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## COMMENT

TWO recent cases of substitution of names on cards recall events which led to the expulsion of a club from the League a few seasons ago. We have the feeling that there exists a far too complacent attitude to this matter.

The wish to help an opposing side by permitting sets to be recorded which have not actually been played, must be condemned on two counts—(1) it opens the door to the more serious crime of playing sets under a false name ; and (2) if a club feel they can play short sides with impunity, there must be an increased tendency to repeat the deception which in turn deprives a larger number of players of their sets.

It becomes more difficult for the Fixture Secretary to take steps in cases where sides are persistently short if cards have been falsified, and team captains should remember this when next the occasion arises. They are in fact, doing nobody a favour and are rendering their club liable to severe punishment.

A number of clubs have registered the required number of players but, in fact, have only five who could be available to play in matches. When these sides lose one of their regulars they must inevitably play short until his return. To those clubs may we suggest they make a real effort to obtain reserves who, even of small ability, will be willing to step into the breach when required.

A letter from a Mr. Hoyer in our last issue has caused some concern to the Management Committee, and they are anxious to discover just how many members have similar feelings to the writer.

We are therefore asking every club secretary to canvas his members to discover if there is any general agreement with this viewpoint, and to forward his conclusions to the editors.

If Mr. Hoyer's opinion is shared by the majority, then it is obvious that the *Digest* is serving no useful purpose, and with an annual deficit of £20 or more, its cessation is the only logical step.

We as editors, believe that this is not so, but the Management Committee feel that the time has come to obtain a clear directive from members. This is a serious matter and we earnestly request all secretaries to give the matter their full attention.

## OLD AND VALUED FRIEND LOST TO THE LEAGUE

By W. STAMP.

MANY of our members will have learned with regret of the passing of Mr. T. G. Brandreth who was prominent in our League for many years.

He was Chairman from 1932 until 1936, and for the next three years was Vice-Chairman and he became Chairman again in 1939 and he worthily held this Office until he retired in May 1947.

During all these years, whether it was the Liverpool Closed or the Merseyside Open tournament, he was one of the joint referees. Mr. Brandreth was always cool, calm and collected, which was a great attribute during a tournament if tempers got a bit frayed, or at a



Mr. BRANDRETH

stormy Management meeting (and we had them occasionally).

He was a keen supporter of New Brighton football team, and



was always to be found on the Wallasey cricket ground during the summer months until he had a slight stroke over a year ago. Those of us who worked with him will look back with pleasure on a happy association, and to his wife and daughter we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss.

### Dingle Vale Again.

We are again playing the preliminary rounds of the Closed Championships at Dingle Vale School, Monday to Friday, April 13—18, which is the week after Easter. The finals will be played as usual in the Lecture Theatre of the Liverpool Y.M.C.A., Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday, April 22.

Entry Forms will be sent to your club secretary on March 7 and the closing date for entries is March 21. There is a lot of preliminary work to be done before the draw takes place and it will help considerably if competitors will *not* leave it until the last possible moment before posting entry forms, postal order and stamped addressed envelope.

We are hoping for a record entry and the events will be as usual; viz:—men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, junior singles (open to players who had not attained the age of 17 years on July 1, 1952), men's regional singles (confined to registered

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# Neither Player Deserved to Lose

By J. H. C. HUGHES

THE match between the two second division clubs, Bootle Y.M.C.A. and Lucem ended in a draw. This was a fair and proper result to a game that was full of interest and incident, so much so that as space is restricted I find some difficulty in knowing what to leave out.

First there was young Allanson's two wins at No. 3 for Bootle, one of them being two straight against Don Foulis. Foulis was given no time to settle down and by hard hitting Allanson proved once more that you cannot put the clock back.

In his other game against Hollewell, Bootle's No. 1, Foulis was allowed to attack and though narrowly losing the first game, managed to get the next two. He showed that when allowed to play at his own reduced pace he is still the master of the half volley and as adept as ever at using all the table.

## Lesson They Missed

What a pity the youngsters who were playing on the tables on the other side of the curtain did not bother to watch. They could have learned a lot.

I would also say to Allanson that good though many of his shots are, he would have been wise to have watched the old gentleman's next game, for it is not every day you have a Swaythling Cup player in your clubroom.

Rimmer played well to win his two for Lucem. His attack seems to have sharpened up quite a lot. I think Shepherd will still be kicking himself, for after beating Byard, Bootle's No. 5, by altering his game from defence to topspin attack he lost in the third game to Banks, a match he should have won in two straight. At match point in the second game he served off the table and Banks took full advantage of this generosity.

The match of the night, however, was between Byard and R. Tyler, Lucem's No. 4. It makes one think for if we had been playing under Stamp Cup rules—three-aside—which some people want for all league games, these two chaps would not have been playing.

Byard, with a fierce forehand drive, won the first game 21—17. With a nine lead in the second he seemed set for an easy win, but Tyler, who is the Liverpool cricketer, had different ideas.

Tightening up his defence and playing a mighty straight back, he got his head down and by guts and determination weathered Byard's bumpers to take the lead for the first time at 20—19 and the next point for the game.

The third game was up and down, Tyler keeping his defence intact, and with Byard maintaining his drives, he looked the winner when leading 19—12. Byard, however, steadied up and by the aid of a spot he kept finding on the top of the net, managed to get in front 20—19.

## Aided Misfortune

Tyler, though having the luck against him, contributed to this change of fortune by what Neville Cardus would describe as a bout of head lifting, coupled with one or two agricultural shots.

Still he continued to fight and 20—all was called, and though Byard always managed to get the leading point and another net cord at 22—21, which Tyler somehow got back, the end came with victory to Byard 24—22. A fine tussle which neither deserved to lose.

This left Bootle leading 5—3, but Foulis beat Hollewell as mentioned and Boden, playing a captain's part to beat Banks, enabled Lucem to have the point.

The conditions were good if on the noisy side, but this cannot be helped in a club where so much has to go on in the same room. I cannot understand, however, why it is that when the match is getting to its most exciting patch so many of the players do not bother to watch. I should have thought they would have wanted to see each point. Is it a lack of team spirit?

## Final Sets Decided Matches

IN the last three or four weeks the results of our matches have been in doubt right up to the final set of the evening. Three-quarters of the games have been won by the odd set and two others were drawn.

