



Table Tennis DIGEST

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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EDITORIAL

Another season well on the way - you can tell that as you are just receiving your Digest. The problems of the Committee, the Clubs and Secretaries alter very little (except for Maghull!?).

The same applies for the Editor of your magazine, I feel that over the years I have tried to cover and give my personal opinions on most of our most of our popular topics and difficulties, I feel that this gives me another problem that of repeating myself. So if you feel like airing your opinions with a bit of luck you can have the front page.

The obvious opening remark for this season must be where have all the players gone, for many familiar names have disappeared, sunk without trace. Quite a few club secretaries may well retort, where has club loyalty gone with the increase in the number of players deserting clubs for no apparent reason. Three a side was claimed by its supporters to be the lifeline and incentive needed to revitalise First Division Table Tennis and yet at the conclusion of its first season several clubs have lost the services of regular players. Is it the lure of lifting titles and winning trophies or is it just plain old fashioned poaching? Poaching, has anyone ever tried to get to grips with this problem? Players are bound to their clubs until 30th June each year yet poaching, better known as stealing of players by stealth, goes on unabated every season. No-one, it seems, having the courage to take up the challenge it presents.

Vernon Sangster must feel sick at the sudden demise of Peter Flint as their player and his emergence as a Cadwa player for it was known last season that he would be joining them. Jack Lambert, English Electric, must be feeling even sicker at the apparent desertion of Phil Thompson, now a Bootle S. C. player. Bootle in return can point to John Rankin, back for a season, talk of his giving Table Tennis up, then sudden re-emergence as a Bath Street player. Perhaps I could give an example of what club loyalty really means. Ted Mandaluff, a player known and respected throughout the league. A past Number One for Liverpool Y.M. and now a Number Four for their 'B' team, but still with them. I could also mention Fred Pheysey, English Electric and many more.

On to the changes and disappearances of other players. Rob Evans from Wavertree Labour to Electric Supply otherwise known as Mal McEvoy Ltd. Ex Rafter Alan Timewell, now Wavertree Labour. Paul Gittins has left Vernon Sangster following his joining the Police and quite naturally opted to play for them. Keith Williams has gone into semi-retirement. Biggest upheaval has taken place at Maghull with Neil Royden, Steve Green, Gary Watson and Simon Jones leaving after an apparent internal club strife leaving Wayne Percival in a desperate search for a club in order to qualify for City team status.

With two First Division teams, Maghull now have a First Team playing at English Electric who do not want to be known as Maghull, but to be otherwise would lose them their coveted First Division status, and an 'A' team of players who would prefer to be playing anywhere except the First Division for Maghull. Full marks to the sacrificial victims, Bill Salter, Stuart Fay and Dave Lamsden for accepting the heavy defeats this involves. I wonder if they have asked themselves the question, what if their unwilling First Team stays up and the players leave next season, will they also have to replace them and in turn face yet another season of being battered. All this and having to pay £5.05 registration fee plus club fees shows a high degree of club loyalty.

On to the early events of the season. I have once again been honoured to hear the views of Mal McEvoy who assures me that it is definitely all over bar the shouting and that Keith Williams will not even be missed as they canter to an easy double. An unusual source of information has emerged in the shape of Dave Roberts (Wavertree Labour 'A') who earnestly assured me as they crashed to defeat at the hands of Vernon Sangster, that they were a good bet for the Cup. Lost in his dreams, Dave wondered aloud who their opponents in the Final would be. Even Malcolm, who was present, blanched at this display of confidence in the face of yet another defeat.

Peter Lee concedes that Malcolm could be partly right, but that Mal (Electric Supply) McEvoy, could just as easily find themselves that far adrift that shouting is the only way they may be heard.

Certainly the early results indicate that Electric Supply will want some stopping. To date Malcolm has only lost to Roy Smith when he was defeated 17 and 15; but I hear talk of an even heavier defeat at the hands of Phil Thompson. They have replaced Keith Williams (rumour has it that his season lay-off will be much shorter) with Rob Evans, backed up by Wayne Percival with Les Molyneux being allowed to be the third player whenever the whim takes Malcolm.

