff Bushell has missed a few for Moor Park and Norman Chaloner has finally stepped permanently into the firing line to vastly improve Kirkby's results.

Jewish 'E' dismissed challengers Colonsay 'C' 8-2 and beat Vags. 'A' 10-0 but could only manage a 6-4 win against Aigburth and were held to a draw by Kirkby, who were without Norman Chaloner. Against Moor Park with Geoff Bushell absent Kirkby recorded an 8-2 win. Moor Park had an unusual 10/0 w/over from Vags. when they claimed the match because of playing conditions at Vags. Both captains signed the card so it must have been by mutual agreement, but this could affect the final placings as I doubt Moor Park could have won this match 10-0. Vags. own challenge has now faded away, they still win well against the lower teams but lack the strength to make any impression on the top three. They can lay claim to being a very friendly team to play against and we have enjoyed our two matches against them.

The challenge has now been reduced to three, Kirkby, Moor Park and Jewish 'E' with Colonsay 'C' a step behind. Aigburth are right out of it having failed to produce the results they seemed capable of and although they beat a weakened Kirkby they also lost to Argot 'A' being one short and without the Meyer brothers.

Basically we are an undistinguished division this season and although there are plenty of big wins about it is more due to the weakness of the opposition than the strength or brilliance of the winners. We do have the satisfaction, however, of knowing we are not looked on as a tiresome obstruction by teams using us as a stepping stone as has been the case the past few seasons.

Wav. Lab. drew with Aigburth 'B' when yours truly had a incredible night with everything I hit going on from all angles. At first I thought the net was too low, but Aigburth players convinced me it was the sheer brilliance of my play. Still with me, for a change, my most satisfying night was against Colonsay 'C'. We lost 7-3 but I won one and narrowly lost the other after throwing away a big lead. John O'Sullivan was gnawing his nails at the possibility of my winning two sets and had to be given valium and oxygen between games. He of course made sure he avoided playing me by playing at No.1. We now have Ron McEvoy with us and are hoping for an improvement in our results as the team is now stronger all round.

Brownmoor Pk. have now conceded two 10/0 w/overs. One more and they are out. Their problem is no transport and most away matches involving long journeys to clubs they don't know. It will be a pity if they do drop out as they show fair promise of better things. The onus is on them to make sure they get to their away matches as best they can. Keeping them company at the bottom are Jewish 'F' who rely mostly on John McKim for their sets and unlike B'moor 'B' still have two players who have yet to record their first win. We expected Jewish 'F' and B'moor Pk. to have a lean time, but what has happened to Maghull 'D'? From a team capable of pushing most teams they have

become strugglers. Ron Cockcroft has maintained last seasons form but Alan Rycroft and Fred Pattinson are having a miserable season, with Ron Newsham about average. That's my placing forecast taking another nosedive.

Argot 'A' were plodding harmlessly along and until recently were without a win - 10/0 w/over excepted - when they ran into a bonanza beating A'burth 'B' 7-3 a weakened Jewish 'E' 7-3 and with No.1 Norman Wilkinson absent they beat Maghull 'D' 6-4. Steve Ward got a good double here over Fred Pattinson and Ron Newsham, both in two. John Rodrigues lost to Maghull reserve Tommy Mullins but recorded a surprisingly good win against Alan Rycroft 17 in the 3rd. I say surprisingly because John has few wins to his credit this season and Alan might be having a lean season, but he is still a very worthy opponent. Argot lost to Vags. 7-3 when Norman Wilkinson, their main sets provider recorded a good win 19 in the 3rd. against John Gratton. I have been writing these notes for several seasons and my brain, like my game is drying up. If any one of you who will still be with us next season fancies trying their hand please let me know. If there are no takers then I will modestly assume that this is a vote of confidence in my dashing racy style. If there are any takers I shall be greatly relieved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

44, Dunbabin Road

Dear Jack,

The introduction of the diary page in the league handbook this year (page 21) is basically a good idea. Knowing the dates of cup finals in advance is an advantage and may well lead to larger attendances, creating more atmosphere and consequently a better match for the players concerned. Having said that could I suggest that the Management Committee give consideration to the possibility of staging all cup finals after the season has finished or on Saturday evenings during the season, thereby enabling all players wishing to watch a particular match or matches, to do so. *In* the case of my own club, we have a team contesting in the final of the Hyde Cup on the date prescribed in the Hand Book but on the same night we are scheduled to play two league matches. This makes it almost impossible for the eight players involved in the two league matches to support their teams playing the cup final.

Finals are something special for all clubs and should be occasions when friends, relatives and supporters can rally round to support their teams. The right amount of pomp and ceremony, the taking of photographs etc. are all, I believe, important parts of a final.

Roger Bennion Hon. Sec. -
Vernon Sangster.

This is practically a copy of my letter of 4 or 5 years ago when after a few efforts, I gave in. I went further, our Committee offered the use of our club for a week - suitable rooms with bars are ideal but difficult to obtain. One has to admit it was pretty cool at your final particularly for the girls - for some of whom it was a one off - a tiddly at the "milk" bar would have been most welcome. A few folk were a little disappointed with the venue.

Editor.

Dear Jack,

It is my sad task to inform you of the tragic death - at the early age of 36 - of Malcolm Wiseman.

Malcolm was one of the founder members of the Liverpool Jewish T.T. Club, nearly twenty years ago and, until his retirement from table tennis a couple of years ago, was a regular and popular player.

We at the Jewish will miss him greatly, and am sure that all those who remember him will also.

Yours,
David Cohen,
Liverpool Jewish T.T.C.

P.S. Can any more players go back in time and refresh us up and coming players with the names and clubs of bygone years.

Dear Jack,

103, Norville Road, Liverpool.

Received my copy of the Digest last night and was pleasantly surprised to see my name in print on the front page (glad I stimulated your thoughts for the Editorial). So long as I don't appear on Page Three

My congratulations also to Lil Upton on being vice-president of the Lancashire Table Tennis League, but I wonder if she would also wince at the expression "jolly little ladies division". We all did last night when devouring the contents of the Digest. It sounds like an afternoon sewing circle when instead, I was for example sweating blood to beat Betty Black in our usual three-setter.

It was a very enjoyable competitive era when we had two ladies divisions.

These nostalgic thoughts have given me an idea of perhaps having an "Invitation 'Old Girls' Tournament". I will get in touch with you about this idea after I have had a chat with Mabel.

Yours sincerely, Joyce Barton.

Editor's reply:-

No hard feelings Joyce, it was jolly, it was little and it was ladies but I must agree - most competitive, may I just throw a few names in - Pink and Bluey 'Hay', Ivy Crafter, Beryl Waterson, Joyce Roundall, Eileen Mansell, Moya 'Pattison', Edna Moore, Liz Loughrey, Rosemary McHullen, Reggie Royle, Billy Illidge, Judy Crafter!! How about Joyce and Barbara "Horsley", Maureen King a cigar and a pint, Barbara Topping for page three with you and Amy Bell. Pat Brown our blonde bombshell. Your competition would have to be a handicap, our club would welcome your get together.

