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## EDITORIAL

So we are not having three aside, it was nice however, to air a few views and people were interested - nearly all against.

To dance or not to dance, that is the question - perhaps a better word would be to socialise - as you may have a chat and a drink and enjoy music without dancing.

I do feel that an official presentation of trophies at a social function is much more preferable than having them presented at a formal meeting to your secretary.

I think it is wrong for people who have no interest in the dance to lay down the rules and regulations for the organisation of same. So it would be better if a small sub-committee who are interested took control. Better still, how about Stan Clarke and the Maghull Club running it as without their terrific support there would be no dance. Also supporting the dance were Fords, Cadwa, Plesseys, Trinity, Wavertree Labour, Bootle Sports Centre - attending the dance, members of Bootle J.C., Bath St., English Electric, Liverpool Jewish, Electric Supply, Rafters, Huyton Leisure Centre. One club won trophies and could not find a bod to attend! Another club arranged to have their tournament on dance night, so what happened to the rest?

Just as a point of interest how did you enjoy my first ten years as Editor?  
- please no fan mail!

Congratulations to Rafters on retaining their championship. With Trevor Manning in tremendous form, Paul Ashcroft developing as the season went on, Eric 'Sherlock' Hardman as dependable as ever and Alan Timewell so hard to beat, Bootle, the only serious challengers, could have pressed Rafters harder but the absence of Paul Hutchings for a few matches and Tony O'Connor for a couple of important matches was their undoing, with no replacements of the calibre of Rafters Mercer and Percivall. The return match between the two teams needed a huge win for Bootle to narrow the gap. It was not to be, as Wayne Percival, a replacement for Trevor Manning Beat Tony O'Connor 17-18 and Paul Ashcroft beat Paul Hutchings 19-20. Paul Hutchings beat Wayne 17 in the third and Tony beat Eric 15-13. Ricky Brown played superbly to beat Paul Ashcroft 9-18 but Rafters ran out 6-4 winners with Alan Timewell the only player to win both singles.

Wavertree Labour finished third, losing 7-3 to Bootle and Rafters in the closing weeks. Bootle were without Tony O'Connor and reserve Keith Miller lost both singles. Labour had two good tussles with the two teams close behind them. After losing 6-4 to Vernon Sangster again they made amends with a great 7-3 win over Huyton Leisure despite a Keith Williams double over Hook and Roberts. The Rafters-Vernon Sangster return match (if you can call it that) was highly 'competitive' and resulted in a 7-3 win for Rafters. Peter Flint won two beating Alan Timewell 6-7 and Sherlock 11-5 and teamed up with John Rankin to beat Ashcroft-Timewell 8-9 in the doubles, Paul Ashcroft beat John Rankin 23-21, 18-21, 21-16. Yours truly had a hard battle with Alan Timewell before losing 21-14, 16-21, 20-22. Eric fought back well against Paul Gittens after a 'nervous' start (lotta bottle) to win 17-21, 21-13, 21-11. Against Huyton Leisure, Rafters were in great form and won 8-2. Trevor beat Keith again 16-10 but Keith countered with a 25-23, 23-21 win over Wayne. Malcolm McEvoy hammered Paul Ashcroft 14-12.

Bootle avenged their earlier defeat by 'Palmerston' by winning 7-3 against 'Huyton'. Keith Williams suffered a rare double defeat losing 11-14 to Tony and 21-18, 20-22, 26-28 to Paul. Malcolm and Brian Davey both beat Ricky for their only singles wins. Bootle were without Tony O'Connor against V.Sangster and went down 7-3. This time it was Paul Hutchings turn for a double defeat when Peter Flint beat him 12 in the third and then John Rankin beat him 15-19. Les French beat Lawrence 17-12 and Ricky 19 in the third with Bootle's only singles wins by reserve Keith Miller and Ricky over Paul Gittens. Bootle's chances of challenging Rafters were severely jolted when playing E.E.'A' without Paul. With Brian Aldred as deputy, especially as Tommy Williams played at Number 4. Against YMCA, Dave Wilson, making a rare first division appearance, did well to beat Francis Lay and

Ahmed Thabet, but Keith Miller lost his two. Steve Green and Jeff Huntington beat Paul/Dave 20-22, 26-24, 22-20 for YM's fourth set.

We say goodbye to Jewish and YM 'A', both teams deserved to go down. The team spirit at Jewish left a lot to be desired, epitomised by their trip to Maghull, where they conceded FIVE walk-overs in going down 10-0. With the team properly motivated they could have stayed up, as an 8-2 win over EE 'A' proves. John Henshaw and Richard Stevenson could be relied upon to do their best but with Eddie Clein's interest on the wane and Julian Quirk's form very erratic, the team slumped. YM 'A' ruined their chances earlier in the season with an unsettled team and but for Steve Green would have been down and out long before. Later in the season with the return of Ahmed Thabet and Jeff Huntington, the team did better, another feature of avoiding relegation, namely the advent of weak teams played by clubs having other teams in the division. Now if a club does well enough in the past to get two or three teams into the first division it is their right to select their teams as they see fit. You cannot blame them for ensuring another season in the top flight by one or two careful team selections. It does remain a pity, however, that relegation can depend on issues such as this. In the latter stages of the season it was clear that Jewish were going down and it was a fight between YM 'A' and W.L. 'B' for the other spot. W.L. 'B' managed a draw with their first team, which included Mabel Neary. Mike Feerick beat Phil Luxon in this match. A couple of weeks later they went one better and beat their 'A' team 6-4. The 'A' team included Mabel again and John Ashley for good measure. They must have been non-plussed when Mabel beat Ray Jackson 17 in the third. Well done, Mabe. YMCA 'A', having noted these results, managed to beat their first team 6-4. The first team included Jimmy Clewett, not playing regularly these days, who lost his two. Steve Green beat Peter Lee 19 in the third and Peter Taylor 18 in the third to stake his claim to be the club's number one. The 'A' team won both doubles to take the match. Eng.Elec. 'A', who were rapidly falling into the relegation zone in the closing weeks, managed to beat their first team 6-4. The first team included Ian Lunt and Pete Scarisbrick. The vital match turned out to be that between WLB and YM 'A' and I suppose it's fair to say that Labour deserve to stay up. They won 8-2, with two wins each for Mick Tierney & Ray Jackson. Ray beat Jeff Huntington 13-6 - very impressive. Ahmed Thabet did well to beat Les Molyneux 22-20 in the third. Against Jewish it was Mick who starred again, beating John Henshaw 12-7 and Paul Morgan 12-5 to earn his side a draw. Jewish also drew with YM 'A'. YM 'A' had a great match with Elec. 'A' with double wins for Lay and Huntington laying the foundation for a 6-4 win. Tommy Williams beat Steve Green 26-24, 18-21, 21-19, but lost to Jeff 8-21, 21-15, 21-18. Steve got his revenge over Tommy in the match against Elec. first team and added the valuable scalp of Phil Thomson for good measure. WL'B' went down 7-3 to Elec. 'A' in another close match, including four deuce in the third sets. Mick Tierney beat Tommy, 17, 14, 13.