It has been very evident that where team strength has been weak at Nos. 3, 4 and 5, the teams have lost in spite of their Nos. 1 and 2 gaining four sets.

It appears that strength in the tail positions counts for more than at the top. Consequently team captains have been making quite legitimate changes of order so as to gain sets in the tail. Number 3 in any team is a very responsible position and often decides the final balance of the match.

### Seven Point Lead

Balfour, who have now increased their lead in the league table to seven points, have lost the challenge of African Oil Mills, who have had a couple of reversals against Balfour A and Acacia, both by the odd set.

Acacia and 15th Crosby take up the challenge for third place, causing Balfour A to fall behind.

Balfour B and Bohemians, with two points difference and six away from their nearest rivals, Rafter A, seemed to be destined for the second division. Although Bohemians have been strengthened by McManus, I cannot foresee any change of position.

Recently clubs have called on reserves from their lower teams, and it has been interesting to see how they fared. There seems to be a wide gap in the standard as 50 per cent of the reserves played have not yet won a set. Anfield and Balfour appear to be the only teams with reasonable reserve strength.

The Balfour and Balfour A match proved interesting, with a 6-4 win to the first team. Here L. Davies succumbed to Gaulton and Wilcock, but during the Readman Cup match the decision was more decisive—eight-two—Davies obtaining his revenge.

African Oil's 4-6 loss to Balfour A was a surprise. Townsend (2), Wilcock, Harris, Gaulton and Rooney were Balfour's set winners.

The Acacia v. Balfour game was also close. R. Jones (2), Hobbs and Egerton won their sets for Acacia, while Ha. old, Davies and Eileen Mansell proved too strong for Egerton, Blunn, and Clewett, gaining five of the six bottom sets.

Morley, two, (v. Chesham and E. Smith), was mainly responsible for Balfour B's creditable draw against Livex, while Bohemians 5-5 v. Rafter is also noteworthy. Rycroft (2), Keddie and McManus got among Rafter's tail.

The Readman Cup matches have been unfortunate for our division in that we have been knocking each other out instead of teams forming other divisions.

This month's tip—Footwork is the key to success; move for every shot.

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## SURPRISES AND CURIOSITIES

IT'S curious how things go. Balfour C beat Victoria Park 7—3 at home and were held to a draw by Liverpool Police to give the latter their first point of the season.

Jim Dickinson, the giant killer's captain, told me that the Park team were only a man short, which makes it a great win for Balfour.

The Police draw came mainly through the good play of R. Hough, who beat Balfour's 1 and 2, Critchley (21—18, 21—19) and Bill McKechnie (24—22, 21—10). No wonder skipper Heague of the Police drew a square with the figure 1 on the bottom of the scorecard to emphasise that point. They have a sense of humour anyway.

### Not Disgraced

Only two teams from our division remain in the Readman Cup—Lucem and Liverpool Y.M.C.A.—and it is fortunate for them both that they meet each other for the honour of entering the semi-final.

Taking it all round we have done well for although we can't be expected to let the big teams have it all their own way, we need not feel disgraced by the almost total eclipse in the only Cup we have a chance to win for nearly all our teams went down to first-class opponents and none without a hard fight.

Indeed, Anfield A held Rafter's to a draw at home, when Don Bruce won his two sets. But in the replay Rafter's won 9—1, which was expected. Yet they must have been shaken by that first draw.

The league position, so far as the top is concerned, has not altered but last

Tuesday's game between Liverpool Y.M.C.A. and Anfield A should have decided who tops the division.

One team which has improved is Oakhill A. Since J. Grant returned they strike me as a good side, with 14 points, and R. Platt winning at least one set each match. Watch them! They shook Lucem when they won 6—4.

### Time Waster

From what I can see this "cake" break seems a waste of time and often causes a late finish. In my opinion and I don't stand alone, a cup of tea and maybe a biscuit, served between a game with play continuing, would be sufficient. It would also cut down expenses as cakes are 4d each nowadays. Everybody has had their tea, I hope, and you don't turn up at an away game looking for supper. What's your idea?

Among the division's Nos. 1 and 2 the following shine, in this order: D. Rigby (Liverpool Y.M.C.A.), J. Rimmer (Lucem), E. Mandeluff (Liverpool Y.M.C.A.), I. Morris and G. Williams (Victoria Park), E. Owens (Cheshire Lines) and D. Foulis (Lucem).

In the lower group Don Bruce and T. Killip (Anfield A), W. Shepherd (Lucem) R. Platt (Oakhill), S. Jones (Cheshire Lines) lead the way, but Roberts and C. Bradshaw (Liverpool Y.M.C.A.), A. Byrne (Waterloo Dock), J. Grant (Oakhill) and T. Partington (Balfour) seem to be most consistent.

A junior with prospects is W. Allanson of Bootle Y.M.C.A. He deserves watching because he has the strokes, but he is inclined to be lazy.

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# THEY'LL FIGHT TO KEEP STATUS

FIRST let me clear up the talking point of the moment about Litherland. They are back to normal, or almost, and will be fulfilling their fixtures both home and away as usual.

There has been a difference of opinion between the teams and the club management, but all is smoothed over and the only change is that D. Styles, instead of leading the lads on the table, is sitting on the sidelines, having relinquished his secretarial and playing duties until the end of the season.

Now to the league warfare, and this month switch our attention to the bottom.

Linacre have come very much to life lately and have taken useful points from two strong teams in Cadwa and Technical Students.

### Oakhill in Danger

Anfield, perhaps with their cup win in mind, have also broken the ice with a good win over Bohemians. These two teams are determined to make a strong fight to retain their places and the writing is now on the wall for Oakhill who, a little earlier, looked secure enough but who now seem to be fast losing confidence.

Bohemians have lost Draper, their hard hitting No. 1, to the first team, this time permanently, and their points tally, although in double figures, will need to keep moving if they are to be certain of steering clear of danger.

Osterley, English Electric and Technical Students have no worries. They are not expecting to be anything more than middle-of-the-table teams, but all three have talent sufficient enough to cause concern to any of those higher up who are trying so hard for promotion.

Osterley are a particularly happy club, with a No. 1 in J. Carridge who compares with the best in the division. His dynamic but mainly orthodox style is in direct contrast to his chief lieutenant at No. 2, S. Bath, whose unorthodox methods are only slightly less effective and are most difficult to combat.