Dear Jack,

76 Scorton St, Anfield.

I very much enjoyed reading your Editorial about players who have played for many many years without getting or rarely being in the honours. These players you stated are the backbone of the game I must admit that I have never considered myself as a long serving player as I must be honest and tell all and sundry that I have just celebrated my 25th birthday, "he doesn't look that old does he?" I can hear you all saying. So it came as a surprise to find my name bracketed with such old timers as Ian Wensley, Tony Cohen and Les Evans, must be a total of 180 years just amongst those three. Still it was rather pleasant to read the list of names in your Editorial and my thought drifted back to the days of Victoria Park in High St., Wavertree. (I wasn't playing then by the way, as I was only in nappies).

The older readers of your magazine might remember names such as Geoff Vick, Jim Mangnall, John Isterling, Warren Davies (now there's a golden oldie and I mean golden!!!) whatever happened to him? Anyway Jack, keep up the good work with your excellent magazine, as I always look forward to reading it, yes I am a patient man!!

Yours sincerely, Roy Lussey -
Liverpool Jewish.

Backbone men don't have to be oldies Roy, I consider for instance Pete Lee and Dave Roberts backbone men young (and handsome) though they be, but they and their like are always making headlines. You I think, proved my point to a certain extent about being a backbone club member when you rang me from Bolton when looking for the Lancs. Open and again your query on the English Open -which as I said couldn't have been further away in Kent.

I was having a drink and a chat with Gerry Goldring, Malcolm Green and guess who? - Warren Davies, and guess who Warren was playing for? One guess!!

Editor

TABLE TENNIS - A TRUE SPORT?

(A tongue in cheek and slightly jaundiced look at the game we all know and love ???)

Any true sport involves a high degree of skill, tactical ability and athleticism.

It is, therefore, my considered opinion that table tennis is definitely not a true sport as all the players I've met inevitably fall into one of three categories - Fat - Thin - or Jammy. Despite all this, however, a table tennis player will blindly mortgage his house up to the hilt in order to finance the deposit for the purchase of the latest 'unbeatable bat' with the revolutionary new 'sneakiness' rubber specially designed to combat everything his opponent can throw at him including the cardboard box that his new bat came in.

I am convinced that ninety nine per cent of all players have a completely wrong approach to the game. THEY GO ALL OUT TO WIN! This is a very silly thing to do as it can lose you a lot of friends. The proper attitude is merely to try and avoid disaster and of course the net (your own side, that is).

FEAR is the real key to success but not many players appreciate this as they are far too busy being afraid of being frightened.

Only naive players play for fun and the back slapping, wisecracking opponent you've

just beaten two straight is bravely trying to mask the abject misery of the financial losses incurred in buying the unbeatable bat which just didn't work.

The joker who says "That was a cracking game, mate" doesn't fool me. What would he say if he'd just lost?

If we be honest with ourselves we would all admit to being an 'almost player' for every shot is an 'almost' - "It almost went where I wanted it to go - It almost hit the table - It almost went over the net - I almost beat so and so", etc. etc.

Herein lies the misery which makes us all play the damn game. Like masochists we all continue a never ending pursuit of new and more excruciating pain.

Our wives and girlfriends (or both) may think that we are 'out having a good time' but any twit who goes home convinced that he enjoyed himself has either-just played his first ever game or his last! Or it could just be that he is drunk.

All in all I just can't wait for next season to start - you see, I've just bought this revolutionary new rubber called

CUP FINALS

STAMP

MOOR PARK 1 KIRKBY 9

Rarely has a final been played with so little tension - one might almost call it the crisp and beer final.

Although Debbie Clark's cheese and corned beef sandwiches helped as did the relaxed officiating of Stan Clarke. However, despite the attractive Maghull Bar players should be available when called upon.

Never an exciting final, how could it be with Kirkby running to a 5-0 and 6-1 lead, but what Moor Park lacked in games, they gained in supporters, including the Southport League Secretary.

An obvious call from strength saw the Kirkby pair Norman Challoner and Steve Grant beat Peter Williams and Geoff Bushell, 21/10; 20/22; 21/11 and then a close one Neill Travis and Kevin Jordan beat Gordon Kinnear and John Jones 23/21; 21/18; Challoner beat Williams 13 and 13, Jordan beat Jones 6 and 13; Grant beat Kinnear 16 and 14. Success for Moor Park - Bushell beat Travis 9 and 15 and with the score at 5-1 Park survive a crisis, but not for long, although Grant's game was the highlight of the evening, Steve pipped Peter 21/23; 21/14; 21/19 and the cup went to Kirkby. Jordan beat Kinnear 16 and 24; Challoner beat Bushell 8 and 12; with Geoff playing better than the score suggests. Travis beat Jones 5 and 13 and the first cup of the season to a Kirkby side. Despite their sides defeat the many Moor Park supporters obviously enjoyed themselves. (As I have always said, a final MUST have a bar) - Cup and Trophies presented by Jack Lambert.

J.L.

FORREST CUP

BARKER & DOBSON 3 BATH STREET 'E' 7

Having more or less reversed their normal playing order, and making the odd decision after winning the toss, of electing to be the home side, Barker & Dobson predictably

got off to a bad start. Bath Street obviously wanted a quick win under their belt, and the initial set between Barker's John Branigan and Bath Street's Bill Clayton duly gave them a 1-0 advantage.

The chance to increase this lead seemed quite possible when Karen Gibson led Roy Williams of Barker's in the early stages of the third game of their match but at 6 all she tried an over ambitious forehand smash which appeared to unsettle her. The score quickly became 6-13 and eventually 14-21 and Barker's were level.

Next came old war horse Alex Gould who posed too many problems for Fred O'Sullivan and rand out a comfortable winner 21-11, 21-11. Two sets to one to Bath Street.

Karen Gibson was called upon to play Les Travis and she proved a doughty fighter, something which is not always evident these days, particularly from our lady players. The first two games nicely balanced at 21-17 to Les, and 21-16 to Karen. Karen had obviously decided at the start of the third game that attack was the best method of defence, and had a "go". It was jolly good stuff and although Les played his part to the full, Karen ran out a worthy winner by 21-13.

With the overall score standing at 3 sets to 1 to Bath Street, O'Sullivan and Travis brought off a very good doubles win for B & D over Clayton and Berger by 21-13, 23-21 thereby narrowing Bath Street's lead to 3 sets to 2.

It was at this stage that really the match slipped away from Barker & Dobson. Williams and Branigan took on Gibson and Gould, taking the first game 21-16 but losing the second 18-21. The B & D pair then held a lead over the Bath Street players of 20-11 in the third game. Not only that, but a return by Alex Gould at this point, one for which the umpire was unsighted, was sport-ingly held by the B £ 0 players to have touched the edge of the table, so instead of game, set and match, the score became 20-12. Alas! from that moment nothing went right for the Barker & Dobson players and the rest of the game became a nightmare for them. They eventually lost the game 23-25 the memory will haunt them for a long time. The score 4 sets to 2 in favour of Bath Street, and was followed by a comfortable victory by Bill Clayton over Fred O'Sullivan to make it 5-2.