Now for some good individual and team performances. Wav.Lab. 'A' beat Eng.

Elec. 8-2, winning seven singles. The teams met again a week later but this time Elec. won 7-3. Rob Bevan beat Phil Thomson again and also beat Fred Pheysey 4,15. Phil beat Colin Powell 11-5 and Fred beat Keith Fitzsimmons 17-9. Alec Sill won his two. Phil has had some great results this season and produced another exceptional performance against Rafters, beating Paul Ashcroft 11-16 and Eric Hardman 4-12. Fred Pheysey also beat Paul 6-20 but lost narrowly to Mike Mercer 21-23, 22-24. Together, Phil and Fred beat Paul and Mike 18 in the third and it was left for Sherlock and Watson to scrape home, 14, 19, 19 to give Rafters a 6-4 win. Peter Lee was one of the few to beat Keith Williams, with an impressive 21-11, 22-20 scoreline. Steve Green was a thorn in Rafters' side. He beat Eric Hardman (who's he?) 14,24 but lost 17,20 to Wayne Percival. Playing for the first team he beat Mike Mercer 23-21, 22-20 and Alan Timewell, 19, 18,18. Bill Harris beat Dave Roberts 18, 19, 19. Chris Ford beat Brian Crolley, 18, 17, 15 and Nigel Conquest 6, 10. Chris beat me twice, Harry Johnston and Peter Taylor - a good record against defenders. I have mixed feelings about the next comment, a win for Mabel Neary 18-15, 22-20 over yours truly. There are few people round the league who are more enthusiastic or put so much into their game as Mabel, who is still jumping around like a teenager. One of the game's great characters, she is never stuck for a comment. Do you remember that famous note headline "No draws in the Ladies Division". She attributes her success to her 'little book'. Great stuff, Mabel. Long may you continue, but let me win next time. John Henshaw beat Malcolm McEvoy 18, 20, 17. Paula French, just awarded her County badge, beat John Henshaw 10, 13, 17. Rod McPherson beat Dave Roberts, 13, 12, 10. Ahmed Thabet beat Billy Wardle 18, 10.

To close, here is a list of players who have impressed me during the season: Paul Ashcroft for his fine temperament and efficient play: Trevor Manning for his magnificent defence and modesty: Tony O'Connor for his fine record and personal psychology to raise his game when required: Paul Hutchings for his sheer effort and determination to succeed in his game: Lawrence Kenwright for his rapid progress and pleasant personality: Roy Smith for never knowing when he's beaten and his team and club loyalty: Keith Williams for his efficient play modesty and excellent temperament: Peter Flint for the pleasure of watching his superb stroke-play week after week: John Rankin for his spectacular play: Phil Thomson for an unforgettably brilliant performance against us: Bill Harris for his unswerving loyalty and dependability: Peter Lee for that unforgettable come-back against Peter Flint: Tommy Williams for his sheer effort and finally John Henshaw for still managing a cheerful disposition despite team difficulties.

Top Set Winners from cards received, won-lost, Tony O'Connor 38-4, Keith Williams 45-7, Eric Hardman 38-7, Phil Thomson 36-10, John Rankin 42-12, Paul Ashcroft 38-11, Roy Smith 41-13, Dave Roberts 46-16, Les French 36-18, Phil Luxon 38-22.

After the barrage of 'fiendly' abuse and solicitor's letters flying in my direction after the last Digest, with Trevor Owens spreading himself across the bar at the presentaiton dance to ensure that I received a sharp reminder of my cup prediction, with Mick Allen freely referred to as 'Yosser', I intend to tread warily in this issue.

Pride of place in this end of season report must be given to Trevor, Bob Edwards, Ray Lavin and Peter Wass (not to mention that promising youngster Ted Gilmour) of Plessey for their outstanding fight back from 2-4 against Jewish 'A' in the Rumjahn Cup Final, to well and truly 'soften' the cough of the writer, Trevor Owens led them from the top of the drawer in style, they rubbed salt in the Jewish wounds by pushing themselves into 3rd spot ahead of Jewish. The world of Jewish fell apart. Paul Morgan re-arranged his golf trophies to make space for the Rumjahn silverware - to no avail - and as correctly predicted, English Electric 'B' stole the runners-up spot in the final weeks, thanks to a 10-0 thrashing of Bootle 'A' that sent the Bootle side back in to Division Three. Jewish lost all confidence after their cup set-back and Bob Hudson resorted to his 'Transylvanian' teeth to frighten the opposition but exposed his weakness in the process. After three set-backs this season against 'Count' Hudson the writer in future will sport a crucifix in his serving hand and keep his bedroom window firmly closed!

Maghull held on to win all their matches for 203 points, Lady Luck was kind as they needed to field a reserve on only one occasion, in the drawn cup tie against Jewish. Ted Birch after taking Council's advise finally covered up his difficulty with a sheet of super-anti - leaving enough for his bat! he finished the season strongly did this "la-di-da old bloke" - a well judged quote from one of the Division's young rascals - just where has the respect gone! Mick (sorry Yosser) Allen has asked if you would stop sending the begging letters - it's only a rumour! Maghull won every match as Linnets did in the late fifties. The big 'E' goes to Bootle 'A', Rafter 'A', Electric 'C' and Electric Supply 'A', Rafters 'A' had the strength in depth to have avoided the drop but they appear a club going nowhere. They may have an outstanding first team but their remaining sides have all been disappointing this season. Rafters fielded 14 players which is the main reason that they will be playing in Division 3 next year. Bootle 'A' missed out by 4 points when it appeared likely that Bath St. 'A' would be relegated. Bootle 'A' will be looking closely at that 10-0 defeat by Electric 'B' with disappointment after a late rally that claimed victories over Trinity (6-4), Bath St. 'A' (7-3), Rafters (7-3) and Police (7-3) and Police (7-3) not to mention their narrow defeat against Maghull, they look a good bet a quick return. Electric 'C' lifted themselves off the bottom thanks to some good wins by Richie Cragg, he beat Dave Crispin, Brian Crolley, Paul Baker and Bob Edwards. Electric Supply 'A' collected the wooden spoon despite two late wins over Electric 'C' and Police.

In mid-table Huyton L.C. headed affairs 4 points behind Jewish. They have enjoyed their season with good cup performances and a healthy league position. Paul Kinsey and Mike Mahoney can only reap the rewards of this demanding season and Mike must have very nearly topped the division averages. Seventeen points behind Huyton came Alan Biggs and his men from Supply who were a side to be treated with care as their drawn matches against Huyton and Jewish demonstrate. Good wins in these matches from Alan Biggs against Ian Burrows and Peter Carney against Paul Kinsey. Trinity established themselves as the 'score draw' specialists by sharing nearly a third of the matches. I suppose the conclusion to be 'drawn' from this, is that Trinity lack determination and heat to the essentials. They should have finished in a higher position with both young (Martin and Dave Truman and vintage Hoad and Rosewall) quality players in their squad. Police shared 112 points with Trinity. The Bath St. policy of 'split strength' achieved very little of note except the retention of two sides in this division. With a more positive approach next season they could start as firm promotion favourites but that little task needs the expertise of a Michael Edwards!