Liverpool Y.M.'s team consists of Peter Lee, Peter Taylor and Malcolm Pu, and the weak link at the moment appears to be Malcolm Pu, having lost six of his first twelve sets. He has never really fulfilled the promise of earlier seasons when he suddenly dropped out, but these are early days and regular play in the First may bring back his previous consistency. With Peter Taylor losing 4 from 12 and Peter Lee 2 as opposed to three sets overall by Electric Supply the outcome does appear inevitable.

Bootle have ranked Neil Royden as being a First Team player but he has yet to put in an appearance. Phil Thompson is as good as ever, has Lawrence Kenwright to back him up, but the third man appears to be based on a 'pot-luck' principle which rules them out of the championship. They have also been ignominiously ejected from the Readman Cup which they won in such great style last season.

With past contenders, Wavertree Labour, making changes in their line-up involving Dave (Cup Final) Roberts dropping into the 'A' team along with Phil Luxon and Mick Tierney and Roy Smith moving up into the First Team. The impression given here is that they do not intend to mount any real challenge and as their First Team lost 8-2 to Electric Supply their results confirm this. Their two sets came from a Roy Smith victory against Mal McEvoy and a win for Paul Kinsey against Les Molyneux. Paul's game ranges from spells of brilliance to just spells.

Their 'A' team have not fared much better and had a first three match

spell of playing short due to an internal misunderstanding. Dave and Phil managed a very creditable draw against Bath Street with Phil Luxon taking a set from John Rankin 17 in the third. Could this be the cup form which Dave speaks of.

Bath Street just scraped clear of relegation last season but things look much brighter now with the signing of John Rankin plus the fact that there are several teams much weaker than them who will push them well clear. Early results would seem to indicate that Bootle and Vernon Sangster have had the best of John Rankin for his form has been poor and he has had a very inauspicious debut for them losing five of his first eight sets. Mr. Reliable, Ken Jackson has also dropped 4 from eight and Ian McElwee six from eight, so it is just as well there are several weaker teams. A little bird has whispered to me that Ken is still wearing his Wavertree Labour badge, can we have it back, please.

English Electric have brought in Richie Cragg to replace Phil Thompson and look likely to have a fair season with no problems, but they did come a cropper against a Cadwa team without Peter Flint and lost 9-1, their lone set coming from the doubles. Their 'A' team fared better against the same team picking up 4 sets. They too have nothing to fear even though their ranked No.1 Alec Sill, has yet to put in an appearance. Graeme Black has made a good start winning five of his first nine including one against Electric Supply beating Les Molyneux.

Liverpool Y.M. 'A' also newly promoted along with Electric 'A', although not being all that strong easily disposed of Vernon Sangster now under their new name of Walton Hall Avenue S.C. (what a mouthful). I spent many happy days in Walton Hall Park as a boy (about 10 years ago, give or take a few). Back to Table Tennis. They won 10-0 and this match saw the return of Eric (quicksilver) Hardman to the Y.M. Team.

Vernon Sangster who must be the chameleons of Table Tennis as they change their name more often than most players change their bats, dont appear to have much chance of avoiding relegation of their 'A' team no matter what name they play under. Having lost Peter Flint and Paul Gittins they have to rejuggle their teams with Steve Gittins, Rob Lowe and Neil Montague forming the First and Chris Ford, Paula French and Brenda Buey the Second. Neil has yet to play for the First and Chris has yet to play for the 'A'. I have long since given up trying to analyse their rankings and with the present line-ups relegation seems unavoidable, but it could be avoided by sensible use of their playing strength. The First team will fare much better with the ever improving Steve Gittins playing at Number One and Robert Lowe providing a good back up.

Cadwa, strengthened by the signing of Peter Flint, are looking good after a very dodgy start against Bootle. Even with Peter out they lost 4-6 to a Bootle team who were one short and then had one set

taken from them because Mike Mahoney had not registered and was ineligible. Ironically he lost his two singles but won the double with Peter Flint only to lose the point, and the card also appears to have arrived late they will now lose £2 from their funds. Definitely not their night. The picture at present showing at the bottom of the league of a clear cut drop into the Second Division for Maghull 'A' and Vernon Sangster 'A' could easily change into a real battle or an even greater formality. That Maghull 'A' will be relegated, and with possibly the lowest sets total ever, goes almost without saying, but the chances of Walton S.C. 'A' could well improve even if they got a lot of ground to make up.