A good fight back by Roy Williams of B & D when he defeated Eric Berger by 21-19, 21-15 narrowed the overall score to 5-3 for Bath Street, but Alex Gould put the match beyond the reach of Barker's by playing a captain's part in winning 21-13, 21-19 against Les Travis.

The last set resulted in a win for Eric Berger over John Branigan.

It was a match keenly fought throughout, always interesting, and best of all, played in a good sporting spirit by all the players. Played at the Courtauld's Club, Jack McCaig was the official in charge, he also presented the cup and medals.

Jack McCaig.

HYDE CUP

VERNON SANGSTER 6 HERSEYSIDE POLICE 4

The first call by Police saw Steve Gittins lose to Steve Baker 16 and 17. Chris Ford beat Don Chalkley 25-27: 21-13: 21-14 Adam Bennion beat Tom Purcell 14 and 6 John Greene lost to Dave Crispin 17 and 19. Two sets apiece and a fair old game developing, Bennion beat Chalkley 21-15: 20-22: 21-14 was this the turning point?

Gittins and Bennion lost to Chalkley 18 and 15: '3 all'. John Greene beat Steve Baker 21 and 11, Ford beat Crispin 19 and 11 and then a game for the purists with everything depending on it fought brilliantly to the last point, with sympathy for whoever was to lose 25-23 for John and Chris in the first and 19-16 up in the second, but Dave and Steve took the last 5 points to win 21-19, what a battle for the third John and Chris winning 21-19 with Dave and Steve giving everything - great stuff - and the cup to Vernon Sangster. Firm and correct umpiring here by Don Chalkley. Gittins lost to Purcell 18 and 16.

A great sporting game with boys taking umpire decisions like men, when so many men take decisions like children.

Played at the Trinity Club which despite the hospitality of John Hankin who was the official in charge was not the most popular of venues. Jack Lambert presented the cup and medals.

J.L.

RUMJAHN

BOOTLE 7

MAGHULL 3

A quirk of fate had given Bootle an 8-2 win over Maghull in the same week as the final. But Maghull started with a win John McLoughlin losing to Gordon Brownlee 18-21: 21-14: 16-21: Ricky Brown beat Dave Newton 15 and 17: Rankin and McLoughlin lost to Tagg and Brownlee 16 and 14. Paul Hutchings beat Alan Chase 13 and 14: John Rankin beat Dave Tagg 16 and 16: and Bootle take the lead for the first time 3-2. Hutchings and Brown beat Chase and Newton 20-22: 21-5: 21-17: Brown beat Chase 21-16: 14-21: 21-7: Bootle now lead 5-2 and Hutchings comes in for the kill against Tagg. Dave won the first 14, Paul the second 16 and Dave clinched a fine win 16 in the third and 5-3 for Bootle. Another crunch game, McLoughlin losing the first to Newton 14 but John winning the second and third 18 and 14 after a great fight by Dave, and so to the final game of a superb and sporting match played in a friendly but competitive spirit with no quarter given as John Rankin found when young Brownlee took the first game 16 but John pulled out all the stops and won the next two 16 and 9 and completed a great double for the strong Bootle side, who will more than hold their own in Division 1, if they stay together.

Played at English Electric - Jack Lambert, Official in Charge, our Chairman, Arthur Upton introduced the guest of honour Ted Rumjahn who was accompanied by Janet and presented the Medals and Cup. Everyone gasped and stood back in amazement at the umpiring par excellence of Dave Wilson!

J.L.

READMAN

PALMERSTON 3

RAFTERS 7

How pleasant and refreshing to see these two very strong sides in the final. With no apparent effort John Fennah thrashed Graham Parr game 6 in the first set, but Graham came back strongly winning the second 17, in a brilliant last game, Graham pipped John 23-21. Wirral champions Trevor Manning and Alan Timewell beat the ex Liverpool champions Brian Oavey and Keith Williams 21 and 17: John Fennah and

Eric Hardman beat Ron Brotherton and Graham Parr 20 and 18 all good stuff. Hardman lost to Brotherton 13-21: 21-9: 11-21 - two two the score. Manning beat Williams 8 and 9: Timewell beat Davey 21-16: 19-21: 21-17: Manning beat Brotherton 11 and 7: Fennah lost to Williams 24 and 14. Hardman clinched the cup for Rafter's 11 and 16 against Davey, with Eric brilliant and Brian fighting and playing much harder than the score suggests. Par lost to Timewell 8 and 18. It is difficult to assess the final as it had so much table tennis of the very highest and varied standard but a few of the games - well - no comment.

As in all the finals I have seen this season and as our Chairman, Mr. Arthur Upton commented upon during his presentation of the cup and trophies, the sportsmanship was superb throughout - coupled with the excellent refreshments provided by Janet Davies at the Liverpool Y.M.C.A. and the camaraderie between the teams, despite the tension and competitive play made it a very good table tennis evening.

Official Jack Lambert

DIVISION 1

ROY SMITH

Congratulations to Y.M.C.A. who are the new champions. A fantastic battle developed in the last three weeks of the season with only a handful of points separating the top three.

At one stage Y.M.C.A. looked certain winners but lost 19 sets in the four games, this gave their rivals a chance to close the gap, Palmerston after beating Y.M.C.A. 7/3 and sharing a 5/5 draw with Wav. Lab. became the new favourites, but Y.M.C.A. who were not finished yet, took the title by beating Wav. 'A' 10/0, Wav. 1st. 6/4, and a final 8/2 win over Elec. 'A'. Wav. Lab's, late surge to win their fourth consecutive title, was halted by the 4/6 defeat by Y.M.C.A., where P.Turtle avenged his closed defeat over W.Percival.

Rafter's let the title slip by not playing a regular team but redeemed themselves by winning the Readman Cup in fine style. Eng. Elec. had their best season for years and made the top 4 teams fight very hard to beat them, losing only 4/6 to Rafter's, Palmerston and Labour and getting a draw against the new champions.

(Young) H.Johnson, Y.M.C.A. 'A' had a good double over P.Thompson and R. McPherson to earn his team a draw v. E.Electric. Also winning his 2 5/5 draw v. Rafter's was his team mate D.Tai who beat D.Carlisle and A.Timewell.

Elec. 'A' did enough to stay well away from the bottom, with G.Cheng playing like the player he was a few seasons ago.

Wav. 'A' battled along steadily, with T.Barraclough proving his worth with some good results. M.McEvoy beat some good players, but also lost to too many others. Phil Luxon had his best win by beating Liverpool player P. Thompson. Billy Wardle Wav. 'B' was the man of the match against Wav. 'A' winning his two singles, and thanks to Billy yet again winning all 3 v. Elect. 'A' as did Ken Jackson, his team won 7/3.