F. Harthman, regular No. 3, W. Hawitt and Miss Willcox, one of the few women to grace the division, make up their striking force, and striking force it is because all these five will have a go.

Maybe that and their lack of pushing, has cost them some points, but they enjoy their game and you, too, will enjoy their hospitality in their tennis pavilion and very comfortable if somewhat dilapidated seating arrangements.

Linnet take pride of place in this month's cup news. They lost 4-6 against the full might of African Oil on the latter's table. Greatest tribute to Linnet was the first division club's decision to play Coveney, regular No. 3, at No. 5. The move paid but as the score shows it was no one-sided affair.

The Rumjahn Cup has now narrowed down to the last four and it is odds on that the trophy will come to our division. The semi-finalists are Victoria Park A, Bohemians A, Rafter's B and Bath Street or Liverpool Y.M.C.A. A.

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## Query in Promotion Problem

IT has long been obvious that despite the high number of points gained by both African Oil A and Wavertree C.C. A neither of them were likely to offer serious challenge to Liverpool Y.M. A's supremacy at the head of the table.

It has been interesting, therefore, to note the steady progress made by Bath Street in recent weeks. Since the fourth week of the season they have enjoyed almost uninterrupted success, and they offer the only likely challenge to the leaders.

In view of this the Rumjahn Cup tie between Bath Street and the Y.M. was of exceptional interest. After a stern fight the Mount Pleasant side won 6-4, a result which will give them plenty of confidence for the important League encounter with the same team in a few week's time.

### Strong Pair

For Bath Street, Gould and Aspinall, surely the strongest opening pair in the Division, won three sets, but only Gennaro of the lower three was able to record a single victory. In view of the successes of this side recently however, it seems likely that they will win promotion as they strike me as being a stronger combination than either African Oil or Wavertree.

The Y.M. now meet Rafter B in the semi-final and Fourth Division members will wish them well in their efforts to uphold the prestige of the section.

At this stage it seems that R.A.F.A. are doomed to relegation while those immediately above should remember that four clubs are liable to be returned to a lower division.

Harold House, however, can have little cause to grumble if such a fate befalls them, as in recent weeks they have consistently been playing short in matches. It seems a great pity when we recall the fine Jewish players and sides who have appeared in the League in the past, that Harold House should find it so difficult to attain a vestige of its former prestige and strength.

St. Michael's are another side who may be in trouble, despite the fact that in Gowar they possess possibly the best player in the division.

Bootle Y.M. A have staged a welcome return to form recently, this more or less

coinciding with the appearance of I. Rogerson and W. Bent in the side. Bent, after losing twice on his first appearance, won his next twenty sets, only meeting a further reverse against the leaders. In this match incidentally Bootle became only the third side to take a point from the Liverpool Y.M., and gave conclusive proof that they have advanced considerably since the season's start.

The absence of H. Hutchings may well be a partial explanation of the decline of African Oil, even if Glass has done well enough as a substitute, but the side never appeared strong enough lower down to seriously challenge for the leadership.

Wavertree on the other hand have a potentially good side, but their trouble seems to be a too frequent change in constitution, fourteen have already appeared for the A team. If they can keep a regular side for the last few weeks they may yet gain second place as their programme is slightly easier than Bath Street. It may well be that set average will be the deciding factor.

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## First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Balfour.....	16	14	1	1	112	48	29
African Oil .....	16	9	3	4	92	68	22
Acacia .....	16	8	5	3	90	70	19
15th Crosby.....	16	7	4	5	87	73	19
Balfour A.....	16	8	6	2	84	76	18
Anfield .....	16	7	6	3	78	82	17
Rafters .....	16	6	6	4	79	81	16
Livex.....	16	6	8	2	74	86	14
Oakhill .....	16	5	7	4	71	89	14
Rafters A.....	16	6	9	1	77	83	13
Bohemians .....	16	2	12	2	55	105	6
Balfour B.....	16	1	12	3	61	99	5

## Second Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Anfield A.....	16	12	1	3	100	60	27
L'pool Y.M.....	16	12	2	2	115	45	26
Victoria Park .....	16	9	5	2	92	68	20
Cheshire Lines...	16	8	4	4	88	72	20
Lucem .....	16	8	5	3	91	69	19
Bootle Y.M.....	16	6	5	5	83	77	17
Oakhill A.....	16	4	6	6	77	83	14
Wavertree C.C. ...	15	5	7	3	65	85	13
Balfour C.....	16	5	9	2	68	92	12
Waterloo Dock ..	16	4	9	3	70	90	11
I.C.I.....	16	4	10	2	67	93	10
L.P.A.S. ....	15	0	14	1	34	116	1

## Third Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Linnet .....	16	12	1	3	116	44	27
Litherland .....	15	12	1	2	106	44	26
Rafters B .....	15	10	2	3	96	54	23
Victoria Park A ..	16	10	4	2	93	67	22
Cadwa .....	16	9	4	3	94	66	21
English Electric ..	16	5	7	4	71	89	14
Tech. Students...	16	6	9	1	73	87	13
Osterley .....	16	3	7	6	73	87	12
Bohemians A .....	16	5	9	2	72	88	12
Linacre .....	15	3	10	2	52	98	8
Anfield B .....	15	2	12	1	51	99	5
Oakhill B .....	16	2	13	1	43	117	5

## Fourth Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
L'pool Y.M. A .....	16	13	0	3	121	39	29
Bath Street .....	15	10	2	3	97	53	23
W'tree C.C. A.....	16	10	3	3	93	67	23
African Oil .....	16	11	4	1	88	72	23
Bootle Y.M. A.....	16	7	6	3	90	70	17
Bohemians B .....	16	7	6	3	79	81	17
Livex A .....	16	6	5	5	76	84	17
Domestic Miss'n ..	16	6	9	1	72	88	13
St. Michaels.....	15	3	8	4	66	84	10
Aigburth .....	16	3	12	1	59	101	7
Harold House.....	16	2	11	3	59	101	7
R.A.F.A. L'pool ..	16	1	13	2	50	110	4