DIVISION TWO

D. CHALKLEY

I am afraid these notes will be very brief because without warning a few match cards came through the post from Ken. He also gave me the usual command to come to heel and get cracking. I am afraid I was not too good because I have just retired after 31 years from the Police Service (so has John Christian). I have started another job and life has been very hectic so I promise an improvement next time.

I must start by telling you of the tragic death of June Wood, that lovely and loved wife of Alan Wood. You will all remember her interest and assistance with refreshments at Fairfield and of course all the Police Table Tennis players have even more fond memories.

She will be sadly missed and our deepest sympathy is extended to Alan and the two lads. In the circumstances I was overjoyed that Alan made the effort to attend my retirement party and made a surprise presentation.

When our Police team went to Wavertree 'B' for the first game of the season I was surprised to play against four cracking players from Wrexham. I suggested that Ken may spread his recruiting to Scotland next!!!. However, these lads are now reinforced by Alan Timewell and have already opened up a gap at the top. I am told as I write that last week Plessey have taken away their unbeaten record 6-4, I note Plessey's form is inconsistent. I particularly like the look of Paul Griffiths, but note John Higham beat him 21/13 in the third. Vernon Sangster 'C' is no more and the 'B' team is now Walton Hall Park 'B' but having to give some games away because they have to be out of the centre by 10 p.m. Maghull 'B' is a complete change with players playing several divisions too high because of several leading players leaving. To date they have not won a single point but were still cheerful when we played them. Jewish look likely to be challenging

Labour 'B' but knowing how players can be so readily recruited when promotion is possible, I am not yet making any more forecasts. Obviously Maghull 'B' are apparently doomed for relegation with two others, who is to accompany them? I will mention some results and games next time but how about this one:- John Hedges with his wooden bat beating Billy Clayton's 21/19 in 3. I note that Ted Gilmour has played several times for Plessey but have not recognised any new names except for Ken Bennett of Fords. My apologies to Ken if he is not new to the League but our Police team have never met him. The only other change is Paul Gittins now in the Police, just returned from training school and ready to play for the Police. We are hoping to have John Greene and John Rankin in our team next season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

DIVISION 3A

I regret to say that your notes have not arrived and as per Committee instructions, after a long wait and many 'phone calls I have had to give in.

The only comments I could make can be seen in the league tables which leaves you a pretty strong division.

DIVISION 3B

COLIN PRATT

The first notes and the league placings are starting to emerge. The two teams everybody's talking about are Colonsay and Y.M.C.A., I have not seen either team, Y.M.C.A. are unbeaten so far and recorded a fine 6-4 victory over Colonsay with Wing Law beating Colonsay Number One Colin Rourke 18 in the third, and Ted Mandaluff just winning against Dave Piper 23/21; 16/21; 21/19. Dave Graham inflicted the first defeat on Colin Rourke of Colonsay and also beat Harry Nelson to record Bootle J.C.'s only two singles wins in a 3-7 defeat against Colonsay. Dave plays with 100% effort and if his serve and left handed loop are working he takes some stopping. Relegation worries will probably affect two or three teams. Bath Street 'D' with a massive squad have yet to find their best four players although with players of the calibre of Dave Aimson, Eugene Berger, J Higginson and Ron Georgeson they should pick up useful points.

Maghull 'C' are another team who may be near the wrong end of the league although they had a fine win over Waterloo 8-2 with Rod Bulmer playing as well as ever at Number One and Wilf (I never give in) Gibson at Number Two only losing to Waterloo's very good Number One Andy Armstrong 21-23 in the third game.

Isn't it refreshing to see ex mega star Billy Clayton playing and enjoying himself in the Third Division. Ted Mandaluff started the fashion a few years ago and is now 'Hanging in' at Number Four in the very good Y.M.C.A. team. Billy is still playing well and it is quite a treat for us Third Division players to see how well the game can be played with wooden faced bats. Rumour has it that Ted paid 2/9d for his bat in 1932, but had to re-varnish it in 1958 when the new law came out!..