Jewish had a good 8/2 win over Elec. 'A' thanks to maximum wins by both E.Clein and J.Henshaw, Eddie did it again this time v. Wav. 'B' winning both his singles.

Bath St. fought hard at the end to stay up beating Trinity 6/4 with two wins by F.McCann and picking up 4 more v. Labour 'B' where M.Moran won both his sets.

Relegation threatened Palmerston 'A' all season but in the last few weeks they have put some good results together, beating Bath St. 7/3 and losing only 4/6 to Jewish,

Y.M.C.A. 'A' and Elec. 'A' this edged them off the bottom above Trinity. Trinity had a rare 6/4 win over Jewish where H.Royden and M.Corcoran both starred with 2 wins each.

DIVISION 2

JACK LAMBERT

Congratulations to Bootle Sports on a great championship win with Paul Hutchings, John McLaughlin, John Rankin and Rickie Brown, and top marks to Maghull who kept them on their toes but were runners-up again (also in cup to Bootle)..

A great battle between these two very good sides. Alan Chase, Dave Newton, Dave Tagg and Gordon Brownlee a great season. Black marks to your correspondent who failed to forward your notes.

DIVISION 3A

After a welcomed drawn match with Plessey's, in which their lady captain Mabel Neary beat Neil Hawthorne 22/20 in the third game of the final set (and a rare double for this season), Wavertree Labour 'D' suffered four 9-1 successive defeats and must have wondered now about their vulnerability for relegation - but fortunately (for them) fought back and managed to pick up 21 points from their last four matches to save their bacon! (and satisfy Kenny Armson!!).

Liverpool Jewish 'B' lost the services of Gerry Goldring with a few matches to go due to medical reasons and as the grapevine says possibly from table tennis for good. We hope not - even though he gave his bat to Warren Davies.

With the withdrawal of Old Swan only one team goes down and as fate has it it is still to be C.A.D.W.A. 'A'. It was hard lines for them that they had to play a couple of the much stronger teams towards the end of the season.

Maghull 'A' and English Elec. 'C' (in particular) managed to keep their heads above water and provided some good and pleasant competition at the lower end of the scale. The peculiar thing is when you are fighting against relegation the matches seem to be more fun.

Colonsay 'A' has done quite well ending midway as so the Police 'A' team. Alan Wood (of the Police) is a player not to be underestimated as many find out - and notched up many doubles especially toward the end of the season, being an excellent prop for his team, (and as Captain).

Plessey finished lower down than many would have thought at the start of the season, their problem seemingly to be availability of players for a steady team. Note their high incidence of drawn matches (10), near to a record, maybe.

By comparison, Argot, who finished one place above them only drew 1 match and maintained their steady position of 5th. They also basically played the same steady team throughout the season.

Bath Street certainly tried and unfortunately only finished 1 point behind Courtauld's putting them into fourth place. If we still had the old system (of 2 pts. for a win, 1 for a draw) they would have finished 2 clear points ahead of them. Ah well. Sadly, Courtauld's as such will no longer be with us - due to the firm's closure.

So, finally to the top two teams, Vernon Sangster and English Elec. 'B'. The two teams were due to meet the penultimate match of the season and on paper should have been electrifying. No so, Eng. Elec. had a power failure being without their regular No.1 Joe Green. The resultant team of K.Parker, W.Sill, J.Prince and R.Craddock, were

possibly shocked to see Vernon Sangster's John Greene replaced by W.Harris and S.Gittins by L.French. All the singles were decisively won two straight. With Adam Bennion winning his two, Chris Ford was the only Vernon player not to win a singles. Both the doubles were decided in the 3rd game and were shared making the final result a 7-3 win for Vernon Sangster and more or less sealed the 3A Division Championship for them.

So, best wishes to V.S. and E.E. in the second division, and well played. Not being certain of personal performances in the cup matches, going on league matches only, the above two mentioned John Green(e)'s must figure prominently in the Averages. Excellent play from also W.Hargreaves (Argot) and R.Edwards (Courtaulds) especially both playing at No.1. Harvgreaves lost twice to Edwards but appears to be the only player to have beaten Green of V.S.T.T.C. (at 22/20, 21/8).

Well, riots and punch-ups excepted (only joking) it was a fairly pleasant season (for most) and wish you all a successful Closed Season - at whatever you do. By the time this 'Digest' comes out I suppose it won't be long before 'The Off' again. 'Till then, then. P.S. Wasn't the Answer easy!

DIVISION 3B

SUE HUGHES

Congratulations to Liverpool Jewish 'A' on winning the division and to Vernon Sangster 'A' and Police who will be joining them in the 2nd Division.

For the latter half of the season, it always seemed that the honours would go to one of these three clubs and Jewish justified their number one position by convincingly beating their two closest rivals. In February, the Jewish team of Hudson, Bradbury, Lussey and McMillan beat Sangster 'A' 8-2 and the following month with Lewis Rosenbloom replacing Ray Lussey, Jewish scored a victory over Police by the same score-line.

The battle for second place was a close-fought one and even after 26 games, not a single point could separate the clubs. Though both clubs will be promoted because of a vacancy in a higher division, the prestige of finishing runners-up was settled in the two final games of the season. The team that held the key to the runners-up position was English Electric 'E', as we had to play both teams in the last two weeks of the season. With Police and Sangster equal on points, we first played host to Police. Colin Fyldes scored our only point by beating Don Chalkley which meant Sangster had to beat us 10-0 to come runners-up in their own right. Modesty forbids me mentioning that in that game I beat Les French to make the scoreline 9-1 and a tie for second place. A fair overall result, as Jewish, Sangster and Police are all worthy of the second division.

The middle section of the table was as closely contested as the top with only 11 points separating 6 teams - English Electric 'D' was head of the bunch. Tommy Williams at number one has had many impressive results during the season including a hat-trick over Sangster. Tommy beat Bill Harris 21/19, 21/19 and Ian Wensley 21/14, 21/10 and then teamed up with Richie Cragg to beat Bill and Ian 21/8, 21/5.

Brownmoor Park and Wavertree Labour 'C' tied for fifth place and even when the teams met each other they had to settle for a draw. Brownmoor Park did better against Aigburth when they won 8-2 with Alan Walton scoring a double over Ray Lavin and Pete Wass.

Wavertree Labour 'C' started the season well and at one point looked as if they would be amongst the leaders, but there was a slight team change and Wavertree Labour lost ground. However, Jim Madigan joined the squad towards the latter half of the season and collected some valuable points. If Wavertree Labour had been in a position to field a settled side for the duration of the season, they would, no doubt, have been challenging the leaders.

In previous years Linacre have hopped between divisions 2 and 3, but this season they have to be content with a mid-table position. The strength of the division is also highlighted in Aigburth's position in the table. Last season they came close to promotion but this time round and fielding nearly the same team, they were in the bottom half. Ray Lavin did a good job at number one for Aigburth, with victories over Dave Crispin, Steve Baker (Police) in December but in April the two Police players got their revenge in a 10-0 victory over Aigburth.