## WOMEN'S—Division I

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Bibbys .....	16	14	1	1	121	39	29
Balfour .....	16	14	2	0	126	34	28
Lofters .....	16	11	0	5	114	46	27
Oakhill .....	16	9	5	2	97	63	20
Rafters .....	16	7	3	6	89	71	20
Bohemians .....	16	6	5	5	88	72	17
Linnet .....	15	7	7	1	76	74	15
Littlewoods .....	16	4	9	3	64	96	11
Anfield .....	16	2	9	5	61	99	9
Cheshire Lines...	16	2	10	4	57	103	8
Leyfield.....	15	1	10	4	36	114	6
Aigburth .....	16	0	16	0	21	139	0

## WOMEN'S—Division II

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Linnet A .....	15	13	1	1	103	47	27
Brenka .....	16	10	3	3	101	59	23
Waterloo Park...	15	11	3	1	90	60	23
Wavertree C.C. ...	16	10	4	2	99	61	22
Osterley .....	16	9	6	1	92	68	19
Lofters A .....	16	7	6	3	86	74	17
Ogdens .....	16	5	6	5	86	74	15
Littlewoods A ...	16	6	8	2	75	85	14
Bohemians A .....	16	6	8	2	74	86	14
Beauclair .....	16	4	9	3	70	90	11
Lucem .....	16	1	14	1	44	116	3
Catholic Metro. ...	16	1	15	0	30	130	2

## NORTH REGIONAL I

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Waterloo Park...	15	15	0	0	128	22	30
Brenka .....	16	13	3	0	111	49	26
Lofters .....	14	10	2	2	91	49	22
English Elec. A ..	15	10	5	0	87	63	20
Everton Y.M. ...	16	8	6	2	96	64	18
Litherland A .....	14	8	5	1	78	62	17
Littlewoods .....	16	6	7	3	72	88	15
Waterloo Dock A ..	16	6	8	2	70	90	14
Warbreck Moor ..	16	5	10	1	60	100	11
RAF Movements ..	16	2	12	2	52	108	6
15th Crosby A...	16	2	13	1	40	120	5
Tech. Students A ..	16	1	15	0	45	115	2

## NORTH REGIONAL II

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Raw Cotton Com ..	16	14	0	2	117	43	30
Bootle Y.M. B...	16	12	3	1	112	48	25
Maghull .....	16	12	3	1	103	57	25
Lofters A .....	15	11	4	0	92	58	22
W'loo Park A .....	15	9	3	3	102	48	21
Litherland B .....	15	6	5	4	89	61	16
English Elec. B...	16	8	8	0	79	81	16
St. Dominics .....	16	8	8	0	75	85	16
Anfield D.....	14	2	11	1	44	96	5
W'loo Park B ...	15	2	13	0	42	108	4
Tech. Stud. B .....	16	2	14	0	39	121	4
Bootle Police .....	16	1	15	0	36	124	2

## SOUTH REGIONAL

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Linnet A .....	16	13	0	3	130	30	29
Victoria Park B	15	13	0	2	122	28	28
Aigburth Meths.	16	11	4	1	108	52	23
Beauchair .....	14	11	2	1	101	39	23
W'tree C.C. B ...	16	9	4	3	96	64	21
Lucem B .....	16	7	7	2	78	82	16
Linnet C .....	16	6	8	2	64	96	14
Cheshire Lines A	15	6	8	1	82	68	13
Cadwa B .....	15	4	11	0	55	95	8
Cheshire Lines B	16	2	13	1	32	128	5
St. Peters .....	15	1	13	1	33	117	3
Vauxhall Sports	16	1	14	1	29	131	3

## EAST REGIONAL

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Park C	16	13	2	1	116	44	27
Cadwa A .....	16	11	2	3	109	51	25
Vagabonds .....	16	11	2	3	106	54	25
Holly Mount ...	16	11	3	2	112	48	24
Old Xaverians ...	16	11	4	1	107	53	23
Balfour D .....	16	8	3	5	101	59	21
Leyfield .....	16	6	9	1	68	92	13
Osterley A .....	16	4	10	2	62	98	10
L.P.A.S. A .....	16	3	10	3	63	97	9
Wavertree Lab.	16	4	11	1	59	101	9
Beauchair A .....	16	1	14	1	33	127	3
Comet .....	16	1	14	1	24	136	3

## CENTRAL REGIONAL

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Panto .....	16	15	1	0	138	22	30
Lucem A .....	16	13	2	1	116	44	27
L'pool Y.M.B...	15	11	3	1	95	55	23
Linnet B .....	16	9	7	0	97	63	18
Anfield C .....	16	9	7	0	86	74	18
Vagabonds A ...	15	8	5	2	76	74	18
Oakhill C .....	15	7	6	2	84	66	16
Catholic Metro.	16	6	9	1	74	86	13
Lussac .....	16	6	9	1	74	86	13
I.C.I. A .....	16	2	12	2	38	122	6
Leyfield A .....	15	2	13	0	25	125	4
Old Xaverians A	16	0	14	2	37	123	2

## Handicap Cups

The finals of the Maxwell Fyfe and D. M. Foulis Cups will take place at Everton Y.M.C.A. on Friday, March 20, commencing 7 p.m.

Bath Street have taken over new premises at 23 Church Road, off South Road, Waterloo. Match night and routes remain the same although the nearest route is Ribble Bus L.3 or L.30 to Waterloo Station or electric train to same.

# Rules for Region Tournaments

FOR the guidance of would-be competitors in the forthcoming regional tournaments, the Management Committee have decided on the following qualification. :-

1.—A player may only enter for one regional tournament.

2.—When a player has appeared in two regions, he is eligible for the region in which he has made the most appearances up to December 31. Only when he has made an equal number of appearances at that date, in the two regions, can he decide in which tournament he will participate.

3.—Players are not eligible who have (a) previously won a singles title in a regional tournament; (b) have won a singles title in the Merseyside Closed Championships; and (c) have appeared for Liverpool in a representative match.

4.—In no circumstances can a player registered in Divisions 1 to 4 play in a regional tournament.

5.—Where a woman player has only appeared in the Women's Division and has made no regional appearance up to December 31, she may play in the regional tournament in which the lowest ranking side of her club plays.

6.—Where women play for two different clubs (in a women's side and in an open division), they must play in the regional tournament in which their "open division" side plays. Appearances for a women's team does not count.