Thanks are in order for a very competitive and enjoyable season played in a lively spirit with just the right amount of 'aggro' to add the essential colour. Long live 4-a-side.

Finally, the following results need to be digested:- Peter Holmes bt. Frank McCann; Wally Lewis bt. Peter Carney & Peter Ross; Alan Kelly and Don Davies bt. Ted Birch; Rob Peverall bt. Kevin Parker; Trevor Owens bt. Mike Mercer (twice); Frank McCann bt. Alan : Sue Hughes bt. Val Franco; George Wright bt. Peter Ross; Less Evans bt. Tom Killip; Tom Downing bt. Don Davies; John McLaughlin bt. Dave Ferguson. Some very good performances amongst this little lot, so who said our game was predictable.

### DIVISION 3A

BRIAN LEESON

Congratulations must first be given to the Cadwa team of Neil Gravener, Ken Hartley, Trevor Hughes and Peter Dobbs for deservedly winning our division by a convincing margin of points. Promoted with the Cadwa four will be, not unexpectedly, the Vernon Sangster 'B' side, which achieved also some very commendable results. Their four regulars Sue Manning, Ian Wensley, Paula French and Steve Gittins, held the champions to a draw in a recent match. Paula winning her two singles, while Neil won his two for the away side. Good luck to both teams when they take on the second division sides next season.

When the third and fourth placed teams met at Eng.Elec. the result was an honourable draw, Jimmy Lynch beating Ted Barnes and Bobby Owen, while Tommy Johnstone beat Dave Croot and Wally Sill. E.E. 'D' almost achieved a surprise result against Cadwa, when Jimmy Lynch beat Neil Gravener and Ken Hartley and won his doubles while Pete Scarisbrick registered a very good win 26-24; 28-26 over the Cadwa Captain, Trevor Hughes. Cadwa still managed to win the match 6-4.

Argot finished in a very respectable position. Their side consisted usually of Billy Hargreaves, Steve Ward, Dave Williams and Mike Elson with Geoff Blackburn more than a hopeful reserve they proved very difficult to beat, although in their match against Trinity 'A', the Trinity side were two players short, which of course helped Argot to a 6-4 win, Billy Hargreaves remained their most successful player and naturally when he loses, it makes news, Ken Hartley (Cadwa) and Steve Collins (Kirkby) recorded wins against Billy, but very few other players came close.

The mid-table sides Maghull 'B' (Rod Bulmer, John Armstrong, Ray Tagg and Chris Roberts) Kirkby (Steve Collins, Norman Challoner, Neil Travis and Ian Douglas) Trinity 'A' (Ken Foulkes, Alan Dobbs, Dave Southworth and Joan Monaghan plus several reserves) and Elec.Supply 'B' (John Moore, Arthur Harrison, Alan Leigh and Graham Williams) all contributed some interesting results and between them, they took several important and decisive points off the top teams.

The bottom quintet all took points off teams much higher than themselves in the final table. Colonsay 'A' has a disappointing season after a promising start, their team Harry Nelson, Dave Piper, Derek Goodwin and Brian Leeson could not all play regularly during the second half of the season and reserves were called for on many matches, which seemed to upset the team's performances. Derek Goodwin's consistent good form won many points, for example vs.Eng.Elec. 'D' he beat Dave Croot and Ro Craddock, vs Kirkby he beat Steve Collins and Neil Travis. Dave Piper registered two good wins in the drawn match against Bath St. 'C', another struggling team. Steve Baker won his two singles in this fixture. The Bath St. team usually consisted of Reg.Edwards, Steve Baker, Karen Gibson and Dave Cunningham, but they had to turn out reserves from time to time.

Liverpool Jewish 'B' just escaped the relegation places and their regular four John Finnegan, Steve Graham, George Files and Mal Green, deserve credit for their efforts. Mal Green in particular had some very good wins to his name in the latter part of the season, including victories over Mike Elson and Dave Williams of Argot, Karen Gibson and Steve Baker of Bath St. and in the two fixtures against Elec.Supply 'B', Mal beat Arthur Harrison twice, Moore and Williams.

The two teams to be relegated, Police 'A' and Courtaulds have also taken points off some of the top teams during the season. Police drew with Eng.Elec. 'D', third in the final table when each of their players won one singles and then added the second doubles. Jimmy Lynch of Electric won his singles in this match and with his partner Wally Sill also took the doubles. The usual Police team of George Wright, Alan Wood, Richie Winkle and Alby Baker must have a chance of a quick return to the third division after next season. Courtaulds have kept their place at the foot of the table all season, but their team Colin

Jackie Wilson adding a bit of glamour amongst the beasts, and a fair share of wins. Job Centre on the other hand cannot claim any great deal of experience having only joined the league fairly recently, however, as one who has seen them from the start, I can vouch for the amount of very hard work they have put in to improve their playing ability. If they have a weakness it must be that they are not all prepared to get their heads down and work hard against opponents who make the going difficult, I must exclude Tony McDonald from that criticism, he is prepared to stay at the table all night to win a point, a very formidable opponent is Tony, still good luck to him and Sylvia and the two Dave's in the Third Division next year.

Maghull 'C' finished third as expected, however, this was not a good season for Dave Barry's merry men, they really should have been much closer to the top two, but defeats by Trinity 'B' and University really upset their calculations. Interesting that both of those venues were 'dry' and everybody knows that the Maghull boys don't start to play until they have a pint in their hands.

Vagabonds 'A' finished a creditable fourth, Gordon Langshaw's service proved too much for some of the better players in the division, and with Ken Roberts and John Gratton playing with more confidence and Mark Whittaker's aggression they proved a quite useful combination. University finished in fifth place after a remarkable second half to the season, in January they were next to bottom but they then decided to produce their strongest line-up with Parker, Denison and Montague and the delectable Melanie Ringrose, had they played that combination all year the top of the division might well have looked different.

Only eight points separated the next five teams, Trinity 'B' and Eng.Elec. 'F' will probably be somewhat disappointed with this season, both teams started the season quite well, but fell off towards the end both teams tending to call on reserves in the final run in. Cadwa 'B' must give Mike Powers some support if they intend to challenge for promotion next season, his talent is wasted without support. That is not a criticism of Jack and Dave Power, or Dave Stokes, but I am sure they will agree that Mike should be playing in a higher division.

Maghull 'E' and Warwick Bolam have both done quite well in their first season out of Division 5 and will be looking for some improvement in their positions next year. Barker & Dobson managed to avoid relegation despite finishing on level points with next to bottom Rafters 'B' because of winning one match more, I hope they can sort out their premises before the start of the next season.

I still cannot understand how Rafters 'B' managed to get themselves relegated, Alan Nisted, Jerry O'Keefe and Clive Roberts are far too good to be facing a season in Division 5 next year, perhaps this result may make Rafters club look a little more closely at their method of ranking next year.