The good teams who will be battling just behind the League Leaders are an example of how competitive the division is this year with lots of good Number One players including Alf Southall of Fords, Ron Jones, Wavertree Labour, Andy Armstrong, Waterloo, M. Jagger, Bootle J.C., Richard Hardaker, English Electric, Don Davies, Cadwa, Rod Bulmer, Maghull, Billy Clayton, Bath Street, and Alan Noor, Rodney Youth.

Performances which impressed me whilst looking through the cards - Rod Bulmer beating Brian Jennings 17/21; 21/18; 21/12: Barbara Smallwood just pipping Steve Graham 21/23; 21/19; 21/19: Rob Davies over Bill Clayton 23/21; 13/21; 22/20: in a game which saw Rob Davies playing as well as he has ever played leading 19/12 in third only for Bill to dig in and fight back to deuce in a really memorable match.

J. Quinn beating Ron Jones 21/23; 21/18; 23/21: in an all action hitting game. Dave Cohen (Jewish) showing that life really does begin at "30" with a fine tactical win over new English Electric, Richard Hardaker (Number One) 18 and 10, Colin Eyles in the same match 21-17 in third. Mrs. J. Connor (nee Monaghan) in a topsy turvy game against Dave Graham 21/10; 11/21; 21/18.

Good to see Waterloo back where they belong having signed ex journalist star Mike Griffiths to lift them out of the Fourth Division first time round. Andy, Mike and the Nelsons along with John Simm have all had some extremely good wins so far. Newcomers to this Division are Rodney Youth and Warwick Bolam and although they are not promotion candidates they are not doing too badly. Rodney Youth were 10-0 winners when the two teams met and have had slightly better results beating teams of the calibre of Wavertree Labour and a depleted English Electric.

Transfer news sees John Pilkington moving from Bath Street to Bootle J.C. and playing at Number One. How does he hit those forehands on?

Southport First Division player Richard Hardaker to English Electric to join the two Colins and Brian Aldred, Don Davies, Clive Roberts and George Higham from Rafters to Cadwa.

Congratulations to our England Number Six (in age group), Alec Gould a credit to his only club Bath Street and a well deserved honour, which should give us all something to aim for. Alec's exaggeratedly fair serve and his well disguised forehand hit are as good as ever.

Just picture the scene, Y.M.C.A. top of 3B are leading English Electric 4-3 in the Hyde Cup. Electric are without their Number One player and have brought in Margaret Collins at Number Four. Y.M. have yet to play their 100% Number One Wing Law, their excellent Number Two Steve Graham and Number Four Ted Mandaluff. At this point the script went haywire, Colin Eyles having already shattered Francis Lays 100% 19 in third went on to beat Wing Law 12-19-18 in a wonderful battle of backhand hitting from both players, 4-4 and Electric played their ace, Margaret Collins ex teenage star and playing as well as ever, against 'tactical' Ted. Margaret's philosophy of keeping the ball in play paid off with Ted making the errors 21/14; 21/12; and it was Electric 5-4 up. Final game - left hand loop from Steve against wily veteran Brian Aldred. Brian dictated most of the game, just won 18 in the third to complete a great win by 6 games to 4. All credit here to a sporting Y.M.C.A. team who must have been upset but wished the Electric team well in the next round.

DIVISION 4A

What the hell's Jack Lambert writing our notes for - he has not even got a team in our Division - exactly. So have we a volunteer?

We sadly miss Division Five not only because it means we have lost teams and players but because now we have not a 'bottom' division for new teams to feel their feet in. There is nothing more off-putting to learners than getting crunched every week. We want somewhere where they can establish themselves and if they lose have a good game - how about a fourth and fifth division? I say this because I feel we have a division of two halves.