Electric Supply take the next position in the League with the experience of Wally Lewis at number one upsetting several of the divisions young players including Billy Wardle (Wavertree Labour) and Nigel Conquest (English Electric).

Next down the division is my own team. Our star was undoubtedly Nigel Conquest who improved as the season progressed and collected victories over Roy Brad-bury, J.McMillan (Jewish), Alan Guy (Colonsay) and Tommy Williams (English Electric 'D'). At this point I must mention that Nigel was ably assisted by Colin Fyldes and Colin Pratt who hardly missed a game between them. (That mention has ensured I don't have to buy my own drinks next season).

Bath Street 'D' take the next position. They had an unsettled team throughout but Tony Roberts and Andy Armstrong seemed to provide the steady nucleus of the team and managed to keep them out of relegation danger.

Two points was all that saved Beauclair from 4th division play next year. In addition to fighting off relegation, Beauclair became the nomadic team of the division as they lost their home premises towards the end of the season. But Bill Leeming, Jim Lightorm, Eric Wood and Bill and Harry Holmes became happy wanderers for a few weeks and managed to complete their fixtures. Hopefully they will no longer be 'of no fixed abode' when next season comes.

Despite a brave effort by Steve Ryan and Co., Wavertree Labour 'E' were unable to avoid the drop. Towards the end of the season the team acquired the services of Debbie Maguire, but the team re-organisation came too late. However, Wavertree Labour mustn't vanish from the division without recognition of Steve Ryan's victory over Dave Crispin (Police) 18/21, 25/23, 21/11. I feel sure Wavertree Labour will make a speedy return to Division 3.

Also for the drop is Colonsay, despite the presence of more experienced players - the Muriel Cox and Alan Guy. But their youngsters will no doubt continue to improve in a lower division. See you in September.

DIVISION 4A

LOCUM

I have not had any reaction to the previous notes, I am not even sure which teams I was backing to go up or down let alone whether you would have cooperated in our magnificent competition to find the scruffy shoes. I have missed my magazine, Jack does a good job, pity we cannot get the issues out, let us hope that this 'bumper' issue makes up for our disappointments. Bootle 'A' did it as we all had expected since the

early part of the season, Vernon Sangster 'B' pipped Aigburth and believe that they are as good as Bootle but did not start strongly enough, they will have all next season to sort that one out. One thing for sure is that both camps will be a hive of activity in coaching during the close season, predicting now for next season, both these teams will keep moving up the league following their senior teams. There is a moral somewhere there, capture them young, develop their style and practice, practice and practice ... but if you prefer to turn up for your weekly game with an odd carefree knock once in a while, just carry on and enjoy yourselves, waving to the dedicated as they flow through. What price Kirkby doing a rerun, they have topped 5B in their current reincarnation, first year out.

Trinity 'D' were well clear of the bottom two, points wise, but only just missed the drop. Ken Davies previously with the ill fated Bohemians plays No.1, John Southworth, Chris Reynolds, Kwame Obodai and Cathy Griffith appeared capable of much better things, they recently drew with Bath St. and beat Brown-moor Park and Richmond, they have however lost in style, 9-1 to Rafter's 'B' and 10-0 to Aigburth.

Vagabonds 'A' had an extremely mixed season being plagued by room trouble for most of the season, we were expecting to find the place a shambles when we went along, it was not quite, the room is in fact an improvement on the previous one, the lighting specially organised was now off centre because of a slight adjustment to the shape of the room, the floor was apparently still drying out and was a little troublesome. Dave Rooney, Ken Ray, Mike Gallagher, Eddie Moss and G.Langshaw are a team destined to wave the young enthusiasts through, but they will be quite happy to do so. They have another legend now to add to their quota of yarns "did you hear of the time we played Vernon Sangster?" It took six weeks to play, half way through the first few hours play Vernon Sangster were far from happy with the floor and for that matter the score, conditions were not good enough and the second half of the game postponed. Later both teams, identical but some six weeks older, joined up and fought out the remainder of the match. Result 5-5 with all five of Vag-abonds games coming from the singles. Makes waving cheerio - goodbye to the enthusiasts quite a pleasant past time.

It has been a good season, I trust the notes have not been too boring, I apologise for not mentioning you all by name. Those of you who remain for next season I promise to give you a better game than this year, as for the notes I will be handing back to Stan Clarke who will I am sure make a lot more sense than I have done this year. Happy holidays.

DIVISION 4B

MIKE GRIFFITHS

Our season ended with Vernon Sangster as deserved champions of this division, with Y.M.C.A. joining them in the third division next year. Only 8 points separated these teams at the finish, and in the closing weeks both sides had difficult fixtures and dropped unexpected points. Vernon Sangster might have expected easy pickings against a weakened Trinity team, but they came up against an inspired Mai Clark who produced his best form of the season (or

is it the last three years) to beat J.Staunton and Barry Mounsley, both wins being a reversal of their previous meetings. With Dave Southworth also in fine form beating Phil Kavanagh and Staunton, Trinity came away with a 5-5 draw. On the same night however YMCA were also held 5-5 by Rafter's for whom Janet Le Page beat John

Briggs and Paul Reed-Clayton. Three days later Y.M.'s hopes ended when they were beaten by Action Committee 6-4, Mark Smith winning 3. V.S. on the other hand came back to form to beat English Electric 8-2.

The last match between our two top teams ended, 5-5, and the clash between our two top players was as exciting as expected. John Briggs took the honours 22/20, 13/21, 23/21 over Ritchie Hetherington. John won his other singles while Phil Kavanagh won his two for V.S.

The most improved team of the season must be the lads from Action Committee. After being in a relegation position early on, they produced a run of results which finally put them in 6th position. What was most impressive was the scorelines in these matches, not narrow as you might expect in this division; 10-0 v. Trinity, 10-0 v. Bath Street, 10-0 v. Courtaulds 'A', 8-2 v. Courtaulds 'B', 9-1 v. Police 'B'.

The friendly Police 'C' team finished third after a good fight with Liverpool Jewish. When the two teams faced up to each other we again got an exciting match and another drawn game. Lee Soon beat Al Baker and Sue Anderson for the only double of the night, but Police won both doubles. Keith Wilkinson starred against Bath Street in a 6-4 win, beating Ron Georgeson and John Bolton.

Liverpool Jewish held Vernon Sangster to a second draw, despite being 4-1 down on the night. As in their previous meeting Tony Cohen was the thorn in Sangster's side, this time beating Kavanagh and Mounslay.