Vagabonds 'C' will be more at home in Division 5 where a season without pressure will give them time to sort out their team, they really must turn



out four players each week conceding walk-overs really does make the game difficult. Talking about walk-overs, having done so well for most of the season there was a sudden rush of walk-overs Cadwa failed to appear against University, Barker & Dobson and University failed to get together this season each claiming a walk-over against the other, not good folks, then to round off the season Vagabonds 'B' and 'C' gave walk-overs to Bootle 'B' and Maghull 'E' respectively.

I was very disappointed to see so few players from the division at the Annual dance again, those who did attend enjoyed a splendid night and it is a very good way to end the season.

Finally the players who saved their sides from a whitewash, Ken Black, Eng.Elec. 'F' beat Mike Gallagher, Vags. 'B' 14-21; 21-15; 21-15. Jerry O'Keefe, Rafters 'B' beat Steve Banks, Maghull 'E' 21-14; 21-11; Margaret Collins, Eng.Elec. 'F' beat Melanie Ringrose, University 21-17; 14-21; 23-21. Neil Harrison, University beat Ian Andrews, Rafters 'B' 21-15; 14-21; 21-18. Dave Batty, Vags. 'C' beat Colin Owen, Warwick Bolam 21-16; 21-10. Dave Davies, Warwick Bolam beat Sylvia Graham, Bootle J.C. 21-23; 21-16; 21-16. John Moningham and Peter Woodburn, Barker & Dobson beat Brian Aldred and Jackie Wilson, Bootle 'B' 21-17; 22-20; Dave Batty and Andy Tate, Vags. 'C' beat Dave Burton and Sylvia Graham, Bootle J.C. 21-15; 15-21; 21-17; Fred O'Sullivan and Peter Groves, Barker & Dobson beat Dave Batty and Andy Howarth, Maghull 'C' 21-15; 24-22. There were two more results worthy of note, Alby Parker, Eng.Elec. beat Mark Whittaker and John Grattan of Vags. 'A' and Dave Batty, Vags. 'C' beat Kwami Obodai and Ian Andrews Rafters 'B'. That's all for now I look forward to seeing you all next season.

#### DIVISION 4B

KEN ARMSON

With Mike Griffiths away on honeymoon recuperating after his team's successful season as champions and as writing notes can be considered pretty dull stuff after a honeymoon, I am standing in for this issue. Congrats. to the happy couple with the hope that their life together will be as successful as this season has been for Trinity. Mike may have given up his freedom as well as his predictions, but his comments on the importance of 10-0's and 9-1's for championship hopefuls have been proved correct so far as this division is concerned. Trinity emerged as winners from a very closely fought battle and the result was in doubt right up to the finish. Colonsay 'B' pulled back and came within touching distance of the title only to fall away at a crucial stage and failed to even qualify for promotion. Their eventual lack of consistency in the run-in when they dropped enough sets in relatively easy matches to have won the title contrasted sharply with their battering of Trinity 8-2 to inflict on them their first defeat. Plessey maintained their grip on promotion, but as with Colonsay it was their shortage of big wins that cost them the title. They did succeed in winning the Forrest Cup, but unfortunately this was on a technical knock-out when the other two semi-finalists were ruled out for a breach of rules.

If any team can lay claim to having had most say in the eventual choice of champions it is Wav.Lab. 'D'. They never really got going and strengthened the team when it was too late. Nevertheless they defeated Plessey's and Maghull 'D' and took four sets from Colonsay 'B', and then, as if it had all been too much for them, they surrendered tamely to a Trinity team who arrived expecting the worst and left with an easy 9-1 victory. Full marks to Trinity for an all round performance that recognised the need for big wins if they were to be champions. Mike Corcoran eventually emerged as their best player losing only three sets, he will also top the 4B averages. Runners-up Plessey 'A' and Colonsay 'B' had little to choose between any players with everyone turning in good averages. Maghull 'D' also turned in good performances, but lacked the ability to raise their game when playing the stronger teams. Jeff Banks was a bit disappointed at being pushed down into fourth place, but with the strong teams above them theirs was a good performance, particularly when you consider the next nearest team was 24 points adrift of them. They worked hard and beat the minnows comfortably, but were suspect against the stronger teams.

Wav.Lab. 'D', Courtaulds 'A', V.Sang. 'D' and Rafters 'C' held their mid-table positions without any real threat from the rest and can all reflect on the fact that they had a hand in the finishing order of the top four. Good performances for Wav. from John Ashley with late-comer Ian Black showing that had he been drafted in sooner they could have finished higher. For Courts. 'A' Eddie Preston was very consistent at No.1 and for Rafters 'C', Jean Reynolds proving again that experience can be a good sets winner. Best performance for V.Sang.came from Gary Daw and Paul Beesley.

The struggle at the bottom end became a no contest when only one team became due for relegation with the withdrawal of Courts. 'B'. This dubious honour fell to Kirkby 'A' who found themselves thrown in at the deep end to learn to swim. That they did learn something is borne out by their sets haul in the second half which was double the first half. Their best moment was near the end when they recorded their first win with a 6-4 against Jewish 'D' to avenge an earlier 7-3 defeat. They won one set each with Peter Lee gaining a fine treble to seal victory for them. Unfortunately they blotted their copybook by conceding a 10-0 w/o to Cadwa 'C' in their final match.

Eng.Elec. 'G' may not have set the division on fire, but they were easy winners of the consistency award having made use of only 3 reserves. This put them in 3rd place in the league. In first place for anyone interested were Eng.Elec. 'B' with their 'C' team in fourth. Not a bad record for Eng.Elec. club.

Although the withdrawal of Courts. 'B' put Cadwa 'C' and Jewish 'D' safe from relegation they will find themselves back at the bottom again next season if they cannot strengthen their teams. Some useful teams will be promoted from the fifth and it would be unwise for them to consider this as anything more than a reprieve.

Best performances for the lower teams have come from Ted McGiveron and Les

Harper for Eng.Elec. 'G'. Ken Dutch for Jewish 'D'. For Colonsay 'C' another steady performance from Muriel Cox who could demand a higher ranking, but is content to look after the juniors which is not always the easiest or most rewarding of tasks.

For Cadwa, Les Griffin twice saved a whitewash with a good win against Mike Griffiths of Trinity and another good win against Ian Blore of Plessey. Cadwa seem to specialise in this with Neil Hodson doing it again, beating Pauline Lawrenson of Rafters. In a rare appearance for Colonsay 'C', Heather Stirrup left Mike Griffiths to again be a lone loser for his team. Against Rafters 'C', all female team Wav.Lab. 'D' Captain Bill Stanley lost both his sets in an 8-2 defeat. In this match nine sets went to three and Bill lost two of them, the other seven going his team's way. He is laying claim to the hard luck story of the season beating Sue Smith 21-19 in the first, only to lose the next two game 22 and game 23. Rafters came a close second to Elec. in the consistency league using a reserve only five times. They definitely rank as the best home team by virtue of the high standard of their refreshments. Too many teams find providing refreshments a bore and make varied excuses to get out of it. If more teams took the trouble to follow Rafters example, then matches would be all the more enjoyable. Well done girls.