As most of you know Liverpool Y.M.C.A. 'C' are out even though I see they had a good draw with Cadwa 'D' with old pals Pauline Lawrenson and Jack Power winning four of the five - but they don't count! Pauline also had a battle with Ken Ray of Vagabonds and won her sides only set. 21/19; 17/21; 21/19: Stephen Sin Merseyside Chinese 'A' beat Alan Wood 18 in the third. Fred Price, Plesseys beat Les

Higham, Bootle Y.M. in the third; Steve Dickens M.C.Y.A. beat Tony Cohen and Danny Every 18 in the third, Richie Blackburn beat George Wright, and Richie Winkle 16 in the third of course! All lone winners for their teams.

Police 'A' look a pretty good side and must get stronger with the expected influx at the top of their club. Despite a couple of close scores Vagabonds 'A' have had a good start but had a hiccup against Wavertree Labour 'E'.

Joan Connor and Jack Highton were outstanding for their teams both winning three. Mabel Neary's appetite for the game increases, not only still playing better than ever, selected for Lancashire and running a recruitment campaign for ex lady players - Gloria Burns her latest recruit, one of our original girls at English Electric.

Plessey's 'B' had a couple of good battles against the Cadwa teams, against the 'C' seven games went to three, Fred Price winning all his games - six out of six must be an ace performance, a great back-up by Bob Bell with five out of six.

Bob Jude scored a double for Cadwa 'D' who lost 3-7 and the 'C' team 4-6. The Cadwa teams had a battle royal in the local Derby with the 'D' beating the odds for a 6-4 win a Bob double again. But the crunch game was between Sue Willis and Debbie Blackburn - Sue clinching the game with a tight 21 and 19.

A 9-1 win for Y.M. 'C' that does not count!! Tony Cohen winning the one. Vagabonds 'A' must be title contenders beat Plesseys 6-4 Gordon Langshaw and Fred Price scoring doubles for their sides.

Having mentioned Vagabonds and Police, I must add the close knit little gang from Bootle Y.M.C.A. Rolly Wright, Danny Every, Les Higham and the man who deserves every credit when things went wrong for him and his 'gang' TWICE. Once at Courtaulds and at Trinity, congratulations to Jim Geddes and the faithfuls who rallied round from Trinity and Courtaulds to reform the Bootle Y.M.C.A. club. The Y.M. 'A' side must be a team to be reckoned with.

A Dolly Wright treble and Jim Geddes double gave them a 6-4 over Wavertree Labour 'E' who have had a 4-6 against Police with doubles from Richie Winkle and Mabel Neary, but went one better against Vagabonds with a five all draw with Joan Connor and Jack Highton doubles, so they had good results against all my 'tips for the top' perhaps it was the morale booster of Ken Armson playing. Stephen Sim was at it again against Vagabonds winning two of his sides three with a Dave Batty treble.

No cards on University owing to their late start but I know that they had played and won three so what have they in the bag? Jewish 'C' the same - no cards so presumably they have gone with the wind.

An interesting start with some close games, nice to see a couple of new names, how I wish it was a couple of dozen or at least couple of teams. Enjoy your table tennis.

DIVISION 4B

BARRY MEYER

Here we go again - have we really had a close season? I could have sworn we were supposed to have a spell of warm weather soon after the last match!

Having lost Fords and Waterloo to the third we have a chance of a somewhat more even division than in previous seasons, however I'll stick my neck out and tip English Electric, after several years of near misses to win the division with their nearest rivals being Action Youth. Police are another team likely to make everyone go, although they lost 9-1 at English Electric, but Tony Dean's sole win over Ken Black was hardly a true reflection of the match as six sets went to three.

Wooden spoon position is likely to be a battle royal between Jewish 'E' and Warwick Bolam, with University also in danger, but likely to improve with their vast sources for talent. My tip for the bottom is Warwick Bolam who appear to be struggling to get sufficient interest from the players who signed on - they were two short against Aigburth 'A' for a HOME game in the second match of the season.

In between these six teams, the other eight are likely to have some ding dong battles as in Electric Supply 5 - Maghull 5. Nevertheless I am going to shame the other correspondents (or make them laugh their head off) by making history (I think) and predicting the final league table:-

1. English Electric
2. Action
3. Police
4. Aigburth

5. Electric Supply
6. Maghull
7. Aigburth 'A'
8. Bootle Y.M.
9. Bath Street
10. Jewish 'D'
11. Brownmoor Park
12. University
13. Jewish 'E'
14. Warwick Bolam

However, I would recommend anyone to rush down to Ladbrokes to ask for odds on my even getting the first four in any order.