Trinity finished the season well. In addition to their draw with Sangster, they beat both Jewish & Police 'C' 6-4. Against Jewish, Paul McLoughlin beat John Finnegan and Stephen Graham (21/17, 16/21, 28/26) and Mal Clark had another good win over Tony Cohen. Against Police 'C' Mike Griffiths (going all out for the 'French' award this season) beat Ritchie Winkle 21/19, 30/28. The two Courtaulds clubs finished 5th & 8th and were two evenly matched teams. The derby game in December finished 7-3 to the 'A' team. Kelvin Chan won his two for the 'B' beating Alan Rivers & G.Finnis. Kelvin also had a good win over Janet Le Page of Rafters in his sides 6-4 defeat. Bath Street found the 'B' team far tougher than the 'A'. A fine team performance by the 'B' forced a draw but the 'A' team crashed 8-2. Ron Georgeson's double at No.1 over Rivers & Finnis was the highlight.

Bath Street as usual used numerous players and found no consistency, losing 8-2 to Police 'C' drawing with Police 'D' but beating Trinity 7-3.

English Electric were a team that slipped somewhat in the latter part of the season. Rob Peverall, one of the divisions top players, held the team together and could always be relied upon to pick up points. In fact he took 4 points off V.S. and Y.M. with wins over Hetherington & Staunton, Reed-Clayton & Corkery. Les Harper also did well to beat Denis Corkery & Jim Donnelly in a useful draw against YMCA. Defeats like 0-2 against Courtaulds 'A' however did nothing to improve their position. Plenty of close games in the draw with Maghull. Wilf Gibson beat Peverall 17/21, 21/19, 21/19 and Brian Taylor beat Dave Thomas 17/21, 21/19, 21/19. Electric won both doubles at 19 in the third.

Despite their apparent strength Police 'B' finished in a very disappointing position. Even their full strength team including Kavanagh, Ferguson & Christian failed to beat Courtaulds 'B' who beat them 6-4 two nights running. Police 'D' finished bottom a long way. Mike Noonan was their best player but had little support. Norman Morrissey however deserves a mention for his win over Tony Cohen 14/21, 21/14, 21/19.

Rafters were the other team relegated despite the inclusion of Janet Le Page for the

second half of the season. Even here we see what an interesting division this has been. Rafter's were beaten by Maghull 6-4 but then went on to draw with Y.M.C.A. Mike Griffiths beat Lee Soon 21/18, 15/21, 21/19; Alan McDonald beat Jim Geddes 8/21, 21/18, 21/19; Brian Taylor beat John Simm 20/22, 21/19, 21/17; Wilf Gibson beat Sue Anderson 21/17, 15/21, 31/29; Jean Reynolds a superb double over Jeremy Tsang and Dennis Corkery.

So that's it for another year. An excellent season of table tennis. I'm sure we all enjoyed it.

DIVISION 5A

JACK LAMBERT

Generally speaking the top teams are only mentioned when their number one loses or they lose unexpectedly, so it is nice to say congratulations to the strong Maghull 'C' side; despite a slight tremor from Bath St. 'G' there has never been much doubt which was our Number One team Stan Clarke, Andy Howarth and Alan Smethurst have hardly missed a game between them and mix sociability with true competitive table tennis brilliantly. Which has become a point in our division. At our club we have little quips at the bottom of our league tables and one reads 'English spoke at both ends of the room'¹. This lack of the spoken words has been prevalent in our division - go on you young fellows be devils and have a chat!

I cannot leave the mention of Maghull's championship win without mentioning one player ERIC TAYLOR.

As I have previously stated Bath St. 'G' had their moments of glory with two out of three wins against Maghull, but despite Tony Kendall's excellent season, John Boulton and Neil Pritchett came on with leaps and bounds under Ted Janes excellent guidance, he plays pretty good too.

Dave Oavies of Warwick Bolam and Roy Parry of Trinity 'E' had a lot in common. Both had an excellent season leading their sides sets tally and guiding the younger players on the right lines. Ian Carney had a couple of very good wins with the scalps of Bunner, Pritchett and Kendall, not far behind were Phil Wilkinson and Colin Owens a little chap named Peat impressed me with this style. For Trinity top marks to the Hughson brothers Neil, Ian and Andrew Wilson hardly missed a game between them and battled on bravely.

The girls at Electric Supply must be quite pleased with their season Marie Lupton and Lil Wynne played some superb stuff (Good wins against Bootle and Bath St.) I think Monica O'Donnell sneaked top sets and Joyce Barton seems to be getting the zest for the game again with Amy Bell and Millie still playing. In Eng. Electric's varied team only Chris Birch and Alan Thompson were regulars. Both scoring trebles in their sides good win over Jewish (Ken Dutch 2) Chris and his partner finished with a nearly 80% doubles!

You have got to salute a team like Carnegie, led by Alec Fasting with some good wins for top scorer Pete Ellison, Alan Hulse never wavered and fourth place shared by Gary and Billy Baker, never a short team great stuff, these last remarks also applicable to Trinity 'E', Ken Dutch was number one in every way for Liverpool Jewish 'D' and had a great season. With Elton Hillman his main support and Julian Dutch not far behind, Tom Bunner's inclusion strengthened the team and Mike Rose sharing No.4. The two Bootle Job Centre teams must be more than pleased with their 3rd and 4th placings, both good solid team performances. The 'A' teams 18 wins were real good

stuff with Dave Burton leading the way and having an excellent season but so did Sylvia and Dave Graham (I always knew Dave was a good 'un - he played for Everton). But what happened at Warwick Bolam - who scored an outstanding 6-4 win. For the 'FIRST' team Pete Byrne led the way but Les Crawford carried the brunt at No.1 with Ron Makin and Jim Gordon both doing well but Alan Thompson won a cool two at Bootle.

Maghull 'E' in fifth place were yet another solid little side, with Keith Whittaker and Jimmy Gill leading the way, with some good wins and Neil Burslem and Frank Leece always there and doing well. For Maghull 'F' Mark Haygarth was a bit cheeky beating Frank Leece 21/14; 22/20 for his sides lone win, with dashing Dave Lamden and jolly Debbie Clark we were always on for a laugh here. Mark was top man and a medal for Mike Sheron for perseverance. Marion O'Donnell bt. Ron Makin 17 and 16, Ken Hutch beat Alan Smethurst 14/21; 21/17; 21/18, Joyce Barton bt. Ron Crockett 22 and 16: Keith Wilkinson bt. Kendall and Pritchett for his sides only 2: Carnegie (Fasting f. Ellison 2) 5 Maghull 'F ' (Lamden 2) 5 - Trinity ' (Parry 3 and Ian 2) 6 Maghull 'F' (lamden 2) 4 Carnegie (Hulse f. B.Baker 2) 7, Trinity (Parry 2) 3 Sylvia Graham bt. Ray Parry 28/30; 21/16; 25/23! how about that. Ian Varney bt. Gordon Cromp-ton 23/21 in the 3rd. Dave Graham bt. Phil Wilkinson 22/20; 21/23; 21/15. Ken Dutch bt. Stan Clarke 13/21; 22/20; 21/15. les Crawford bt. Dave Burton 17 and 17: Dave Davies bt. Tony Kendal 10/21; 21/18; 21/16. Not a bad season - see you soon!