If you have found these hastily written notes boring, blame Mike for going off on honeymoon. If you have found them to your liking then tell Mike to go on his honeymoon more often.

#### DIVISION 5

E.CAMERON

New club, Fords, as expected, finished up double winners, they asserted themselves from the start of the season, led the league throughout and finally won the Stamp Cup without losing a match. In the League they drew two against Waterloo Park and Wavertree Labour, their hardest match could well have been the semi-final against Waterloo which they won 6-4 having lost four of their singles. The Stamp Cup final was a bit of an anti-climax, Brownmoor Park 'B' having done well to reach the final suffered a blow when they discovered that their star player Tony Luxford was ineligible. The weakened Brownmoor Park team went down 9-1.

Fords main team appeared to be Arthur and Mark Pierce, D.Garbe and B.Proffitt but others appearing quite regularly included W.Proffitt, P.Cunningham, J.Wilson, P.Fleming, B.Polhill and F.Stalker and as you can see from their results it did not matter a great deal which players turned out, they were all capable of winning. Shift working is a problem in fielding a settled team, Waterloo eased Maghull 'G' out of second place to ensure fourth division table tennis next season; at full strength Waterloo were probably the only team in the Division capable of mounting a sustained challenge for the leadership, unfortunately they were not able to field their full team consistently, however they will be happy enough to have secured promotion.

Maghull 'G' will equally be disappointed at their one point failure, they and Waterloo each won seventeen matches but Maghull with six defeats lost one match fewer than Waterloo, under the old points system they would have finished second. There is a vacancy in a higher division and no doubt Maghull will be keeping their fingers crossed for next season.

It is interesting to note that Waterloo lost seven matches and finished a mere twenty points above eighth placed Argot, Fords apart therefore we had probably the tightest scramble for points than for many years.

In my trips around this season I broke new ground at Carnegie, possibly the most unusual clubroom in the league. The room is an observation post for the swimming bath, when we went, there were some swimmers in action but none were putting more effort into it than the Carnegie team did for their table tennis. Billy Halvorsen, Alex Fasting, Peter Ellison, Gary Baker, George Mealey, Tommy McMahon and Billy Baker make up their squad, giving everybody a game probably weakened their potential but there was no doubt that they all enjoyed their table tennis and are more than happy with their lot.

Maghull 'F' have finished well below their 'G' team, they are quite happy about that, the fifth division is just the job for them and they know that they will take over the title of 'G' team next year but will continue to operate in Division 5. They are all characters in this team which enjoys its table tennis provided it does not clash with the Social Evening their matches have become. They can boast the longest serving player in the league, Alan Rycroft is sixty eight years young and still causes many problems to the younger players. T.Mullin, R.Cockcroft and R.Newsham make up the regulars and there is no more welcoming place than Maghull 'F's rookery nook of a room in the Community Centre.

My own team Electric Supply is another one operating from a pool of players and thoroughly enjoying ourselves in the process, there are six in our squad, masterminded by Monica O'Donnell who chases us up, provides and makes the tea, stands in at short notice if necessary, a sort of general factotum. Pete Barton is team captain, I think, he keeps the scorebook, but we never know what position we will be playing in or when we will be called on. I think it is all a throw back from earlier seasons when Pete was the only male in the team and they tried to humour him. Pete likes to hit the ball and is keen on angles, in one recent game at Maghull he met a similar player and they appeared to agree to stand on opposite sides (not ends) of the table and hammer away, we were thinking of serving the tea and biscuits on the other halves. Marie Lupton, Lil Wynne and Joyce Barton add the glamour and are the backbone of the team, Marie has all round ability, Lil, not without ability, has a fighting determination to let nothing pass, Joyce keeps plugging away and surprises many of her opponents by letting them beat themselves rather than looking for her own winners. I also appear in this team (note the careful avoidance of the

word play) Pete would disagree with anything I said about myself but I can tell you that I have enjoyed my table tennis this year, I have enjoyed meeting you all and look forward to next season.

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### THE LIVERPOOL CLOSED TOURNAMENT

The seeding for the Men's Singles put Keith Williams at number one and Trevor Manning at number two, but when both players met in the final, Trevor's defensive techniques overcame Keith's attacking efforts and a new champion was duly acclaimed, Trevor claiming the title for the first time.

Paul Hutchings, seeded three, reached his expected place in the Semi-Final, but seed number four, Eric Hardman, was eliminated in convincing fashion in round 4 by Steve Green, 11 and 17. Steve also beat Brian Davey in three games before losing in the Semi-Final to Keith Williams, 13 and 11.

Dave Roberts expected to do well, lost in an early round narrowly to Lawrence Kenwright, while Mal McEvoy progressed through four rounds before meeting Trevor Manning and lost 13 and 19.

Rob Bevan registered a commendable list of wins, 12 and 16 over Fred Pheysey, 14 and 7 over P.Wilkinson, 19 and 13 over Alan Timewell and then 18-19, 19 over John Rankin before losing to Paul Hitchings, 19 and 15.

The Doubles saw Paul Hitchings and John Rankin retain their title without too much trouble. Manning/Timewell had beaten Thomson/Pheysey 18 and 19 in the Quarters before losing to Paul and John in the Semi.

Paul Ashcroft/Michael Mercer lost in the Quarter Finals to Peter Lee/Eric Hardman, who in turn then lost in the Semi to Keith Williams/Malcolm McEvoy, Keith and Mal had earlier beaten the strong pairing of Brian Davey/Graham Parr.

The Women's Singles was remarkable in that both the top seeds were eliminated before the Final, Suzanne Manning by the eventual winner Brenda Buoey, 17, 13-13, and Barbara Kirkman by the runner-up, Mabel Neary, 20-22; 21-12; 12-21. Mabel also beat Joan Monaghan 14 and 8 before losing in the Final to Brenda. Brenda had earlier defeated Sue Hughes 15 and 14.

The Veteran's Singles provided its share of surprise results, including the defeat of last year's winner, Fred Pheysey, by Harry Johnson. Harry also had a very narrow win over Les French before losing to the new title holder, Peter Taylor in the last round.

Dave Wilson, even with back trouble, managed to put together an impressive string of wins over John Higham, Jack Davidson, Val Franco and Bill Harris before losing in the Semi to Peter Taylor. In the Junior Event, Michael Mercer seeded two, lost to Les Molyneux, who then beat Lawrence Kenwright, Les then in the Final lost to the new Junior Champion, Paul Ashcroft.

The restricted was won by Jimmy Lynch who beat Arthur Pierce.

I must put on record my sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of this Closed Tournament, players and officials alike, and in particular a special thank you must be given to those forty players who gave a voluntary contribution towards the Tournament costs. £75 was donated and this generous amount will help to ensure that the financial side of this year's event will be equally successful.