Closest yet and arguably the best win of the first four weeks was John McKim's defeat of Ken Black 19/21; 21/14; 28/26: for Jewish 'E's only success against English Electric. Other face savers:-

R. Peat (Warwick Bolam) 21/14; 22/20; v Peter Meyer (Aigburth 'A'); Ray Howard (Brownmoor Park) 21/23; 21/18; 21/11 against Sue Anderson (Police), Bill Leeming (Aigburth) 19/21; 21/16; 23/13 over Paul Howard (Action): Julian Dutch (Jewish 'E') beat Peter Meyer 21/16; 21/14: Brian Gregory (Maghull) v Ian Hunt (English Electric) 12/21; 21/14; 22/20: Susan Dutch (Jewish 'E') defeated Les Walsh (Brownmoor) 21/18; 21/7; (As Julian and Susan have shared the honours, is this known as going Dutch?)

Finally Bryan Pickett (University) beat a player from Electric Supply 11/21; 21/18; 21/13; - I am not going to mention that it was Eddie Cameron in case I need a favour sometime.

Well, have a good season (except when you play us) and I hope to have longer notes in the next issue when I'll have more games to report on.

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BOOTLE J.C. First Team - match night Thursday

CADWA 'B' Team Division 3B match night Thursday
'D' Team Division 4A match night Thursday Key 14

ENGLISH ELECTRIC First and 'A' team match nights Monday
Division 1

LIVERPOOL Y.M.C.A. First team match night Thursday
'A' team match night Tuesday
Both Division 1 'C' and 'D' team out both
Division 4A

MAGHULL 'E' Team Match night Thursday Division 4B 'F' team
division 4A out.

PLESSEYS First team Division 2 and 'A' team Division 3A
both Friday. 'B' team Division 4A match night
Wednesday

UNIVERSITY 'A' team match night - Wednesday Division 4B
Key 7

VAGABONDS Club number 228 2568.

VERNON SANGSTER Are now Walton Hall Sports Centre, first and
'A' teams Division 1 both now play on Friday
also the 'B' Division 2 Friday. Help them by
being early. 'C' team out.

WARWICK BOLAM New Secretary: C. Owens, 43 Stoneyfield,
Sefton. Home number 924 2835 - business
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WAVERTREE LABOUR 'C' team Division 3B and 'F' 4a Key 2, both
 Tuesday 'D' team 3A Wednesday.

DON DAVIES Hon. Match Sec. phone number 724 2455 - not
 722

ACTION YOUTH CLUB This is their full title.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Why £5.05 to register you ask. Well like all games your registration fee is divided into three parts. Under Rule 16 our league fixes the fee which we try to keep as low as possible without Annual increases but added to that are the ETTA and LTTA fees over which we have no control.

It comes out like this:

The Liverpool Fee	2.50
Lancashire Affiliation Fee	0.62
English T.T.A.	1.68
VAT on ETTA Fee	0.25
Total	£ 5.05

For those who did not see a copy of our financial account for last year - here is a brief summary.

Income from Registration Fee	2150.00
Other Sundry Income Cups Fines etc	715.00
Profit on draw from ETTA	149.00
	£ 3014.00

Expenditure on Administration:

Printing Medals City Teams etc	1490.00
Printing 'Digest' Magazine	350.00
Affiliation Fees ETTA	784.00
" " LTТА	190.00
	2814.00
Loss on our Closed Tournament	103.00
	£ 2917.00
Surplus for the year	£ 97.00

So without the profit from selling draw tickets for the ETТА we would have a small loss which leads me on to:

THE 100 CLUB

Instead of all the hassle of selling draw tickets there was a huge support at the A.G.M. for running the 100 CLUB - we had a dozen members, fully paid, immediately. If you dont know - then for £1 per month membership you go into a monthly draw and at the moment there are three prizes each month, £25, £10 and £5. We shall make more money than the usual draw even with our present membership but we still want more members to make up the £100, why not come and join us for the rest of the year which ends August 31st. If you start in December then it will be £9 for the nine months - or why not enter your club? You can pay all at once, monthly or by Bankers Order. Contact me or Sylvia Graham.