## TAKE NOTE

BEARING in mind that a player can only play in 26 league matches in a season, now is the time for secretaries to check appearances. The following are running close to the safety margin :- H. Critchley, F. Rooney and W. McKechnie (Balfour), G. Barton and V. Gray (Bohemians), D. Ferguson (Rafter) W. Collinge (Cadwa) and I. Rogerson (Bootle Y.M.)

New ground is to be broken next month when, for the first time, a representative Liverpool team is to visit Glasgow for an inter-league match.

# Valuable Win at Balfour

THE past month has brought several surprises in the premier division, the team being responsible being Stockport, as we know to our cost.

After holding Manchester A to a draw they beat Manchester B to make the relegation position very open. Fortunately our A team scored a very good and welcome victory over Manchester A at Balfour by six sets to four, which still gives us a chance of avoiding a drop into the second division.

The A team were away to a flying start in the match at Balfour and ensured avoidance of defeat by establishing a 5-1 lead. Manchester fought back, however, and it was left to Bill Pierce in the next to last set to win the match.

That was the display we have been waiting for from Bill, who won his two sets in straight games and only lost to A. L. Shepherd in the third by the odd couple of points. Other set winners were Ted Rumjahn (2), Ron Rumjahn (1) and the doubles.

### Still Winning

The B team continued their winning sequence in the return "Derby" with our friends across the water. Wirral got away to a 2-1 lead, but Liverpool took a grasp of the match and eventually emerged victors by 8-2. Liverpool were steadier in times of stress and won two very close sets which formed the foundation of their success. Set winners: Liverpool — Chesham (3), Harris (2), Gaulton (2) and the doubles. Wirral—Rowan and Brown.

The women's team gained their revenge over Bury by a 7-3 victory at Bohemians, but it was only in the latter stages that the match was clinched. The match was noteworthy in that Eileen Mansell became the first player to beat Sybil Threlfall, the county player, in Lancashire League games. Our set winners were Miss Mansell (3), Kay Casselman (2), and Beryl Waterson (1) and the doubles.

The same team almost provided a first-class sensation at Manchester when they narrowly lost 6-4 to a strong Manchester side. Honours of the

evening went to Mrs. Waterson, who beat both Beryl Hardman and Jean Titterington. Our team took a 3-1 lead and looked all set for a surprise result, but Manchester hit back to run out victors.

It is interesting to conjecture what would have happened had Eileen Mansell scraped the verdict in the third game against Miss Titterington. Our set winners were Beryl Waterson (2) and Miss Mansell and Mrs. Casselman one each.

Results :—Liverpool A 6, Manchester 4 ; Bolton A 8, Liverpool A 2 ; Wirral B 2, Liverpool B 8. Women :—Liverpool 7, Bury 3 ; Manchester 6, Liverpool 4.

### Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Bolton A .....	4	4	0	0	29	11	8
Manchester A ...	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Stockport .....	8	1	3	4	36	44	5
Liverpool A ...	6	2	3	1	26	34	5
Manchester B ...	5	2	3	0	25	25	4
Bolton B .....	4	0	2	2	15	25	2

### Division 3 West

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Liverpool B .....	7	7	0	0	54	16	14
Runcorn .....	5	4	1	0	35	15	8
Wirral B .....	7	4	3	0	44	26	8
Ellesmere Port B	4	1	3	0	12	28	2
Warrington .....	5	0	4	1	13	37	1
Widnes .....	6	0	5	1	12	48	1

### Women's Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester .....	4	3	0	1	29	11	7
Liverpool .....	5	3	2	0	30	20	6
Blackpool .....	4	2	2	0	19	21	4
Bury .....	6	1	3	2	26	34	4
Crewe .....	5	1	3	1	16	34	3

## ANFIELD MADE VALUABLE SIGNING

LUCEM avenged their previous defeat when they played their return match against Catholic Metro and won 6-4, although six of the sets went to three very close games.

They have now exchanged places in the second division table, Lucem having one point more to their credit by virtue of their drawn match with Beauclair. E. Owen is their best scorer so far, having won more than a third of her teams sets.

Lofters A were the better team when they beat Beauclair 7-3. W. Finnetty was in great form, beating Stein Farrell 15 and 16 and Audrey Williams 18 and 20 after being 14-19 down in the second game against the latter.

### Strengthen Attack.

Miss Finnetty should be encouraged to develop a stronger attack as she is a grand retriever and never knows when she is beaten.

Both Lofters and Beauclair are similarly placed in that several of their players are in their first season of competitive play and showing good promise. Scorers were: Beauclair—S. Farrell, A. Williams and J. Huntington one each; Lofters—W. Finnetty (2), B. Drury (2) and D. Webster and I. Roberts one each.

Will Anfield's latest signing get them out of the danger zone? On present results it certainly looks like it. In her first match against Balfour, Mrs. G. Royle accounted for Audrey Brunskill (18 and 19) and May Evans (19 and 14). By winning both her sets the following week against Nan Lamb 19-21, 21-11, 21-18 and M. Griffiths 21-15 21-18 and with I. Howley, D. Green-smith and E. Gray gaining one each they forced Lofters to a draw.

On the form shown when they beat Lofters 7-3 at home in their cup match, it is going to be a tough proposition for any team to wrest the Bartholomew Cup from Rafters.

The fact that they lost to Linnet the previous week and that both their league matches with Lofters had been drawn did not deter Rafters in the slightest. Joan Brennard set the pace with a grand win by brilliant attack over Beryl Waterson in the opening set by 9 and 20. I have never seen Joan play

so confidently. She also beat D. Cooper 12 and 18.

It was a sad blow to Lofters when Mrs. Waterson also lost to Olwen Southall, who was in top form, 12 and 19, to give Rafters a 4-1 interval lead. Kay Rumjahn played well, with occasional bursts of effective attack, to win both her sets against M. Griffiths (14 and 13) and W. Finnetty (16-21 26-24 21-17).

Rosemary McMullen did her share by beating M. Griffiths (11 and 11) and outstanding for Lofters were Nan Lamb and their reserve Miss Finnetty. Nan only just failed against Olwen (21-11 12-21 19-21) in an exciting set which brought out the best in each player, and then beat Rosemary McMullen (14 and 20). Billie certainly worked hard to beat Mary Swindles (21-12 22-24 21-17) and in losing to Kay Rumjahn. D. Cooper got Lofters other set by beating Mrs. Swindles (19 and 16).