DIVISION 5B

KEN ARMSON

After a long struggle which continued to the final match Kirkby emerged as champions by a mere two set margin. The same margin separated Jewish 'E' and Colonsay 'C'. Whose wins played their part in affecting the final positions? Moor Park in 2nd place can probably recall instances where slackness has cost them the odd set. Such as their first match against Wav. 'F' when they won 8-2 - they won the return 10-0 - or against V.S. 'D' when P.Kavanagh took a lone set. Another was Argot 'A' when Steve Ward hammered another nail in with a lone set win. In their last two matches being battered 8-2 by Jewish 'E' and then dropping another set against Maghull 'D' to Frank Pattinson.

Kirkby also had a few frights not least being the one Wav. 'F' gave them in their final match. They needed four sets to clinch the title and found themselves trailing 5-3. Mainly due to a fine treble by reserve Debbie Maguire who came in to replace Bill Stanley. She beat N.Travis and Norman Chaloner and then teamed up with Ron McEvoy to take a doubles. Ron, badly hampered by a groin strain, played a real crafty campaigners game. Against Steve Grant, Ron again used his experience and guile to overcome his injury and got home 19 in the 3rd. So with only two sets left and one needed Kirkby were beginning to look a bit ragged. They got both sets and went home as very relieved champions.

Jewish 'E' finished 3rd. They rarely turned out the same team twice in succession. Dave Cohen had a fine season losing only two league sets and I got the impression from him that they preferred all round enjoyment to the constant push required of aspiring champions. He was well supported by Bill Davies, R.Blackburne and S.Graham with Dave Money stepping in on three occasions and depriving Norman Chaloner of his 100% record.

Colonsay 'C' like Moore Park can look back on those occasions when a little more effort may have got them into 3rd place. John and his youngsters can look back however with considerable pride for they fought all the way and well deserved 4th place. Dave Riley and Paul Manning - assisted occasionally by a John O'Sullivan - performed well throughout the season and only T.O'Neill lost his way. After an opening spell of 10 sets in the first nine matches he took only 2 sets from the next nine.

Vags. 'B' were the only other team to exceed 100 points and they were unable to make any real challenge due to rebuilding at their club which involved constant changes or postponement of fixtures. They lacked the strength to get near Kirkby or Moor Park, but could have made a better showing had they been able to follow a normal fixture pattern. J.Gratton and G.Langshaw showed most consistency with good support from M.Whittaker. After them came Aigburth 'B' and Wav. 'F'. Aigburth had a disappointing season as they failed to produce the results they seemed capable of, but only B.Mayer failed to finish with a good average. The rest of the supporting cast, P.Meyer, P.Knight and Arthur De-Asha all had good results. Our placing was just about right for our performance. Hampered by using too many weak reserves and often losing matches we should have won, we just could not put it together until Ron McEvoy returned when our results showed a marked improvement. Ron gave us the added strength at No.1 which we had lacked. John Wallace had a fair season and Bill Stanley a pretty poor one. For myself, I think my best result was when I got 2 w/overs against Maghull.

Argot came next with Maghull 'B' not far behind. Argot were new-comers this season and can be well satisfied with their performance. With some young players very ably led by the more experienced N.Wilkinson. Maghull 'B' are finding the march of time their biggest enemy and none of them produced the form they have shown in past seasons and Frank Pattinson and Alan Rycroft in particular had a very lean time. The two Ronnies fared much better with Ron Cockcroft finishing with the best average.

We lost Jewish 'F' near the end of the season their main problem I understand being getting a team together. We had this problem at times and I put it down to the requirement of carrying too many players with the problem that it is not possible to give everyone a regular game and consequently when you do want them they have lost interest and at £2.70 a time players are reluctant to register without the guarantee of a regular place.

Brownmoor Park to finish bottom, but for a team of youngsters living in Crosby they deserve a pat on the back for getting to most of their away matches often unassisted. They did concede two 10/0 w/overs due to transport problems, but resolved to make sure they finished the season and did so, they have showed a lot of promise.

V.S. 'D' finished in the lowest position yet recorded for a team from the V.S.S.C. but they have my sympathy for the conditions they are appalling, the lighting is abysmal and the noise is deafening. We also had to contend with general interference from youngsters who had sneaked in. If some of their other teams had to play regularly on the balcony they might take more interest in the very poor conditions, anything is good enough for 5th division players. I don't know who passed these conditions, but I would suggest they try playing there under the conditions that existed when we played and see if they still felt the conditions were suitable. I know premises are difficult to get and if clubs are to keep going we must be prepared to make allowances. Let me say that the players themselves are a friendly bunch eager to learn and showing great promise, benefitting as they do from the coaching available at V.S.S.

The season has not been without its high spots - or low depending on your opinion -

With that man again John O'Sullivan losing his winning spell to Norman Chaloner, who looked set to replace him as a 100% man until he came up late on against Dave Money, who you could say did a 'Norman Chaloner' on him. Moor Park claimed a unusual 10/0 w/over against Vags. 'B' when because of poor conditions Vags. awarded them the match. A peculiar decision, but as both captains signed the card it became a mutually agreed decision. Argot 'A' conceded a w/over when they failed to turn up at home for a re-arranged match on a date presumably chosen by them. We became involved in the trouble over the use of players in quarter-final matches when some clubs took advantage of an error in the Rule Book. The Management Committee made a decision on this and apparently decided to stand by the rule as printed. I feel they should have made a stand and thrown the ball back to the clubs concerned by interpreting the rule as we all know it should have read. It's all past now, but it leaves one wondering why honesty and sportsmanship disappear when cup matches come round.

I cannot talk about averages due to too many missing score cards so you will have to wait until missing cards turn up. Have a good summer.

I repeat my little notes that went out with the last league tables in case only your secretary saw them!

It was with regret that the Committee decided to cancel the dance after getting it nicely off the ground last year. As we all know the Courtauld's factory was unfortunately closing down, but we were shocked to hear that the Sports & Social Club was going first and would not be able to house our dance. At such a late date, and with no other similar venue in sight it was decided to cancel for this year and look for a suitable venue next year, a room - for about 300 with dancing and bars we are looking for. Once again we have lost another excellent club venue.

The last Digest was cancelled mainly as a couple of contributors are naughty and late with their copy and two Digest would have been out of season - so you have this 'Bumper Edition'.

Now that we cannot draw the big names, I am not sure that the 'big time' Merseyside Open is a good thing. I think a 'small time' Merseyside Open with small prizes would draw nearly all the entries we had this year plus a much bigger local entry.

But how those boys worked at both tournaments - Brian Leeson, Ken Black and Stan Clarke led the way but Don Davies, Bill Leemings, Ken Armson and many others weren't far behind.

The only way to improve the issues of the Digest is for correspondents only to take on the job if they can return their notes within 10/14 days at the outside and preferably within 4/5 days. Yes I know they are all volunteers - aren't we all!

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ETTA DRAW

My thanks to all those clubs and individuals who helped to sell these draw tickets. We did even better than last year and the league will benefit by £125.