There is of course a much more simple way the League can raise money we can do what ETТА do - automatically raise your registration fee each year - but I am sure you would rather have the chance of winning £25 each month.

You Lucky Winners

Winners from 100 Club:-

September draw held at Vagabonds:-

- 1st J. McCaig £25
- 2nd F. Lacey (Linacre) £10
- 3rd R. J. Davies (Cadwa) £5

October draw held at Linacre:-

- 1st J. O'Sullivan £25
- 2nd J. Davies (Liverpool Jewish) £10
- 3rd T. Johnstone (Vagabonds) £5

How about joining in - £9 for the rest of the season - or put your club in. Anyone willing to act as a collector, to collect £1 per month from future members.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED TOURNAMENT

The Committee has agreed to continue the policy which has the general approval of League Members, of holding a separate Finals Night. However, being mindful of the wish that the period between the Tournament and the staging of the Finals should be kept to a minimum, it has given considerable thought to the most suitable dates for this Season's event.

After taking into consideration availability of premises, Cup Finals, Replays, and Public Holiday dates, together with the need to hold the event either close to, or immediately following the end of the playing Season, it has now been arranged on Tuesday, 17th March, 1987. This decision does of course raise the problem of Teams with League matches scheduled for Tuesday 17th March.

The Committee has therefore ruled that as the Closed Tournament is held for the benefit of all League Members, any Team (either Home or Away) with a League match due to be played on Tuesday 17th March will be permitted to postpone the match due on that night, subject of course to giving reasonable notice, both to their opponents and to the Fixture Secretary (it would not be considered reasonable for a Club to wait until the end of the Tournament on Sunday 15th March and then postpone because they had a player concerned in the Finals).

It is the Committee's hope that as the date for the Finals is so close to the end of the Season, Clubs wishing to avail themselves of the dispensation referred to, will, wherever possible, bring forward the playing date. The date for the re-arranged match will in any event remain the prerogative of the Home Team, but before it can be played it will be necessary to give their opponents and the Fixture Secretary in writing, seven clear days notice of the new date

J. C. McKim
Hon. Secretary.

TABLE EDGES

Spare a thought for Paula French and the ex Vernon Sangster gang - now Walton Hall Sports Centre. They have to be off the premises by ten so how about starting AT LEAST at the official starting time 7.30 p.m.

Received a nice letter from our Vice President ex Chairman and International Don Foulis - together with a donation to the league. At the age of 77 he is moving from Lymhurst in Hampshire to Southampton.

The Police Club must be walking on cloud nine. Paul Griffiths already in the fold, John Rankin well on the way - and John Greene not far behind.

Our sincere sympathy must go out to Alan Wood of Police whose wife June recently passed away. Our thoughts are with your Alan, June and Don Chalkley's wife were two ladies who kindly provided the excellent refreshments at our Finals night at the Police Club last May.

Why do we have a blank week for Cup Ties and not play them? All divisions one and two had no games week 4/5 and in week 15 will have none (cancelled games for cup) one or two or Cup and League game. Nice to see young Dave (I want a presentation dance) Garbe on the Management Committee.

On her debut with the Lancashire Veterans team Mabs Neary won the games. With due respect to Billie - most of us say Mabs Frances - I mean Neary. Now we have another one at Wavertree to get used to Joan Monaghan - I mean Connor. Joan has survived Knotty Ash Trinity and now has to contend with Ke - whoops - he's a mate of mine. Belated congratulations to Joan - ex European Champion!! Best wishes to her and hubby.

Nice to see Mike Corcoran at Bootle Y.M. the other week, the ex Trinity stalwart has had a rough time over the past year or so - he is now recovering nicely and hopes to resume playing next year - the sooner the better for all of us Mike.