### Ogden's Surprise

Well played Ogden's for bringing off the surprise of the round by beating their division leaders, Linnet A, 8-2! Scorers were C. Gleed (2), B. Topping (2), E. Gleed (2) and A. Houghton (2) for Ogden's, while M. Patterson and J. Benson won one apiece for Linnet. They also beat Brenka by the same margin in their league match.

When Oakhill led Bohemians 4-1 at the interval of their cup match and then increased it to 5-1, it seemed as though the Boh's were to make their exit with a severe defeat. But all credit to them for a fine fight back that almost earned them a replay. They took the next three sets and excitement was intense as Daisy Mezey and Lil Jenkins exchanged games and then points before Mrs. Jenkins put Oakhill in round three by winning 22-20.

Lack of the fighting spirit which Osterley showed in their first cup match with Brenka and which gained them a draw after being 4-2 down, was chiefly the cause of their 8-2 defeat in the rep'ay, plus, I suspect, a league defeat of 7-3 in between while, which possibly shook Osterley's confidence. Worthy of note was the defeat of Pat Hughes (Brenka) by M. O'Donnell in the replay.

## Park Has Championship Look

LAST month I had to express my displeasure with two clubs and with a young player. This month it gives me pleasure to say that the club whose team only turned up with two players had in fact written to their opponents and to the fixture secretary.

Unfortunately neither of the secretaries informed me but have since expressed their regrets. However, if the offending club had written to me confusion would not have arisen.

The other club guilty of changing fixtures without notifying me has expressed its apologies, as I felt sure it would for they are at all times good sports, winning or losing.

### Pat For Youngster

Let us give an encouraging pat on the back to the young player I rebuked and who was big-hearted enough to send me this letter within a couple of days of the magazine being issued :—

“I would be very grateful if you would accept my apologies for my bad show of manners which I set to 15th Crosby when they visited my club, and I hope this will not happen again. Please convey my apologies to all people concerned.

P.S.—I have not a swollen head, although I sometimes talk as if I had one. I suppose it is over-keenness.”

That letter has won for him many friends and considerable admiration.

Lofter's victory over Brenka gives Waterloo Park a definite championship look. They are still in the Hyde Cup and are already keenly looking forward to the Forrest Cup competition. They certainly can make history for the North and while there is strong opposition in the other regions they have our confidence.

Everton Y.M.C.A. lost four of their first five matches. They followed with eight successive matches without defeat. Their next opponents were Waterloo Park and J. Redmond had never suffered a double defeat.

With J. Lovelady now in their side, 15th Crosby A have recorded their first victory which lifted them from

the bottom place. They will obtain further points.

Technical Students A and B teams occupy lowly places but have never lost heart. J. Crowe and R. E. Gittins (Warbreck Moor) and A. Sutton (Waterloo Dock) have brought an improvement in the playing strength of their clubs.

A greatly improved side is Bootle Y.M.C.A. B, who have only dropped three points out of the last 16. Their new player, J. Cockbain, is a tower of strength.

Raw Cotton Commission made light work of Lofters A, who threatened to put the figure “1” in their “lost column.” Watch Maghull Boys' Club ! Their No. 1, J. R. Owen, has lost only four sets out of 28.

Up to the resignation of Miss Dot Davies, English Electric A tabled the same five players in eleven successive matches, winning eight. Incidentally, the prospects of holding our Region tournament again at English Electric are now bright.

### Les Perons Tribute

On the morning of January 30, Marner Morison and I drove past the Burlington Club, whose flag was flying half-mast. A little later we formed the last pair of a small file behind the coffin of Les Perons as he was carried into S.S. Peter and Paul's Church, and afterwards to the last resting place of the Burlington Club's faithful table tennis secretary.

Quietly we left in the knowledge that we had paid our last personal respects to a personality our game will miss and whose love and service to table tennis we had admired and appreciated.

Les Perons was a member of the Sundene Club which I founded in 1935. Later he played for Brownmoor Park, 15th Crosby, and finally Burlington. He was captain of the team which won the North Region championship in 1950-51. He was never known to speak ill of anyone and possessed a good sense of humour. His smile always conveyed an impression of sadness.

Whenever Burlington is mentioned, we shall remember him with affection.

## HONOURS WENT TO WAVERTREE

ALL season I have bewailed the fact that the honours were more or less booked for one of the top two teams. But with January came the shock team from Wavertree Community.

First they held Victoria Park to a draw, putting Linnet A ahead on sets average. Then reversed the situation by making a draw at Linnet Lane. Beauclair just pipped them 6-4 but in turn were beaten by the same margin by Linnet. Now Beauclair and the Park have yet to meet and in view of the results above, to prophecy would be to covert disaster.

The honours of the month must go to this Wavertree team. R. Forman, their No. 1, has improved out of all knowledge since the early part of the season. His efforts include victories over Fred Farrell (Beauclair), Harry Arden (Victoria Park) and Charlie Grimes (Linnet), three of the Souths toughest propositions. Not a bad bag for one month!

S. Garstang and B. Good (captain of the side) also show vast upward strides and have accounted between them for such players as R. Palmer, J. Griffiths, S. Hunter and K. Horne. With veteran Trevor, battling harder now than ever at No. 5, they are one of the South's best teams, and it is a cause for regret that this rise in form has come so late in the season.

### Useful Reserves

Let me commend Linnet's two reserves, Jack Griffiths and Alan Watson. Called on at the last minute to replace Ken Dutch and P. Mansfield against Wavertree, they won three of Linnet's five sets. Its nice to have strong reserve strength.

Since the formation of the Linnet Lane club, Pete Mansfield has been an A team stalwart and last season won the club tournament. On February 5 he started his National Service and we shall miss him in the South. We hope to see him back with us on his demob. Good luck to you, Pete!

Another improved team has been St. Peter's. They still lose many of their matches, but where the margin used to be 9-1 or 10-0, it is now often 6-4 or 7-3. A little more improvement and we shall see the points staying at home.

I simply cannot understand Cheshire Lines A this season. On paper they have a strong team; in fact, their one and two, J. Grayson and G. Kettle, are among the region's best. I feel that with a little more effort they could have been well up with the leaders.