Furthermore we had two lucky numbers turn up in the Draw, one went to one of our life members, Sid Jackson and the other to J.Dixon of English Electric. They didn't come in the first four but at least they got £5 each.

For those who may be interested and wondered why the fourth placed home 'BONOC' was not on the list of winners the ETTA inform me that this house was not on the original list of acceptors and was accepted late after the ETTA had made their list up. The fifth placed actually won the fourth prize (I don't understand any of this).

Don Cameron.

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| L'pool Y.M. | 24 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 185 | L'pool Jewish 'A' | 26 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 208 |
| Palmerston | 24 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 181 | V.Sangster 'A' | 26 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 199 |
| Wav. Labour | 24 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 177 | Police | 26 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 199 |
| Rafters | 24 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 158 | Eng. Elec. 'D' | 26 | 14 | 9 | 3 | 148 |
| Eng. Electric | 24 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 152 | Brownmoor Pk. | 26 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 141 |
| L'pool Y.M.'A' | 24 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 115 | Wav. Labour 'C' | 26 | 14 | 9 | 3 | 141 |
| Wav. Labour 'A' | 24 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 110 | Linacre | 26 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 140 |
| Wav. Labour 'B' | 24 | 9 | 13 | 2 | 103 | Aigburth | 26 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 139 |
| Eng. Elec; 'A' | 24 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 97 | Elec. Supply 'A' | 26 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 137 |
| L'pool Jewish | 24 | 6 | 17 | 1 | 90 | Eng. Electric 'E' | 26 | 7 | 16 | 3 | 108 |
| Bath St. | 24 | 4 | 18 | 2 | 70 | Bath St. 'D' | 26 | 7 | 19 | - | 85 |
| Trinity | 24 | 2 | 19 | 3 | 62 | Beauchair 'A' | 26 | 3 | 22 | 1 | 65 |
| Palmerston 'A' | 24 | 3 | 20 | 1 | 60 | Wav. Labour 'E' | 26 | 4 | 21 | 1 | 63 |
| | | | | | | Colonsay 'B' | 26 | - | 25 | 1 | 47 |
| <i>DIVISION 2</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>Pts</i> | <i>DIVISION 4A</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>Pts</i> |
| Bootle | 26 | 25 | - | 1 | 210 | Bootle 'A' | 26 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 196 |
| Maghull | 26 | 23 | 3 | - | 189 | V.Sangster 'B' | 26 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 181 |
| Colonsay | 26 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 157 | Aigburth 'A' | 26 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 179 |
| Rafters 'A' | 26 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 153 | Bath St. 'E' | 26 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 169 |
| Elec. Supply | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 151 | Eng. Elec. 'F' | 26 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 147 |
| L'pool Y.M.'B' | 26 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 136 | Elec. Supply 'B' | 26 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 141 |
| Beauchair | 26 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 135 | Rafters 'B' | 26 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 136 |
| Cadwa | 26 | 9 | 14 | 3 | 123 | Barker & Dobson | 26 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 119 |
| Bath St. 'A' | 26 | 9 | 14 | 3 | 122 | Richmond | 26 | 10 | 13 | 3 | 110 |
| Trinity 'A' | 26 | 8 | 15 | 3 | 116 | Bootle 'B' | 26 | 6 | 18 | 2 | 104 |
| L'pool Y.M.'C' | 26 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 108 | Vagabonds 'A' | 26 | 4 | 19 | 3 | 103 |
| Vagabonds | 26 | 7 | 18 | 1 | 104 | Trinity 'D' | 26 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 99 |
| Bath St. 'B' | 26 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 63 | Courtaulds 'C' | 26 | 2 | 21 | 3 | 69 |
| Trinity 'B' | 26 | 2 | 24 | - | 44 | Brownmoor Pk.'A' | 26 | 2 | 20 | 4 | 67 |
| <i>DIVISION 3A</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>Pts.</i> | <i>DIVISION 4B</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>Pts</i> |
| V.Sangster | 24 | 21 | 3 | - | 186 | V.Sangster 'C' | 26 | 18 | 1 | 7 | 178 |
| Eng. Elec. 'B' | 24 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 178 | L'pool Y.M.'D' | 26 | 18 | 2 | 6 | 170 |
| Courtaulds | 24 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 154 | Police 'C' | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 155 |
| Bath St.'C' | 24 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 153 | L'pool Jew.'C' | 26 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 150 |
| Argot | 24 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 135 | Courtaulds 'A' | 26 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 145 |
| Plessey | 24 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 130 | Action Comm. | 26 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 140 |
| Colonsay 'A' | 24 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 110 | Bath St.'F' | 26 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 132 |
| Police 'A' | 24 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 109 | Courtaulds 'B' | 26 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 124 |
| L'pool Jew. 'B' | 24 | 4 | 17 | 3 | 86 | Trinity 'C' | 26 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 120 |
| Maghull 'A' | 24 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 86 | Eng. Elec. 'C' | 26 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 118 |
| Wav. Lab. 'D' | 24 | 5 | 16 | 3 | 84 | Maghull 'B' | 26 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 116 |
| Eng. Elec. 'C' | 24 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 77 | Police 'B' | 26 | 6 | 16 | 4 | 116 |
| Cadwa 'A' | 24 | 5 | 17 | 2 | 72 | Rafters 'C' | 26 | 7 | 17 | 2 | 99 |
| | | | | | | Police 'D' | 26 | 1 | 23 | 2 | 57 |

| <u>DIVISION 5A</u> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>Pts.</i> | <u>DIVISION 5B</u> | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>Pts.</i> |
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| Maghull 'C' | 22 | 21 | 1 | - | 197 | Kirkby | 20 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 153 |
| Bath St. 'G' | 22 | 20 | 2 | - | 182 | Moor Park | 20 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 151 |
| Bootle J.C.'A' | 22 | 18 | 4 | - | 168 | L'pool Jew. 'E' | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 135 |
| Bootle J.C. | 22 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 124 | Colonsay 'C' | 20 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 133 |
| Maghull 'E' | 22 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 114 | Vagabonds 'B' | 20 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 107 |
| Warwick Bolam | 22 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 105 | Aigburth 'B' | 20 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 105 |
| Elec. Supply 'C' | 22 | 10 | 12 | - | 103 | Wav. Lab. 'F' | 20 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 94 |
| Eng. Elec. 'H' | 22 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 102 | Argot 'A' | 20 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 78 |
| L'pool Jew. 'D' | 22 | 10 | 12 | - | 99 | Maghull 'D' | 20 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 67 |
| Maghull 'F' | 22 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 44 | V.Sang. 'D' | 20 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 51 |
| Trinity 'E' | 22 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 43 | Brownmoor Pk. 'B' | 20 | - | 19 | 1 | 24 |
| Carnegie | 22 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 39 | | | | | | |

NOTE:- Division 3B Vernon Sangster 'A' and Police will both be promoted due to a vacancy in the higher divisions.