<u>DIVISION 1</u>	P	W	L	D	PTS
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	7	7	-	-	65
WAVETREE LABOUR	9	4	3	2	53
LIVERPOOL Y.M.	8	4	3	1	51
MAGHULL	8	6	1	1	51
BOOTLE SPORTS CEN	8	6	1	1	47
CADWA	7	5	2	-	46
WAVETREE LABOUR A	7	3	2	2	43
ENGLISH ELEC A	9	3	5	1	41
WALTON HALL PARK	8	2	5	1	34
BATH STREET	7	3	2	2	34
LIVERPOOL Y.M. A	7	3	4	-	30
ENGLISH ELECTRIC	7	2	4	1	29
WALTON HALL PARK A	8	-	8	-	13
MAGHULL A	7	-	7	-	2

DIVISION 2

BOOTLE Y.M.	8	7	1	-	57
WAVETREE LABOUR B	7	6	1	-	55
ENGLISH ELEC B	9	3	3	3	47
LIVERPOOL JEWISH	6	4	1	1	43
ELECTRIC SUPPLY A	9	2	6	1	40
PLESSEY	7	4	1	2	37
WALTON HALL PARK B	6	4	2	-	34
FORDS	7	3	2	2	34
CADWA A	7	3	2	2	32
BATH STREET A	8	-	4	4	32
LIVERPOOL JEWISH A	7	2	4	1	28
POLICE	7	1	4	2	28
MAGHULL B	7	-	7	-	3

DIVISION 3A

BOOTLE SPORTS A	8	6	1	1	61
M.C.Y.A.	8	5	2	1	55
VAGABONDS	8	6	-	2	52
BOOTLE J.C.	7	6	-	1	49
KIRKBY	8	4	1	3	48
LINACRE	9	4	5	-	47
ELEC.SUPPLY B	8	4	2	2	42
WAVETREE LABOUR D	8	3	3	2	41
MAGHULL D	9	3	6	-	39
BROWNMOOR PARK	8	1	4	3	37
ENGLISH ELEC. C	8	2	5	1	34
PLESSEY A	7	2	5	-	27
BATH STREET C	8	1	7	-	20
COLONSAY A	8	1	7	-	8

<u>DIVISION 3B</u>	P	W	L	D	PTS
LIVERPOOL Y.M. B	8	8	-	-	65
CADWA B	9	6	2	1	54
COLONSAY	7	5	1	1	50
ENGLISH ELEC D	8	5	2	1	49
WAVETREE LABOUR C	9	6	3	-	49
RODNEY YOUTH	9	5	3	1	48
BATH STREET B	8	4	2	2	46
FORDS A	8	4	4	-	41
MAGHULL C	8	3	5	-	39
WATERLOO	9	2	6	1	36
LIVERPOOL JEWISH B	8	2	5	1	35
BOOTLE J.C. A	6	-	5	1	17
WARWICK BOLAM	7	1	6	-	14
BATH STREET D	5	-	5	-	5

DIVISION 4A

POLICE A	7	7	-	-	61
VAGABONDS A	7	6	-	1	49
PLESSEY B	8	5	2	1	48
CADWA C	7	4	3	-	44
BOOTLE Y.M. A	6	5	1	-	42
WAVETREE LABOUR E	8	3	3	2	42
UNIVERSITY	6	4	2	-	34
CADWA D	7	1	6	-	17
WAVETREE LABOUR F	6	-	6	-	15
M.C.Y.A. A	7	-	7	-	11
LIVERPOOL JEWISH C	4	-	4	-	7

DIVISION 4B

ENGLISH ELEC E	9	9	-	-	76
ACTION YOUTH	8	8	-	-	63
ELEC.SUPPLY C	8	5	2	1	52
POLICE B	8	5	3	-	51
BOOTLE Y.M. B	8	5	3	-	49
MAGHULL E	8	4	2	2	46
AIGBURTH A	8	4	3	1	45
LIVERPOOL JEWISH D	7	3	4	-	32
BROWNMOOR PARK A	8	2	6	-	31
AIGBURTH	5	3	2	-	28
BATH STREET E	8	1	7	-	20
UNIVERSITY A	6	1	5	-	15
LIVERPOOL JEWISH E	8	1	7	-	14
WARWICK BOLAM A	7	-	7	-	11

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