At the time I write they are one of the South's remaining four representatives in the Hyde Cup, the others being Aigburth Meths, Beauclair and Victoria Park B. I hope I have named the ultimate winner among them.

Last month my opposite number from the North threw out a challenge for a women's inter-regional competition. Consider your challenge accepted by the South, Jack. We have some girls of real ability this end of Liverpool, just waiting for the opportunity.

A further regional trial was held last Friday, when five of our players met Liverpool Y.M.C.A.'s fourth division team. There will be at least two more trials yet before final selection is made.

Early next month we hold the region's fourth tournament. I am at present negotiating the date, but shortly your secretary will have the entry forms and I hope for a 100 per cent entry, both to support the South and to add to your own knowledge of the game.

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## Vagabonds Still Have A Chance

WE have only one team still in the Hyde Cup, Vagabonds, who, due to the draw in earlier rounds, had to eliminate Hollymount.

Victoria Park C lost by a single game after two draws with Lofters and, had they won, they would have met Vagabonds thereby ensuring we had a certain semi-finalist.

Recently, Vagabonds beat Victoria Park 6—4 and once again the gap has been closed at the head of the table. If Victoria Park slip up in the near future Vagabonds have the chance to step in and, what is more to the point, they have both the youth and the ability to stay up on top.

### Cadwa Likely Venue

The regional tournament is due to come along once again but at the moment no definite date or venue has been fixed. Probably we will again use Cadwa Hall, Broadgreen, as their seems to be no other alternative hall, and furthermore we used these premises quite satisfactorily last year.

Meanwhile, will all club secretaries please start to prepare a list of entrants from their respective clubs. Closing date, fees, and tournament date will be advised later to each individual club, when the hall is firmly and finally booked.

What is required is a complete list from each club of (a) entries for men's singles and (b) entries for women's singles. Qualifications, rules and regulations as to entries appear elsewhere in this issue of the *Digest* and are the same for each regional tournament. Each list to contain (1) initials, (2) surname, (3) address of each entry, together with the appropriate entry fees.

I am glad to report that the recent improvement in Comet's form has been followed by the Police A who, with a more fixed team, have had much better results of late. In the past they have had serious team troubles and poor results were the inevitable consequences.

Old Xaverians have the ability and the chance to materially affect the final placings and already they have taken valuable points from some of the present leaders. In Kelly and Smith they have an opening pair of real merit, always with the possibility of their picking up four sets between them, and,

the other three should be able to win a match from the remaining games.

To conclude I will make what I believe to be a fair guess as to the final placings—(1) Victoria Park C, who have completed all their hard fixtures except a home game with Old Xaverians; (2) Vagabonds, who have the advantage of youth, and (3) Cadwa A, who can rise to the occasion just as easily as they can miss the boat.

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*From the Secretary's Desk*

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regional players) and women's singles (confined to registered regional players) and women's regional singles (open to all women players EXCEPT previous winners or those who have played in any inter-city match this season)

A special night is allotted to the last two events which provide a good opportunity for players in particular, who have never previously entered a tournament. You will be surprised at the good fun you can have, and find it is not the terrible ordeal you anticipated. Why not have a go?

### Interesting Quiz.

I have received copies of a different kind of table tennis book—a Quiz containing nearly 200 questions and answers, which deals with the laws, tournaments, knotty points, past records, unusual facts and everything that concerns a table tennis player.

Who can give the answers to such questions as: "Was lawn tennis scoring ever used in T.T.?" and, "Can a player be scratched in the middle of a game?"

The book is written by Alec Brook and costs 1/6, plus a 2d. stamp for postage. Send your orders to me to 3 Farndale Close and receive a copy per return.

## Panto Virtual Region Winners

FRIDAY, February 6, virtually decided our region winners. On that night Panto beat Lucem A 9—1.

That sounds like a trouncing but it was far from that. Both teams were keyed up and a very good night's table tennis was witnessed by the many spectators. A. Seymour won Lucem's only set in a hard fight against P. Coulter.

A three points lead over Lucem A and five points over the Y.M.C.A. B leaves Panto in an envious position. Having played both these teams twice I cannot see any other team capable of toppling them.

### Chester Back

Congratulations to I.C.I. A on the strengthening of their team. They are now playing five men for most of their matches and are picking up points slowly but surely. Gerry Chester returns to table tennis after extensive treatment for malaria and is playing No. 1 for I.C.I. A. Before his lay-off Gerry was playing regularly for their second division side.

In the match between I.C.I. A and Linnet B, Jim Canavan played the game of his life against Gerry Chester. It was a battle from start to finish—both defending, attacking and counter-hitting—ending in a win for Canavan in three games.

Linnets did well to finish 7—3 up after being 3—1 down. The I.C.I. Nos. 4 and 5 would have had more success if they had picked the right ball to hit instead of trying to hit every ball within their reach.

A word of cheer for Old Xaverians A. Having seen them in action I cannot understand why they are carrying the region on their shoulders. Fielding three youngsters who have improved during the season, they seem to have been unlucky not to have picked up a few more points. Admitted they lost heavily in the first half of the season, but now they seem to be missing a point by the odd set. May their luck change.

At the time of writing we have at least two teams and a possible third in the last eight of the Hyde Cup. Panto are through, Lussac v. I.C.I. A gives the second, and Anfield C v. Waterloo Park a possible but doubtful third. Can Anfield prove me wrong? I hope so.

### Trial Surprises

The first Regional trial was held on Friday, January 30, and produced one or two surprises. We found Richmond (Y.M.C.A.), Canavan (Linnet) and Slater (Panto) all on top form. If the second trial on February 13 has produced such form, the final selection will prove rather difficult. Strong reserves will certainly be available if necessary.

By the time you receive your *Digest* your secretaries will have received the entry forms for the tournament to be held at Domestic Mission, Mill Street, on Friday, March 27. Contact your secretary immediately for the success of the tournament depends on you entering.

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## These are your Letters

FIE, Mr. BLUNN

**SIR** :—In the relative short time Mr. Blunn has been a member of this League he has often decried and criticised the playing conditions of our clubrooms.

In an article to this effect in the December, 1952, issue, when calling for a committee of investigation along with disciplinary action, he listed (a) table, (b) lights, (c) room, (d) atmosphere, as the black spots. He made no mention of (e) temperature.