Brian Leeson

<u>SEMI-FINALS - MEN'S SINGLES</u>	- (a) Trevor Manning v Paul Hutchings 22-20, 21-15
	(b) Keith Williams v Steve Green 21-13, 21-11
<u>JUNIOR FINAL</u>	- Paul Ashcroft v Les Molyneux 21-17, 21-19
<u>VETERANS' SINGLES FINAL</u>	- Peter Taylor v Harry Johnston 12-21, 21-15, 21-16
<u>RESTRICTED SINGLES FINAL</u>	- Jimmy Lynch v Arthur Pierce 21-18, 21-10
<u>WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL</u>	- Suzanne Manning Brenda Buoev
	and v and 21-16, 21-18
	Paula French Sue Hughes
<u>MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL</u>	- Paul Hutchings Keith Williams
	and v and 21-10, 21-12
	John Rankin Malcolm McEvoy
<u>WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL</u>	- Brenda Buoev v Mabel Neary 21-11, 21-14
<u>MEN'S SINGLES FINAL</u>	- (a) Trevor Manning v (b) Keith Williams
	22-20, 21-10

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: To H.E.R.Hauliers (Phil Luxon), Speke Hall Road, for their generous sponsorship of this Tournament.

Hon. Referee - Brian Leeson

#### THE MERSEYSIDE DUNLOP OPEN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1983

The disappointingly small number of entries for this year's Open was compensated for by the high quality of play in the various events and many fascinating and entertaining games were witnessed. Several Liverpool based players were perhaps unexpectedly given the opportunity to test their skills against some of the country's leading players with interesting results. These comments, in fact highlight our local players progress in the championships.

The top seed Philip Bradbury from Aylesbury, ranked No.9 in England accounted for John Rankin 17 and 15, and demolished Billy Wardle 7 and 11, while Alan Fletcher ranked No.25 the eventual winner of the tournament, claimed as one of his victims Julian Quirk 12 and 15. Malcolm McEvoy found Kevin Beadsley much too good for him, losing 7 and 5, but Graham Parr had a magnificent win over Derek Schofield 21-16; 22-20 before losing in the Quarter Finals to Nigel Eckersley 13 and 19.

Wayne Percival came through three rounds before losing to Roy Frankland of Fleetwood 17 and 15.

The doubles event provided some encouraging performances by locals including Paul Hutchings/John Rankins magnificent win over Pete D'Arcy/Stephen Scowcroft 18 and 6. Paul and John then lost in the Quarters to Beadsley and Eckersley, 16 and 19, but not without a fight.

Graham Parr and Brian Davey won through four rounds before losing to Steve Mills and Alan Fletcher in the Semi-Final 17 and 18. Mills and Fletcher had earlier beaten Phil Thomson and Julian Quirk but our local pair had the satisfaction of going to three games.

The outstanding results in the Veterans Singles must surely be Peter Taylor's close win over Jack Evans 9-21; 21-16; 22-20 followed by a most convincing win over the second seed, Peter D'Arcy 10 and 10 in the Semi-Final. Peter lost to Derek Schofield in the final, but he did extremely well to reach that stage.

Kristina Cox was the only Liverpool registered player to take part in the two Womens' Events, losing in the first round of the singles to the eventual finalist, Karen Groves and also losing in the first round of the Doubles with a 'scratch' partner.

Brian Leeson

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#### CUP FINALS

STAMP: FORD 9 BROWNMOOR PARK 1

If they needed one Fords had an early bonus as the Park number one had been declared ineligible by the Management Committee. So Dave Garge and Arthur Pierce were awarded walk-overs and David and Billy had a doubles win - 3-0, Garge beat M.Blackburn 9 and 16; Arthur beat A.Blackburn 14 and 16; Billy Proffitt beat H.Blackburn 14 and 16 and T.Mathias 17 and 19. Mark Pierce beat A.Blackburn 17 and 15 and lost to T.Mathias 19 and 7. Arthur and Mark beat Blackburn and Mathias 9 and 13.

An early night for all at the Electric Supply Club with Eddie Cameron in charge and John McKim presenting the trophies.

FORREST: WINNERS PLESSEY

Ron McEvoy, Ray Austen, Stan Harvey, Ian Blore. As Bootle Job Centre and Bootle Sports Centre played ineligible players in the semi-finals, Plessey's automatically won the trophy despite an appeal by Dave Wilson of the Sports Centre.

HYDE: CADWA 4 VERNON SANGSTER 'B' 6

Pete Dobbs lost to Sue Manning 23-21; 18-21; 14-21. Neil Gravener lost to Ian Wensley (who had changed to wood) 16 and 18 a crunchie win this one. Trevor Hughes lost to Steve Gittins 17 and 13, Neil beat Paula French 19 and 18. The immaculate Ken Hartley lost to Sue Manning 15 and 15; Trevor Hughes beat Paula French who was hitting them really hard 19 and 16 (score 2-4). Peter lost to

Ian 17 and 11, Peter and Ken beat Ian and Paula 11 and 14. Neil and Trevor lost to Sue and Steve 18-21; 22-20; 14-21 and Vernons had won the cup. Ken Hartley beat Steve Gittins 15 and 16. Stan Clarke was the official in charge at Liverpool YMCA with Jack Lambert presenting the trophies. Who couldn't find the key or the table or the net then!?

#### RUMJAHN: LIVERPOOL JEWISH 'A' 4 PLESSEYS 6

Trevor Owens beat Roy Bradbury 12 and 12 and Ian Burrows 18 and 8, Roy beat Ray Lavin 13 and 20, Jim McMilland beat Peter Wass 19-21; 21-12; 21-18; Roy and Bob Hudson beat Ray and Bob Edwards 19 and 14 and 9. Jewish have a comfortable 4-2 lead, then a key game and fought as though Ian and Bob knew that the crunch was on them won 19-21; 21-18; 21-19. Bob Hudson lost to Roy 15 and 15 (4-4), Ian & Jim lost to Trevor and Roy 15 and 16. It's all on Jim McMillam and Bob Edwards. First blood to Jim 13 but second and third to Bob 16 and 14. Quite a game at the Vernon Sangster Club with Alex Gould in charge and our Chairman Arthur Upton introducing Ted Rumjahn who presented the trophies and who was accompanied by Kay and Janet.

#### READMAN: RAFTERS 3 BOOTLE 6

A tough and exciting start Eric Hardman losing to Paul Hutchings 23-21; 10-21; 13-21. Trevor Manning beat Ricki Brown 11 and 8. Wayne Percival lost to Tony O'Connor 11 and 7, Trevor beat Lawrence Kenwright 9 and 7. Paul Ashcroft lost to Tony 16 and 13; Eric lost to Lawrence 14-21; 21-14; 16-21 with a problem or two for the umpire! Paul and Trevor lost to Paul H and Rikki Brown 19 and 14, Wayne and Eric beat Tony and Lawrence 21-15; 10-21; 21-16. The decider came with Wayne losing to Paul 15 and 22 and a 6-3 win and first cup triumph for Bootle. Played at English Electric with Alex Gould in charge and Arthur Upton presenting the trophies.