Surely a temperature of 40 degrees is an equally bad condition for as de Wet has said "Cold is cruelly demoralising, freezing the fire of elan in one's veins and turning the stuff of initiative into fruitless servility."

Mr. Blunn, however, seeing that that is the condition of his own clubroom, has the audacity to tell us that so cold a condition is best for the players. I suggest that people who live in ice houses should not throw stones, unless they are willing to have a few returned.

It would seem that Mr. Blunn likes giving it out but is not so keen on taking it. I clearly stated in my article that conditions were all against the players and that it would be unfair to comment on *any* game.

Mr. Blunn now accuses me of bad reporting and says I should have written up the victories of Roy and Andree Jones. Please note, both Acacia players. He says nothing about Rumjahn's win over Hobbs, who appeared even more troubled by the conditions than did Rumjahn for he could only get five points in the first game. Nor does he mention the two wins of Linform.

It is clear that to get the Blunn Diploma for good reporting one need only write of the wins of his players. I suggest readers want honest reporting; not the unethical business of writing only what the home team's secretary wants.

I do, however, take strong exception to Mr. Blunn's implication that Peter Rumjahn, when mentioning the Acacia table in his general comments on tables, was actuated by a desire to seek an alibi for his defeat at the hands of Roy Jones.

This suggestion of bad sportsmanship—for that is what it is—against a player with such a long and honoured record, is both unwarranted and unworthy. The fact that it comes from such a V.V.I.P. as Mr. Blunn leaves behind it such an odour that his reference to a sanitary inspector is more apt than he thought. It would seem a visit from such a person is long overdue.

Mr. Blunn calls me friend, and it is in that capacity I shall pay a return visit to Acacia.—J. H. C. HUGHES.

**SIR** :—On reading Mr. Blunn's article I feel I must make some effort to reply to his caustic comments.

Whether one agrees or not with Peter Rumjahn's right to voice his remarks on the state of Acacia's table, one at least cannot dispute the fact that it does appear to be high at both ends. I can make this assertion without invoking Mr. Blunn's "qui s'excuse s'accuse" (ain't edification wunnerful) as I have played and won on this table.

So far as reporting is concerned, he must be aware of the constructional difficulties which

prevent a spectator from viewing the game at Acacia. I suggest the best method of ensuring a full report on all games would be to have the "Pillars of Hercules" removed.

A word on Mr. Hoyer's article regarding the non-appearance of top flight players in the Merseyside Open, I am sure that both Mr. Bergman and Mr. Simons would be most upset by his intimation that they are not top flight performers.— **BILL PIERCE** (African Oil Mills).

### FLU VICTIM

SIR :—Although Mr. Farrell in his Lancashire League notes in the December issue of the *Digest* gave the reason for Ted's inability to play in the Wilmott Cup match v. Stockport as "domestic reasons," I would point out that accuracy of statement would be kinder as I had duly notified Mr. Farrell that Ted was ill in bed with the 'flu.

I strongly object to the suggestion that I stand over my husband armed with a Damoclean sword, daring him to play table tennis. It would take more than that to stop a Rumjahn from his pursuit of sport.

May I also make the suggestion for the Closed Championships that married women, if they so desire, be excused playing their first round of the singles until

7 p.m. Three women in my own club would certainly have entered the Merseyside could they have been guaranteed not being called upon to play until that hour. It would be a great help to young married women with children.— **KAY RUMJAHN** (Rafters).

### UNFAIR TO CLUB

SIR :—I read with considerable resentment Mr. Cameron's criticism of Rafters B in the January issue of the *Digest*. The reason for such an outburst is, a mystery, and certainly unfair to a club which has, since its inception, shown a high sporting spirit.

The main complaint apparently concerns our match night, Friday, and the assumption that we are so able to field our strongest team. Actually only one player benefits from a Friday match night.

The point which really exasperated me is that other clubs suffer on this account. What a ridiculous statement. I have been on the losing side countless times but I do not go round complaining that my opponent was too strong for me. Please, Mr. Cameron, give credit to clubs for being sportsmen.

And please remember that Rafters B have a lady player always liable to selection for inter-city games.—**J. McCAIG** (Rafters).

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### VIEWS NOT SHARED

SIR :—As secretary of Technical Students Club I should like to point out that Mr. Hoyer's views on the League magazine are not shared by all members of this club.

His criticisms are vague and although he assures us that his "opinion has not been arrived at lightly," he fails to give any solid reason for his wholehearted condemnation of the magazine.

I think we all agree that the publication is not perfect, but what publication is? No, do not let us be destructive in our criticism, but let us be constructive. By all means let us criticise, but let our suggestions be helpful and our language tempered with restraint. A dogmatic opinion backed by no solid arguments is worthless.

So now, Mr. Hoyer, having stated your opinions, let us have some concrete suggestions to improve the *Digest*.

Meanwhile, the Editorial Board has a policy which it is carrying out admirably and I should like to wish its members every success in their difficult and thankless task.  
—N. W. BAROOAH.

SIR :—Both Mr. Stamp and Mr. Green are getting at us again for the "Phil" flop and the question is raised as to the desirability of continuing at the Phil.

What a change from the proud statement of last season—"No Phil—no Merseyside." Then we were basking in the glory of a full house previously. Mr. Stamp now asks do we want another Phil final?

Why do we have an Open and why did we go to the Phil originally? Answer these points and it is clear for the good of the game and our league to continue, although obviously we cannot afford to lose money.

If we have had a full house before why not this time? While no doubt registered players' support dropped, it is clear that the general public were not with us this time and the reason I found was very simply lack of publicity and particularly lack of advertising a big name.

I indict no one for this short-coming. Mr. Watts has his finger on one cause when he suggested that the E.T.T.A. do not help by arranging fixtures that clash. Here it seems that our £50 or so contribution to H.Q. should earn at least a Merseyside evening without opposition.

What of a big name to flash on our public transport adverts?

Unfortunately there were only two, Leach and Bergman, and we did not know soon enough of their plans. With all due respect to Aubrey Simons and others, they have not the same box office draw.

As far as international matches were concerned, once again it depends on the names. Let us hope next season is kinder to us.  
—E. CAMERON (Victoria Park).