Whatever happened to our full houses and FINALS WEEK. Although in fairness the support was reasonably good.

I thought it was a good decision by the Captains in the Readman final to play to a decision. I have seen so many finals peter out to an anti-climax - quite often at weird and wonderful hours.

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Lack of space excluded these items from the last Digest:-

#### TABLE EDGES

What a great performance by Keith Williams (Huyton Leisure). Paul Hutchings and Tony O'Connor (Bootle Leisure) the Liverpool first team who have reached the Quarter Final of the Wilmot Cup.

And so we say farewell to Palmerston - previously Mossley Hill with shades of John O'Sullivan and Bob Hudson. Palmerston now rightly become Huyton Leisure



## TABLE EDGES (Continued)

Centre, with Brian Davey doing a great job in seeing the club prosper through a few ticklish situations over the past couple of years.

Welcome home Tony O'Connor - it didn't take you long to prove you are a great player.

Congratulations to John Rankin and Debbie on their recent engagement, and how about Mike Griffiths of Trinity despite continuous warnings from Mike Corcoran and Mal Clarke, Sue still married him - Congratulations and every happiness to you both.

A point to note - as many of you know Table Tennis News is good value at £6 for 8 issues post free from The E.I.T.A., 21 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex.

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### GORDON

Stan Clarke expressed our thoughts, feelings and regret at the loss of our good friend and fellow player Gordon Brownlee admirably, but I feel it would be remiss of me as Vice President, Editor and Jack Lambert not to associate myself with Stan's remarks and also say that Liverpool Table Tennis has lost one of the nicest, most pleasant and competent of our players. The full church indicated the esteem and affection in which he was held.

He recently assisted me with an article on Bootle YMCA, his first love, and I will miss our little chats in the paddock at Goodison. It was our pleasure and privilege to have known and played with Gordon, to his wife, son (Peter still plays with us) and daughter we share your sadness at the premature loss to us all of a great bloke.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

29th March 1983  
Dear Jack,

53 Vineside Road

Just a note to you as Editor of the Digest to state the events that took place last night at the Board of Appeal.

The Appeal made by the Bootle Sports Centre in respect of being disqualified from the Forest Cup was turned down by the Board on the grounds that one of their players was illegible under Rule 7 of the Cup Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

K.Jones

I think Ted Mandaluff will find the following facts more than answer his query in a previous Digest:-

READMAN CUP WINNERS

Balfour 7	Royal Liver 1
L'pool YMCA 7	Ennismore 1
Wavertree Labour 6	Roften 1
15 Crosby Scouts 4	Gt.Crosby 1
English Electric 4	Linnets 1
Clubmoor 3	Bootle YMCA 1
Rafters 3	Colonsay 1
City 3	Bootle S.C. 1
Bohemians 2	

DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Balfour 11	Grove House 1
L'pool YMCA 10	Lucem 1
Eng.Elec. 5	Ennismore 1
Rafters 5	Huyton 1
Wavertree Labour 4	B'head YMCA 1
Hatton 4	Oakhill 1
City 3	15th Crosby Scouts 1
Clubmoor 2	

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OVER 50's

At the Kirkby Sports Centre on May 19th an Over 50's competition was held. In the Semi-Finals, Tom Killip (Trinity) beat Mal Cray (Bath St.) 21-16; 23-21 and Eric Ferguson (Bath St.) beat Ken Ainsworth (Linacre) 21-16; 21-14. In the final Tom beat Eric 19 and 14 and received a magnificent trophy presented by the Sports Council and Eric received a plaque, all competitors received a medal.

Norman Challinor who organised the competition would like to know what the feeling is about having an Annual Tournament. Comments or ideas to

the Digest, Kirkby Sports or Norman himself and he promises he will not hold it on the same night as the A.G.M. next year.

### MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Although the Committee dropped the Liverpool Junior 'A' team and entered only 4 teams, Men's, Men's 'A', Ladies and Juniors in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, it was decided that the top three juniors would form the Men's 'A' team and the Junior team would comprise of the next three juniors following the City Trials. This decision turned out to be fully justified as far as the Junior team was concerned as they finished as Champions of Division 2.

It was the Men's team though that showed a marked improvement finishing in 3rd place having forced a draw against Champions Preston and also with runners-up Bolton. The introduction of Bootle's Tony O'Connor for the Preston match (Paul Hutchings being on holiday in Spain) seemed to put a sparkle and will to win back into the team which resulted in an excellent run in the Wilmott Cup, reaching the Quarter-finals for the first time in over thirty years. After eliminating the holders Preston 5-3 in the opening round, victories at Fleetwood and Stockport followed both 5-3 before falling at home to the 1981 beaten finalists Northumberland, albeit rather unluckily. I am convinced that an appalling stroke of misfortune denied us a place in the semi-finals as only ten minutes before the start of the match, Tony O'Connor suffered a sudden illness and was unable to play, his place being taken by Peter Lee for his first First team match for three years.

Despite leading 2-1 and 3-2 we were unable to add another set and Peter McQueen, Ian Robertson (both ranked in England) and Neil McMaster made the long trip back to Newcastle relieved but happy with their 5-3 success and a semi-final meeting with Chesterfield.

The usually reliable Ladies team finished in 5th place although losing only to Champions Preston and surprise runners-up Warrington. After marrying in January, Barbara Kirkman decided to take a break from City play, her place being taken by four times Ladies Closed Champion, Brenda Buoeu (nee Williams) who made a successful return to competitive play and along with club-mates Paula French and Sue Manning played in the last six matches of the season.

The Men's 'A' team narrowly escaped relegation finishing next to bottom in Division 2 jointly with Bolton 'A' with an identical sets and points tally. However with only one team being relegated they live to fight another season although it remains to be seen whether the policy of playing only juniors is continued. After a number of impressive victories, Phil Thomson 'forced' the selectors to include him in the team when it became evident that one or two juniors were struggling at this level. Paul Ashcroft played in every match in his last season as a Junior and Lawrence Kenwright also made an impression.

Les Molyneux, Adam Bennion and Graham Fletcher will all be eligible for the junior team next season and with no other obvious candidates coming through they will be likely to do service in the Junior Division 1 team.

### LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE RESULTS

<u>MEN</u>			<u>MEN'S 'A'</u>		
Bolton	(h)	5-5	Farnworth	(h)	4-6
Bury	(a)	8-2	Bolton 'A'	(a)	6-4
Preston	(a)	5-5	Preston 'A'	(h)	3-7
Stockport	(h)	4-6	Blackburn	(h)	4-6
Rochdale	(h)	8-2	Barrow	(a)	2-8
Manchester	(a)	4-6	Lytham	(h)	8-2
Wirral	(a)	7-3	Warrington	(a)	3-7
 <u>LADIES</u>			 <u>JUNIORS</u>		
Preston	(a)	1-9	Mid.Lancs.	(a)	9-1
Warrington	(h)	3-7	Farnworth	(h)	9-1
Bury	(h)	9-1	Wirral	(a)	10-0
Oldham	(a)	5-5	Macclesfield	(h)	10-0
Southport	(a)	6-4	Ellesmere Port	(a)	6-4
Macclesfield	(h)	5-5			

### NATIONAL LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Wilmott Cup (Men)</u>			<u>J.M.Rose Bowl (Ladies)</u>			<u>Carter Cup (Boys)</u>		
Preston	(h)	5-3	Bury	(h)	5-1	Ellesmere Port	(a)	6-0
Fleetwood	(a)	5-3	Bradford	(a)	0-5	Bradford	(h)	2-5
Stockport	(a)	5-3						
Northumberland	(h)	3-5						

### NORMAN COOK MEMORIAL TROPHY

Warrington (h) 2-5

### CITY TEAM APPEARANCES

<u>MEN</u>		<u>MEN'S 'A'</u>		<u>LADIES</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>	
K.Williams	(12)	P.Ashcroft	(7)	P.French	(8)	A.Bennion	(5)
P.Hutchings	(11)	L.Molyneux	(3)	S.Manning	(7)	L.Kenwright	(6)
A.O'Connor	(9)	P.Thomson	(3)	B.Buoey	(7)	D.Riley	(2)
J.Rankin	(4)	L.Kenwright	(3)	B.Kirkman	(2)	G.Fletcher	(3)
P.Lee	(1)	D.Riley	(4)			L.Molyneux	(3)
		P.Lee	(1)				

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	D	Pts
Rafters	26	25	1	-	217
Bootle	26	23	3	-	194
Wav.Lab.	26	18	7	1	175
V.Sangster	26	20	4	2	169
Huyton L.C.	26	19	7	-	168
Eng.Elec.	26	13	10	3	147
L'pool Y.M.	26	10	13	3	130
Wav.Lab.'A'	26	10	13	3	126
V.Sang.'A'	26	8	16	2	105
Maghull	26	7	18	1	93
Eng.Elec.'A'	26	7	18	1	90
Wav.Lab.'B'	26	4	20	2	77
L'pool Y.M.'A'	26	4	21	1	66
L'pool Jewish	26	3	20	3	63

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	Pts
Maghull 'A'	26	26	-	-	203
Eng.Elec. 'B'	26	21	4	1	172
Plessey	26	17	5	4	163
L'pool Jewish 'A'	26	16	6	4	161
Huyton L.C.'A'	26	16	6	4	157
Elec.Supply	26	13	8	5	140
Bath St.	26	14	11	1	134
Trinity	26	5	13	8	112
Police	26	6	14	6	112
Bath St. 'A'	26	7	15	4	110
Bootle 'A'	26	8	17	1	106
Rafters 'A'	26	6	18	2	96
Eng.Elec. 'C'	26	2	22	2	80
Elec.Supply 'A'	26	3	21	2	74

DIVISION 3A	P	W	L	D	Pts
Cadwa	26	24	1	1	217
V.Sang.'B'	26	23	1	2	206
Eng.Elec.'D'	26	13	6	7	155
Vagabonds	26	16	7	3	152
Argot	26	15	7	4	151
Maghull 'B'	26	13	11	2	137
Kirkby	26	14	10	2	137
Trinity 'A'	26	12	12	2	126
Elec.Supply 'B'	26	9	13	4	125
Colonsay 'A'	26	5	14	7	103
Bath St. 'C'	26	7	15	4	100
L'pool Jewish 'B'	26	6	16	4	95
Police 'A'	26	3	21	2	70
Courtaulds	26	-	26	-	46

DIVISION 3B	P	W	L	D	Pts
Brownmoor Pk.	26	24	1	1	199
Colonsay	26	21	2	3	194
Linacre	26	13	10	3	160
Wav.Lab. 'C'	26	16	7	3	160
V.Sangster 'C'	26	15	6	5	158
Bath St. 'B'	26	18	8	-	157
L'pool Y.M. 'B'	26	16	4	6	154
Bath St. 'E'	26	7	17	2	114
Cadwa 'A'	26	9	13	4	114
L'pool Jewish 'C'	26	6	17	3	104
Bath St. 'D'	26	8	15	3	102
Aigburth	26	5	17	4	87
Eng.Elec. 'E'	26	3	20	3	85
Aigburth 'A'	26	-	24	2	32

DIVISION 4A	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bootle J.C.	26	25	1	-	196
Bootle 'B'	26	23	1	2	191
Maghull 'C'	26	17	6	3	165
Vagabonds 'A'	26	15	5	6	155
University	26	12	12	2	131
Trinity 'B'	26	8	13	5	124
Eng.Elec. 'F'	26	9	10	7	123
Cadwa 'B'	26	8	10	8	122
Maghull 'E'	26	6	14	6	119
Vagabonds 'B'	26	7	16	3	116
Warwick Bolam	26	8	14	4	105
Barker & Dobson	26	5	16	5	96
Rafters 'B'	26	4	16	6	96
Vagabonds 'C'	26	4	17	5	81

DIVISION 4B	P	W	L	D	Pts
Trinity 'C'	24	21	2	1	185
Plessey 'A'	24	20	4	-	180
Colonsay 'B'	24	19	2	3	176
Maghull 'D'	24	19	4	1	170
Wav.Labour 'D'	24	16	8	-	146
Courtaulds 'A'	24	14	8	2	133
V.Sangster 'D'	24	10	11	3	126
Rafters 'C'	24	9	13	2	117
Colonsay 'C'	24	8	15	1	89
Eng.Elec.'G'	24	6	18	-	83
Cadwa 'C'	24	4	20	-	61
L'pool Jewish 'D'	24	2	21	1	60
Kirkby 'A'	24	1	23	-	34

<u>DIVISION 5</u>	P	W	L	D	Pts
Fords	26	24	-	2	217
Waterloo	26	17	7	2	166
Maghull 'G'	26	17	6	3	165
Brownmoor Pk.'A'	26	17	8	1	160
Brownmoor Pk.'B'	26	15	7	4	156
Wav.Lab.'E'	26	12	11	3	152
Elec.Supply 'C'	26	12	10	4	147
Argot 'A'	26	11	9	6	146
Bootle J.C.'A'	26	13	12	1	130
Maghull 'F'	26	10	12	4	128
Carnegie	26	7	16	3	98
Kirkby 'B'	26	5	19	2	70
L'pool Jewish 'F'	26	2	24	-	45
L'pool Jewish 'E'	26	2	23	1	40

#### MORE TABLE EDGES

As I walked to the A.G.M. with the League Tables in my pocket and no Digest in my boot (two correspondents to come) a thought occurred to me - how would you fancy a copy of the League Tables about a week or so after the end of the season (a little longer this season) and then your bumper Digest edition at the beginning of next season, say the end of September, that would give you three Digests in the season when players are about and not two in and one out when very few are seeing a table tennis table - it's just a thought - what do you think?